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Mr. Timothy Tate, Manager  
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SUBJECT: LICENSE AMENDMENT 17 - TEMPORARY EXEMPTION FROM THE 2021  
BIENNIAL EVALUATED EMERGENCY PLAN EXERCISE REQUIRED BY  
10 CFR 70.22(i)(3)(XII) (ENTERPRISE PROJECT IDENTIFIER L-2021-EPR-  
0002)

Dear Mr. Tate:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has reviewed your letter dated September 1, 2021 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML21245A283), as supplemented by information dated September 17, 2021 (ADAMS Accession No. ML21265A179), requesting an exemption from certain requirements of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Paragraph 70.22(i)(3)(xii), "Exercises." In particular, Framatome Inc. requested a one-time exemption from the provisions of 10 CFR 70.22(i)(3)(xii), which requires a biennial evaluated emergency plan exercise.

The NRC staff reviewed your request and concludes that the postponement of the biennial emergency plan exercise is authorized by law and will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security. The NRC staff also concludes that granting the exemption is in the public interest. Accordingly, pursuant to 10 CFR 70.17, "Specific exemptions," the NRC hereby grants Framatome a temporary exemption, until June 30, 2022, from the requirements in 10 CFR 70.22(i)(3)(xii) pertaining to the timeframe for biennial exercises.

This license contains  
**SENSITIVE SECURITY-  
RELATED** Information. Upon  
removal of Enclosure 3, this  
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Materials License SNM-1227 is hereby amended to add a new License Condition as follows:

- S-8. The licensee is granted an exemption from performing the biennial emergency plan exercise listed in 10 CFR 70.22(i)(3)(xii) in calendar year 2021 but must complete said exercise on or before June 30, 2022. Following that evaluated exercise, the licensee will conduct biennial exercises in odd number years.

All other license conditions shall remain the same.

The review by the NRC staff is documented in the safety evaluation report, which is Enclosure 1 to this letter. Enclosure 2 to this letter provides the amended License's publicly available pages. Enclosure 3 to this letter provides the amended License's non-publicly available page.

This letter concludes action on this submittal, and Enterprise Project Identifier EPID L-2021-EPR-0002 is considered **CLOSED**.

In accordance with 10 CFR, Section 2.390, "Public inspections, exemptions, requests for withholding," of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this communication will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room, or from the NRC's ADAMS. The ADAMS database is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. The PDR is currently closed. You may submit your request to the PDR via e-mail at [PDR.Resource@nrc.gov](mailto:PDR.Resource@nrc.gov) or call 1-800-397-4209 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (EST), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

If you have any questions regarding these matters, please contact me or Mr. Richard Jervey by telephone at 301-415-6201, or via email to [richard.jervey@nrc.gov](mailto:richard.jervey@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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Fuel Facility Licensing Branch  
Division of Fuel Management  
Office of Nuclear Material Safety  
and Safeguards

Docket No. 70-1257  
License No. SNM-1227

Enclosures:

1. Safety Evaluation Report
2. Amendment 17 of SNM-1227 (Public)
3. Amendment 17 of SNM-1227 (Non-Public)

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