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This letter transmits 3 copies of the Reload Safety Evaluation for the Kewaunee Cycle 25 reload core. The evaluation has shown that the Cycle 25 core design is more conservative than the design used in our accident analyses. Therefore, the Cycle 25 reload design does not create an unreviewed safety question, and the reload is proceeding in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 50.59(a)(1).

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KEWAUNEE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

RELOAD SAFETY EVALUATION CYCLE 25 NOVEMBER 2001

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1.0 SUMMARY

The Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant shut down for the Cycle 24-25 refueling in September 2001. Startup of Cycle 25 is scheduled for December 2001.

This report presents an evaluation of the Cycle 25 reload core design and demonstrates that the reload core design will not adversely affect the safety of the plant. Those accidents, which could potentially be affected by the reload core design, are reviewed.

Details of the calculational model used to generate physics parameters for this Reload Safety Evaluation are described in References 1 and 2. Accident Evaluation methodologies that are applied in this report are detailed in Reference 3. References 1 and 3 have been previously reviewed and approved by the NRC as shown in References 4 and 5. The current physics model reliability factors are discussed in Section 5 of this Reload Safety Evaluation report.

An evaluation, by accident, of the pertinent reactor parameters is performed by comparing the reload core design analysis results with the current bounding safety analysis values. The evaluations performed in this document employ the current Technical Specification (Reference 6) limiting safety system settings and operating limits. The evaluations are based on Cycle 24 shutting down within a ± 500 MWD/MTU window of the nominal Cycle 24 end of cycle (EOC) burnup of 15,500 MWD/MTU.

It is concluded that the Cycle 25 reload core design is more conservative than results of the current bounding accident analyses and implementation of this reload core design will not introduce an unreviewed safety question since:

- 1. the probability of occurrence or the consequences of an accident or malfunction of equipment important to safety will not be increased,
- 2. the possibility for an accident or malfunction of equipment important to safety of a different type than any evaluated previously in the safety analysis report will not be created and,
- 3. the margin of safety as defined in the basis for any technical specification will not be reduced.

This conclusion is based on the contents of this report, which show that the Cycle 25 reload core design is more conservative than the results of the current bounding analyses and that implementation of the Cycle 25 reload core design will not introduce an unreviewed safety question. With the exception of the four Westinghouse LUAs, which are being utilized in accordance with Reference 7, the Cycle 25 reload fuel is of the same design as the existing Cycle 24 reload fuel. The Cycle 25 reload analyses have been performed with previously approved methods (References 4 and 5).

2.1 Core Description

The reactor core consists of 121 fuel assemblies of 14 x 14 design. The core loading pattern, assembly identification, control rod bank identification, instrument thimble I.D., thermocouple I.D., and burnable absorber configurations for Cycle 25 are presented in Figure 2.1.1. Table 2.1.1 displays Cycle 25 fuel characteristics including region identification, initial enrichment, number of previous duty cycles, fuel rod design, grid design, and gadolinia loading. The four Westinghouse 422V+ lead use assemblies (LUAs) contain approximately 403 KgU (per assembly) versus approximately 406 KgU in the FRA-ANP Heavy fuel assemblies. Descriptions of the fuel designs are provided in References 8 through 11. (NOTE: On January 1, 2001 a merger of Siemens Power Generation and the Framatome Group was completed. As a result, the name of Siemens Power Corporation (SPC) was changed to Framatome ANP (FRA-ANP). Therefore, the FRA-ANP Heavy fuel design discussed in this Reload Safety Evaluation report is manufactured by the same personnel at the same facility to the same design specifications under the same quality assurance program as the SPC Heavy fuel design used in past Kewaunee reloads. The only thing that has changed is the name on the letterhead of the design documents.)

Fuel assemblies with two or three previous duty cycles are loaded on the core periphery flat region to reduce power in that region, thereby reducing reactor vessel fluence (Reference 12) in the critical reactor vessel locations. The Cycle 25 fuel loading pattern is capable of achieving a burnup of 16,391 MWD/MTU operating at full power, based on a nominal end of Cycle 24 burnup of 15,500 MWD/MTU.

Table 2.1.1

Cycle 25 Fuel	Characteristics
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REGION	VENDOR	NUMBER OF ASSEMBLIES	NUMBER OF DUTY CYCLES	INITIAL U235 ENRICHMENT (GAD LOAD)	FUEL ROD DESIGN	GRID DESIGN*
25	FRA-ANP	8	2	4.1 (8 rods - 8%)	Heavy	HTP
25	FRA-ANP	9	2	4.1 (12 rods – 8%)	Heavy	НТР
25	FRA-ANP	8	2	4.5 (4 rods – 4%)	Heavy	HTP
25	FRA-ANP	8	2	4.5 (8 rods – 4%)	Heavy	HTP
25	FRA-ANP	8	2	4.5 (8 rods - 8%)	Heavy	HTP
26	FRA-ANP	20	1	4.1 (8 rods - 8%)	Heavy	HTP
26	FRA-ANP	8	1	4.5 (4 rods - 4%)	Heavy	HTP
26	FRA-ANP	4	1	4.5 (8 rods - 4%)	Heavy	HTP
26	FRA-ANP	8	1	4.5 (8 rods - 8%)	Heavy	HTP
27	FRA-ANP	16	0	4.5 (8 rods - 4%)	Heavy	HTP
27	FRA-ANP	20	0	4.5 (8 rods - 8%)	Heavy	HTP
27	Westinghouse	4	0	3.3 None	422V+	ZIRLO

* - HTP denotes the FRA-ANP High Thermal Performance mid-grid design. ZIRLO denotes the Westinghouse mid-grid design. The FRA-ANP top and bottom grids are bi-metallic (Zircaloy and Inconel). The Westinghouse top and bottom grids are Inconel.

FIGURE 2.1.1

Cycle 25 Loading Patttern

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
]	1											
							C55	D66	C58					
Α	 .						4.1	4.1	4.1					
					ł	I	8GAD8	8GAD8	8GAD8		I			
					D58	D76	E51	E88	E64	D75	D59			
в					4.1	4.5	4.5	3.3	4.5	4.5	4.1			
					8GAD8	4GAD4	8GAD4		8GAD4	4GAD4	8GAD8	1		
		·		C64	E55	E83	C92	D80	C93	E69	E60	C65		
С				4.1	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.1		
-				12GAD8	8GAD4	8GAD8	8GAD8	8GAD4	8GAD8	8GAD8	8GAD4	12GAD8		
			D63	E62	D87	D69	C71	E81	C78	D55	D83	E52	D65	
D			4.1	4.5	4.5	4.1	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.1	4.5	4.5	4.1	
			8GAD8	8GAD4	8GAD8	8GAD8	4GAD4	8GAD8	4GAD4	8GAD8	8GAD8	8GAD4	8GAD8	
			D78	E68	D62	C81	E84	C60	E78	C86	D61	E79	D72	
Е			4.5	4.5	4.1	4.5	4.5	4.1	4.5	4.5	4.1	4.5	4.5	
			4GAD4	8GAD8	8GAD8	8GAD4	8GAD8	12GAD8	8GAD8	8GAD4	8GAD8	8GAD8	4GAD4	
		C51	E59	C88	C76	E74	C96	D84	C80	E70	C74	C87	E63	C54
F		4.1	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.1
-		8GAD8	8GAD4	8GAD8	4GAD4	8GAD8	8GAD4	8GAD8	8GAD4	8GAD8	4GAD4	8GAD8	8GAD4	8GAD8
		D54	E87	D79	E71	C61	D89	C69	D85	C62	E86	D82	E90	D70
G		4.1	3.3	4.5	4.5	4.1	4.5	4.1	4.5	4.1	4.5	4.5	3.3	4.1
_		8GAD8		8GAD4	8GAD8	12GAD8	8GAD8	12GAD8	8GAD8	12GAD8	8GAD8	8GAD4		8GAD8
		C57	E54	C89	C77	E80	C95	D90	C85	E82	C75	C90	E66	C56
н		4.1	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.1
		8GAD8	8GAD4	8GAD8	4GAD4	8GAD8	8GAD4	8GAD8	8GAD4	8GAD8	4GAD4	8GAD8	8GAD4	8GAD8
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I			4.5	4.5	4.1	4.5	4.5	4.1	4.5	4.5	4.1	4.5	4.5	
			4GAD4	8GAD8	8GAD8	8GAD4	8GAD8	12GAD8	8GAD8	8GAD4	8GAD8	8GAD8	4GAD4	
			D60	E57	D88	D56	C73	E67	C72	D53	D86	E53	D64	
J			4.1	4.5	4.5	4.1	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.1	4.5	4.5	4.1	
-			8GAD8	8GAD4	8GAD8	8GAD8	4GAD4	8GAD8	4GAD4	8GAD8	8GAD8	8GAD4	8GAD8	
		I		C70	E65	E85	C91	D81	C94	E76	E56	C68		
к				4.1	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.1		
				12GAD8	8GAD4	8GAD8	8GAD8	8GAD4	8GAD8	8GAD8	8GAD4	12GAD8		
				L	D57	D74	E58	E89	E61	D77	D67			
L	<u></u>				4.1	4.5	4.5	3.3	4.5	4.5	4.1			
-					8GAD8	4GAD4	8GAD4		8GAD4	4GAD4	8GAD8			
						L	C53	D51	C52			•		
м							4.1	4.1	4.1					
							8GAD8	8GAD8	8GAD8					

PRELIMINARY CYCLE TWENTY-FIVE

ASSEMBLY ID INITIAL ENRICHMENT GADOLINIA LOADING

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The Cycle 25 reload core design is based on the following operating parameters and design limits.

2.2.1 Operating Parameters

- Power Rating (MWTH).		1650
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- Core Average Moderator Temperature, HZP (°F) 547
- Core Average Moderator Temperature, HFP (°F) 562

2.2.2 Design Limits

A. Nuclear peaking factor limits are as follows:

(i) FQ(Z) limits

a) For FRA-ANP Heavy fuel:

 $FQ(Z) \le (2.35/P) * K(Z) \text{ for } P > 0.5$ $FQ(Z) \le 4.70 * K(Z) \text{ for } P \le 0.5$

b) For Westinghouse 422V+ LUA fuel (administrative limits):

 $FQ(Z) \le (2.17/P) * K(Z)$ for P > 0.5 $FQ(Z) \le 4.34 * K(Z)$ for $P \le 0.5$

K(Z) is the function given in Figure TS 3.10-2 of Reference 6 and Z is the core height.

(ii) F∆H limits

a) For FRA-ANP Heavy fuel:

 $F\Delta H \le 1.70 * (1 + 0.2 * (1-P))$

b) For Westinghouse 422V+ LUA fuel (administrative limit):

 $F\Delta H \le 1.55 * (1 + 0.2 * (1-P))$

P is the fraction of full power at which the core is operating. The administrative limits placed on the Westinghouse 422V+ LUAs are sufficient to accommodate the thermal hydraulic differences between the LUAs and the co-resident FRA-ANP Heavy fuel assemblies (References 13 and 14).

- B. The moderator temperature coefficient at operating conditions shall be less than +5.0 pcm/°F for 0% $\leq P \leq 60\%$, shall be negative for P>60%, and shall be less than -8.0 pcm/°F for 95% of the time at hot full power (Reference 6).
- C. With the most reactive rod stuck out of the core, the remaining control rods shall be able to shut down the reactor by a sufficient reactivity margin:
 - i) 1.0% at Beginning of Cycle (BOC)
 - ii) 2.0% at End of Cycle (EOC)
- D. The power dependent rod insertion limits (PDIL) are presented in Figure TS 3.10-3 of Reference 6.
- E. The indicated axial flux difference shall be maintained within a ± 5% band about the target axial flux difference above 90 percent power. Figure TS 3.10-5 of Reference 6 shows the axial flux difference limits as a function of core power. Reference 6 also provides limits on temporary operation allowed within the 3.10.b.11.a. line envelope (see Figure TS 10.3-5 of Reference 6) at power levels between 50 percent and 90 percent.
- F. At refueling conditions a boron concentration of 2200 ppm will be sufficient to maintain the reactor subcritical by 5% ∆k/k with all rods inserted and will maintain the core subcritical with all rods out (Reference 6).

2.3 Scram Worth Insertion Rate

The most limiting scram curve is that curve which represents the slowest trip reactivity insertion rate normalized to the minimum N-1 rod worth reduced by the rod worth reliability factor. Figure 2.3.1 compares the Cycle 25 minimum scram insertion curve to the current bounding safety analysis curve.

It is concluded that the minimum trip reactivity insertion rate for Cycle 25 is conservative with respect to the bounding value. Thus, for accidents in which credit is taken for a reactor trip, the proposed reload core will not adversely affect the results of the safety analysis due to trip reactivity assumptions.



Cycle 25 SCRAM Reactivity Insertion vs. Time

2.4 Shutdown Window

An evaluation of the maximum full power equilibrium peaking factors versus EOC 24 burnup is presented in Table 2.4.1. The values shown have conservatisms applied in accordance with Reference 1.

It is concluded that if the refueling shutdown of Cycle 24 occurs within the burnup window, the Cycle 25 peaking factors will not be significantly affected and will not exceed their limiting values.

Table 2.4.1

	F	∆H]	FQ
	Cycle 25	Limit	Cycle 25	Limit
EOC 24 = 15000 MWD/MTU	HVY 1.64	1.70	2.25	2.35
(Nominal - 500 MWD/MTU)	LUA 1.51	1.55*	2.14	2.17*
EOC 24 = 15500 MWD/MTU	HVY 1.64	1.70	2.25	2.35
(Nominal)	LUA 1.52	1.55*	2.15	2.17*
EOC 24 = 16000 MWD/MTU	HVY 1.64	1.70	2.25	2.35
(Nominal + 500 MWD/MTU)	LUA 1.53	1.55*	2.16	2.17*

Cycle 25 Peaking Factor Versus Cycle 24 Shutdown Burnup

* Administrative limit for the four Westinghouse 422V+ LUAs.

2.5 Moderator Temperature Coefficient

An evaluation of the Cycle 25 hot full power moderator temperature coefficient is presented in Table 2.5.1. The calculated Cycle 25 hot full power value at beginning of cycle (BOC) is compared to the MTC upper bound limit of -8.0 pcm/°F. The Cycle 25 MTC must be less than the upper bound limit for 95% of the scheduled time at HFP due to anticipated transient without scram (ATWS) concerns. Since the MTC is less than the limit at BOC and becomes increasingly negative with cycle exposure, it will be less than the upper bound limit for 95% of scheduled time at HFP. It is concluded that the Cycle 25 MTC is conservative with respect to the bounding value. Therefore, the Cycle 25 reload core design will not adversely affect the results of the ATWS safety analysis.

Table 2.5.1

Moderator Temperature Coefficient

Parameter	Reload Safety Evaluation Value		Current Safety Analysis	Units
A) Full Power Moderator Temp. Coefficient	-13.2	≤	-8.0	pcm/°F _m

3.0 ACCIDENT EVALUATIONS

Table 3.0.1 presents the latest safety analyses performed for the accidents, which are evaluated in Sections 3.1 through 3.16 of this report. The bounding values derived from these analyses are shown in Table 3.0.2 and will be applied in the Cycle 25 accident evaluations.

Based on the results of References 13 and 14, restricting the Westinghouse 422V+ LUAs to FQ \leq 2.17 and F Δ H \leq 1.55, is sufficient for the results of the existing safety analyses performed with FRA-ANP Heavy fuel at FQ = 2.35 and F Δ H = 1.70 to bound the Westinghouse 422V+ LUAs in the Cycle 25 reload core.

Table 3.0.1

Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant

List of Current Safety Analyses

Accident	Current Safety Analysis
Uncontrolled RCCA Withdrawal From a Subcritical Condition	Reference 15
Uncontrolled RCCA Withdrawal at Power	Reference 15
Control Rod Misalignment	Reference 15
Control Rod Drop	Reference 15
CVCS Malfunction	Reference 15
Startup of an Inactive Loop	Reference 15
Excessive Heat Removal Due to FW System Malfunction	Reference 15
Excessive Load Increase	Reference 15
Loss of External Load	Reference 15
Loss of Normal Feedwater Flow	Reference 15
Loss of Reactor Coolant Flow – Pump Trip	Reference 15
Loss of Reactor Coolant Flow - Locked Rotor	Reference 15
Main Steam Line Break	Reference 15
Control Rod Ejection	Reference 15
Fuel Handling Accident	Reference 15
Loss of Coolant Accident	Reference 16

Table 3.0.2

Safety Analyses Bounding Values

Parameter	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Units
Moderator Temp. Coefficient $0 \le P \le 60\%$ P > 60% 95% of time at HFP URW from subcritical only	-40.0 -40.0 	+5.0 0.0 -8.0 +5.0	pcm/°F _m pcm/°F _m pcm/°F _m pcm/°F _m
Doppler Coefficient	-2.32	-1.0	pcm/°F _f
Differential Boron Worth	-11.2	-7.0	pcm/ppm
Delayed Neutron Fraction	0.00485	0.00706	
Prompt Neutron Lifetime	15		μsec
Shutdown Margin	1.0 (BOC) 2.0 (EOC)	 	% Δρ
Differential Rod Worth of 2 Banks Moving		82	pcm/sec
Ejected Rod Cases			
HFP, BOL ßeff Rod Worth FQ	0.0055 N/A N/A	N/A 0.30 5.03	 % Δρ
HFP, EOL ßeff Rod Worth FQ	0.0050 N/A N/A	N/A 0.42 4.6	 % Δρ
HZP, BOL ßeff Rod Worth FQ	0.0055 N/A N/A	N/A 0.91 8.2	 % Δρ
HZP, EOL ßeff Rod Worth FQ	0.0050 N/A N/A	N/A 0.92 12.8	 % Δρ

Table 3.0.2 (cont.)

Safety Analyses Bounding Values

Parameter	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Units
Normalized Scram Worth Insertion			
Rate			
HFP Magnitude		4.0	% Δρ
HZP Manitude		2.5	% Δρ
Locked Rotor			
F∆H		1.462	
Pins Above F∆H		35	%
Control Rod Misalignment F∆H		2.174	
Boron Dilution			
Differential Boron Worth	-0.015864		\$/ppm
ARO HFP EQXE PPM		1600	ppm
ARI PPM (Startup Cond.)		1300	ppm
Refueling Condition SDM	5.0		% ∆k/k

An uncontrolled addition of reactivity due to an uncontrolled withdrawal of a Rod Cluster Control Assembly (RCCA) results in a power excursion.

The most important parameters are the reactivity insertion rate and the doppler coefficient. A maximum reactivity insertion rate produces a more severe transient while a minimum (absolute value) doppler coefficient maximizes the nuclear power peak. Of lesser concern are the moderator coefficient and the delayed neutron fraction, which are chosen to maximize the peak heat flux.

Table 3.1.1 presents a comparison of Cycle 25 physics parameters to the current safety analysis values for the Uncontrolled RCCA Withdrawal from a Subcritical Condition.

Since the pertinent parameters from the proposed Cycle 25 reload core design are conservatively bounded by those used in the current safety analysis, an Uncontrolled RCCA Withdrawal from a Subcritical Condition accident will be less severe than the transient in the current safety analysis. Therefore, the implementation of the Cycle 25 reload core design will not adversely affect the safe operation of the Kewaunee Plant.

	Parameter	Reload Safety Evaluation Value		Current Safety Analysis	Units
A)	Doppler Temp. Coefficient	-1.34	≤	-1.0	pcm/°F _f
B)	Moderator Temp. Coefficient	-2.27	≤	5.0	pcm/°F _m
C)	Differential Rod Worth of Two Moving Banks	0.065	≤	0.116	\$/sec
D)	Scram Worth vs. Time			See Section 2.3	
E)	Delayed Neutron Fraction	0.00647	≤	0.00706	
F)	Prompt Neutron Lifetime	23	≥	15	μsec

Uncontrolled RCCA Withdrawal From a Subcritical Condition

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An uncontrolled control rod bank withdrawal at power results in a gradual increase in core power followed by an increase in core heat flux. The resulting mismatch between core power and steam generator heat load results in an increase in reactor coolant temperature and pressure.

The minimum absolute value of the doppler and moderator coefficients serves to maximize peak neutron power, while the delayed neutron fraction is chosen to maximize peak heat flux.

Table 3.2.1 presents a comparison of the Cycle 25 physics parameters to the current safety analysis values for the Uncontrolled Rod Withdrawal at Power accident.

Since the pertinent parameters from the proposed Cycle 25 reload core design are conservatively bounded by those used in the current safety analysis, an Uncontrolled Rod Withdrawal at Power accident will be less severe than the transient in the current safety analysis. Therefore, the implementation of the Cycle 25 reload core design will not adversely affect the safe operation of the Kewaunee Plant.

Table 3.2.1

Uncontrolled RCCA Withdrawal at Power

	Parameter	Reload Safety Evaluation Value		Current Safety Analysis	Units
A)	Doppler Temp. Coefficient	-1.34	≤	-1.0	pcm/°F _f
B)	Moderator Temp. Coefficient	-8.37	≤	0.0	pcm/°F _m
C)	Differential Rod Worth of Two Moving Banks	0.065	≤	0.116	\$/sec
D)	Scram Worth vs. Time			See Section 2.3	
E)	F∆H	Heavy 1.64	≤	1.70	
		LUA 1.52		1.55	
F)	Delayed Neutron Fraction	0.00647	≤	.00706	

The static misalignment of an RCCA from its bank position does not cause a system transient; however, it does cause an adverse power distribution that is analyzed to show that core Departure from Nuclear Boiling Ratio (DNBR) limits are not exceeded.

The limiting core parameter is the peak $F \Delta H$ for the worst case misalignment of Bank D fully inserted with one of its RCCAs fully withdrawn at full power.

Table 3.3.1 presents a comparison of the Cycle 25 F Δ H versus the current safety analysis F Δ H limit for the Control Rod Misalignment accident.

Since the pertinent parameter from the proposed Cycle 25 reload core design is conservatively bounded by that used in the current safety analysis, a Control Rod Misalignment accident will be less severe than the transient in the current safety analysis. Therefore, the implementation of the Cycle 25 reload core design will not adversely affect the safe operation of the Kewaunee Plant.

Table 3.3.1

Control Rod Misalignment

Parameter		Reload Safety Evaluation Value		Current Safety Analysis
A)	F∆H, rod misalignment	2.083	≤	2.174

3.4 Evaluation of Control Rod Drop

The release of a full length control rod or control rod bank by the gripper coils while the reactor is at power causes the reactor to become subcritical and produces a mismatch between core power and turbine demand. The dropping of any control rod bank will produce a negative neutron flux rate trip with no resulting decrease in thermal margins. Dropping of a single RCCA or several RCCA's from the same bank may or may not result in a negative rate trip, and therefore the radial power distribution must be considered.

Table 3.4.1 presents a comparison of the Cycle 25 physics parameter to the current safety analysis value for the Control Rod Drop accident.

Since the pertinent parameter from the proposed Cycle 25 reload core design is conservatively bounded by that used in the current safety analysis, a Control Rod Drop accident will be less severe than the transient in the current safety analysis. Therefore, the implementation of the Cycle 25 reload core design will not adversely affect the safe operation of the Kewaunee Plant.

Table 3.4.1

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Control Rod Drop

Parameter	Reload Safety er Evaluation Value		Current Safety Analysis	Units
A) $F\Delta H$, rod drop	2.036	≤	2.174	

3.5 Evaluation of Chemical and Volume Control System Malfunction

The malfunction of the Chemical and Volume Control System (CVCS) is assumed to deliver unborated water to the Reactor Coolant System (RCS).

Although the boron dilution rate and shutdown margin are the key parameters in this event, additional parameters are evaluated for the manual reactor control case. In this case core thermal limits are approached and the transient would likely be terminated by a reactor trip on over-temperature ΔT if the operator did not intervene.

Table 3.5.1 presents a comparison of Cycle 25 physics analysis results to the current safety analysis values for the Chemical and Volume Control System Malfunction accident for refueling, startup, and full power core conditions.

Since the pertinent parameters from the proposed Cycle 25 reload core design are conservatively bounded by those used in the current safety analysis, a Chemical and Volume Control System Malfunction accident will be less severe than the transient in the current safety analysis. Therefore, the implementation of the Cycle 25 reload core design will not adversely affect the safe operation of the Kewaunee Plant.

	Parameter	Reload Safety Evaluation Value		Current Safety Analysis	Units
i)	Refueling Conditions				
	A) Shutdown Margin	5.9	≥	5.0	% Δρ
ii)	At-Power Conditions				
	A) Doppler Temp. Coefficient	-1.34	≤	-1.0	$Pcm/^{\circ}F_{f}$
	B) Moderator Temp. Coefficient	-8.37	≤	0.0	pcm/°F _m
	C) Boron Dilution Differential Boron Worth	-0.0154	≥	-0.0015864	\$/ppm
	D) Shutdown Margin	1.82	≥	1.0	% Δρ
	E) F∆H	Heavy 1.64	≤	1.70	
		LUA 1.52	≤	1.55	
	F) Delayed Neutron Fraction	0.00647	≤	0.00706	
	G) ARO Boron Concentration	1376	≤	1600	ppm
	H) Scram Worth Versus Time	See Section 2.3			
iii)	Startup Conditions				
,	A) Critical Boron Concentration (ARI)	1272	≤	1300	ppm

Chemical and Volume Control System Malfunction

The startup of an idle reactor coolant pump in an operating plant would result in the injection of cold water from the idle loop hot leg into the core, which causes a rapid reactivity insertion and subsequent core power increase.

The moderator temperature coefficient is chosen to maximize the reactivity effect of the cold water injection. Doppler temperature coefficient is chosen conservatively low (absolute value) to maximize the nuclear power rise. The power distribution ($F\Delta H$) is used to evaluate the core thermal limit acceptability.

Table 3.6.1 presents a comparison of the Cycle 25 physics calculation results to the current safety analysis values for the Startup of an Inactive Loop accident.

Since the pertinent parameters from the proposed Cycle 25 reload core design are conservatively bounded by those used in the current safety analysis, the Startup of an Inactive Loop accident will be less severe than the transient in the current safety analysis. Therefore, the implementation of the Cycle 25 reload core design will not adversely affect the safe operation of the Kewaunee Plant.

Table 3.6.1

Startup of an Inactive Loop

	Parameter	Reload Safety Evaluation Value		Current Safety Analysis	Units
A)	Doppler Coefficient	-1.94	≤	-1.0	pcm/°F _f
B)	Moderator Temp. Coefficient	-35.1	≥	-40.0	pcm/°F _m
C)	F∆H	Heavy 1.64	≤	1.70	
		LUA 1.52	≤	1.55	

The malfunction of the feedwater system such that the feedwater temperature is decreased or the flow is increased causes a decrease in the RCS temperature and an attendant increase in core power level due to negative reactivity coefficients and/or control system action.

Minimum and maximum moderator coefficients are evaluated to simulate both BOC and EOC conditions. The doppler reactivity coefficient is chosen to maximize the nuclear power peak.

A comparison of Cycle 25 physics calculation results to the current safety analysis values for the Feedwater System Malfunction accident is presented in Table 3.7.1.

Since the pertinent parameters from the proposed Cycle 25 reload core design are conservatively bounded by those used in the current safety analysis, a Feedwater System Malfunction accident will be less severe than the transient in the current safety analysis. Therefore, the implementation of the Cycle 25 reload core design will not adversely affect the safe operation of the Kewaunee Plant.

Table 3.7.1

	Parameter	Reload Safety Evaluation Value		Current Safety Analysis	Units
i)	Beginning of Cycle				
	A) Doppler Temp. Coefficient	-1.34	≤	-1.0	pcm/°F _f
	B) Moderator Temp. Coefficient	-8.37	≤	0.0	pcm/°F _m
ii)	End of Cycle				
	A) Doppler Temp. Coefficient	-1.36	≤	-1.0	pcm/°F _f
	B) Moderator Temp. Coefficient	-31.37	2	-40.0	pcm/°F _m
iii)]	Beginning and End of Cycle				
	С) ҒДН	Heavy 1.64 LUA 1.52	<	1.70 1.55	
	D) Scram Worth Versus Time	See Section 2.3			- <u></u>

Excessive Heat Removal Due to Feedwater System Malfunction

3.8 Evaluation of Excessive Load Increase

An excessive load increase causes a rapid increase in steam generator steam flow. The resulting mismatch between core heat generation and secondary side load demand results in a decrease in reactor coolant temperature, which causes a core-power increase due to negative moderator feedback and/or control system action.

This event results in a similar transient as that described for the Feedwater System Malfunction accident and is therefore sensitive to the same parameters.

Table 3.8.1 presents a comparison of Cycle 25 physics results to the current safety analysis values for the Excessive Load Increase accident.

Since the pertinent parameters from the proposed Cycle 25 reload core design are conservatively bounded by those used in the current safety analysis, an Excessive Load Increase accident will be less severe than the transient in the current safety analysis. Therefore, the implementation of the Cycle 25 reload core design will not adversely affect the safe operation of the Kewaunee Plant.

Table 3.8.1

Excessive Load Increase

	Parameter	Reload Safety Evaluation Value		Current Safety Analysis	Units
i)	Beginning of Cycle				
	A) Doppler Temp. Coefficient	-1.34	≤	-1.0	pcm/°F _f
	B) Moderator Temp. Coefficient	-8.37	4	0.0	pcm/°F _m
ii)	End of Cycle				
	A) Doppler Temp. Coefficient	-1.36	≤	-1.0	pcm/°F _f
	B) Moderator Temp. Coefficient	-31.37	N	-40.0	pcm/°F _m
iii) I	Beginning and End of Cycle				
	С) ҒдН	Heavy 1.64 LUA 1.52	VI VI	1.70 1.55	
	D) Scram Worth Versus Time	See Section 2.3			

A loss of load is encountered through a turbine trip or complete loss of external electric load. To provide a conservative assessment of this event, no credit is taken for direct turbine/reactor trip, steam bypass, or pressurizer pressure control, and the result is a rapid rise in steam generator shell side pressure and reactor coolant system temperature.

Minimum and maximum moderator coefficients are evaluated to simulate both BOC and EOC conditions. The doppler reactivity coefficient is chosen to maximize the nuclear power and heat flux transient. The power distribution ($F\Delta H$) and scram reactivity are evaluated to ensure thermal margins are maintained by the reactor protection system.

A comparison of Cycle 25 physics parameters to the current safety analysis values for the Loss of External Load accident is presented in Table 3.9.1.

Since the pertinent parameters from the proposed Cycle 25 reload core design are conservatively bounded by those used in the current safety analysis, a Loss of External Load accident will be less severe than the transient in the current safety analysis. Therefore, the implementation of the Cycle 25 reload core design will not adversely affect the safe operation of the Kewaunee Plant.

Table 3.9.1

Loss of External Load

	Parameter	Reload Safety Evaluation Value		Current Safety Analysis	Units
i)	Beginning of Cycle				
	A) Moderator Temp. Coefficient	-1.64	≥	-2.32	pcm/°F _f
	B) Doppler Temp. Coefficient	-8.37	VI	0.0	pcm/°F _m
ii)	End of Cycle				
	A) Doppler Temp. Coefficient	-1.66	≥	-2.32	pcm/°F _f
	B) Moderator Temp. Coefficient	-31.37	≥	-40.0	pcm/°F _m
iii)	Beginning and End of Cycle				
	C) Scram worth Versus Time	See Section 2.3		-	
	D) F∆H	Heavy 1.64 LUA 1.52	VI VI	1.70 1.55	

A complete loss of normal feedwater flow is assumed to occur due to pump failures or valve malfunctions. An additional conservatism is applied by assuming the reactor coolant pumps are tripped, further degrading the heat transfer capability of the steam generators. When analyzed in this manner, the accident corresponds to a loss of offsite power.

The short term effects of the transient are covered by the Loss of Reactor Coolant Flow – Pump Trip evaluation (see Section 3.11), while the long term effects, driven by decay heat, and assuming auxiliary feedwater additions and natural circulation RCS flow, have been shown not to produce any adverse core conditions.

The Loss of Normal Feedwater Flow accident is not sensitive to core physics parameters since the reactor is assumed to trip in the initial stages of the transient. This trip occurs well before the heat transfer capability of the steam generator is reduced. The decay heat then drives the transient from the tripped reactor. Also, the loss of flow due to pump trip transient discussed in Section 3.11 is considered a more severe transient of this type. Therefore no core physics parameter comparisons will be made for the Reload Safety Evaluation.

The loss of power and/or frequency decay in the electrical buses feeding the reactor coolant pumps results in a loss of driving head and a flow coast down. The effect of reduced coolant flow is a rapid increase in core coolant temperature. The reactor is tripped by one of several diverse and redundant signals before thermal hydraulic conditions approach those which could result in fuel damage.

The doppler temperature coefficient is compared to the most negative value since this results in the slowest neutron power decay after trip. The moderator temperature coefficient is least negative to cause a larger power rise prior to the trip. Trip reactivity and $F \Delta H$ are evaluated to ensure core thermal margin.

Table 3.11.1 presents a comparison of Cycle 25 calculated physics parameters to the current safety analysis values for the Loss of Reactor Coolant Flow - Pump Trip accident.

Since the pertinent parameters from the proposed Cycle 25 reload core design are conservatively bounded by those used in the current safety analysis, a Loss of Reactor Coolant Flow - Pump Trip accident will be less severe than the transient in the current safety analysis. Therefore, the implementation of the Cycle 25 reload core design will not adversely affect the safe operation of the Kewaunee Plant.

Loss of Reactor Coolant Flow - Pump Trip

Parameter	Reload Safety Evaluation Value		Current Safety Analysis	Units
A) Doppler Temp. Coefficient	-1.66	≥	-2.32	pcm/°F _f
B) Moderator Temp. Coefficient	-8.37	I>	0.0	pcm/°F _m
C) Scram Worth Versus Time	S	ee Sec	ction 2.3	
D) F∆H	Heavy 1.64	N	1.70	
	LUA 1.52	≤	1.55	
E) Fuel Temperature	2080	N	2130	٥F

This accident is an instantaneous seizure of the rotor of a single reactor coolant pump resulting in a rapid flow reduction in the affected loop. The sudden decrease in flow results in departure from nucleate boiling (DNB) in some fuel rods.

The minimum (absolute value) moderator temperature coefficient results in the least reduction of core power during the initial transient. The large negative doppler temperature coefficient causes a slower neutron flux decay following the trip as does the large delayed neutron fraction.

Table 3.12.1 presents a comparison of Cycle 25 physics parameters to the current safety analysis values for the Loss of Reactor Coolant Flow - Locked Rotor accident.

Since the pertinent parameters from the proposed Cycle 25 reload core design are conservatively bounded by those used in the current safety analysis, a Loss of Reactor Coolant Flow - Locked Rotor accident will be less severe than the transient in the current safety analysis. Therefore, the implementation of the Cycle 25 reload core design will not adversely affect the safe operation of the Kewaunee Plant.

Loss of Reactor	Coolant Flow -	Locked Rotor
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Parameter	Reload Safety Evaluation Value		Current Safety Analysis	Units
A) Doppler Temp. Coefficient	-1.66	2	-2.32	pcm/°F _f
B) Moderator Temp. Coefficient	-8.37	≤	0.0	pcm/°F _m
C) Scram Worth Versus Time	See Section 2.3			
D) Delayed Neutron Fraction	0.00647	<	0.00706	
E) Percent Pins > Limiting F∆H, locked rotor (DNBR=1.14)	19.3	≤	35.0	%
F) FQ	Heavy 2.25	≤	2.35	
	LUA 2.16	≤	2.17	
G) Fuel Temperature	2080	≤	2130	٥F

This accident is the sudden release of the gaseous fission products held within the fuel cladding of one fuel assembly. The fraction of fission gas released is based on a conservative assumption of high power histories in the fuel rods.

Table 3.13.1 presents a comparison of the maximum Cycle 25 F Δ H to the current safety analysis F Δ H limit for the Fuel Handling accident.

Since the pertinent parameter from the proposed Cycle 25 reload core design is conservatively bounded by that used in the current safety analysis, a Fuel Handling accident will be less severe than the accident in the current safety analysis. Therefore, the implementation of the Cycle 25 reload core design will not adversely affect the safe operation of the Kewaunee Plant.

Fuel Handling Accident

Parameter	Reload Safety Evaluation Value		Current Safety Analysis
A) $F \Delta H$, fuel handling	1.64	≤	1.70

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3.14 Evaluation of Main Steam Line Break

The break of a main steam line inside containment at the exit of the steam generator causes an uncontrolled steam release and a reduction in primary system temperature and pressure. The negative moderator coefficient produces a positive reactivity insertion and a potential return to criticality after the trip. The doppler coefficient is chosen to maximize the power increase.

Shutdown margin at the initiation of the cooldown and scram reactivity insertion and peak rod power ($F\Delta H$) during the cooldown are evaluated for this event. The ability of the safety injection system to insert negative reactivity and reduce power is minimized by using the least negative boron worth coefficient.

Table 3.14.1 presents a comparison of Cycle 25 calculated physics parameters to the current safety analysis values for the Main Steam Line Break accident. Figure 3.14.1 compares the core K-Effective during the cooldown to the current bounding safety analysis curve.

Since the pertinent parameters from the proposed Cycle 25 reload core design are conservatively bounded by those used in the current safety analysis, a Main Steam Line Break accident will be less severe than the transient in the current safety analysis. Therefore, the implementation of the Cycle 25 reload core design will not adversely affect the safe operation of the Kewaunee Plant.

Main Steam Line Break

Parameter	Reload Safety Evaluation Value		Current Safety Analysis	Units
A) K-Effective Versus Temperature	See Figure 3.14.1			
B) Shutdown Margin	2.001	≥	2.00	%Δρ
C) F∆H, steam line break	4.84	≤	8.00	
D) Doppler Temp. Coefficient	-1.34	≤	-1.0	pcm/°F _f
E) Boron Worth Coefficient	-7.00	≤	-7.0	pcm/ppm

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Cycle 25 Main Steam Line Break K-Effective vs. Temperature

The ejected rod accident is defined as a failure of a control rod drive pressure housing followed by the ejection of a RCCA by the reactor coolant system pressure.

Tables 3.15.1 through 3.15.4 present the comparison of Cycle 25 calculated physics parameters to the current safety analysis values for the Control Rod Ejection accident at zero and full power, BOC and EOC core conditions.

Since the pertinent parameters from the proposed Cycle 25 reload core design are conservatively bounded by those used in the current safety analysis, a Control Rod Ejection accident will be less severe than the transient in the current safety analysis. Therefore, the implementation of the Cycle 25 reload core design will not adversely affect the safe operation of the Kewaunee Plant.

Control Rod Ejection at

HFP, BOC

	Parameter	Reload Safety Evaluation Value		Current Safety Analysis	Units
A)	Doppler Temp. Coefficient	-1.34	<	-1.0	pcm/°F _f
B)	Moderator Temp. Coefficient	-8.37	1	0.0	pcm/°F _m
C)	Delayed Neutron Fraction	0.00609	≥	0.00550	
D)	Ejected Rod Worth	0.09	≤	0.30	%Δρ
E)	Scram Worth Versus Time	See Section 2.3			
F)	FQ, rod ejection	2.59	≤	5.03	
G)	Prompt Neutron Lifetime	23.0	≥	15.0	μsec

Control Rod Ejection at

HZP, BOC

	Parameter	Reload Safety Evaluation Value		Current Safety Analysis	Units
A)	Doppler Temp. Coefficient	-2.29	≤	-1.0	pcm/°F _f
B)	Moderator Temp. Coefficient	-2.27	≤	5.0	pcm/°F _m
C)	Delayed Neutron Fraction	0.00609	≥	0.00550	
D)	Ejected Rod Worth	0.67	\leq	0.91	%Δρ
E)	Scram Worth Versus Time	See Section 2.3			
F)	FQ, rod ejection	5.93	4	8.20	
G)	Prompt Neutron Lifetime	23.0	≥	15.0	μsec

Control Rod Ejection at

HFP, EOC

	Parameter	Reload Safety Evaluation Value		Current Safety Analysis	Units
A)	Doppler Temp. Coefficient	-1.36	≤	-1.0	pcm/°F _f
B)	Moderator Temp. Coefficient	-24.21	≤	0.0	pcm/°F _m
C)	Delayed Neutron Fraction	0.00527	≥	0.00500	
D)	Ejected Rod Worth	0.11	≤	0.42	%Δρ
E)	Scram Worth Versus Time	See Section 2.3			
F)	FQ, rod ejection	2.86	≤	4.60	
G)	Prompt Neutron Lifetime	26.0	≥	15.0	μsec

Control Rod Ejection at

HZP, EOC

Par	ameter	Reload Safety Evaluation Value		Current Safety Analysis	Units
D) Doppler Temp. (Coefficient	-2.85	≤	-1.0	pcm/°F _f
A) Moderator Temp	. Coefficient	-5.92	≤	5.0	pcm/°F _m
B) Delayed Neutron	Fraction	0.00527	≥	0.00500	
C) Ejected Rod Wo	rth	0.66	≤	0.92	%Δρ
G) Scram Worth Ve	rsus Time		See Section 2.3		
F) FQ, rod ejection		8.32	≤	12.8	
E) Prompt Neutron	Lifetime	26.0	≥	15.0	μsec

The Loss of Coolant Accident (LOCA) is defined as the rupture of the reactor coolant system piping or any line connected to the reactor coolant system, up to and including a doubleended guillotine rupture of the largest pipe.

The principal reload design parameters that affect the results of LOCA analyses are shown in Table 3.16.1. Table 3.16.1 presents the comparison of Cycle 25 physics calculation results to the current safety analysis values for the Loss of Coolant accident.

Since the pertinent parameters from the proposed Cycle 25 reload core design are conservatively bounded by those used in the current safety analysis, a Loss of Coolant Accident will be less severe than the transient in the current safety analysis. Therefore, the implementation of the Cycle 25 reload core design will not adversely affect the safe operation of the Kewaunee Plant.

Loss of	Coolant	Accident
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Parameter	Reload Safety Evaluation Value	Required Inequality	Current Safety Analysis	Units
A. FQ	Heavy 2.25 LUA 2.16	≤ ≤	2.35 2.17	
В. F∆Н	Heavy 1.64 LUA 1.52	≤ ≤	1.70 1.55	
C. Max. Assy. Ave. Peaking Factor	1.462	≤	1.514	
 D. Axial Offset at 100% Power a) Most Negative b) Most Positive 	-9.0 +6.1	2 5	-30.0 +13.0	% %
 E. Max. Core Ave. Power in Lower Power Assy a) Before 1500 MWD/MTU b) After 1500 MWD/MTU 	0.48 0.53	ے ج	0.50 0.60	
F. Max 95/95 Power for the Hot Rod	14.593	≤	14.661	kw/ft

The total peaking factor FQT relates the maximum local power density to the core average power density. The FQT is determined by both the radial and axial power distributions. The radial power distribution is relatively fixed by the core loading pattern design. The axial power distribution is controlled by Technical Specifications (Reference 6).

FQT(Z) are determined by calculations performed at full power, equilibrium core conditions, at exposures ranging from BOC to EOC. Conservative factors which account for potential power distribution variations allowed by the power distribution control procedures, manufacturing tolerances, and measurement uncertainties are applied to the calculated FQT(Z).

Table 3.17.1 compares the power distribution parameters to their respective limits. Figure 3.17.1 displays the calculated FQT(Z), including uncertainty factors, to the FQT(Z) limits. These results demonstrate that the power distributions expected during Cycle 25 operation will not preclude full power operation under the power distribution control specifications currently applied (Reference 6).

Power	Distribution	Control	Verification
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Parameter	Reload Safety Evaluation Value	Required Inequality	Current Safety Analysis	Units		
A. FQ	See Figures 3.17.1 and 3.17.2					
В. FΔH	Heavy 1.64 LUA 1.52	<	1.70 1.55			





Cycle 25 Maximum (FQ * P) vs. Axial Core Height - Framatome ANP Heavy Fuel

Figure 3.17.1





Cycle 25 Maximum (FQ * P) vs. Axial Core Height - Westinghouse Lead Use Assembly Fuel

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No amendments to the Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant Technical Specifications (Reference 6) are required for Reload Cycle 25. However, in the event that the total control rod worth measured during startup physics testing is more than 6.0% less than the predicted total control rod worth, a revision to Technical Specification Figure TS 3.10-1, "Required Shutdown Reactivity vs. Reactor Boron Concentration," may be needed before the Cycle 25 hot full power all rods out boron concentration reaches 700 ppm.

5.0 STATISTICS UPDATE

Measurements and calculations of Cycles 21, 22 and 23 are incorporated into the FQN and $F\Delta H$ statistics database. The moderator temperature coefficient statistics database includes results from Cycles 13 through 24. The reliability and bias factors used for the Cycle 25 Reload Safety Analyses are presented in Tables 5.0.1 and 5.0.2.

Reliability Factors

Parameter	Reliability Factor	Bias
FQN	See Table 5.0.2	
Г∆Н	4.75%	0
Rod Worth		
Steam Line Break	6.0%*	. 0
All Other Analyses	10.0%	0
Moderator Temperature Coefficient	2.1 pcm/°F	3.2 pcm/°F
Doppler Coefficient	10.0%	0
Boron Worth	5.0%	0
Delayed Neutron Fractions	3.0%	0
Delayed Neutron Lifetimes	5.0%	0

 In the event that the total control rod worth measured during startup physics testing is over 6.0% less than the predicted total worth, a reanalysis of the steam line break accident and a revision to Technical Specification Figure TS 3.10-1, "Required Shutdown Reactivity vs. Reactor Boron Concentration," may be needed before the Cycle 25 hot full power all rods out boron concentration reaches 700 ppm.

Table 5.0.2

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FQN Reliability Factors

Core Level	σNode	RF (%)
1 (Bottom)	0.0789	13.62
2	0.0628	10.94
3	0.0302	5.77
4	0.0335	6.26
5	0.0311	5.90
6	0.0261	5.18
7	0.0265	5.24
8	0.0234	4.81
9	0.0262	5.19
10	0.0235	4.82
11	0.0247	4.99
12	0.0246	4.97
13	0.0245	4.96
14	0.0234	4.81
15	0.0231	4.77
16	0.0252	5.06
17	0.0292	5.62
18	0.0258	5.14
19	0.0330	6.18
20	0.0284	5.51
21	0.0488	8.65
22	0.0378	6.91
23	0.0741	12.82
24 (Top)	0.0837	14.43

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