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Subject: Letter from J. F. Mallay (Framatome ANP) to Document Control Desk (USNRC), dated July 11, 2003, "Request for Approval of BAW-10242(NP), Revision 0, 'Zero Power Physics Testing for B&W Reactors'," (TAC No. MB9977)

Framatome ANP recently submitted for the NRC's review and approval topical report BAW-10242(NP), Revision 0, "Zero Power Physics Testing for B&W Reactors." This topical report provides the technical justification to eliminate Group 5 control rod testing from the zero power physics testing scope normally conducted during startup from a refueling outage. TMI Unit 1 has an opportunity to utilize the results of this topical report in the preparation and planning of the zero power physics test program for startup from the upcoming refueling outage T1R15 (Fall 2003). If approved by the NRC, TMI Unit 1 intends to utilize this topical report to streamline the critical path startup test activity sequence in this, or a future outage.

If any additional information is needed, please contact Mr. David J. Distel at (610) 765-5517.

Sincerely,



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