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AREVA Awarded Contract by Xcel Energy for Dry Fuel Storage Management

CHARLOTTE, N.C., October 5, 2015 – AREVA TN recently signed a contract with Xcel Energy to provide wide-ranging dry fuel storage management services to the company’s Prairie Island and Monticello nuclear generating plants in Red Wing and Monticello, Minn., respectively.

Under this multi-year contract, AREVA will oversee and perform the removal of nuclear fuel from the Prairie Island reactor’s spent fuel storage pool, its placement in dry storage casks and its secure storage on the site’s existing interim storage pad.

At Monticello, AREVA will deliver and install 10 NUHOMS® 61BTH dry fuel storage systems in 2017, and will manage and perform the pool-to-pad process to place the used fuel in the shielded NUHOMS® storage modules in 2018.

“Our expertise in the back end of the fuel cycle enables us to safely manage fuel from the spent fuel pool through its secure storage on site,” said Greg Vesey, senior vice president of AREVA TN Americas. “This integrated approach offers utilities a long-term solution that is safe and cost effective.”

AREVA TN has loaded more than 900 canisters at sites across the United States, more than any other supplier in the country.

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AREVA TN is a division of AREVA and the market leader for used fuel storage and fuel transportation in the American nuclear industry. We offer innovative total systems solutions for the safe storage of used fuel, industry best pool-to-pad services, and nuclear fuel and waste logistics. Our success is based on our reputation for unparalleled human performance initiatives, a dedication to safety first, transparent pricing and business integrity that combine to ensure our customers get “as promised” cost savings and superior results.

MORE ABOUT AREVA

AREVA in North America (AREVA Inc.) combines U.S. and Canadian leadership to supply high added-value products and services to support the operation of the nuclear fleet. Globally, AREVA is present throughout the entire nuclear cycle, from uranium mining to used fuel recycling, including nuclear reactor design and operating services. AREVA is recognized by utilities around the world for its expertise, its skills in cutting-edge technologies, and its dedication to the highest level of safety. Through partnerships, the company is active in the renewable energy sector. AREVA Inc.’s 4,300 employees are helping build tomorrow’s energy model: supplying ever safer, cleaner and more economical energy to the greatest number of people. Visit us at <http://us.aveva.com> or follow us on [Twitter: AREVAus](https://twitter.com/AREVAus).

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