

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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MEMORANDUM TO: Cindy E. Rosales-Cooper, Acting Chief

Licensing Projects Branch

Division of Operating Reactor Licensing Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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Division of Operating Reactor Licensing Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF FEBRUARY 21, 2023, PARTIALLY CLOSED

MEETING WITH FRAMATOME INC. AND THE U.S. NUCLEAR

REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR TOPICAL REPORT, ANP-10350P, REVISION 0, "FRAMATOME METHODOLOGY FOR BOILING WATER REACTORS: EVALUATION AND

VALIDATION OF APOLLO2-A/ARTEMIS-B"

(EPID L-2022-TOP-0038)

On February 21, 2023, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff held a partially closed (open session, closed session) meeting via Microsoft Teams with representatives from Framatome Inc. (Framatome). The purpose of the meeting was for the NRC staff and Framatome representatives to discuss the December 2022 audit follow-up questions, requests for additional information (RAI) questions, and a planned submission of a supplement to Topical Report (TR) ANP-10350P, Revision 0, "Framatome Methodology for Boiling Water Reactors: Evaluation and Validation of APOLLO2-A/ARTEMIS-B Topical Report." The meeting was noticed on February 8, 2023, and is available in the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) at Accession No. ML23039A114.

The open session discussion focused on the TR ANP-10350P supplement, which is part of the Framatome advance fuel management (AFM) program and would extend to boiling water reactors. Specifically, the supplement would increase the uranium enrichment limit to 6.5 percent and the rod average burnup limit to 75 gigawatts day per metric ton (GWd/MTU). Framatome also plans to perform verification in terms of neutronics and fuel rod model. The NRC staff asked a question about the rationale for the 6.5 percent enrichment. This question was addressed during the closed session because the answer involved proprietary information.

The NRC staff provided a discussion on the estimated timeline for the review of the supplement as it relates to the current schedule. This information is enclosed as Enclosure 2. There were no questions from members of the public.

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The closed section discussion focused on Framatome clarifications on the NRC staff audit report (ADAMS Package Accession No. ML23010A001) and RAI questions (ADAMS Package Accession No. ML23018A166). At the conclusion of the meeting, the NRC staff and Framatome representatives discussed next steps. Framatome plans to respond to the RAI questions issued in January 2023 and submit the AFM supplement in December 2023.

A list of the attendees is enclosed. This meeting summary can be found at ADAMS Accession No. ML23053A259 and other information discussed is available in ADAMS Package Accession No. ML23048A238.

Docket No. 99902041

Enclosures:

- 1. List of Attendees
- 2. Estimated Revised Schedule to Include the Review of the Supplement to ANP-10350P, Revision 0, Incorporating AFM

List of Attendees

Partially Closed Meeting between Framatome Inc. and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission for Topical Report ANP-10350P, Revision 0, Framatome Methodology for Boiling Water Reactors:

Evaluation and Validation of APOLLO2-A/ARTEMIS-B Topical Report February 21, 2023

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

NAME	ORGANIZATION		
Alan Meginnis	Framatome Inc. (Framatome)		
Kevin Quick	Framatome		
Paul Smith	Framatome		
Alexander Bennett	Framatome		
Jaron Senecal	Framatome		
Benjamin Parks	U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)		
Cindy Rosales-Cooper	NRC		
Daniel King	NRC		
Ashley Smith	NRC		
Ngola Otto	NRC		
Scott Krepel	NRC		
Carla Roque-Cruz	NRC		
Heidi	Interpreter for Scott Krepel		
Sarah Gibboney	X-energy		
Raymond Wang			

Estimated Revised Schedule to Include the Review of the Supplement to ANP-10350P, Revision 0, Incorporating Advance Fuel Management

February 21, 2023, Meeting for Topical Report ANP-10350P, Revision 0, Framatome Methodology for Boiling Water Reactors: Evaluation and Validation of APOLLO2-A/ARTEMIS-B

Current Schedule

Milestone	Current Planned/Completed Date	Status
Submittal	June 30, 2022	Completed
Acceptance	August 22, 2022	Completed
Audit	December 5-8, 2022	Completed
Issued RAIs – Set #1	January 26, 2023	Completed
Issue RAIs – Set #2	March 31, 2023	
Issue RAIs – Set #3	May 31, 2023	
Response to RAIs – Set #1	May 31, 2023	
Response to RAIs – Set #2	June 30, 2023	
Response to RAIs – Set #3	August 31, 2023	
Issue Draft SE	April 26, 2024	
ACRS Subcommittee Meeting	June 2024	
ACRS Full Committee Meeting	July 2024	
Issue Final SE	August 30, 2024	

Estimated Revised Schedule

Milestone	e Estimated Completion Date	
Planned Submittal of Supplement	December 2023	
Audit	April 2024	
Issue RAIs – Set #4	May 2024	
RAI Responses – Set #4	September 2024	
Issue Draft SE	December 2024	
ACRS Subcommittee Meeting	January 2025	
ACRS Full Committee Meeting	February 2025	
Issue Final SE	March 2025	

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