



FRAMATOME ANP

Docket 71-6206

An AREVA and Siemens Company

FRAMATOME ANP, Inc.

Director, Spent Fuel Project Office
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

July 25, 2003

Subject: 10 CFR 71.95, 30 day report regarding Certificate of Compliance 6206, Docket number 71-6206, revision 28 for the Model B shipping package.

Dear, Mr. Brach

On July 24, 2003, Framatome ANP became aware of an instance in which the conditions of approval in the Certificate of Compliance for the model B package were not observed in making shipments of PWR fuel. The Certificate of Compliance specifies that the cladding used for fresh fuel assemblies is comprised of Zr-4. Several years ago the fuel cladding was changed to a low tin zirconium know by the trademark M5. The minor difference in alloy does not have a significant impact on the safety analysis and does not affect the safety of the package. However, the Zr-4 nomenclature described in the current certificate is inconsistent with the actual M5 cladding shipped. Framatome is revising the Certificate of Compliance with the proper nomenclature and has ceased shipments until the NRC approves the certificate amendment.

Should you have any questions regarding this report, please call me at (434)-832-5276.

Sincerely

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Manager, Environment,
Health, Safety and Licensing.

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