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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR THE LICENSE APPLICATION FOR FRAMATOME INC.'S SUBMITTAL TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM ENRICHMENTS AT THE RICHLAND, WASHINGTON FACILITY FROM 5.0 TO 6.5 WEIGHT PERCENT URANIUM-235 ENRICHMENTS (ENTERPRISE PROJECT IDENTIFIER NUMBER L-2025-LLA-0009)

Dear Timothy J. Tate:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has developed a request for additional information (RAIs) to support the review of the Framatome, Inc. safety and safeguards license application. The NRC staff received your submittal dated January 20, 2025 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System [ADAMS] Accession No. ML25020A006), as supplemented by emails dated April 15 and April 21, 2025, (ML25121A195), transmitting your request to increase the maximum enrichments at the Richland, Washington Facility from 5.0 to 6.5 weight percent Uranium-235 enrichments.

Our review of your license application has identified the need for additional RAIs to support the review. The additional information requested in the non-public enclosure to this letter should be provided within 30 days from July 30, 2025, the date the draft RAIs were emailed to you to confirm mutual understanding of issues.

Please let us know if you have an interest in holding a call to discuss the draft responses prior to formal submittal, consistent with NRC staff RAI process described in LIC-FM-3, "Requests for Additional Information Rev 0" section 2.10.1(b) (ML22208A272). Extending the formal responses beyond the 30 days, the need for supplements, or a second round of RAIs may result in an extension of the proposed review schedule beyond October 2025 (ML25076A470, non-public).

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If you have any questions regarding this communication, please contact me at 301-415-7134, or via email to [stephen.poy@nrc.gov](mailto:stephen.poy@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,



Signed by Poy, Stephen  
on 07/30/25

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