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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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AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF WASHINGTON)
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1. My name is Jerald S. Holm. I am Manager, Product Licensing, for Framatome ANP Inc. ("FANP"), and as such I am authorized to execute this Affidavit.

2. I am familiar with the criteria applied by FANP to determine whether certain FANP information is proprietary. I am familiar with the policies established by FANP to ensure the proper application of these criteria.

3. I am familiar with the FANP information contained in the letter NRC:06:005, "Control Rod Friction Surveillance Recommendations for Framatome ANP Fuel Channels" dated February 7, 2006, and referred to herein as "Document." Information contained in this Document has been classified by FANP as proprietary in accordance with the policies established by FANP for the control and protection of proprietary and confidential information.

4. This Document contains information of a proprietary and confidential nature and is of the type customarily held in confidence by FANP and not made available to the public. Based on my experience, I am aware that other companies regard information of the kind contained in this Document as proprietary and confidential.

5. This Document has been made available to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission in confidence with the request that the information contained in this Document be withheld from public disclosure.

6. The following criteria are customarily applied by FANP to determine whether information should be classified as proprietary:

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- (b) Use of the information by a competitor would permit the competitor to significantly reduce its expenditures, in time or resources, to design, produce, or market a similar product or service.
- (c) The information includes test data or analytical techniques concerning a process, methodology, or component, the application of which results in a competitive advantage for FANP.
- (d) The information reveals certain distinguishing aspects of a process, methodology, or component, the exclusive use of which provides a competitive advantage for FANP in product optimization or marketability.
- (e) The information is vital to a competitive advantage held by FANP, would be helpful to competitors to FANP, and would likely cause substantial harm to the competitive position of FANP.

7. In accordance with FANP's policies governing the protection and control of information, proprietary information contained in this Document have been made available, on a limited basis, to others outside FANP only as required and under suitable agreement providing for nondisclosure and limited use of the information.

8. FANP policy requires that proprietary information be kept in a secured file or area and distributed on a need-to-know basis.

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.

Susan K. McCoy

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MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 1/10/2008

