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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region II
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety
Fuel Facilities Branch
Attn: David A. Ayres, Chief
Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center, 23 T85
61 Forsyth Street, SW
Atlanta, GA 30303-8931

Dear Mr. Ayres:

Subject: Violation of Liquid Waste Effluent Permit Limit - July 2004

Per Framatome's Special Nuclear Material License SNM-1227 Section 5.1.2.3, informational reporting to the NRC is required when a waste water effluent limit is exceeded under Framatome's sewerage permit. On two consecutive days, July 17-18, the daily maximum nitrate limit of 1300 lbs was exceeded. The total pounds nitrate discharged on the respective days was 1488 pounds and 1644 pounds. The permit exceedance was the result of an excessive feed rate ratio, which was corrected upon detection of the high nitrate discharge. The monthly average daily discharge for July remained well below its applicable limit. Appropriate state and local (city) regulators have been notified.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to call me at (509) 375-8897.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. W. Parker'.

D. W. Parker, Manager
Environmental, Health, Safety & Licensing

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