



# Framatome / NRC Annual Fuel Performance Meeting

Richland WA, September 22, 2022

# Site Alerts & Response

You may encounter one of three types of alerts at HRR:

## 1. Criticality Alert – Site wide

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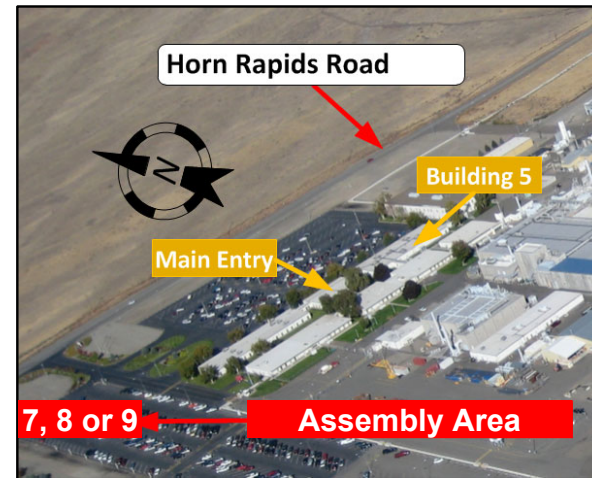
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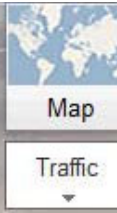
## 3. Public Address Alert

Spoken message over PA system

- **Response:** Stop and listen – follow instructions



**Follow your hosts!**



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# Parking Lot Badging Stations (Posts 7, 8, or 9)



# Fuel Performance Meeting Objectives

- Increase NRC knowledge of Framatome's fuel activities, facilities, products and strategies
- Discuss Framatome's submitted and planned topical reports and associated customer needs
- Increase NRC understanding of Framatome's:
  - Advanced codes & methods development
  - Fuel designs, operating experience, observations and solutions
- Beneficial to NRC and Framatome
  - Exchange ideas and expectations on fuel issues
  - Open communication and questions encouraged

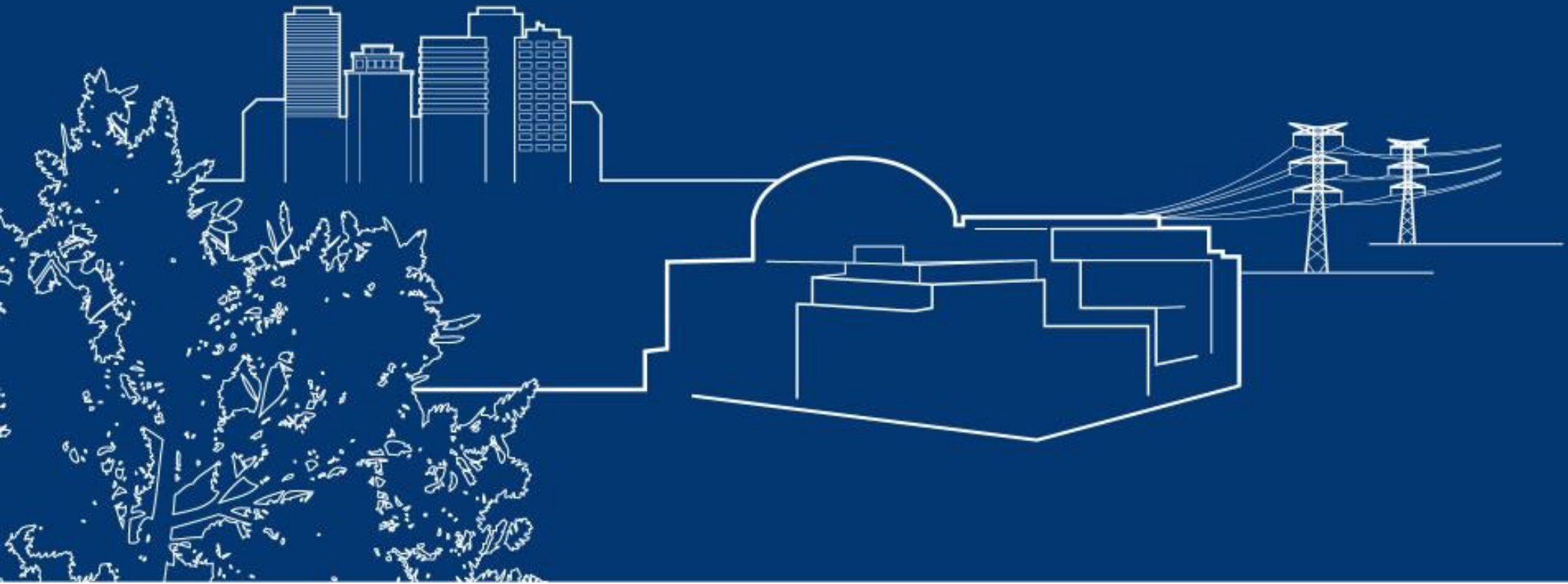
# Agenda: September 22, 2022

Time	Topic	Presenters
7:30 – 8:15	Arrival and Security Access Process	Alan Meginnis
8:15 – 8:25	Evacuation Plan and Introductions	Alan Meginnis
8:25 – 8:30	Welcome	Ernie Hockens
8:30 – 9:15	Plant Overview and Safety Briefing	Ernie Hockens
9:15 – 10:30	Manufacturing Plant Tour	Ernie Hockens
10:30 – 11:30	Test Facility Tour with Fuel Product Displays	Kelly Duggan Steve Cole
11:30 – 12:00	Framatome Advanced Fuel Management Plans (Program Overview)	Steve Cole Norm Garner
12:00 – 12:45	Lunch	
12:45 – 13:30	AFM Implementation at Richland Fuel Fabrication Facility	Gannon Johnson
13:30 – 14:45	BWR Fuel Designs, Operating Experience, and Fuel Performance	Stephen Mazurkiewicz
14:45 – 15:00	Break	
15:00 – 16:15	PWR Fuel Designs, Operating Experience, and Fuel Performance	George Borum
16:15 – 16:30	ARCADIA Virtual Interface	Steven Fink
16:30 – 16:45	Upcoming Submittals and Priorities	Paul Clifford
16:45 – 17:00	Discussion / Closing Remarks	All
17:00	Adjourn Day	

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# Framatome Advanced Fuel Management Plans (Program Overview)

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Norman GARNER, Technical Sales Manager, Fuel Business Unit

ACRS / NRC Fuel Performance Meetings

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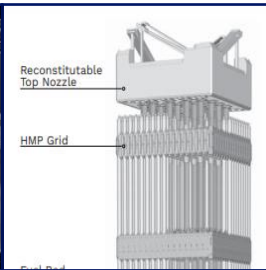



# Purpose

- Explain the background and motivation for Framatome's 'Advanced Fuel Management' project (AFM)
- Provide a high level overview of the project and status of key milestones

# AFM Project: Background

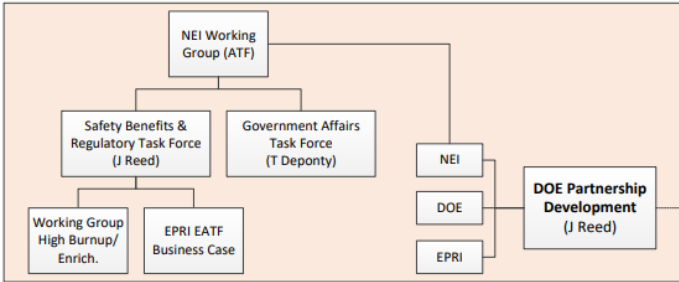
- Recognizing that obtaining efficient 24-month cycle operation is a key business driver for a large segment of the domestic fleet, Framatome formally launched its 'Advanced Fuel Management' project in 2018
  - Enable safe and efficient 24-month cycles using technology levers of burnup and enrichment
  - Create customer value to sustain our fuel business for the long term
  - Improve viability of nuclear energy
- In 2021, the DOE renewed its EATF contract with Framatome (Phase 2C), which explicitly directed funding for the development of technologies enabling increased fuel rod burnup (>62 GWd/MTU) and enrichment (LEU+)
- The AFM project is planned and financed to provide 'reload ready' capability for PWR and BWR plants by end of 2026

# AFM Project: Objectives & Scope

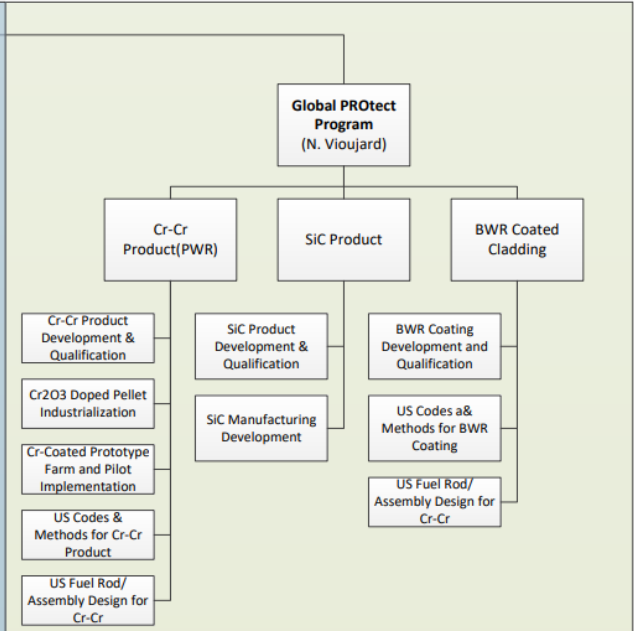
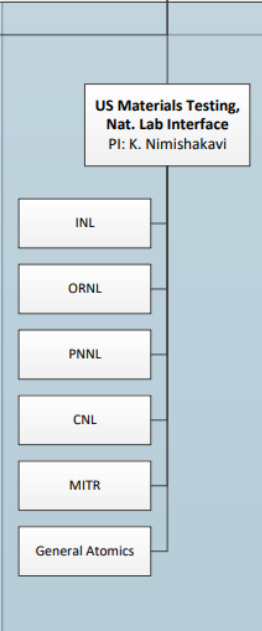
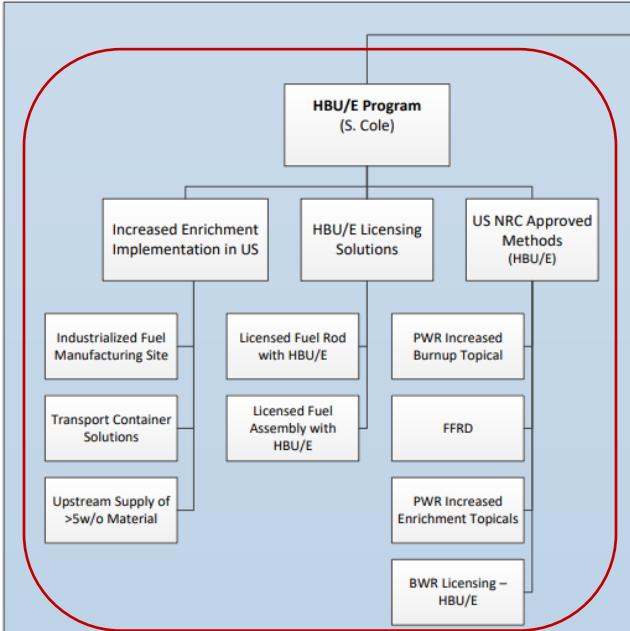
			<p><b>framatome</b></p> <p>Increased Enrichment for PWRs Topical Report</p>			
Enrichment	UF6 Transport	Fuel Design	Licensing Methods	Manufacturing	Fresh Fuel Transport	Operation & Backend

## AFM Project Perimeter

# Orientation of AFM within the DOE EATF program



DOE EATF Project Contract Manager  
C. Lewis



# AFM Project: PWR Licensing Topical Report Progress

PWR Topical Report	Submittal (actual or planned)	Approval (actual or planned)
GALILEO Fuel Rod Thermal Mechanical Method (75 GWd/MTU) ANP-10323P Rev1	June 2018 ✓	December 2020 ✓
Cr-doped for PWR (62 GWd/MTU) ANP-10304P Supp 1	June 2021 ✓	February 2023
LEU+ Umbrella (8 wt%) ANP-10353P	January 2021 ✓	February 2023

# AFM Project: BWR Licensing Topical Report Vision

BWR Topical Report	Submittal (actual or envisioned)		Approval (actual or envisioned)	
Cr-doped for BWR (62 GWd/MTU) ANP-10340P	March 2016	✓	May 2018	✓
Neutronics Base Topical (ARTEMIS-B) (62 GWd/MTU) ANP-10350P	June 2022	✓	August 2024	

# Fresh Fuel Transport

PWR (GAIA 17x17)

- In December 2021, the MAP12/13 container was approved for fresh fuel transport with enrichments up to 8 wt% U235
  - No RAIs

BWR (ATRIUM 11)



PWR MAP Container



BWR TNB1 Container

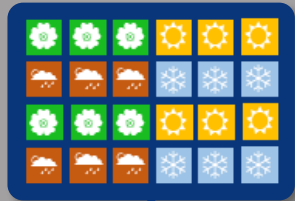


# AFM Project Timeline

# AFM Summary

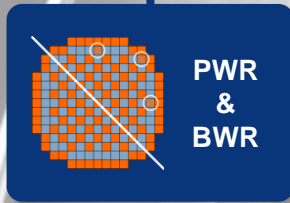
## What are the benefits of AFM?

Enrichment >5 wt% U235 & rod burnup >62 GWd/MTU



Enabling  
24M cycles

Reducing  
batch size



PWR  
&  
BWR



Supporting  
ATF adoption

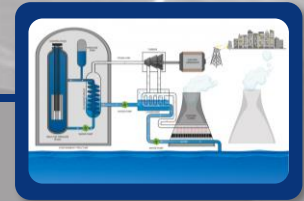
- >32 US PWRs can shift to 24-month cycles with AFM
  - Eliminates 1 outage for every 6 years of operation
  - Average generating capacity increases by ~5 days/year
- Decreases in reload batch size can be realized

EUP Supply:  
New cascades and  
UF<sub>6</sub> shipping approvals



Reload Supply:  
Criticality and cycle  
licensing upgrades

Reactor Readiness:  
Criticality upgrades and  
document revisions



## What is required for AFM?

*Fuel fabrication facility upgrades and methods submittals are underway to support AFM reload readiness in 2026*

# Acknowledgement

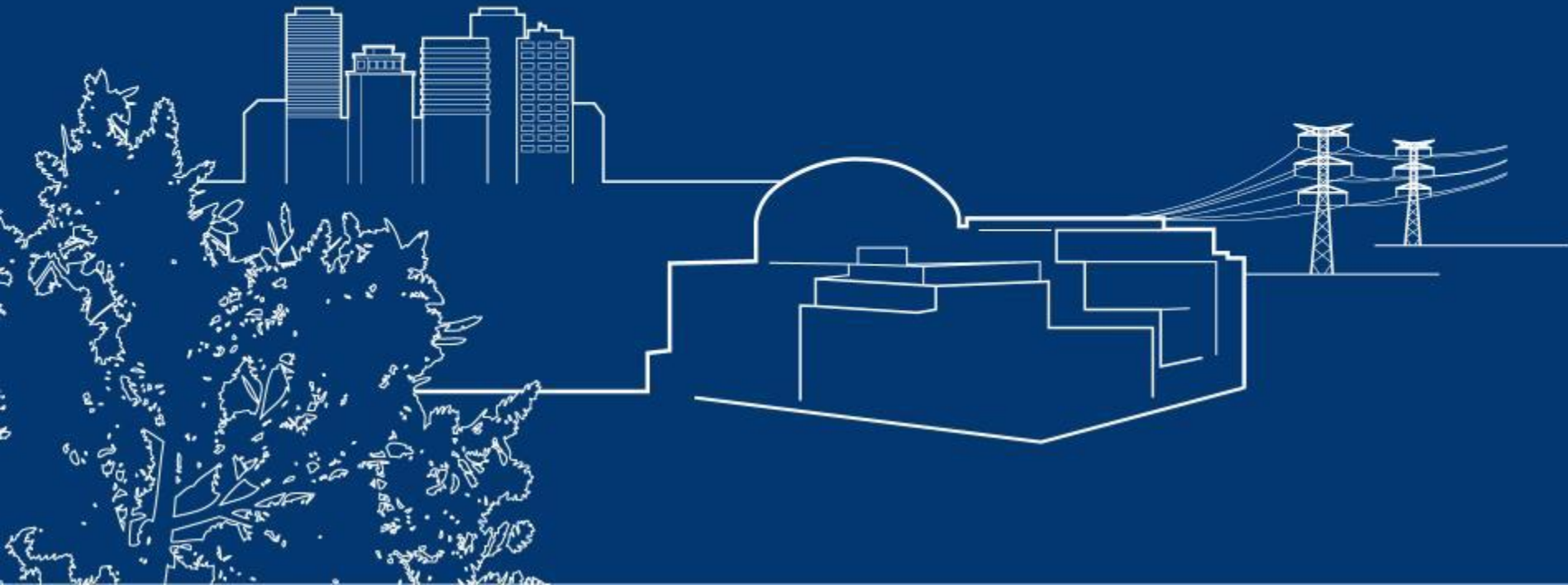
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# Advanced Fuel Manufacturing Richland Fuel Fabrication Facility Updates

Gannon Johnson

Richland WA    September 18, 2022

# CONTENT

**01** . AFM Facility Upgrade Scope

**02** . Review of Key Industry Decisions

**03** . Fuel Manufacturing Equipment Impact Summary

**04** . Timeline and Progress to Date

# Richland Fuel Fabrication Facility Introduction

This AFM Fabrication Facility sub-task is limited to existing processes and building inside the facility secure boundary. It excludes:

- UF6 transport to the facility
- Transport of finished fuel to NPP customers
- Construction of new facilities for CAT II HALEU
- Out of Service Uranium Processes / Buildings

The Richland Fuel Fabrication Facility is currently capable of producing the mechanical fuel designs targeted AFM.

Scope is limited to the changes on existing manufacturing processes for the new enrichment target of [ ] wt%.





# Richland Fuel Fabrication Facility Scope for AFM (1/3)

Framatome has chosen to relicense the entire Richland facility to a higher enrichment limit to support AFM products

- All uranium processing and storage areas will be upgraded for the new enrichment limit
- No areas restricted to enrichment  $\leq 5\text{wt}\%$  U235
- No down blending

This Approach has 2 major benefits:

- Risk reduction for ongoing operations
  - This approach mitigates the risk of LEU+ being mistakenly moved into areas only analyzed for  $\leq 5\text{wt}\%$  U235
- Allows to continue other uranium related business lines in LEU+ enrichments (uranium scrap recovery processing and cylinder washing / recert)

# Richland Fuel Fabrication Facility Scope for AFM (2/3)

Other Key Objectives:

- **Plant upgrades shall not impact on the time delivery or quality of existing reload contracts**
- Plant upgrades will be completed safely following our standard processes
- Modifications to existing equipment, as required, will be replacement with like kind or proven equipment used at other Framatome fuel fabrication facilities
- Use Global Framatome best practice technologies will be used (No FOAK for Framatome)
- Decommissioning footprint will remain unchanged
- Modifications will not impact bottleneck process capacities during modifications
- Batch sizes in some processing areas may be reduced but plant capacity will remain unchanged
- Return to service for 5% fuel fabrication after modifications and prior to higher enrichment approval

# Richland Fuel Fabrication Facility Scope for AFM (3/3)

These Objective Require:

- Updating our computer code benchmarks to support [ ] wt% U235 (This is referred to as establishing the Minimum Margin of Sub-Criticality) **Complete**
- Updating all nuclear criticality safety analyses for LEU+ license target
- Designing of equipment modifications to meet new enrichment safety limits and evaluating those changes for potential impact to accident sequences
- Updating manufacturing software to support higher enrichments
- Performing all Integrated Safety Analysis (ISA) activities to support NRC license submittal
- Performing required plant modifications
- Updating required operating procedures and documentation
- Testing and qualifying plant modifications
- Receiving approval from various state and local regulatory agencies
- Receiving NRC approved updated plant license
- Implementing higher enrichment limit plant wide (Preferably with pre-license NRC Onsite Review)

# Key Industry Decisions that Affect Scope

The following decisions have a direct impact on the scope of the project:

1. Transport license of the DN30 with the standard 30B Cylinder for LEU+
  - Currently assuming Urenco will be successful with exemption request to 10CFR71.55(b) (water ingress into containment for more than 5wt% U235 in UF6 package) that will likely be submitted to the US NRC at the end of 2022
2. The material code E1 / E2 definitions for safeguards and nuclear accountability as defined by the US governments Nuclear Materials Management and Safeguards System (NMMSS).
  - The NRC's current position is that they will not change the definitions, but rather will grant licensees a one-time exemption on a licensee-by-licensure basis
  - NEI Sr. Director of Fuel and Radiation Safety is confident rules will be clarified in 2023

# Types of Equipment Modifications Expected

- Passive control changes to reduce manufacturing equipment geometry where feasible with existing chemical processes
  - Safe slab limit for uranium dioxide reduced from [ ] inches to [ ] inches
  - Safe cylinder diameter reduced from [ ] inches to [ ] inches
- Passive control for increased equipment spacing
- Passive control for additional fixed neutron absorbing materials
- Additional active engineered controls to further mitigate existing accident sequences
  - e.g. adding additional isolation valves to ensure back-flow in liquid chemical process is prevented that is currently safe for 5wt% U235
- Existing administrative controls will be adjusted for [ ]
  - Critical mass limit in batch-controlled processes changes from 18 kgU to [ ]

# Process Impacts Summary

# System Evaluations - Summary

Areas Requiring Significant Effort but Minor Operational Impact



# System Evaluations- Summary

## Areas Requiring Significant Effort but Minor Operational Impact





# System Evaluations- Summary

## Other Key Activities



# Timeline and progress to date

# Thank You

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# BWR Fuel Performance Update

**Stephen Mazurkiewicz**

Framatome/NRC Fuel Performance Meeting

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# Objectives

- Refresh key aspects of current BWR fuel product features
- Provide a status update of the overall performance of Framatome's BWR designs
- Provide an updated status of ATRIUM 11 fuel and Z4B BQ ( $\beta$ -quench) channel programs
- Provide an overview of BWR fuel examinations and results of recent surveillance campaigns
- Provide an overview of anticipated BWR fuel examinations

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# Fuel Reliability Status | Framatome supplied Plants with Leaker Free Cores in Operations (United States)

Leak Free Cores in Operation (Current)

United States	
PWR	100%
BWR	75%
TOTAL	90%

(As of August 2022)

**Framatome PWR fuel has operated leaker free since Spring 2019**

# Framatome BWR Fuel Performance Summary

## United States

### **Advanced ATRIUM 11 fuel product continues to perform well**

- ◆ **12 ATRIUM 11 lead assemblies in US BWRs reached discharge burnup in 2021**
  - Poolside inspections have been completed and showed as-expected performance
- ◆ **First US ATRIUM 11 reload completed its 1<sup>st</sup> cycle of operation in February 2022**
- ◆ **5 ATRIUM 11 reloads in operation with all continuing customers transitioning to ATRIUM 11**

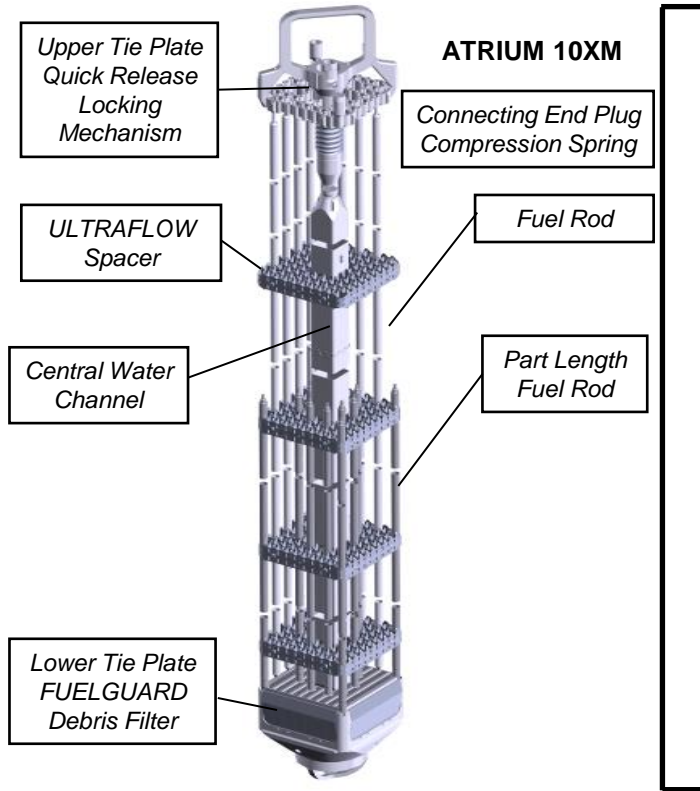
**3<sup>rd</sup> Generation FUELGUARD debris filter now most common filter in operation**

**Full reloads of distortion-resistant Z4B  $\beta$ -quenched channels currently being delivered**

**BWR additive manufactured components loaded in US reactor in spring 2021**

**BWR EATF LTRs loaded in a US commercial reactor in spring 2021**

# ATRIUM Product Platform



# Summary of Current ATRIUM Product Line | Primary Design Differences

# Global ATRIUM Product Line Supply

# Global ATRIUM Irradiation Experience

# Domestic ATRIUM Product Supply

# BWR Fuel Product Line | Advanced Debris Filters

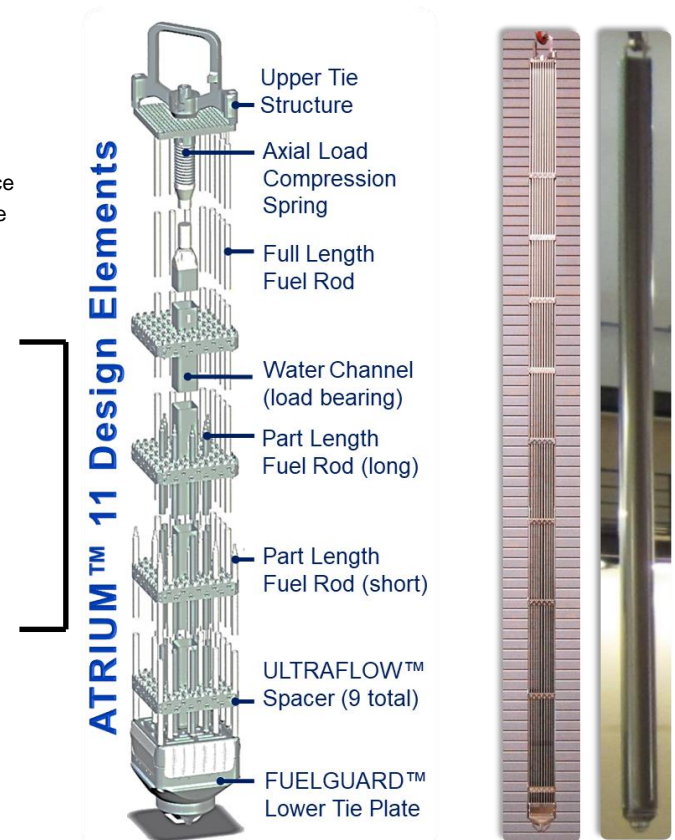


# BWR Fuel Product Line – Advanced Channel Materials

# BWR Fuel Product Line | ATRIUM 11

## ■ The ATRIUM 11 is the latest evolution of Framatome's ATRIUM product line for BWRs

- ◆ 11x11 fuel rod array to enhance enrichment utilization efficiency and increase thermal-mechanical margins
- ◆ Vaned ULTRAFLOW spacer grids and increased fuel rod surface area to improve dryout performance
- ◆ Debris protection at inlet with 3GFG filter, entrapment resistant spacer grids, and top entry grid lattice
- ◆ Cr-doped pellets to reduce PCI failure risk
- ◆ Z4B BQ fuel channels to minimize channel distortion risk



**The ATRIUM 11 is the most efficient BWR fuel assembly in reload operation**

# Fuel Design Materials | ATRIUM 11

# BWR Fuel Product Line Advanced Fuel Pellet Materials

# ATRIUM 11 Reloads | United States

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# BWR Industry Fuel Leaker Update | United States

- **Level 2 Industry Event Report (IER) 19-6, “Preventing Debris-Induced Fuel Failures” was issued by INPO in response to declining fuel performance**
  - ◆ **Implementation of IER recommendations correlated with improved leaker-free fuel performance across the industry**

# BWR Industry Fuel Leaker Update United States



# Framatome BWR Fuel Failures (10 Years) United States

# Framatome BWR Fuel Performance Summary | United States: Leaker-Free Sustainability (Current Customers)

# Recent Framatome BWR Fuel Failures

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# Domestic BWR Poolside Surveillances

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# ATRIUM 11 Fuel Assembly Growth

# ATRIUM 11 Fuel Rod Growth



# ATRIUM 11 Fuel Rod Diametral Creep

# ATRIUM 11 Span Maximum Liftoff

# ATRIUM 11 Spacer Maximum Liftoff

# Z4B BQ Fuel Channel Growth

# Z4B BQ Channel Bow

# Domestic BWR Poolside Surveillances

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# ATRIUM 10XM Fuel Rod Diametral Creep

# ATRIUM 10XM Span Maximum Liftoff

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# Domestic BWR Poolside Surveillances

# Fuel Rod Hot Cell Program

# Hot Cell Examination | Status

# Hot Cell Examination | Results (Preliminary)

# LaSalle Hot Cell Schedule



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# Summary/Conclusions

- **Framatome BWR fuel continues to perform well, recent failures notwithstanding**
- **Framatome BWR customers are actively transitioning to advanced debris filter technology which are more effective solutions for in-reactor debris mitigation**
- **Framatome is committed to proactively monitor for and resolve conditions adverse to fuel reliability consistent with customer support**
- **Framatome is successfully implementing next generation products incorporating proven and effective design features**
- **Framatome's active Post Irradiation Examination program continues to validate fuel performance**

**Framatome is committed to proactively addressing conditions adverse to fuel reliability and supporting our customers with leaker free performance**

# BACKUP

# Recent Framatome BWR Fuel Failures

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# Recent Framatome BWR Fuel Failures

# Recent Framatome BWR Fuel Failures

# Hot Cell Examination | Results (Preliminary)



# Acronyms/Nomenclature

- 3GFG 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation FUELGUARD
- AM Additive Manufacturing
- BFE Browns Ferry
- BRK Brunswick
- BQ Beta Quench
- BWR Boiling Water Reactor
- CER Ceramography
- CNL Canadian Nuclear Laboratories
- Cr Chromium
- EATF Enhanced Accident Tolerant Fuel
- ECA Eddy Current Array
- ECT Eddy Current Testing
- EFID Effective Full Power Days
- EOC End of Cycle
- EOL End of Life
- EU European Union
- FC Fuel Channel
- F-SECT Frequency Scanning Eddy Current Technique
- GAD Gadolinia
- GWd Gigawatt-day
- H Hydrogen
- HC Hot Cell
- ID Inside Diameter or Identification
- IER Industry Event Report
- IFG Improved FUELGUARD
- INPO Institute of Nuclear Power Operators
- LTA Lead Test Assembly
- LTL Lower Tolerance Limit

# Acronyms/Nomenclature

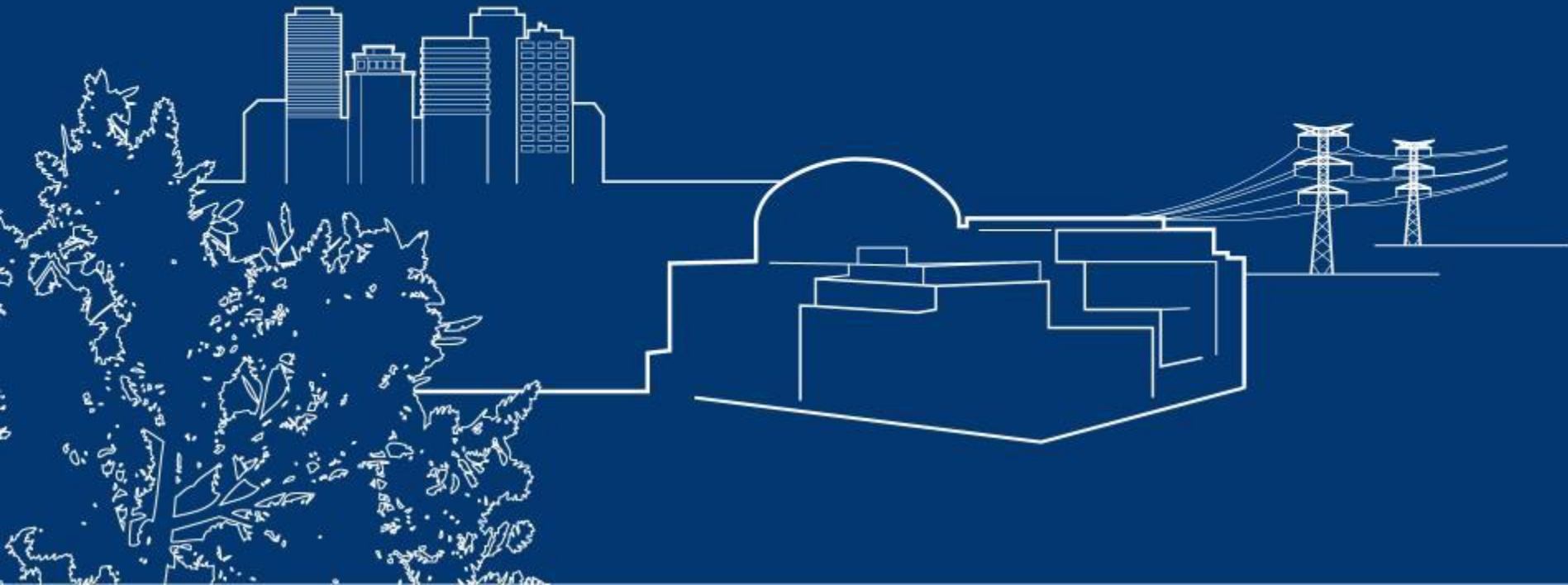
- LTP Lower Tie Plate
- LTR Lead Test Rod
- MAX Maximum
- MET Metallography
- MIN Minimum
- MM Millimeter
- MON Monticello
- MTU Metric Ton Uranium
- NRC Nuclear Regulatory Commission
- OD Outside Diameter
- PIE Post Irradiation Examination
- PLFR Part Length Fuel Rod
- PST Power Suppression Testing
- PWR Pressurized Water Reactor
- RXA Recrystallized Annealed
- SFG Standard FUELGUARD
- SRA Stress-Relief Annealed
- SUS Susquehanna
- TVA Tennessee Valley Authority
- UO2 Uranium Oxide
- US United States
- UTL Upper Tolerance Limit
- YTD Year to date
- Z4B Zircaloy-4 BWR
- Zry-2 Zircaloy-2
- Zry-4 Zircaloy-4

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# PWR Fuel Performance Update

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- Summarize key aspects of current PWR fuel product features
- Provide a status update of the overall performance of Framatome's PWR designs
- Provide an updated status of GAIA program
- Provide an overview of the current EATF projects
- Provide an overview of PWR fuel examinations and results of recent surveillance campaigns
- Provide an overview of anticipated fuel examinations

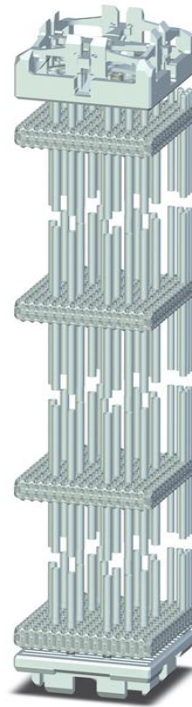
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# HTP Fuel - Proven Features

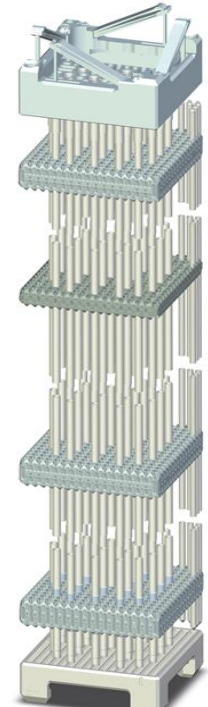
- Reconstitutable Upper Nozzle/ End Fitting / Tie Plate
- M5<sub>Framatome</sub> Fuel Rod Cladding
  - Low oxidation compared to Zry-4
  - Low hydrogen pick up
- HTP Spacer Grid
  - Exceptional GTRF performance
- HMP Lower Grid
- FUELGUARD Bottom Nozzle/ End Fitting / Tie Plate



Mark-B HTP

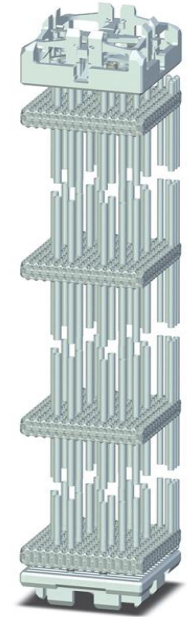


CE HTP



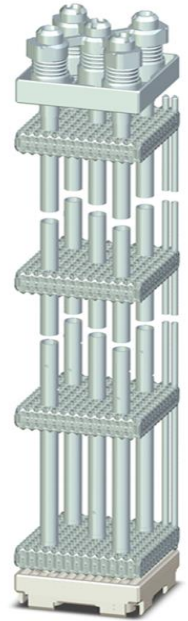
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# Framatome PWR Reloads B&W Plants



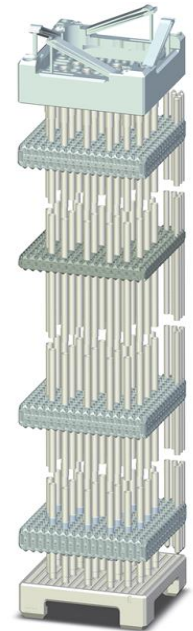
**Mark-B HTP has effectively eliminated past performance issues associated with GTRF, growth and fuel assembly distortion**

# Framatome PWR Reloads CE Plants



# Framatome PWR Reloads CE Plant HTP Grid Update

# Framatome PWR Reloads Westinghouse Plants



**Second domestic GAIA Reload will begin operation in Fall 2022**

# HTP Irradiation Experience

Over 26,000 HTP assemblies irradiated in 51 reactors worldwide


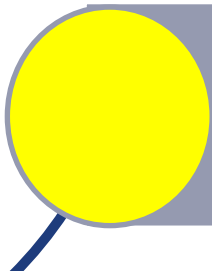

- Arrays from 14x14 to 18x18
- Operating in a variety of reactor platforms
  - B&W, CE, Framatome, Siemens, and Westinghouse

# GAIA Fuel Assemblies

## Key Design Features & Irradiation Experience



# Framatome PWR Fuel Performance Summary United States

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- All PWRs with Framatome fuel in-core operating defect free in US
  - HTP continues to demonstrate improved performance over predecessor designs
  - 4 EATF GAIA Assemblies are completing their 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle of irradiation in September 2023
  - First GAIA reload in the United States began irradiation in May 2021. Second GAIA reload begins irradiation in the Fall 2022
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# Framatome PWR Fuel Performance Summary United States

# PWR Fuel Failure Mechanisms (United States 2018-Current)

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# Recent US PWR Failed Fuel Exams

## 2021 Cause-of-Failure Exams

Reactor	Cycle	Assembly	Fuel Product	# Rods	Exam	Cause
No PWR Failures						

## 2022 Cause-of-Failure Exams

Reactor	Cycle	Assembly	Fuel Product	# Rods	Exam	Cause
No PWR Failures						

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# EATF PROtect Summary

# GAIA Fuel Assemblies with EATF PROtect Fuel Rods Vogtle-2

# ANO-1 EATF PROtect Fuel Rods



# Calvert Cliffs EATF PROtect Fuel Assembly



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# Domestic PWR Poolside Surveillances

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# GAIA Fuel Assemblies with EATF PROtect Fuel Rods



» Good overall performance of lead assemblies confirmed

# GAIA Fuel Assemblies with EATF PROtect Fuel Rods Visual Inspection

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# GAIA Fuel Assemblies with EATF PROtect Fuel Rod Diameter Inspections

# GAIA Fuel Assemblies with EATF PROtect Fuel Rods Fuel Assembly Length Inspections

# GAIA Fuel Assemblies with EATF PROtect Fuel Rods Oxide Assessment

# Palo Verde-2 CE16-HTP PIE

# Palo Verde-2 CE16-HTP Fuel Assemblies

## Fuel Assembly Length Inspections

# Palo Verde-2 CE16-HTP Fuel Assemblies Fuel Rod Liftoff Inspections

# Millstone-2 CE14-HTP Grid-to-Rod Fretting Inspections

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# Summary/Conclusions

- HTP and GAIA continue to demonstrate improved performance over predecessor designs
- All US PWR customers have transitioned to advanced cladding (M5<sub>Framatome</sub>) with low oxidation, growth, and hydrogen pickup
- Framatome is successfully implementing next-generation PWR products (via LFA programs) incorporating proven and effective design features
- Framatome is committed to resolving conditions adverse to fuel reliability
- Framatome's active PIE program continues to validate the successful performance of Framatome PWR fuel products

**» Framatome is committed to proactively addressing conditions adverse to fuel reliability and supporting our customers with leaker free performance**

# Acronyms/Nomenclature

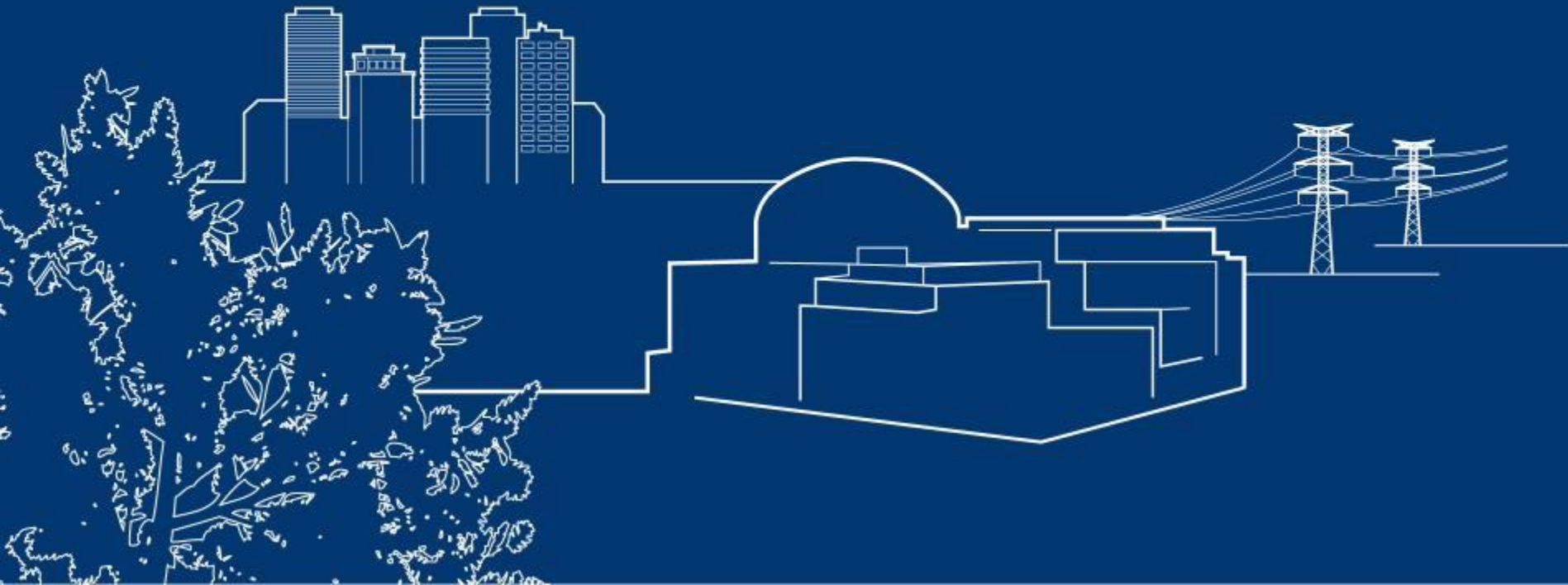
- ANO Arkansas Nuclear One
- B&W Babcock and Wilcox
- CE Combustion Engineering
- DNB Departure from Nucleate Boiling
- EATF Enhanced Accident Tolerant Fuel
- EOC End of Cycle
- FA Fuel Assembly
- FR Fuel Rod
- GTRF Grid-to-Rod Fretting
- ID Inside Diameter
- IFM Intermediate Flow Mixer
- IGM Intermediate GAIA Mixer
- LFA Lead Fuel Assembly
- LOCA Loss of Coolant Accident
- NRC Nuclear Regulatory Commission
- PIE Post Irradiation Examination
- PWR Pressurized Water Reactor
- RCCA Rod Control Cluster Assembly
- TMI Three Mile Island
- US United States
- W Westinghouse
- Zry-4 Zircaloy-4 alloy

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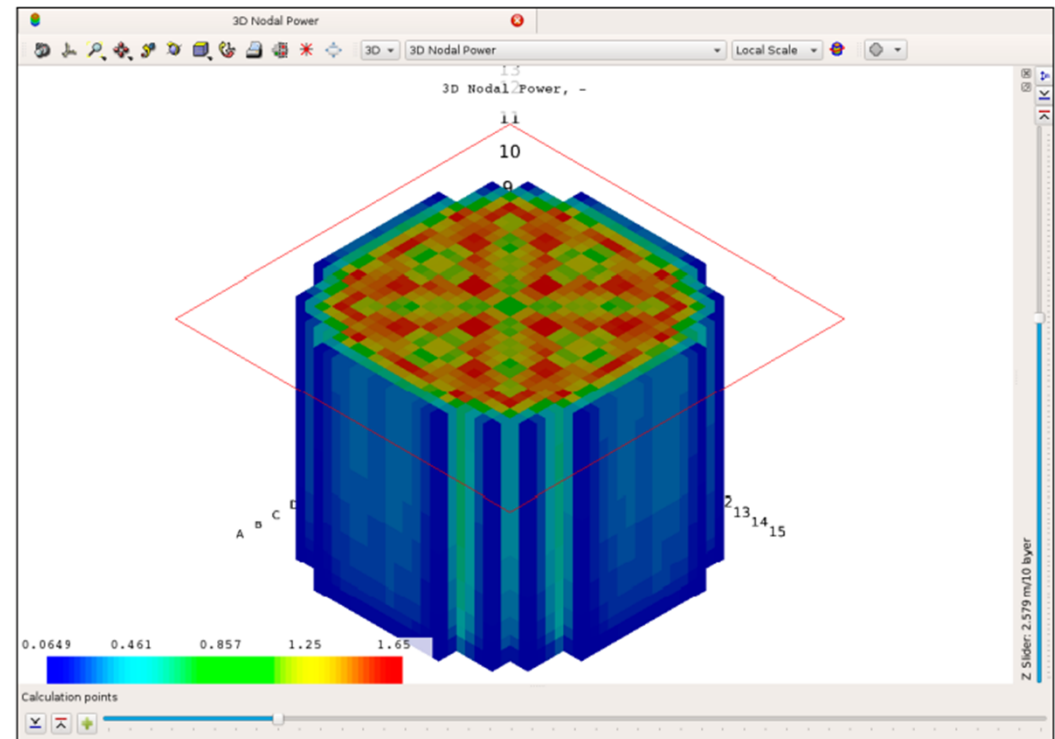
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# MYARCADIA

## What is **ARCADIA**?

An advanced suite of codes for PWRs and BWRs analysis of both normal and postulated accident conditions

The package contains advanced physical simulations, advanced GUI interfaces and process automation



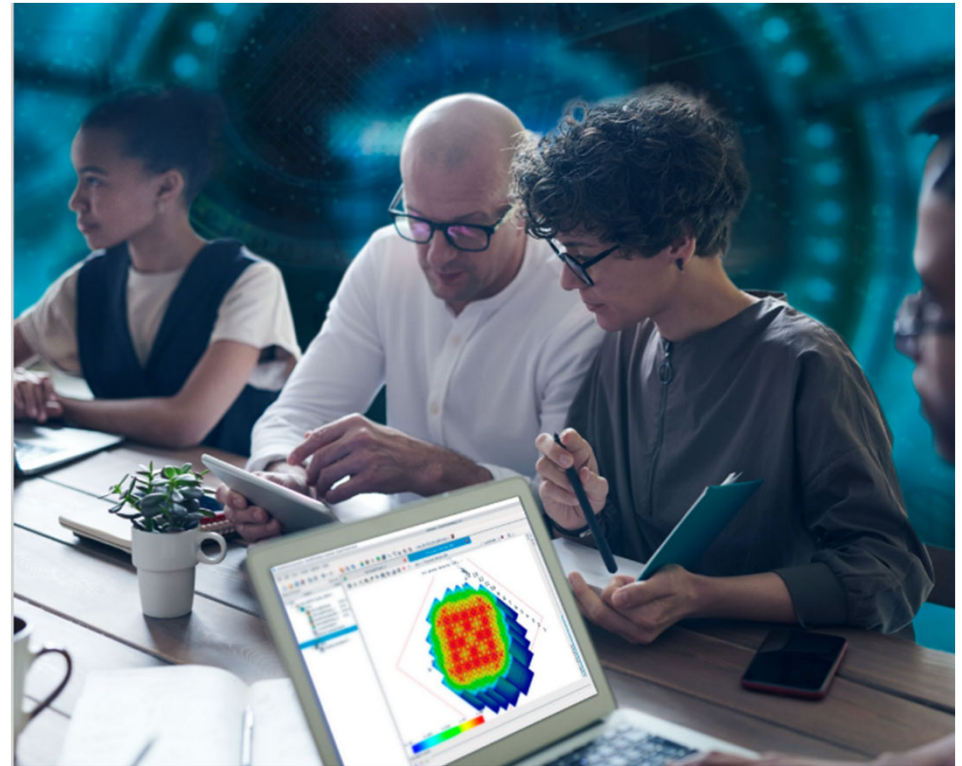
**POWERFUL** suite of NRC-Approved codes

# MYARCADIA

## What is MYARCADIA ?

Online access to state-of-the-art codes

- No additional infrastructure needed
- No support personnel needed
- Remote maintenance and upgrades



**EASY** access to the platform

# The MYARCADIA Code System

Control Room



**ARGOS**  
Core Monitoring System

(Future version)

**LADON**  
Productivity enhancement suite



Engineering

**S-RELAP  
CATHARE 2**  
Plant Simulator

(Future version)

**ARTEMIS**  
next-generation  
core simulator

**APOLLO2-A**  
Advanced industrial  
spectral code

**COBRA-FLX**  
Core Thermal-  
Hydraulics

**Fuel Rod Module  
GALILEO/CARO**  
Fuel Rod Perform.

Core

**BROAD**  
functionality



# MYARCADIA

## Why MYARCADIA?

### Flexible pricing based on

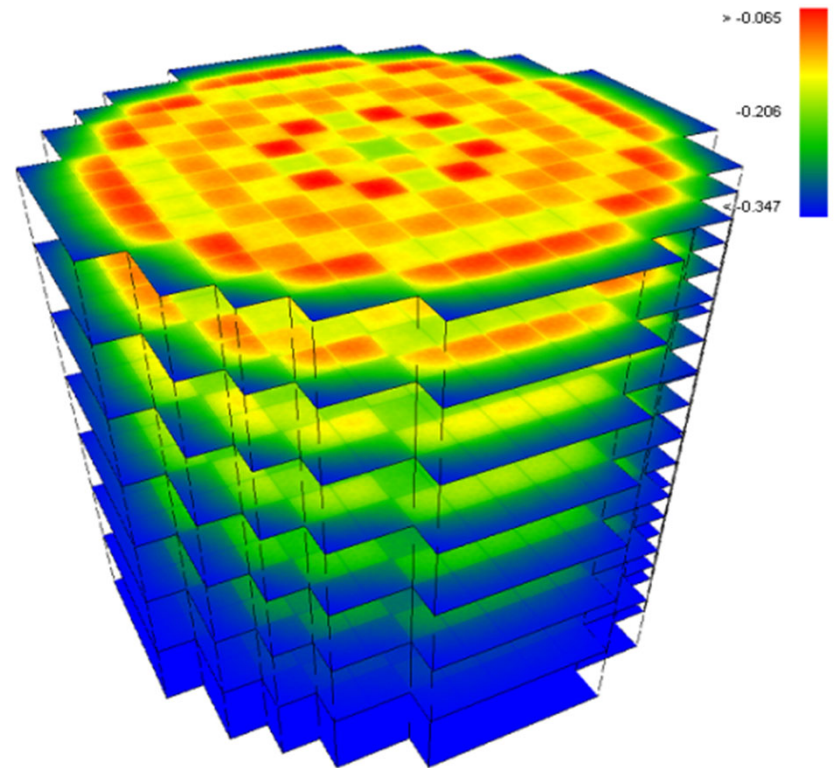
- Your number of users
- The functions you use
- Your volume

### Safety

- Easy access to an additional V&V platform
- Improved recommendations for plant operators

### Computing Power

- Instant Access to HPC – no IT requirements



**SCALABLE** to meet any need

# MYARCADIA

## OK, SO WHAT?

In addition to enabling access for educational institutions, Utilities, and research labs, Framatome would like to create a special regulator access



**PARTNERSHIPS** available for regulators

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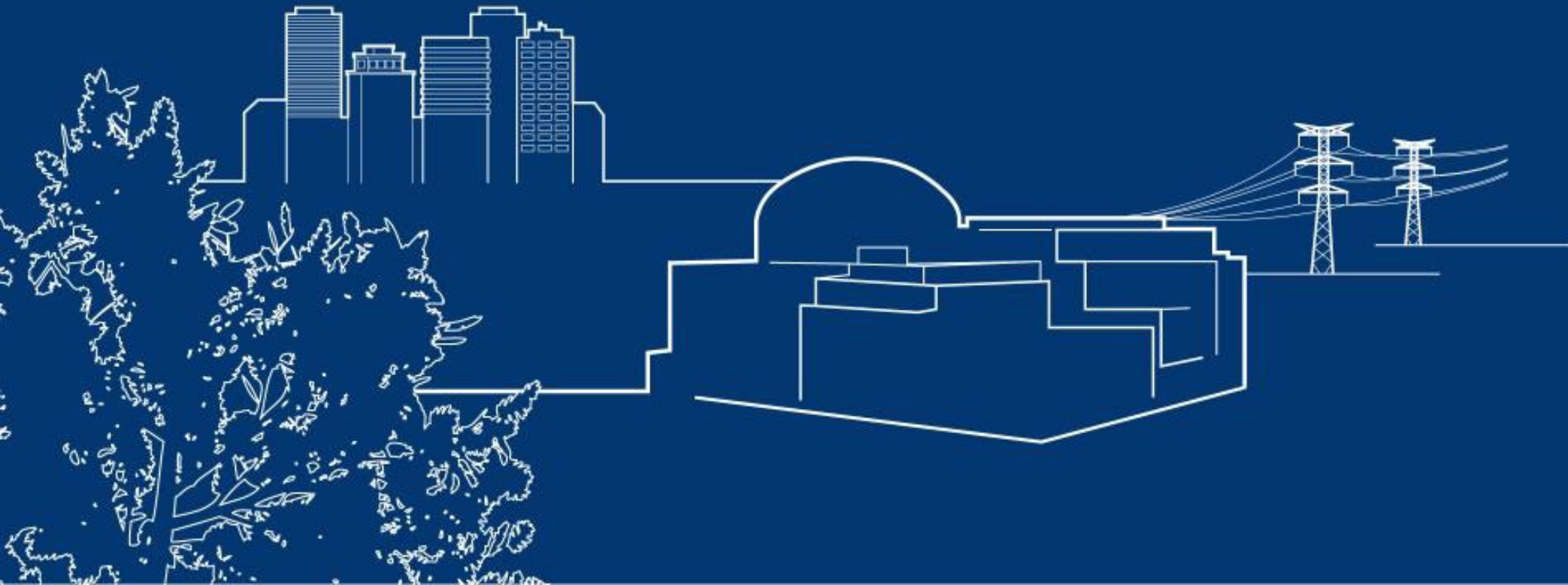
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# Topical Reports Under Review

Topical Report	Description	Submittal Date	Completion Date
ANP-10339P, ARITA – ARTEMIS/RELAP Integrated Transient Analysis Methodology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ARITA is an analytical framework which couples previously approved codes: ARTEMIS, S-RELAP5, and GALILEO, within a Monte Carlo statistical approach for analyzing AOOs and postulated Non-LOCA events (except CRE)</li> </ul>	3Q 2018	1Q 2023
BAW-10227 Rev. 2, Evaluation of Advanced Cladding and Structural Material (M5) in PWR Reactor Fuel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update M5 cladding material properties for up to 75 GWd/MTU</li> <li>Updated LOCA fuel rod balloon / rupture models</li> </ul>	4Q 2019	1Q 2023

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ANP-10353P, Increased Enrichment for PWRs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Umbrella topical report requested approval of Framatome methods out to 8.0 wt% 235U</li> </ul>	1Q 2021	3Q 2022
ANP-10340P Supplement 1, Chromia-Doped UO2 Fuel - PWRs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chromia-doped UO2 fuel pellets for PWRs</li> <li>Follows earlier approval for BWRs</li> </ul>	2Q 2021	4Q 2022
ANP-10311 Supp. 1, New PWR CHF Correlation for Low Pressure Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supplement to COBRA-FLX</li> <li>Low pressure CHF correlation</li> </ul>	4Q 2021	4Q 2022

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EMF-2310 Supplement 2, SRP Chapter 15 Non-LOCA Methodology for PWRs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CHF correlation design limit for HTP fuel</li> </ul>	1Q 2022	3Q 2022
ANP-10350P, Framatome Methodology for Boiling Water Reactors: Evaluation and Validation of APOLLO2-A / ARTEMIS-B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The APOLLO2-A/ARTEMIS-B code system is the extension of the ARCADIA® code system to boiling water reactors. The code system includes the APOLLO2-A spectral code, the ARTEMIS-B core simulator, and the cross-section functionalization code HERMES-B.</li> <li>This report consists of the methodology, V&amp;V, and uncertainty analysis for the APOLLO2-A/ARTEMIS-B code system.</li> </ul>	2Q 2022	3Q 2024

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