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November 2, 2006

Mr. R. E. Link, Manager
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AREVA NP, Inc.
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SUBJECT: AREVA NP, INC. - AMENDMENT 48 - REVISION 3 TO AREVA PHYSICAL
PROTECTION PLAN (TAC L31951)

Dear Mr. Link:

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has completed its review of Revision 3 to the Physical Protection Plan (Plan), dated October 20, 2006, which also included the Request For Additional Information response provided by letter dated September 22, 2006. We have determined that these changes do not decrease the effectiveness of the Plan, therefore, were properly submitted under the provisions of 10 CFR 70.32(e). Accordingly, the revisions to your Plan are acceptable, and pursuant to Part 70 to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Materials License SNM-1227 is hereby amended to reflect the current changes to the Plan. Accordingly, Safety Condition S-1 has been revised to include the date of October 20, 2006. In addition, Safeguards Condition SG-2.1 has been revised and reads as follows:

SG-2.1 The licensee shall follow the Physical Protection Plan entitled "Physical Protection Plan for SNM for Low Strategic Significance, Revision 3.0 for AREVA NP Inc.'s Richland, Washington Fuel Fabrication Facility," dated October 20, 2006; and as it may be further revised in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 70.32(e).

All other conditions of this license shall remain the same.

Enclosed are copies of the revised Materials License SNM-1227 (Enclosure 1) and the Safety Evaluation Report (Enclosure 2).

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Matt Bartlett at (301) 415-5754 or via email to mab11@nrc.gov or Nick Baker at (301) 415-6155 or via e-mail to mnbn@nrc.gov.

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Sincerely,

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