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Subject: Methodology Revision (Revision 1) to Framatome Technologies' RELAP5-Based, Large Break LOCA Evaluation Model—BAW-10192P, Volume I for B&W-Designed, Once-Through Steam Generator Plants.

Gentlemen:

Framatome Technologies, Inc. (FTI) has revised its large break LOCA (LBLOCA) evaluation model (EM)—BAW-10192P-A, Volume I, Revision 0, June 1998. Fifteen sets of topical report change pages for the revised EM (BAW-10192P, Revision 1) are hereby submitted for NRC review and approval.

Current LBLOCA calculations are performed using RELAP5 (BAW-10164P, Revision 4, September 1999), REFLOD3B (BAW-10171P-A, Revision 3, December 1995), and BEACH (BAW-10166P-A, Revision 4, February 1996) computations. Two computer codes and three computational phases are required. RELAP5/MOD2-B&W predicts blowdown system thermal-hydraulic behavior. REFLOD3B (using RELAP5-provided, end-of-blowdown conditions) predicts refill/reflood system thermal-hydraulic behavior. BEACH predicts the refill/reflood clad temperature response; it models only the core region using a standalone hot channel. BEACH does not provide system predictions; it is a specialized core heat transfer option, driven by transient boundary conditions from the REFLOD3B code, of the RELAP5 computer code.

This EM revision streamlines and closely couples current LBLOCA calculation methods. It does so by eliminating REFLOD3B from the calculation. RELAP5—in a systems mode—is used to perform the entire prediction. During refill/reflood, BEACH heat transfer methods are applied, but the core and core channels are dynamically coupled to each other and to the reactor coolant system. The calculation is now a single-pass, dynamically coupled, systems prediction that uses only the RELAP5 computer code.

The revised EM does not require a change to the BEACH topical report, BAW-10166P-A, Revision 4, February 1996. However, a change to the RELAP5 topical report was necessary. The RELAP5 revision (BAW-10164P, Revision 5) will be submitted separately. The EM change is discussed and evaluated in Appendix B, an addendum to Volume I of BAW-10192. The removal of REFLOD3B is not associated with SBLOCA methods discussed in BAW-10192, Volume II.

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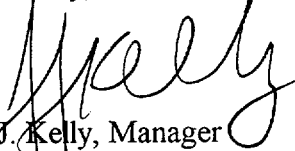
Note that a text change was made to the EM "Introduction" regarding its applicability to advanced cladding, specifically M5 cladding. This change was approved by the NRC in the SER (dated February 4, 2000) for the M5 topical report, BAW-10227.

FTI intends to apply this revised EM in future LBLOCA analyses. A completion date by the end of 2001 is requested.

The following attachment contains the EM revision pages to the LOCA topical report, BAW-10192. The material is considered proprietary to Framatome Technologies and is delineated in the text by brackets. We request that BAW-10192P, Revision 1 be withheld from public disclosure. Please find an affidavit supporting the Proprietary classification of BAW-10192P, Revision 1 attached.

If you require additional information, please contact me at 804/832-2964 or John Klingenfus at 804/832-3294.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

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AFFIDAVIT OF JOSEPH J. KELLY

- A. My name is Joseph J. Kelly. I am Manager of B&W Owners Group Services for Framatome Technologies, Inc. (FTI), and as such, I am authorized to execute this Affidavit.
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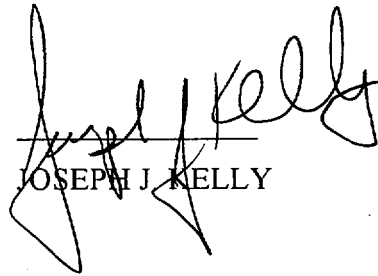
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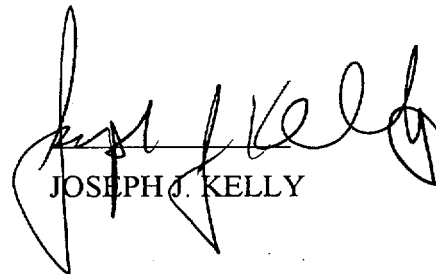

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Joseph J. Kelly, being duly sworn, on his oath deposes and says that he is the person who subscribed his name to the foregoing statement, and that the matters and facts set forth in the statement are true.


JOSEPH J. KELLY

Subscribed and sworn before me
this 31st day of July 2000.

Brenda C. Maddox
Notary Public in and for the City
of Lynchburg, State of Virginia.

My Commission Expires July 31, 2003
I was commissioned a notary public
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