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Docket Nos. 50-338 and 50-339

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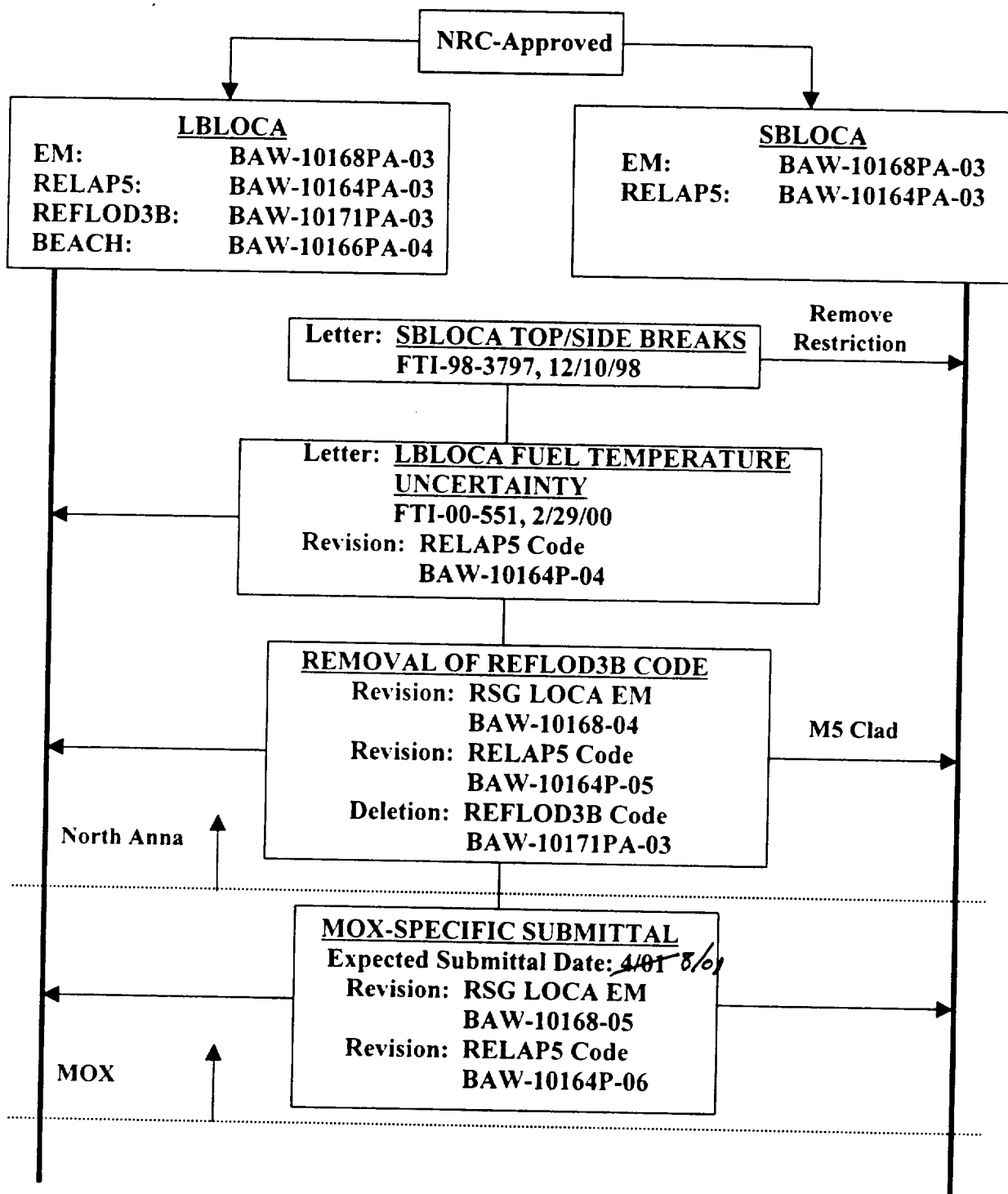
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2001

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ENCLOSURE 1

TOPICAL REPORT/LETTER REPORT PERSPECTIVE



*North Anna Fuel Transition Program
Review Status Meeting
NRC-One White Flint
April 25, 2001*

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Enclosure 3

Meeting Objectives
Presentation Topics

G. L. Darden - Dominion

➤ *Dominion*

- G. L. Darden-Program Manager/Nuclear Safety Analysis
- R. S. Margolis-Asst. Program Mgr/Nuclear Safety Analysis
- E. T. Shaub-Nuclear Licensing

➤ *Framatome ANP*

- J. R. Biller-LOCA Analysis
- B. M. Dunn-LOCA Analysis
- C. K. Nithianandan-LOCA Analysis
- D. A. Gottuso-Project Manager
- B. V. Haibach-Project Engineer
- J. Mallay-Director-Regulatory Affairs

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- *Discuss North Anna Fuel Transition Program Review Needs*
 - *Discuss Issues Concerning LOCA EM Review Status and Plans*
 - *Provide Status of Dominion Topical Report Changes*
 - *Agree on Action Plan for Successful Transition Licensing*

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- *Status of Transition Program Activities*
 - *LOCA Evaluation Model Review Issues & Status*
 - *Dominion Topical Revision Status*
 - *Transition Program Schedule and Review Milestones*
 - *Licensing Review Action Plan*
 - *Questions/Action Items*
 - *Optional LOCA Evaluation Model Technical Discussion*

Status of Transition Program Activities

G. L. Darden - Dominion

➤ *Engineering Design & Analysis*

- Design Input Preparation
 - Dominion supplied numerous items from existing analyses
 - Involved obtaining certain key data from current fuel vendor
- Detailed engineering analysis underway
 - Fuel mechanical/thermal analysis
 - Fuel thermal/hydraulics & mixed core analysis
 - LOCA analysis model qualification
 - Fuel Assembly mechanical design
 - Scoping analyses for NSSS events
- Activities on schedule for Dec 2001- supports Mar 2002 LAR

➤ *Transition Program Licensing Activities*

- SER for revisions (RELAP5 Rev. 4 & 2/29/00 EM letter) to existing LBLOCA methods expected soon
- Topical revisions for 'Standalone' RELAP5 LOCA model
 - Submitted Jul 2000
 - Current meeting intended to kick off review
 - 'Standalone' model is being employed for NAPS analysis
- Dominion revisions underway for 2 topical reports
 - Relaxed Power Distribution Control
 - Reload Methods (submit in 2001)
- Dominion submits License Amendment Request - Mar 2002

LOCA Evaluation Model Review Issues & Status

J. R. Biller – Framatome ANP

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- *LOCA EM Review Issues and Status*
 - North Anna LOCA Licensing Needs
 - Status of Submittals Under Active NRC Review
 - SBLOCA Submittal--Top/Side Breaks
 - LBLOCA Submittal--Fuel Temperature Uncertainty (RELAP5 Rev. 4 & 2/29/00 EM letter)
 - 'Standalone' RELAP5 Submittal Ready for Active NRC Review
 - Major 'Standalone' RELAP5 LBLOCA EM Changes
 - Prosecution of 'Standalone' RELAP5 EM Licensing Review



*North Anna LOCA
Licensing Needs*



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- *LBLOCA: Fuel Temperature Uncertainty*
 - Intend to Use Multiple Hot Channel Heat Structures
 - Intend to Use Reduced Fuel Temperature Uncertainties (Exclusive of Hot Pin)

 - *LBLOCA: 'Standalone' RELAP5 LBLOCA EM*
 - Intend to Use This Methodology for NAPS transition
 - Requested Licensing Review Completion is Dec 2001



*Status of Submittals Under
Active NRC Review*



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- *SBLOCA Submittal--Top/Side Breaks*
 - Response Letter Under NRC Review
 - Expected Issue Date ?

 - *LBLOCA Submittal--Fuel Temperature Uncertainty*
 - SER Under NRC Review
 - Staff Need to Address 'Standalone' RELAP5 Submittal in this SER ?
 - Expected Issue Date ?



*Submittal Ready for Active
NRC Review*



➤ *'Standalone' RELAP5 Licensing Submittal*

- Entire LBLOCA Calculation Done by RELAP5
- RELAP5: BAW-10164P, Revision 5, July 2000
- RSG EM: BAW-10168P, Revision 4, July 2000
- OTSG EM: BAW-10192P, Revision 1, July 2000
 - No Current Licensing Need for OTSG EM



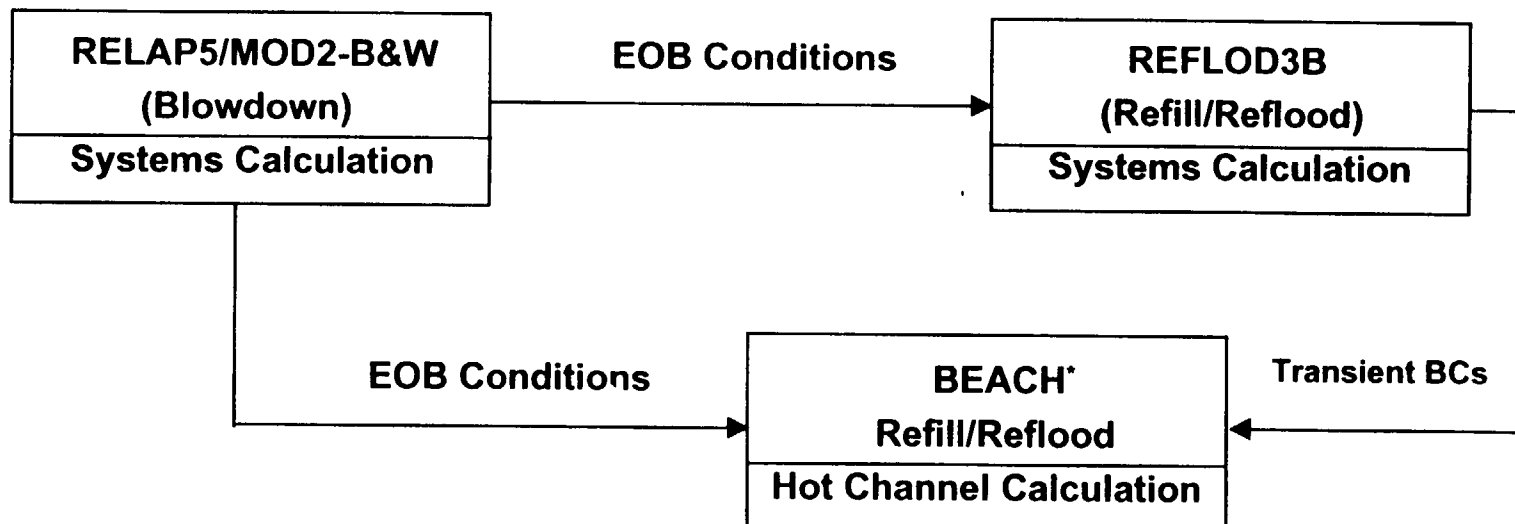
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*Submittal Ready for Active NRC
Review--Background*



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➤ *Current NRC-Approved LBLOCA Code Package*



▪ **'Standalone' RELAP5 Removes REFLOD3B Code**

*BEACH Is a Set of Subroutines within RELAP5



Major 'Standalone' RELAP5 LBLOCA EM Changes



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- *REFLOD3B Replaced by RELAP5--Previous Slide*
 - *Major Areas of Change to EM / RELAP5*
 - Refined Noding--Loops, DC, LP/LH, Core, SG Inlet
 - Option to Wilson Bubble Rise Model--DC, LP/LH
 - Dissolution of Nitrogen Modeled
 - Broken Loop ECC Mechanistically Modeled
 - Core Nodes Dynamically Coupled
 - Average Radial Peaking within Hot Bundle
 - CCFL Correlation at Core Exit Junctions
 - Distributed Rupture Zone
 - *Benchmark-Based*
 - UPTF, SCTF, and REBEKA-6



Dominion

*Major 'Standalone' RELAP5
LBLOCA EM Changes, Cont'd*



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- *Framatome Discussed Technical Aspects of Revisions
in Detail at October 2000 Meeting with Staff*
 - If Staff Desires, Framatome Prepared to Further Discuss
Today



Dominion

Prosecution of 'Standalone'
RELAP5 EM Licensing Review



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- *At NRC's, Request List of Major Areas of Change to EM / RELAP5 Recently Provided*
 - Identified Major Technical Components, e.g. a Heat Transfer Revision
 - Help Staff Determine Review Expertise Required
 - Help Staff Estimate Review Schedule
 - Need Request Asking for Review of 'Standalone' RELAP5 ?
 - *Communications*
 - Suggest Written w/Established Distribution List as Means of Keeping All Informed with a Consistent Set of Information
 - Technical Requests Would Be Expected As Written RAIs
 - Framatome Will Take Responsibility to Prepare/Distribute Telecom Minutes
 - Periodic Meetings--Seem Helpful to Maintain Focus



Dominion

Prosecution of 'Standalone'

RELAP5 EM Licensing Review,



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Cont'd

- *Have Initial Resources and Schedule Been Set ?*
- *Expected Start Date of Technical Review ?*
- *Proposed Date to Issue RAls ?*
 - Requested Response Period Span ?
- *Anticipated SER Issue Date ?*
- *Any Anticipated Specific Problem Areas / Issues ?*
 - Anything Framatome ANP, Dominion, and/or Staff Can Do to Mitigate

Dominion Topical Reports Revision Status

G. L. Darden - Dominion

➤ *Overview of Proposed Changes*

- Accommodate use of Dominion methodology for evolutionary fuel feature changes; FRA-ANP is current example; other changes could occur in future
- Changes address generic methodology items impacted by use of FRA-ANP fuel; reload calculations will confirm that FRA-ANP fuel meets limits
- Changes to VEP-NE-1-A, “Relaxed Power Distribution Control Methodology,” to be made via Dominion’s Generic Letter 83-11 program per 3/8/01 NRC Staff letter
- Changes to VEP-FRD-42A, Rev. 1, “Reload Nuclear Design Methodology” to be submitted for Staff review & approval
 - changes caused by fuel design differences
 - changes due to adoption of approved FRA-ANP fuel analysis requirements
 - reflect Dominion codes employed as discussed in prior supplements to VEP-FRD-42A

➤ *Accommodating Fuel Design Features*

- Nuclear Core Design Items
 - key design features are essentially the same
 - minor design differences can be modeled
 - Dominion has previously demonstrated this capability
 - modeling & prediction of evolutionary W fuel changes
 - power distribution predictions for Framatome LTAs in North Anna Unit 1 (comparison to flux map data)
- Safety Analysis Items
 - fuel is a functional equivalent to W fuel
 - minor differences will be incorporated into models

➤ *Accommodating Fuel Analysis Features*

- Nuclear Core Design Items
 - no other inherent fuel differences result in the need for a new type of analysis or analysis approach
- Safety Analysis Items
 - such differences (if any) will be captured by defining key safety analysis parameters applicable to Framatome fuel
 - approved DNB correlations will be used
 - approved Statistical DNB methodologies will be used
 - confirm transient analysis key parameters with additions as required for Framatome fuel
 - confirm that parameter values are 'well-behaved' to allow use of Dominion bounding parameter value analysis approach

➤ *Status of Effort*

- NRC Staff issued letter reflecting review of acceptability for topicals affected by fuel transition (3/8/01)
- Dominion is revising Relaxed Power Distribution Methodology topical report VEP-NE-1-A under Generic Letter 83-11 program
- Dominion is drafting changes to VEP-FRD-42
- Submittal of VEP-FRD-42 Rev. 2 expected Aug 2001

Transition Program Schedule and Review Milestones

G. L. Darden - Dominion



Key Licensing Review Milestones



➤ *License Amendment Request for North Anna Transition*

- Dominion Submits LAR – Mar 2002
- Target Date for first RAI – Jun 2002
- Target Date for last RAI – Oct 2002
- Prepare Draft SER for LAR - Dec 2002
- NRC issues SER for LAR – Jan 2003
- Delivery of First FRA-ANP Reload Batch - Feb 2003

➤ *Dominion Reload Methodology Topical Report*

- Revision to report VEP-FRD-42 to accommodate use of methodology for Framatome fuel
- Dominion submits revised reload methods topical – Aug 2001
- Target for first RAI – Dec 2001
- Target for last RAI – Apr 2002
- Target to issue SER for reload topical – Aug 2002

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- *LOCA Evaluation Models for North Anna Effort*
 - NRC approval of FRA-ANP Fuel Temperature Uncertainty - Apr 2001
 - Target for written RAI _____ (from earlier 'Standalone' discussion)
 - NRC approval of FRA-ANP 'Standalone' RELAP5 LBLOCA EM revisions – Dec 2001

Licensing Review Action Plan

G. L. Darden - Dominion

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- *Licensing Review Priority*
 - Key Objective is licensing of first core for Feb 2003 delivery
 - Focus must be maintained in support of this goal
 - *Communications*
 - Propose conducting on a periodic schedule:
 - Teleconferences (biweekly)
 - Meetings (every 6 weeks)
 - Written (as needed)
 - *Requests for Additional Information*
 - Establish target date for NRC Staff to issue RAIs
 - Dominion proposes that RAIs be written
 - Dominion/Framatome committed to prompt response
 - *Staff Actions*
 - *Dominion/Framatome Actions*

Summary
Questions
Action Items

G. L. Darden - Dominion