

OCTOBER 5, 2006

Ms. Emily A. Mayhew, Vice President
U. S. Region Quality
Areva NP Inc.
3315 Old Forrest Road
Lynchburg, Virginia 24506-0935

SUBJECT: AREVA NP INC. RESPONSE TO U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY
COMMISSION (NRC) INSPECTION REPORT 99901359/2006-201 AND
NOTICE OF NONCONFORMANCE (NON)

Dear Ms. Mayhew:

Thank you for your September 21, 2006, letter in response to the NON that was discussed in the subject NRC Inspection Report.

We have reviewed your letter and found that your replies to the NON are responsive to our concerns. NON 99901359/2006-201-01 was associated with the number of condition reports that exceeded their completion date and/or the initial screening time frame. NON 99901359/2006-201-02 was associated with a procedure inadequacy related to 10 CFR Part 21. Your proposed corrective actions appear to be adequate to address our concerns. The staff may review the implementation of your corrective action during a future NRC inspection to determine that full compliance has been achieved and will be maintained.

If you or your staff have any questions regarding this matter, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Michael E. Mayfield, Director
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