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Restricted Use of M5 Material Provided to the NRC in July 2002

On July 17, during a meeting among representatives of Argonne National Laboratory, the NRC, and Framatome ANP at Argonne, Framatome ANP presented the NRC with tubing made of M5 cladding material. The occasion was a meeting of the Technical Advisory Group conducted under the provisions of the memo of understanding between the NRC and Framatome ANP for the conduct of certain tests on M5 cladding material. This material was provided to the NRC to be tested at Argonne under specific conditions only.

This M5 tubing was taken from Framatome ANP's production facility in Lynchburg, VA and was certified as production quality material suitable for use in a commercial nuclear power plant. This material may be used for the purpose of verifying the setup of testing equipment, including demonstrating the performance and adequacy of such equipment. No data may be released from these verification tests or any other setup tests conducted on this batch of M5 cladding material. This restriction is necessary because of uncertainties in how the material was handled once removed from the production line.

Additional M5 material will be needed for the actual testing called for in the memo of understanding. Framatome ANP will be pleased to provide new M5 tubing for specific use in these future tests.

Very truly yours,


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