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Subject: Acceptance of Procedure for Updating Topical Report BAW-10179P-A

Dear Mr. Taylor:

The staff has reviewed the method for updating topical report BAW-10179P-A, "Safety Criteria and Methodology for Acceptable Cycle Reload Analyses," proposed in your letter of December 2, 1996 (JHT/96-84), and finds it acceptable. In future submittals of methodology topical reports, Framatome Cogema Fuels (FCF) will prepare a corresponding revision to BAW-10179P-A and include it with the submittal. The revision to BAW-10179P-A will contain an appendix which provides a brief summary of the methodology topical report and its range of applicability. When the NRC completes its review of the methodology topical report, it will issue a single Safety Evaluation Report (SER) approving both the methodology topical report and the revision to BAW-10179P-A. Accepted versions of both topical reports can then be prepared by FCF, thereby eliminating one round of FCF submittal and NRC approval. Any limitations on the use of the methodology will be included in the appendix that is submitted as the accepted revision of BAW-10179P-A.

Sincerely yours,

original signed by

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