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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Document Control Desk
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Sir or Madam:

**SUBJECT: THREE MILE ISLAND, UNIT 1 (TMI UNIT 1)
OPERATING LICENSE No. DPR-50
DOCKET No. 50-289
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION – REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION TO
10 CFR 50.44; 10 CFR 50, APPENDIX A, GENERAL DESIGN CRITERIA 41;
AND 10 CFR 50, APPENDIX E, SECTION VI; AND LICENSE AMENDMENT
REQUEST NO. 292 PERTAINING TO THE HYDROGEN CONTROL
SYSTEMS**

The purpose of this letter is to submit additional information regarding the exemption request and license change associated with AmerGen License Amendment Request No. 292. As requested verbally by the NRC on July 13, 2001, Enclosure 1 provides the AmerGen Calculation No. C-1101-202-E620-427, which calculates the weight of zirconium in the TMI Unit 1 core for determining hydrogen generation by metal-water reaction.

If any additional information is needed, please contact Bob Knight at (717) 948-8554.

Very truly yours,



Mark E. Warner
Vice President, TMI Unit 1

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Enclosure: 1) AmerGen Calculation No. C-1101-01-202-E620-427, "Weight Of Zirconium In TMI-1 Core For Determining Hydrogen Generation By Metal-Water Reaction," Revision 0

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA)

) SS:

COUNTY OF DAUPHIN)

This additional information is submitted in support of Licensee's request to change the Technical Specifications for Three Mile Island, Unit 1 (TMI Unit 1). All statements contained in this submittal have been reviewed, and all such statements made and matters set forth therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

AmerGen Energy Company, LLC

By: *Greg Gellach* *Sanford Warner*
Vice President, TMI Unit 1

Sworn and Subscribed to before me

this 2nd day of August 2001.

Suzanne C. Mikoska
Notary Public

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Suzanne C. Mikoska, Notary Public
Londonderry Twp., Dauphin County
My Commission Expires Nov. 22, 2003
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ENCLOSURE 1

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PERTAINING TO THE HYDROGEN CONTROL SYSTEMS**

**AMERGEN CALCULATION NO. C-1101-01-202-E620-427, "WEIGHT OF ZIRCONIUM IN
TMI-1 CORE FOR DETERMINING HYDROGEN GENERATION BY METAL-WATER
REACTION," REVISION 0**

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CALCULATION COVER SHEET

(Ref. EP-006T)

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1. Is this calculation within the scope of the Operational Quality Assurance Plan? (If YES, a verification is required.) Yes No
2. Does this calculation contain assumptions / design inputs that require confirmation? (If YES, provide CAP or appropriate configuration control number(s)) (e.g., ECD, PFU, MD, PCR, etc.) Yes No
3. Does this calculation require revision to any existing documents? (If yes, provide CAP or appropriate configuration control number(s)) Yes No
4. Is this calculation performed as a design basis calculation? (If YES, identify design basis parameters.) (See Section 3.3) Yes No

Parameter: _____

Referenced Calculations, Safety Evaluations and Technical Reports (See Section 4.2.3.5)	Rev. No.

Comments:

APPROVALS

Originator	R. Jaffa	<i>Robert Jaffa</i>	Date	7-9-01
Verification Engineer/Reviewer	M. Mahgerefteh	<i>M. Mahgerefteh</i>	Date	7/9/01
Section Manager	R. Tropasso	<i>R. Tropasso</i>	Date	7/10/01
Other Verification Engineer/Reviewer			Date	
Other Verification Engineer/Reviewer			Date	

AmerGen**CALCULATION SHEET**
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1.0 PROBLEM STATEMENT

The weight of zirconium in the TMI-1 core is determined for the current operating cycle (Cycle 13) and for future cycles containing a full core of the Mark-B12 fuel design with M5 cladding. Only the zirconium in cladding surrounding the active fuel region is considered, since the purpose of the zirconium weight is a reference for determining the amount of hydrogen generated due to the zirconium metal-water reaction. The maximum amount of hydrogen generated for these core configurations is also determined and compared to the value contained in TMI-1 UFSAR Section 6.5.3.2.a.

2.0 SUMMARY OF RESULTS

As of Cycle 13, a bounding value for the weight of zirconium in the TMI-1 core is 41,200 lbs. This weight is based only on the volume of cladding surrounding the active fuel region. Other sources of zirconium in the core (e.g., cladding surrounding the fuel rod plenum, fuel rod end caps, guide tubes and spacer grids) are not included.

The introduction of the Mark-B12 fuel design with M5 cladding into Cycle 14 will reduce the weight of zirconium in the core due to a thinner clad thickness. A bounding value for the weight of zirconium in the TMI-1 core for a full core of Mk-B12 fuel is 39,400 lbs.

The maximum amount of hydrogen generated for the two core configurations examined is 17,500 scf which is bounded by the value of 20,000 scf contained in TMI-1 UFSAR Section 6.5.3.2.a.

3.0 REFERENCES

- 3.1 Framatome Doc. 51-1269121-02, "Fuel Design Licensing Report - TMI-1 Cycle 13," June 17, 1999.
- 3.2 Framatome Doc. BAW-2388, "Three Mile Island Unit 1 Cycle 14 Reload Report," June 2001.
- 3.3 USNRC Regulatory Guide 1.7, Rev. 2, "Control of Combustible Gas Concentrations in Containment Following a Loss-of-Colant Accident," November 1978.
- 3.4 USNRC Standard Review Plan 6.2.5, Rev. 2, "Combustible Gas Control in Containment," July 1981.
- 3.5 Metals Handbook, Tenth Edition, Volume 2, Properties and Selection: Nonferrous Alloys and Special-Purpose Materials. ASM International. Pp. 666.

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4.0 ASSUMPTIONS

- 4.1 An active fuel height of 141.8" is assumed for all Mark-B fuel in the Cycle 13 core. This will result in a larger weight of zirconium in the core which is conservative relative to the amount of hydrogen generated by the zirc metal-water reaction.
- 4.2 Non-zirconium alloying elements are ignored in calculating the weight of zirconium in Zr-4 and M5 cladding. The cladding is assumed to be 100% zirconium. This will result in a larger weight of zirconium in the core which is conservative relative to the amount of hydrogen generated by the zirc metal-water reaction.
- 4.3 Only the zirconium in the cladding surrounding the active fuel region is considered. Other sources of zirconium in the core (e.g., cladding surrounding the fuel rod plenum, fuel rod end caps, guide tubes and spacer grids) are not included per Reference 3.3.

5.0 DESIGN INPUTS

5.1 TMI-1 Cycle 13 Mark-B Fuel Dimensions [Ref. 3.1]:

Active Fuel Length	141.8"
Cladding ID	0.377"
Cladding OD	0.430"
Number of fuel rods	208

5.2 Mark-B12 Fuel Dimensions [Ref. 3.2]:

Active Fuel Length	143.0"
Cladding ID	0.380"
Cladding OD	0.430"
Number of fuel rods	208

5.3 Number of assemblies in TMI-1 core 177 FA

5.4 Density of pure reactor grade zirconium 6,500 kg/m³ (or 405.7 lb/ft³) [Ref. 3.5]

5.5 5% of zirconium cladding material undergoes the metal-water reaction per Ref. 3.3 and 10 CFR 50.46.

5.6 One pound of reacted zirconium yields 8.4866 scf of hydrogen per Ref. 3.4.

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6.0 OVERALL APPROACH AND METHODOLOGY

The volume of zirconium for the two core configurations is calculated using design inputs 5.1 – 5.3 and used to determine the weight of zirconium using design input 5.4. The amount of hydrogen generated by the zirconium metal-water reaction is determined using the larger of the two zirconium weights and design inputs 5.5 – 5.6.

7.0 CALCULATIONS

7.1 Weight of Zirconium in Current Cycle 13 Core

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Volume} &= 177 \text{ (FA)} * 208 \text{ (fuel rods/FA)} * 141.8/12 \text{ (ft/rod)} * \Pi/4 * [(0.430/12)^2 - (0.377/12)^2] \text{ (ft}^2\text{)} \\ &= 101.487 \text{ ft}^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Weight} = \text{volume} * \text{density of zirconium}$$

$$= 101.487 \text{ (ft}^3\text{)} * 405.7 \text{ (lb/ft}^3\text{)}$$

$$= 41,177.4 \text{ lbs.} \sim 41,200 \text{ lbs.}$$

7.2 Weight of Zirconium in Full Core of Mark-B12 Fuel

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Volume} &= 177 \text{ (FA)} * 208 \text{ (fuel rods/FA)} * 143.0/12 \text{ (ft/rod)} * \Pi/4 * [(0.430/12)^2 - (0.380/12)^2] \text{ (ft}^2\text{)} \\ &= 96.911 \text{ ft}^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Weight} = \text{volume} * \text{density of zirconium}$$

$$= 96.911 \text{ (ft}^3\text{)} * 405.7 \text{ (lb/ft}^3\text{)}$$

$$= 39,321.0 \text{ lbs.} \sim 39,400 \text{ lbs.}$$

7.3 Amount of Hydrogen Generated by Zirconium Metal-Water Reaction

$$\text{Hydrogen (scf)} = (\text{Maximum weight of zirconium from 7.1 and 7.2}) * (\text{fraction of material reacted}) * (8.4866 \text{ scf H per lb. Zr reacted})$$

$$= 41,200 \text{ (lbs. Zr)} * 0.05 * 8.4866 \text{ (scf H/lb Zr)}$$

$$= 17,482 \text{ scf} \sim 17,500 \text{ scf}$$

CALCULATION VERIFICATION CHECKLIST (Ref. EP-006T)

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Place an "X" in the applicable box (Yes, No, N/A) for each item.

A "NO" response may indicate that the design or verification is incomplete and may require a CAP to be assigned by the responsible Section Manager. The Section Manager shall review each "NO" response to determine if the "NO" response requires further investigation.

A "N/A" (Not Applicable) response does **not** require any further action by the Verification Engineer.

The Verification Summary (Exhibit 6A) may be used to outline the Verification Engineer's work or to document comments that are deemed appropriate by the Verification Engineer.

ITEMS	Review Check		
	Design Compliance		
	Yes	No	N/A
1. Design Input and Data – Were the inputs correctly selected, referenced (latest revision) and incorporated into the calculation?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Assumptions – Are assumptions necessary to perform the calculation adequately described and reasonable?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Regulatory Requirements – Are the applicable codes and standards and regulatory requirements, including issue and addenda, properly identified and their requirements met?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Construction and Operating Experience – Has applicable construction and operating experience been considered?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Interfaces – Have the design interface requirements been satisfied?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. Methods – Is the appropriate calculation method used?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Output – Is the output reasonable compared to the inputs?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Acceptance Criteria – Are the acceptance criteria incorporated in the calculation sufficient to allow verification that the design requirements have been satisfactorily accomplished?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Radiation Exposure – Has the calculation properly considered radiation exposure to the public and plant personnel?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10. Mathematical Accuracy – Is the calculation mathematically correct?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments:

CALCULATION VERIFICATION PLAN/SUMMARY SHEET (Ref. EP-006T)

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PLAN

Scope of Verification:
TMI-1 Cycle 14 Final Cycle Design including NEMOXs, SHUF and NEMO input/output verification

Item No.	Method/Depth of Verification Required	Req'd. Comp. Date
	(Check Applicable Boxes) Design Review <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alternate Calculation <input type="checkbox"/> Qualification Test <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> (Specify below)	
1	Verify input assumptions are conservative and design inputs are correct.	7/9/2001
2	Verify accuracy of calculation results.	

Assigned Verification Engineer M. Mahgerefteh

Other Verification Engineer

SUMMARY

Summary of verification scope, methods, results and conclusions:

The input assumptions were reviewed and are verified to be correct and conservative for the purpose of this calculation. Also, all variable and data used for this calculation were checked and verified to be referenced accurately. Furthermore, all calculation were checked and are correct.

Based on this evaluation, the calculation is verified to be acceptable.

APPROVALS (Sign)

Assigned Verification Engineer	Date 7/9/01
Other Verification Engineer	Date