



**UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS  
WASHINGTON, DC 20555-0001**

**Reactor Safety Standards Subcommittee Meeting  
Framatome Topical Report, ANP-10358P, Rev. 0, "Increased Burnup for Pressurized  
Water Reactors"**

February 17, 2026, 1:00pm-5:00pm  
Two White Flint, ACRS Meeting Room T-2D10  
11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD  
Open/Closed to the Public

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**AGENDA**

Topic		Participants	Time (Eastern)
<b>Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup></b>			
1.	Opening Remarks by Chairman	Chairman Palmtag, ACRS	1:00 pm - 1:05 am
2.	Introductory Remarks	TBD, NRC	1:05 pm - 1:10 pm
3.	Framatome Opening Remarks	Nathan Hottle, Deputy Director, Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Framatome	1:10 pm – 1:15 pm
4	Framatome Open Presentation – Background for Increased Burnup, Building Blocks, Scope of the Topical Report	Nathan Hottle, Framatome	1:15-1:40pm
5	NRC Staff Open Presentation – Key Regulatory Requirements and Guidance, Methodology Overview	Joseph Messina, NRC	1:40-2:05pm

6	Public Comments	Members of the Public	2:05-2:15pm
7		<b>Closed Session</b>	
8	Framatome Closed Presentation - Extension of methods, ARCADIA, Fuel assembly growth, Changes to current methods, Internal fuel rod pressure criterion, Fuel dispersal, LOCA Chris Allison, Lisa Gerken, Nathan Hottle, Brian Friend, Michelle Guzzardo, Framatome	Chris Allison, Lisa Gerken, Nathan Hottle, Brian Friend, Michelle Guzzardo, Framatome	2:15-3:15pm
9	<b>Break</b>	<b>At Chairman's discretion</b>	3:15-3:30pm
10	Framatome Closed Presentation - Extension of methods, ARCADIA, Fuel assembly growth, Changes to current methods, Internal fuel rod pressure criterion, Fuel dispersal, LOCA	Joseph Messina, Richard Fu, Jack Vande Polder, NRC	3:30-4:15pm
11	Members Deliberations	ACRS Members	4:15pm–4:45pm
12	Closing Remarks by Chairman	Chairman, ACRS	4:45 pm - 5:00 pm

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