

March 16, 2006

APPLICANT: Framatome ANP

PROJECT: EPR PRE-APPLICATION REVIEW

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF JANUARY 10, 2006, MEETING WITH FRAMATOME ANP
REGARDING EPR PRE-APPLICATION REVIEW TOPICS

On January 10, 2006, a public meeting was held between the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff and representatives of Framatome ANP (FANP). The purpose of this meeting was to discuss planning for Phase 2 of the pre-application review of the Evolutionary Power Reactor (EPR). A list of meeting attendees is included as Attachment 1. Attachment 2 contains handouts FANP provided at the meeting (ADAMS Accession Number ML060690019). A summary of the meeting is provided below.

FANP first presented a proposed meeting schedule for the remainder of 2006. The proposed meetings address items identified in earlier meetings, unique EPR design features, and long lead time items. Additional topics for discussion in 2007 were also identified, though target dates for those meetings have not yet been established. NRC staff feedback emphasized the need for each meeting to have a clear purpose and expected outcome.

FANP then described three topical report submittals it plans for 2006. Two of the planned submittals address aspects of the design basis thermal-hydraulic design, while the third addresses the EPR's severe accident performance. FANP plans to request NRC's review of each report be completed about a year after the submittal, but encouraged the NRC to identify different schedules if required by availability of resources.

The presentation then moved to FANP's proposal for additional submittals during the EPR pre-application review to facilitate early review, resolution, and approval of issues. The stated goal of this proposal is to provide a "head start" for portions of the NRC review of the design certification application, improve the efficiency of NRC review of that application, and to optimize NRC resource utilization.

FANP provided a list of criteria it used for the initial screening of early review candidate topics, and a preliminary schedule for submittals derived from these criteria. During a discussion of the candidate topics, NRC staff asked that FANP consider the risk and benefit of inclusion of a topic. The staff expressed concern that early review of some of the proposed topics would not provide a significant benefit to the eventual design certification review, and that there could be a risk that review effort completed in pre-application would have to be redone if there are design changes affecting that topic. In such an event, FANP's stated goals for early review would not be fulfilled.

After the meeting, FANP revised its list of proposed submittals, providing a revised set of proposed early review topics in a February 3, 2006, letter.

FANP discussed application of the Multinational Design Approval Program (MDAP) to the EPR review. The MDAP is an initiative approved by the Commission to leverage the expertise of the NRC's foreign counterparts in our reactor design reviews. In MDAP Stage 1, the NRC hopes to be able to take advantage of work done to review the EPR in Finland and France. Several topics were identified by FANP as potential topics for MDAP Stage 1, including probabilistic risk assessment, severe accident design features, engineered safety feature design, and fuel design.

Questions regarding this meeting can be directed to Joseph Williams at 301-415-1470, or at jfw1@nrc.gov.

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