

Framatome earns high safety marks from US Nuclear Regulatory Commission

April 2, 2020 – Framatome’s fuel manufacturing facility in Richland, Washington, received a positive report from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) following its recent biennial license performance review (LPR). The NRC concluded that no program areas require improvement – an accomplishment the site has achieved for seven consecutive reviews.

“We hold our manufacturing facilities around the world to the highest standards of excellence for safety, quality, performance and delivery,” said Lionel Gaiffe, senior executive vice president, Framatome Fuel Business Unit. “This outstanding report by the NRC is recognition of our commitment to continuous improvement.”

The NRC review takes place every two years, and examines four major categories for fuel manufacturing: Safety Operations, Radiological Controls, Facility Support and Other Areas. This latest review confirmed that the Richland facility continues to conduct activities safely and securely, while protecting public health and the environment during the 2018-19 review period.

“Our workforce manufactures the most advanced nuclear fuel designs with an uncompromising focus on safety and operational excellence,” said Ron Land, Richland site manager at Framatome. “This review confirms our commitment to our customers and our community.”

In 2019, Framatome’s Richland facility celebrated its 50th anniversary. After receiving the industry’s first 40-year nuclear fuel fabrication license renewal from the NRC in 2009, Framatome’s Richland facility is licensed to operate to 2049.

About Framatome

Framatome is an international leader in nuclear energy recognized for its innovative solutions and value added technologies for the global nuclear fleet. With worldwide expertise and a proven track record for reliability and performance, the company designs, services and installs components, fuel, and instrumentation and control systems for nuclear power plants. Its more than 14,000 employees work every day to help Framatome’s customers supply ever cleaner, safer and more economical low-carbon energy. Visit us at: www.framatome.com, and follow us on Twitter: [@Framatome](https://twitter.com/Framatome) and LinkedIn: [Framatome](https://www.linkedin.com/company/framatome). Framatome is owned by the EDF Group (75.5%), Mitsubishi Heavy Industries (MHI – 19.5%) and Assystem (5%).

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