

November 16, 2005

Mr. Roger Kirchen, Archaeologist  
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SUBJECT: OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT FROM VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF  
HISTORIC RESOURCES ON DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AS  
PART OF AMENDMENT TO LICENSE SNM-1168 FOR FRAMATOME ANP  
INC., LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA

Dear Mr Kirchen:

Framatome ANP Inc., (FANP) in Lynchburg, VA, has requested an amendment to their Materials License SNM-1168. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has completed a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) of the amendment request with a preliminary Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). A copy of the draft EA is enclosed for your review (Enclosure 1). The area of potential effects is defined as the seventy acre FANP site located approximately five miles east of Lynchburg, Virginia, along the southern bank of the James River, adjacent to state Route 726. The layout of the facility is diagramed in Enclosure 2. There are no major modifications planned to the existing facility within the seventy acre site.

The proposed amendment, if approved, would allow FANP to update the dosimetry models it uses to calculate exposure limits. The current models in 10 CFR Part 20, Appendix B, based on International Commission on Radiation Protection (ICRP), Publications 26 and 30 (1977-78), would be replaced with models published in ICRP 68 (1994). The scientific community generally agrees that the newer models provide a more up-to-date basis for calculating radiation exposure. The proposed action is entirely within the existing facilities, and does not involve new or increased effluents or accident scenarios.

The NRC staff has concluded that due to the administrative nature of the requested amendment, review by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR) is not required. However, VDHR has verbally requested a copy of the EA and FONSI for comment. Accordingly, the NRC requests VDHR to return comments within 30 days of receipt of this letter. After assessing the information provided by you, we will determine what additional actions, if any, are necessary.

The following information is supplied for your convenience. Within the four county area (Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford, and Campbell) surrounding FANP, fifty-two registered historical sites are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. There are only two sites within three miles of the facility of which we are aware; the Mt. Athos Plantation and the Norfolk and Southern Six-Mile Bridge.

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If you have any question or comments, or need any additional information, please contact Bill Gleaves of my staff at (301) 415-5848 or via email to [bcg@nrc.gov](mailto:bcg@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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Office of Nuclear Material Safety  
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2. Figures of Facility Layout

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