

June 6, 2005

Mr. Robert E. Link, Manager  
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SUBJECT: ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF FRAMATOME ANP (RICHLAND) - APPLICATION  
FOR INCREASED U-235 POSSESSION LIMIT (TAC NO. L31888)

Dear Mr. Link:

We have received your amendment request to increase the U-235 possession limit for the Framatome ANP, Inc. (FANP) Richland Fuel Fabrication Facility (License Number SNM-1227) transmitted by letter dated April 25, 2005. Your request has been assigned Technical Assignment Control Number (TAC) L31888. Please reference this number in any future correspondence associated with this request.

Please note that the complete review may identify omissions in the submittal information or technical issues that require additional information. Based on our acceptance review and projection of current review schedules, we anticipate completing our review in advance of your forecast need date of February 2006. This date could change depending on the findings of our technical review, urgent assignments, or other factors. We will promptly communicate any significant changes to this schedule. I can be reached at (301) 415-6155 or by e-mail at [mnb@nrc.gov](mailto:mnb@nrc.gov).

In addition, a copy of your submittal has been forwarded to the License Fee and Accounts Receivable Branch, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, who will contact you separately if the appropriate license fee has not been submitted for your request, or for billing if your request is subject to full cost fee recovery.

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Sincerely,

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