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August 6, 2015

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SUBJECT: AREVA NP, INC. – NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION INSPECTION
REPORT 70-1257/2015-401 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Land:

This refers to the inspection conducted on March 16 – 17, 2015, and June 16 – 18, 2015, at your AREVA NP, Inc. site in Richland, WA. The purpose of the inspection was to determine whether activities authorized by your license were conducted safely and in accordance with Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) regulatory requirements. The enclosed report presents the results of this inspection. In addition, we reviewed additional information related to the inspection and held an exit telephone call with Mr. L. Maas of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection on July 8, 2015.

This inspection examined activities conducted under your license as they relate to public health and safety, and the common defense and security, and to confirm compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and with the conditions of your license. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selected examination of procedures and representative records, observations of activities, and interviews with personnel.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that a Severity Level IV violation of NRC requirements occurred. The violation was evaluated in accordance with the NRC Enforcement Policy. The current Enforcement Policy is included on the NRC's Web site at (<http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/enforcement/enforce-pol.html>). The violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) and the circumstances surrounding it are described in detail in the subject inspection report. The violation is being cited in the Notice because the violation was NRC-identified.

The NRC has concluded that information regarding: (1) the reason for the violation; (2) the corrective actions that have been taken and the results achieved; and (3) the date when full compliance was achieved is already adequately addressed on the docket in the subject inspection report. Therefore, you are not required to respond to this letter unless the description herein does not accurately reflect your corrective actions or your position. In that case, or if you choose to provide additional information, you should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice.

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Should you have any questions concerning this report, please contact Mr. José M. Díaz-Vélez at 404-997-4736, or via e-mail to jose.diaz@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Omar R. López-Santiago, Chief
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Docket No. 70-1257
License No. SNM-1227

Enclosures:

1. ~~Notice of Violation (Security-Related Information)~~
2. ~~NRC Inspection Report 70-1257/2015-401~~
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