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SUBJECT: THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION STAFF'S REVISED
SCHEDULE FOR REVIEW OF FRAMATOME'S TOPICAL REPORT,
ANP-10300, REVISION 1, SUPPLEMENT 1P, REVISION 0, "AURORA-B:
ADDRESSING L&Cs 11, 12, AND 18" (EPID L-2025-TOP-0023)

Dear Ms. Elliott:

By letter dated June 16, 2025 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Package Accession No. ML25167A304), Framatome, Inc. (Framatome) submitted Topical Report (TR) ANP-10300, Revision 1, Supplement 1P, Revision 0, "AURORA-B: Addressing L&Cs [Limitations and Conditions] 11, 12, and 18," for U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's review and approval. By letter dated April 2, 2026 (ML26085A019), Request for Additional Information (RAI)-11176, Questions 1-3 were issued. Specifically, RAI-11176, Question 1 relates to L&C 11, Question 2 relates to L&C 18 and Question 3 relates to L&C 12. By letter dated April 23, 2026 (ML26103A107), the NRC staff issued a revised schedule and level of effort needed for the TR review because of delays in scheduling the second audit (ML26022A025) and to allocate time for Framatome to submit its new approach for L&C 12. The NRC staff discussed Framatome's new L&C 12 approach during the audit (ML26022A025) and public meetings (ML26133A202 and ML26162A088). The NRC staff consider Framatome's new approach to L&C 12 as supplemental information to support the TR review.

On June 19, 2026 (ML26170A007), Framatome submitted a partial response to RAI-11176. Specifically, the submittal responded to RAI-11176, Questions 1 and 2, regarding L&C 11 and 18, respectively. Framatome plans to submit its response to RAI-11176, Question 3, and new approach pertaining to L&C 12 by August 10, 2026. Due to Framatome's delay in its planned submitting the response to RAI-11176, Question 3, the NRC staff is revising the current review schedule for the ANP-10300, Revision 1, Supplement 1P, Revision 0, TR. The NRC staff's revised dates for draft and final safety evaluations are December 4, 2026, and February 5, 2027 respectively.

These updates assume adequate RAI responses and resolution of all technical issues regarding the NRC staff's review of the TR. The revised milestones were discussed with and agreed upon by Framatome's Alan Meginnis. The NRC staff will determine if additional hours are needed to complete its review after evaluating Framatome's planned August 10, 2026, submittal of supplemental information. The revised schedule is provided in the enclosure.

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

Sincerely,

/RA/

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Enclosure:
Revised Schedule

Revised Schedule

<u>Milestone</u>	<u>Initial Date</u>	<u>Revision 1 Date</u>	<u>Revision 2/ Actual Date</u>
Initial Submittal	June 16, 2025	-----	-----
Acceptance	August 19, 2025	-----	-----
Conduct Audit #1 (Virtual)	September 17-18, 2025	-----	-----
Conduct Audit #2 (In-person)	November 20, 2025	February 23-26, 2026	-----
Issue Requests for Additional Information (RAIs) to Framatome	December 22, 2025	April 2, 2026	-----
Response to RAIs (Partial)	February 5, 2026	May 29, 2026	June 19, 2026
Partial RAI Response	-----	-----	August 10, 2026
Issue Draft Safety Evaluation (SE)	April 17, 2026	September 7, 2026	December 4, 2026
Draft SE Proprietary Review by Framatome	May 7, 2026	September 28, 2026	January 5, 2027
Issue Final SE to Framatome	May 22, 2026	October 9, 2026	February 5, 2027
-A (Approved Version) Issued by Framatome	June 22, 2026	December 4, 2026	April 5, 2027
NRC Issued Verification	July 17, 2026	December 28, 2026	April 30, 2027

Enclosure

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