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VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2
CONFERENCE CALL DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. In event of the need to close equipment hatch, what do procedures call for?
 - a. will equipment hatch opening be fully closed?
 - b. how long will it take for the equipment hatch door to effectively block opening?
 - c. how long will it take to complete required bolting of hatch?
 - d. where will equipment hatch be located while containment is open?
 - e. what equipment, electrical power, etc., is needed to close hatch?
 - f. what other duties will the hatch closing crew have during fuel handling?
2. Will the actual equipment hatch be the only means of closing the containment hatch opening? Are there situations that will call for a different means of closing? Is there a back-up means of closing containment if the primary method fails?
3. Has the purge exhaust system been operated with equipment hatch open in the past, and what is the experience with this?
4. Could the following statement from page E1-4, paragraph 3, be more clearly discussed: "The equipment hatch will be capable of being cleared of obstructions so that closure can be achieved as soon as possible ... " ? Of specific interest are the phrases "capable of being cleared of obstruction" and "as soon as possible."

Is there a need for allowing obstructions to the equipment hatch opening during movement of fuel and core alterations? Are considerations being made to limit the need for obstructions during this period?

What types of obstructions to the equipment hatch opening are anticipated? Will heavy equipment be required to move anticipated obstructions?
5. What manner of training will the hatch closing crew receive? Who will direct closing the hatch, and what manner of training will he or she receive?
6. What steps have been taken to ensure compliance with General Design Criterion 64 (Monitoring Radioactivity Releases)?

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