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Mr. Gary S. Janosko
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Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

RE: Amendment to License SNM-1168 for Framatome ANP, Inc., Lynchburg, VA
DHR File No. 2005-1686

Dear Mr. Janosko:

Thank you for providing our office an opportunity to comment on the Environmental Assessment for the project referenced above. Our archival records indicate that several historic resources are recorded adjacent to and possibly within the subject property. Several archaeological sites associated with the James River & Kanawha Canal surround the facility and are generally found adjacent to the river. The significance of these resources has not been evaluated, but other features associated with this canal have been determined eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Site 44CP22, located within close proximity to the Framatome facility, is a prehistoric site and has not been evaluated.

We are of the opinion that the amendment to the existing license, with no proposed ground-disturbing activities, will not impact any known historic architectural or archaeological resources listed on or eligible for the National Register. Accordingly, inclusion of your finding of *No Historic Properties Affected* in the final EA, along with this letter of concurrence, will provide the interested public the opportunity to inspect the documentation prior to approval of the undertaking in accordance with 36 CFR 800.4(d)(1) of the regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (as amended). If mandated changes to the monitoring program require ground disturbance, these actions have the potential to affect archaeological resources and should be submitted to our office for review and comment.

Thank you for seeking our comments on the impacts of this project on historic properties. If you have any questions, please contact me at (804) 367-2323, x153 or e-mail roger.kirchen@dhr.virginia.gov.

Sincerely,

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