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Mr. T. A. Coleman, Vice President
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SUBJECT: SAFETY EVALUATION FOR TOPICAL REPORT BAW-10229P, "MARK-B11
FUEL ASSEMBLY DESIGN TOPICAL REPORT," SEPTEMBER 1997 (TAC NO.
M99904)

Dear Mr. Coleman:

The staff has reviewed the subject report submitted by Framatome Cogema Fuels (FCF) by letter of September 30, 1997, and additional information submitted by letter dated November 13, 1998, that was in response to our request for additional information. On the basis of our review, the staff has found the subject report to be acceptable for referencing in license applications to the extent specified, and under the limitations stated, in the enclosed safety evaluation (SE) and the technical evaluation report attached to the SE.

The staff will not repeat its review of the matters described in FCF Topical Report BAW-10229P and found acceptable when the report appears as a reference in license applications, except to ensure that the material presented applies to the specific plant involved. NRC acceptance applies only to the matters described in BAW-10229P.

In accordance with procedures established in NUREG-0390, the NRC requests that FCF publish accepted versions of the report including the safety evaluation, in proprietary and non-proprietary forms, within 3 months of receipt of this letter. The accepted versions shall incorporate this letter, and the enclosed evaluation between the title page, and the abstract, and an -A (designating accepted) following the report identification symbol. The accepted versions shall also incorporate all communications between FCF and the staff during this review.

Should our acceptance criteria or regulations change so that our conclusions as to the acceptability of the report are no longer valid, applicants referencing this topical report will be expected to revise and resubmit their respective documentation, or submit justification for the continued applicability of the topical report without revision of their respective documentation.

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This concludes NRC review activity for this report (TAC M99904). If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact me at (301) 415-1321, or by email at snb@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Project No. 693

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