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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 8, 2001, WITH
CE NUCLEAR POWER TO DISCUSS CENPD-404-P, REV. 0 -
"IMPLEMENTATION OF ZIRLO™ CLADDING MATERIAL IN
CE NUCLEAR POWER FUEL ASSEMBLY DESIGNS"

On February 8, 2001, the staff held a public meeting, portions of which were proprietary and therefore closed to the public, with CE Nuclear Power, LLC (CENP) at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) headquarters in Rockville, Maryland. The purpose of this meeting was for CENP to provide an overview of CENPD-404-P, Rev. 0. The topical report provides the technical basis for using ZIRLO™ cladding in CE designed fuel. Attachment 1 lists the meeting participants. The non-proprietary version of the slides are available in ADAMS under the accession number ML010430232.

CENP commenced the meeting by discussing the impact on performance caused by changing the fuel rod cladding material from ZR-4 to ZIRLO™. The performance areas included in the report are thermal, mechanical, loss of coolant accident (LOCA) and non-LOCA. CENP stated that the effect on performance is small. CENP briefed the staff in detail regarding the performance areas. CENP addressed the ZIRLO™ cladding operating experience. The staff commented on the insufficient level of detail regarding the cause of the fuel failures at Fort Calhoun and indicated they will need additional information.

After discussing the technical issues, CENP talked about the process for changing the cladding material to ZIRLO™. Changing the cladding material to ZIRLO™ affects over 50 NRC approved topical reports covering CENP methodologies. CENP decided that it would not be cost effective to revise all these topical reports to include ZIRLO™. Instead a single topical report, CENPD-404-P was written to discuss implementing ZIRLO™. A "roadmap" was developed by CENP showing the linkage between topical reports with a list cross referencing the engineering discipline and the methodology used. The staff stated that they found the roadmap very useful.

The staff closed the meeting by stating they would focus their review on the sensitivity of the analytical results using ZIRLO™ material properties to those using Ziracloy material properties. In addition, the staff will need to have a clear understanding of the behavior of oxidized ZIRLO™ material during design basis events.

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