

January 17, 2006

Mr. Robert E. Link, Manager
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Richland, WA 99352-0130

SUBJECT: ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF FRAMATOME ANP, INC. (RICHLAND) - UPDATED
DECOMMISSIONING FUNDING PLAN (TAC L31920)

Dear Mr. Link:

We are in receipt of your updated Decommissioning Funding Plan (DFP) E06-04-007, Version 2.0, for the Framatome ANP, Inc. Richland Fuel Fabrication Facility (License Number SNM-1227), transmitted by letter dated December 19, 2005. Your request has been assigned Technical Assignment Control Number (TAC) L31920. Please reference this number in any future correspondence associated with this request.

We note that an updated DFP was required for approval of the amendment request for the increased possession limit for storage of Blended Low Enriched Uranium material. Pending approval of the DFP, work on that amendment request will resume under this new TAC number.

Based on our acceptance review and projection of current review schedules, we anticipate completing our review of the DFP by mid-April 2006, with review of the application for the possession limit increase to resume immediately following. 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.

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.

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

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Sincerely,

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