

August 8, 2012

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SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO AMEND LICENSE NO. SNM-1227 – AUTHORIZATION TO
CHANGE LICENSE APPLICATION WITHOUT NRC PRE-APPROVAL AND
CHANGES TO CHAPTER 1.0, “GENERAL INFORMATION” AND CHAPTER 2.0,
“ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION;” AREVA NP, RICHLAND FACILITY
(DOCKET NO. 70-1257)

Dear Mr. Link:

By letter dated February 13, 2012, AREVA NP, Inc. (AREVA), submitted an amendment request to Materials License Number SNM-1227 to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). AREVA's proposed changes include revisions to Chapter 1.0, “General Information” and 2.0, “Site Organization” of the license application. The submittal requested the addition of a special authorization to clarify the provisions under which AREVA could make changes to the license application that do not decrease the effectiveness of the license application.

The NRC staff determined that the proposed changes provide reasonable assurance of adequate safety of the fuel fabrication facility operations. The enclosed Safety Evaluation Report concludes that AREVA's administrative revisions will not have an adverse impact on the public health and safety, the common defense and security, or the environment.

The revised text of Chapters 1.0 and 2.0 of the license application apply. Safety Condition S-1 has been revised to include the date of February 13, 2012. All other conditions of this license shall remain the same.

Upon issuance of this letter, Technical Assignment Control Number L33208 will be closed.

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If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (301) 492-3172, or via e-mail to Marilyn.Diaz@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

1. Amendment 5 to Materials License SNM-1227 (Non-Public)
2. Safety Evaluation Report (Public)
3. Amendment 5 to Materials License SNM-1227 (Public)

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