

September 30, 2005

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SUBJECT: FRAMATOME ANP, INC., REQUEST TO INCREASE POSSESSION LIMIT
(TAC L31888)

REFERENCES:

- (1) Letter, R. E. Link, FANP, to, US Nuclear Regulatory Commission, "Application for Increased U-235 Possession Limit for the Framatome ANP, Inc. Richland Fuel Fabrication Facility," dated April 25, 2005.
- (2) Letter, J. W. Lubinski, US Nuclear Regulatory Commission, to D. W. Parker, "Review of Licensing Actions Needed to Support Blended Low-Enriched Uranium Product at Framatome-ANP, Inc." (TAC No. L31777), dated October 23, 2003.

Dear Mr. Link:

By letter dated April 25, 2005 (Reference 1), you submitted a request for an amendment to Materials License SNM-1227 to increase the possession limit of U-235. We have completed the technical portion of the review of this application and in order to fully complete the review of your request, we need to review an updated Decommissioning Funding Plan (DFP) (requested by Reference 2). The updated DFP is necessary to determine that adequate funding is available to decommission the new processing area. Therefore, we will stop work on your amendment request until the revised DFP is received. This letter will close TAC L31888 and a new TAC number will be opened to review the DFP and complete your request.

Review of the DFP is performed by the Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection, and typically requires 90 days to complete. With a prompt submittal and no conflicts with emergent work, we expect to review the plan in a time frame to support your operating schedule.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (301) 415-6155 or via e-mail to mnb@nrc.gov.

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Sincerely,

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