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Ms. Gayle Elliott, Director
Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
Framatome, Inc.
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Lynchburg, VA 24501

SUBJECT: WITHHOLDING PROPRIETARY INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE
- RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING
FRAMATOME EMF-93-177, REVISION 1, SUPPLEMENT 3P, REVISION 0,
"MECHANICAL DESIGN FOR BWR FUEL CHANNELS: ATRIUM BWR
ENHANCED ACCIDENT MODEL" TOPICAL REPORT (EPID L-2025-TOP-0018)

Dear Ms. Elliott:

By letter dated May 14, 2026, Framatome Inc. (Framatome) submitted an affidavit (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Package Accession No. ML26134A409 executed on May 14, 2026, by Morris Byram, to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) requesting that the information contained in the following document be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Section 2.390, "Public inspections, exemptions, requests for withholding:"

Framatome Response to Request for Additional Information – 11180 for Topical Report EMF-93-177, Revision 1, Supplement 3P, Revision 0, "Mechanical Design for Boiling Water Reactor (BWR) Fuel Channels: ATRIUM BWR Enhanced Accident Model"

The non-proprietary version of the document above can be found in ADAMS at Accession No. ML26134A412.

The affidavit stated that the submitted information should be considered exempt from mandatory public disclosure for the following reasons:

- a) The information reveals the distinguishing aspects of a process (or component, structure, tool, method, etc.) whose use by any of Framatome's competitors, without a license from Framatome, would constitute a competitive economic disadvantage to Framatome.
- b) The information consists of supporting data, including test data, relative to a process (or component, structure, tool, method, etc.), and the application of the data secures a competitive economic advantage.

- c) Use of the information by a competitor would reduce the competitor's expenditure of resources, or improve its competitive position, in the design, manufacture, shipment, installation, assurance of quality, or licensing of a similar product.

The NRC staff has reviewed the affidavit and the material in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.390 and based on the statements in the affidavit, it has determined that the submitted information sought to be withheld contains proprietary commercial information and should be withheld from public disclosure.

Therefore, the submitted information marked as proprietary will be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390(b)(5) and Section 103(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

If the basis for withholding this information from public inspection should change in the future such that the information could then be made available for public inspection, Framatome should promptly notify the NRC. Framatome also should understand that the NRC may have cause to review this determination in the future if, for example, the scope of a Freedom of Information Act request includes Framatome information. In all review situations, the NRC will follow applicable laws, regulations, and policies in conducting its review, including the NRC's policies on notifying the owner of information in advance of any public disclosure.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 301-415-6695 or via email at Ngola.Otto@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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Licensing Projects Branch
Division of Operating Reactor Licensing
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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