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NRC Ignores Fouling in Reliability and Probabilistic Risk Assessment

Presentations by NRC staff, nuclear power equipment suppliers, and nuclear power lobbyists at recent ACRS subcommittee meetings have not included any consideration of the impacts of fouling of heat exchange equipment. These recent subcommittee meetings include:

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Date	Subcommittee
<u>01/24/2003</u>	Reliability and Probability Risk Assessment Subcommittee
<u>01/23/2003</u>	Reliability and Probability Risk Assessment Subcommittee
<u>01/22/2003</u>	Reliability and Probability Risk Assessment Subcommittee
<u>01/21/2003</u>	Plant Operations and Reliability & Probabilistic Risk Assessment Subc.

Especially serious is the absence of any consideration of fouling of the nuclear fuel elements.

The transcript of the January 24, 2003 meeting, page 124, lines 13 and 14, includes the following remark by ACRS Member Shack, "The nagging fear is that you have missed something."

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