
Framatome becomes main distributor of Chesterton valve packing and seals for the nuclear energy industry

Framatome recently signed a teaming agreement with AW Chesterton to become the exclusive distributor of its valve packing and mechanical seals to the majority of North America's nuclear energy fleet. This agreement expands Framatome's valve and actuator machinery solutions, as well as its fluid sealing product lines, further solidifying the company's Nuclear Parts Center (NPC) as a one-stop shop for nuclear power plant needs.

Nuclear energy facilities require several types of rotating machinery to generate electricity. These plants also rely on hundreds of valves to keep nearly every aspect of operations running. Valve packing secures the integrity of these components, allowing contents to flow.

"Framatome is recognized for delivering innovative, cost-effective and reliable solutions to our customers," said Craig Ranson, senior vice president of the Installed Base Business Unit at Framatome in North America. "We look forward to modernizing and supporting the continued operation of nuclear power plants with Chesterton's high-quality products."

Prior to use, all Chesterton valve packing and mechanical seals will be stored at Framatome's NPC in Lynchburg, Virginia. Open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, the NPC supplies ready-to-ship inventory and technical support, and has an online inquiry system, allowing customers to purchase items at their convenience.

This agreement continues Framatome and Chesterton's long-standing relationship to support North American nuclear energy facilities. The initial term of the teaming agreement is three years.

Framatome, previously known as New NP (former subsidiary of AREVA NP), is a major international player in the nuclear energy market focused on designing, building, maintaining and advancing the global nuclear fleet. In North America, Framatome Inc. combines U.S. and Canadian leadership to deliver innovative solutions and value-added technologies to support the operation of the commercial nuclear fleet and prepare for the next generation of nuclear power plants. Leveraging the expertise of its 2,300 North American employees, Framatome Inc. is helping its customers improve the safety and performance of their nuclear plants and achieve their economic and societal goals.

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