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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Document Control Desk
Director, Division of Spent Fuel Management
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
11555 Rockville Pike
One White Flint North
Rockville, MD 20852

Subject: Framatome intends to Request a Letter Authorization utilizing Docket No. 71-9372, Framatome TN-B1 Shipping Container.

References: (1) NRC Certificate of Compliance (CoC) USA/9372/B(U)F-96, Revision 2, Docket Number 71-9372.

Framatome Inc. (Framatome) wishes to inform the NRC that we intend to formally request a letter authorization utilizing Certificate of Compliance 9372 for the TN-B1 packaging for up to two shipments between mid-March 2022 and ending no later than July 2022. This request is to support data gathering during road tests and provide for the safe transport of a small number of Framatome channeled BWR fresh fuel assemblies with a few changes to the TN-B1 packaging requirements. The changes are directed to support improved vibration performance and a thicker fuel channel side thickness.

This request for a Letter Authorization will be submitted mid-December 2021.

Please feel free to contact me at (509) 375-8550 or Bryan Flanagan of my staff at (509) 375-8537 if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "T. J. Tate".

Timothy J. Tate, Manager
Environmental, Health, Safety and Licensing

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