

September 6, 2005

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SUBJECT: CORRECTION TO LETTER FORWARDING THE FINAL SAFETY
EVALUATION FOR FRAMATOME ANP TOPICAL REPORT BAW-10252(P),
REVISION 0, "ANALYSIS OF CONTAINMENT RESPONSE TO POSTULATED
PIPE RUPTURES USING GOTHIC" (TAC NO. MC3783)

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We regret any inconvenience caused by the error.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Gardner:

By letter dated July 13, 2004, Framatome ANP (Framatome) submitted Topical Report (TR) BAW-10252(P), Revision 0, "Analysis of Containment Response to Postulated Pipe Ruptures Using GOTHIC," to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff for review. By letter dated July 8, 2005, an NRC draft safety evaluation (SE) regarding our approval of TR BAW-10252(P) was provided for your review and comments. By letters dated July 22 and 28, 2005, Framatome commented on the draft SE. The staff's disposition of Framatome's comments on the draft SE is discussed in Enclosure 3.

The NRC staff has found that TR BAW-10252 is acceptable for referencing in licensing applications for any large dry containment for a pressurized water reactor with either once-through steam generators or circulating steam generators to the extent specified and under the limitations delineated in the TR and in the enclosed SE (Enclosure 1) marked "Contains Proprietary Information." The vendor's proprietary information is highlighted in "bold." A non-proprietary version (Enclosure 2) is also attached for public distribution.

Our acceptance applies only to material provided in the subject TR. We do not intend to repeat our review of the acceptable material described in the TR. When the TR appears as a reference in license applications, our review will ensure that the material presented applies to the specific plant involved. License amendment requests that deviate from this TR will be subject to a plant-specific review in accordance with applicable review standards.

In accordance with the guidance provided on the NRC website, we request that Framatome publish accepted proprietary and non-proprietary versions of this TR within three months of the receipt of this letter. The accepted versions shall incorporate this letter and the enclosed final SE after the title page. Also, they must contain historical review information, including NRC requests for additional information and your responses. The accepted versions shall include a "-A" (designating accepted) following the TR identification symbol.

This document (Enclosure 1) contains the vendor's proprietary information. The document becomes decontrolled, when separated from Enclosure 1.

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If future changes to the NRC's regulatory requirements affect the acceptability of this TR, Framatome and/or licensees referencing it will be expected to revise the TR appropriately, or justify its continued applicability for subsequent referencing.

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Enclosures:

1. Proprietary Final Safety Evaluation (Non-Public)
2. Non-Proprietary Final Safety Evaluation (Public)
3. NRC Staff's Response to Comments