



Michael McMurphy  
President and CEO

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The Honorable Christine Gregoire  
Governor of the State of Washington  
P.O. Box 40002  
Olympia, WA 98504

Dear Governor Gregoire:

On behalf of AREVA, I am writing to express my great appreciation for the interest Washington has shown in supporting the prospect of building America's newest uranium enrichment facility, which will help fuel the Nuclear Renaissance.

By offering a site in the Evergreen State for our planned enrichment facility and your own work to make Washington the most attractive host, you and your State have demonstrated confidence in our company's ambitions; and for that, I can assure you that all 5,000 AREVA U.S. employees are grateful.

With the cooperation and encouragement you, your staff, and colleagues and constituents expressed we added Washington to the "final five" list of candidate sites. It was from this list that I and the AREVA Executive Committee had to make a most difficult decision. While I am pleased to announce the completion of our site selection process, I am sorry to report that the site identified in Washington was not selected.

This decision was based on the enormous undertaking of our site selection team. They conducted a robust, thorough, and exhaustive year-long study that covered technical, operational, and economical considerations. Indeed the strengths of Washington include the tremendous enthusiasm demonstrated by the local community and the political leadership's support at federal, State, and local levels. That was reflected in the high ranking that the Washington site received in the study. However, specific operational and economic considerations resulted in a lower overall score than the top ranked site

Once again, I want to thank you and your staff for your support. While the specific site was not selected for this project, Washington as a state remains in our view a top ranked state for attracting new investments in nuclear energy.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. I can be reached by phone at (301) 841-1660.

Respectfully yours,

*Michael McMurphy*  
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CC: Hon. Patty Murray, United States Senator  
Hon. Maria Cantwell, United States Senator  
Hon. Doc Hastings, Member of Congress

*PS- Thanks for the kind words about AREVA's corporate citizenship. We look forward to continuing the relationship, not only in "nuclear" but in transmission software as well.*

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