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Mr. T. J. Tate, Manager
Environmental, Health, Safety
And Licensing
Framatome, Inc.
2101 Horn Rapids Road
Richland WA 99354-5102

SUBJECT: FRAMATOME INC. – REQUEST TO AMEND LICENSE AND APPROVAL OF
CRITICALITY SAFETY METHODS (ENTERPRISE PROJECT IDENTIFICATION
NUMBER L-2021-LLA-0218)

Dear Mr. Tate:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff received your submittal dated November 29, 2021 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML21333A204; non-public) requesting to amend License No. SNM-1227, and approval of criticality safety methods.

We have completed our acceptance review of your submittal and have identified no administrative omissions or deficiencies that would prevent us from proceeding with a detailed review. Your submittal has been assigned Enterprise Project Identification Number (EPID) L-2021-LLA-0218. Please reference this EPID number in any future correspondence associated with this request.

Accordingly, the NRC staff has established a schedule for this review which includes the issuance of requests for additional information (RAIs) by February 28, 2022. The NRC staff anticipates completing its review and developing a safety evaluation report to address the submittal by the end of May 2022 or 4 weeks after adequate response to any RAIs. 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, the NRC staff estimates that completing the review and making an independent assessment of the proposed application will require approximately 140 staff hours which corresponds to about \$40,320 (\$288/hr). We will promptly communicate any significant changes to this estimate.

In accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, Section 2.390, "Public inspections, exemptions, requests for withholding," of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of the NRC's ADAMS. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

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If you have any questions regarding this communication, please contact me at (301) 415-6201, or via e-mail at Richard.Jervey@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "RA Jervey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Richard A. Jervey, Project Manager
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Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

Docket No. 70-1257
License No. SNM-1227

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