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**SUBJECT: FRAMATOME INC. – APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING
INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE
(ENTERPRISE PROJECT IDENTIFIER L-2019-PMP-0011)**

Dear Timothy Tate:

On June 5, 2026, Framatome submitted to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) a letter pertaining to Framatome's submittal of NRC Form 327, "Special Nuclear Material and Source Material Physical Inventory Report," (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System [ADAMS] Accession No. ML26156A206). The submittal includes a cover letter, an enclosure which contains an affidavit, and two completed NRC Form 327s which report results of Framatome's material balance accounting and Standard Error of Inventory Difference calculations. The letter and affidavit dated June 5, 2026, are both signed by Brett Bays. The two NRC Form 327s are also dated June 5, 2026, and were executed by Brett Bays.

In the cover letter and affidavit, Framatome requested that information contained in the letter be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) 2.390, "Public Inspections, Exemptions, Requests for Withholding."

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

This information contained in this report is commercial and confidential because it reveals specific information about the Framatome Richland manufacturing facility relative to its production throughput. All this information can be used by competitors to gain undue insight into Framatome's commercial relationships, probable cost structure, operations, and business.

We have reviewed your application and submittal in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.390 and, on the basis of your statements, have determined that the submitted information sought to be withheld contains proprietary commercial information. Therefore, the version of the submitted information marked as proprietary will be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390(b) and Section 103(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954,

as amended. Withholding from public inspection shall not affect the right, if any, of persons properly and directly concerned to inspect the documents.

If the basis for withholding the information from public disclosure should change in the future such that the information could then be made available for public inspection, you should promptly notify the NRC. You 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 your information. In all review situations, if the NRC makes a determination adverse to the above, you will be notified, in advance, of the date of public disclosure. In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390, a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) or from the Publicly Available Records component of the NRC's ADAMS. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. The PDR is open by appointment. To make an appointment to visit the PDR, please send an email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov or call 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. eastern time (ET), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 301-415-7135, or via email at stephen.poy@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

**STEPHEN
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