

Commission, ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, Washington, DC 20555. Copies also shall be sent to the Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, to the Assistant General Counsel for Materials Litigation and Enforcement at the same address, to the Regional Administrator, NRC Region II, Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center, Suite 23 T85, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, GA 30303-3415, and to Framatome ANP Lynchburg if the answer or hearing request is by a person other than the licensee. Because of possible disruptions in delivery of mail to United States Government offices, it is requested that answers and requests for hearing be transmitted to the Secretary of the Commission either by means of facsimile transmission to 301-415-1101 or by e-mail to hearingdocket@nrc.gov and also to the Office of the General Counsel either by means of facsimile transmission to 301-415-3725 or by e-mail to OGCMailCenter@nrc.gov. If a person other than the licensee requests a hearing, that person shall set forth with particularity the manner in which his interest is adversely affected by this Order and shall address the criteria set forth in 10 CFR 2.714(d).³

If a hearing is requested by the licensee or a person whose interest is adversely affected, the Commission will issue an Order designating the time and place of any hearing. If a hearing is held, the issue to be considered at such hearing shall be whether this Order should be sustained.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 2.202(c)(2)(i), the licensee may, in addition to demanding a hearing, at the time the answer is filed or sooner, move the presiding officer to set aside the immediate effectiveness of the Order on the ground that the Order, including the need for immediate effectiveness, is not based on adequate evidence but on mere suspicion, unfounded allegations, or error.

In the absence of any request for hearing, or written approval of an extension of time in which to request a hearing, the provisions specified in Section III above shall be final twenty (20) days from the date of this Order without further order or proceedings. If an extension of time for requesting a hearing has been approved, the provisions specified in Section III shall

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be final when the extension expires if a hearing request has not been received. An answer or a request for hearing *shall not stay* the immediate effectiveness of this order.

Dated this 6th day of February, 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission:

Martin J. Virgilio,

Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 70-1257; License No. SNM-1227]

In the Matter of Framatome Advanced Nuclear Power, Inc., Richland, Washington; Order Modifying License (Effective Immediately)

I

Framatome Advanced Nuclear Power, Inc. (Framatome ANP) Richland is the holder of Special Nuclear Material License No. SNM 1227 issued by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory (NRC or Commission) pursuant to 10 CFR part 70. Framatome ANP Richland is authorized by their license to receive, possess, and transfer special nuclear material in accordance with the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and 10 CFR part 70. The Framatome ANP Richland license, originally issued on December 14, 1970, was last renewed on November 15, 1996, and is due to expire on November 30, 2006.

II

On September 11, 2001, terrorists simultaneously attacked targets in New York, NY, and Washington, DC, utilizing large commercial aircraft as weapons. In response to the attacks and intelligence information subsequently obtained, the Commission issued a number of Safeguards and Threat Advisories to its licensees in order to strengthen licensees' capabilities and readiness to respond to a potential attack on a nuclear facility. The Commission has also communicated with other Federal, State and local government agencies and industry representatives to discuss and evaluate the current threat environment in order to assess the adequacy of security measures at licensed facilities. In addition, the Commission has been conducting a comprehensive review of its safeguards and security programs and requirements.

As a result of its consideration of current safeguards and security plan

requirements, as well as a review of information provided by the intelligence community, the Commission has determined that certain compensatory measures are required to be implemented by Framatome ANP Richland as prudent, interim measures to address the current threat environment. Therefore, the Commission is imposing interim requirements, set forth in Attachment 1¹ of this Order, which supplement existing regulatory requirements, to provide the Commission with reasonable assurance that the public health and safety and common defense and security continue to be adequately protected in the current threat environment. These requirements will remain in effect until the Commission determines otherwise.

The Commission recognizes that some of the requirements set forth in Attachment 1² to this Order may already have been initiated by Framatome ANP Richland in response to previously-issued advisories, or on its own. It is also recognized that some measures may need to be tailored to specifically accommodate the specific circumstances and characteristics existing at Framatome ANP Richland's facility to achieve the intended objectives and avoid any unforeseen effect on safe operation.

Although Framatome ANP Richland's response to the Safeguards and Threat Advisories has been adequate to provide reasonable assurance of adequate protection of public health and safety, in light of the current threat environment, the Commission concludes that the security measures must be embodied in an Order, consistent with the established regulatory framework. In order to provide assurance that Framatome ANP Richland is implementing prudent measures to achieve an adequate level of protection to address the current threat environment, Materials License SNM-1227 shall be modified to include the requirements identified in Attachment 1 to this Order. In addition, pursuant to 10 CFR 2.202 and 70.81, I find that, in the circumstances described above, the public health, safety and interest and the common defense and security require that this Order be immediately effective.

¹ Attachment 1 contains safeguards information and will not be released to the public.

² To the extent that specific measures identified in Attachment 1 to this Order require actions pertaining to Framatome ANP Richland's possession and use of chemicals, such actions are being directed on the basis of the potential impact of such chemicals on radioactive materials and activities subject to NRC regulation.

III

Accordingly, pursuant to sections 53, 63, 81, 161b, 161i, 161o, 182 and 186 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 2.202 and 10 CFR part 70, *it is hereby ordered*, effective immediately, that Material License SNM-1227 is modified as follows:

A. Framatome ANP Richland shall, notwithstanding the provisions of any Commission regulation to the contrary, comply with the requirements described in Attachment 1 to this Order. Framatome ANP Richland shall immediately start implementation of the requirements in Attachment 1 to the Order and shall complete implementation, unless otherwise specified in Attachment 1 to this order, no later than August 15, 2003.

B. 1. Framatome ANP Richland shall, within 20 days of the date of this Order, notify the Commission, (1) if it is unable to comply with any of the requirements described in Attachment 1, (2) if compliance with any of the requirements is unnecessary in its specific circumstances, or (3) if implementation of any of the requirements would cause Framatome ANP Richland to be in violation of the provisions of any Commission regulation or its license. The notification shall provide Framatome ANP Richland's justification for seeking relief from or variation of any specific requirement.

2. If Framatome ANP Richland considers that implementation of any of the requirements described in Attachment 1 to this Order would adversely impact safe operation of its facility, Framatome ANP Richland must notify the Commission, within 20 days of this Order, of the adverse safety impact, the basis for its determination that the requirement has an adverse safety impact, and either a proposal for achieving the same objectives specified in the Attachment 1 requirement in question, or a schedule for modifying the facilities to address the adverse safety condition. If neither approach is appropriate, Framatome ANP Richland must supplement its response to Condition B1 of this Order to identify the condition as a requirement with which it cannot comply, with attendant justifications as required in Condition B1.

C. 1. Framatome ANP Richland shall, within 20 days of the date of this Order, submit to the Commission, a schedule for achieving compliance with each requirement described in Attachment 1.

2. Framatome ANP Richland shall report to the Commission when it has

achieved full compliance with the requirements described in Attachment 1.

D. Notwithstanding any provision of the Commission's regulations to the contrary, all measures implemented or actions taken in response to this Order shall be maintained until the Commission determines otherwise.

Framatome ANP Richland's responses to Conditions B.1, B.2, C.1, and C.2, above shall be submitted in accordance with 10 CFR 70.5. In addition, Framatome ANP Richland's submittals that contain safeguards information shall be properly marked and handled in accordance with 10 CFR 73.21.

The Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, may, in writing, relax or rescind any of the above conditions upon demonstration by Framatome ANP Richland of good cause.

IV

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.202, the licensee must, and any other person adversely affected by this Order may, submit an answer to this Order, and may request a hearing on this Order, within 20 days of the date of this Order. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the time to request a hearing. A request for extension of time in which to submit an answer or request a hearing must be made in writing to the Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, and include a statement of good cause for the extension. The answer may consent to this Order. Unless the answer consents to this Order, the answer shall, in writing and under oath or affirmation, specifically set forth the matters of fact and law on which the licensee or other person adversely affected relies and the reasons as to why the Order should not have been issued. Any answer or request for a hearing shall be submitted to the Secretary, Office of the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, Washington, DC 20555. Copies also shall be sent to the Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, and the Director, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, to the Assistant General Counsel for Materials Litigation and Enforcement, at the same address, to the Regional Administrator, NRC Region IV, 611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 400, Arlington, TX 76011-8064, and to Framatome ANP Richland if the answer or hearing request is by a person other

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Dated this 6th day of February, 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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