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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Director, Division of Spent Fuel Management
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Amendment Request Due to Name change- AREVA Inc. to Framatome Inc.

Via a letter dated November 14, 2017, from Marc L. Dapas, Director Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards to Gary Peters, the NRC approved AREVA Inc.'s request for indirect transfer of control of the following licenses to Electricite de France (EDF):

SNM-1227, which authorizes the possession and use of special nuclear material (SNM) at the AREVA, Inc. site in Richland, Washington.

Export license nos. XSNM3551, XSNM3697, XSNM3747, XSOU8833, XW015, XCOM1304, XSNM3780, XSNM3781, XSNM3782, and Import license no. IW009 which authorize the import and export of licensed materials/components to and from facilities in the United State

Attached please find copies of SNM-1227 (non-proprietary version & security related versions) and the Fundamental Nuclear Materials Control Plan (FNMCP) (security-related version) are being submitted to the NRC for approval of the changes to these documents to reflect the new company name, Framatome Inc. No other changes to these documents are being made at this time with the exception that some minor changes had been previously made to the FNMC plan that did not require NRC preapproval.

A separate amendment application will be submitted relative to the import export licenses, Emergency Plan, Physical Protection Plan, and the Quality Assurance plan associated with transportation licenses.

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If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at 509-375-8550.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. J. Tate". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and a stylized "J" and "Tate" following.

T. J. Tate, Manager
Environmental, Health, Safety & Licensing

c: K. M. Ramsey, U.S. NRC
N. Pitoniak, NRC Region II

Attachments

1. Special Nuclear Material License No. SNM-1227.
2. Fundamental Nuclear Material Control Plan, E07-01-001

STATE OF WASHINGTON)
 : ss
COUNTY OF BENTON)

Timothy J. Tate, being duly sworn on oath, states as follows:

1. I am employed by Framatome Inc. (Framatome) as Manager, Environmental, Health, Safety and Licensing in Richland, Washington. I am responsible for the overall administration of the safety programs at Framatome's Richland, Washington nuclear fuel fabrication facility, including regulatory licensing and permitting. This affidavit is based on my first hand, personal knowledge and is submitted in my capacity as Manager, Environmental, Health, Safety and Licensing.

2. I am familiar with the contents of the "Fundamental Nuclear Material Control Plan", E07-01-001, which provides nuclear material control information for the AREVA Inc., Richland, Washington Fuel Fabrication Facility as required by 10 CFR § 74.31 and Special Nuclear Material License No. SNM-1227 Chapter 1, Page 1-5. This SNM License and Plan has been classified and designated as "Proprietary" by Framatome in accordance with the document control system and policies established by Framatome for the control and protection of proprietary and confidential information.

3. Framatome is engaged in the business of designing and manufacturing nuclear fuel assemblies for commercial nuclear reactors. Within the United States, there are two additional firms that design and manufacture nuclear fuel for commercial nuclear reactors and there are several other companies outside of the United States that engage in the same business as Framatome. Competition among these companies including Framatome is fierce and manufacturing costs of the nuclear fuel are critical to the maintenance of market share and to the growth of market share among utility customers.

4. The "Fundamental Nuclear Material Control Plan and SNM-1227 Chapter 1, Page 1-5" contains commercial information of a confidential nature that is not available in public sources or available to the public. 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 of this information can be used by competitors to gain undue insight into Framatome's commercial relationships, probable cost structure, operations and business.

5. Framatome Inc. will suffer considerable competitive harm if the contents of the license amendment package are made available to Framatome domestic and international competitors. Finally, this material cannot be reasonably segregated from other material which may not meet the criteria set forth in 10 CFR § 2.390.

Dated this 19th day of January, 2018.

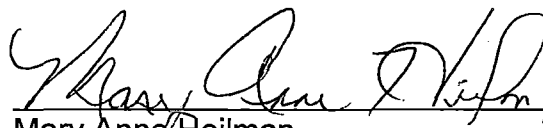


Timothy J. Tate
Manager, Environmental, Health, Safety and Licensing

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On this 19th day of January, 2018, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared Timothy J. Tate to me known to be the Manager, Environmental, Health, Safety, and Licensing of Framatome Inc., the corporation that executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the said instrument to be the free and voluntary act and deed of said corporation, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned, and on oath stated that he is authorized to execute the said instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal hereto affixed the day and year first
above written.



Mary Anne Heilman

Notary Public in and for the State of Washington,
residing at Benton, Washington.

My commission expires: June 6, 2020

