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Control Rod Friction Surveillance Recommendations for Framatome ANP Fuel Channels

Control rod friction surveillance recommendations for Framatome ANP (FANP) fuel channels are provided with this letter. Framatome ANP informed the NRC staff in a meeting on December 8, 2005 that surveillance recommendations would be provided to Framatome ANP BWR customers in January 2006. The NRC expressed an interest in seeing the recommendations. The attachment is provided for information only and no NRC actions are requested.

Framatome ANP considers some of the material contained in the enclosed documents to be proprietary. As required by 10 CFR 2.390(b), an affidavit is enclosed to support the withholding of the information from public disclosure. Proprietary and a non-proprietary versions of Attachment A are enclosed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronnie L. Gardner".

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9. The foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Gerald S. Holm

SUBSCRIBED before me this 7th
day of February, 2006.

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