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Fuel Performance Meeting

In the past, both Framatome Cogema Fuels and Siemens Power Corporation have made periodic presentations to the NRC Staff concerning their fuel performance experience. These interactions have been valuable to both parties. The NRC has gained a better understanding of our fuel experience in operating reactors. In turn, we have a better appreciation for the NRC's expectations as our fuel designs continue to evolve and the fuel is exposed to higher burnups.

These two companies have now formed a joint venture as Framatome ANP. We would like to extend an invitation to the NRC Staff to attend a presentation of our fuel performance experience during the past two years in a variety of PWR and BWR applications. We plan to make this presentation at our Richland, WA facility at a mutually acceptable time in late March or early April 2002. The presentation will include a tour of our fuel manufacturing and assembly facilities, including the testing facilities there.

Framatome ANP will work with members of the Reactor Systems Branch and other NRC organizations, as appropriate, to establish final arrangements for this presentation and tour.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. F. Mallay".

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