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March 12, 2013

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SUBJECT: AREVA NP – RICHLAND, PROGRAM ADJUSTMENT REVIEW (NUCLEAR
REGULATORY COMMISSION INSPECTION REPORT 70-1257/2013-001)

Dear Mr. Grandemange:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Region II and Headquarters staff completed a program adjustment review of the AREVA NP – RICHLAND fabrication facility performance in conducting NRC licensed activities. The review covered the period January 1 through December 31, 2012. The performance of AREVA NP – RICHLAND was evaluated in the following areas: Safety Operations, Radiological Controls, Facility Support, and Other Areas. This letter provides to you the results of our review, and constitutes Inspection Report 70-1257/2013-001.

Overall, the staff determined that AREVA NP – RICHLAND has continued to conduct its activities safely and securely, while protecting public health and the environment. Based on our current review of activities covering the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012, no Area Needing Improvement was identified. Therefore, the NRC plans to conduct the core inspection program for a Category III Fuel Facility as described in NRC Inspection Manual Chapter 2600, "Fuel Cycle Facility Operational Safety and Safeguards Inspection Program," for the period of January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013.

Unresolved items (URIs) were opened during the conduct of Temporary Instruction 2600/015, "Evaluation of Licensee Strategies for the Prevention and/or Mitigation of Emergencies at Fuel Facilities." The NRC intends to issue guidance on how fuel facility licensees should address the URIs in the form of a generic (or licensee specific) letter. Once addressed by the licensees, additional NRC inspection hours beyond the designated core inspection program hours may be implemented in 2013 or 2014 to address the URIs.

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Please refer questions and comments regarding your program adjustment review to Mr. Marvin Sykes, Chief, Fuel Facility Inspection Branch 3, by telephone at 404-997-4629.

Sincerely,

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Anthony T. Gody, Director
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