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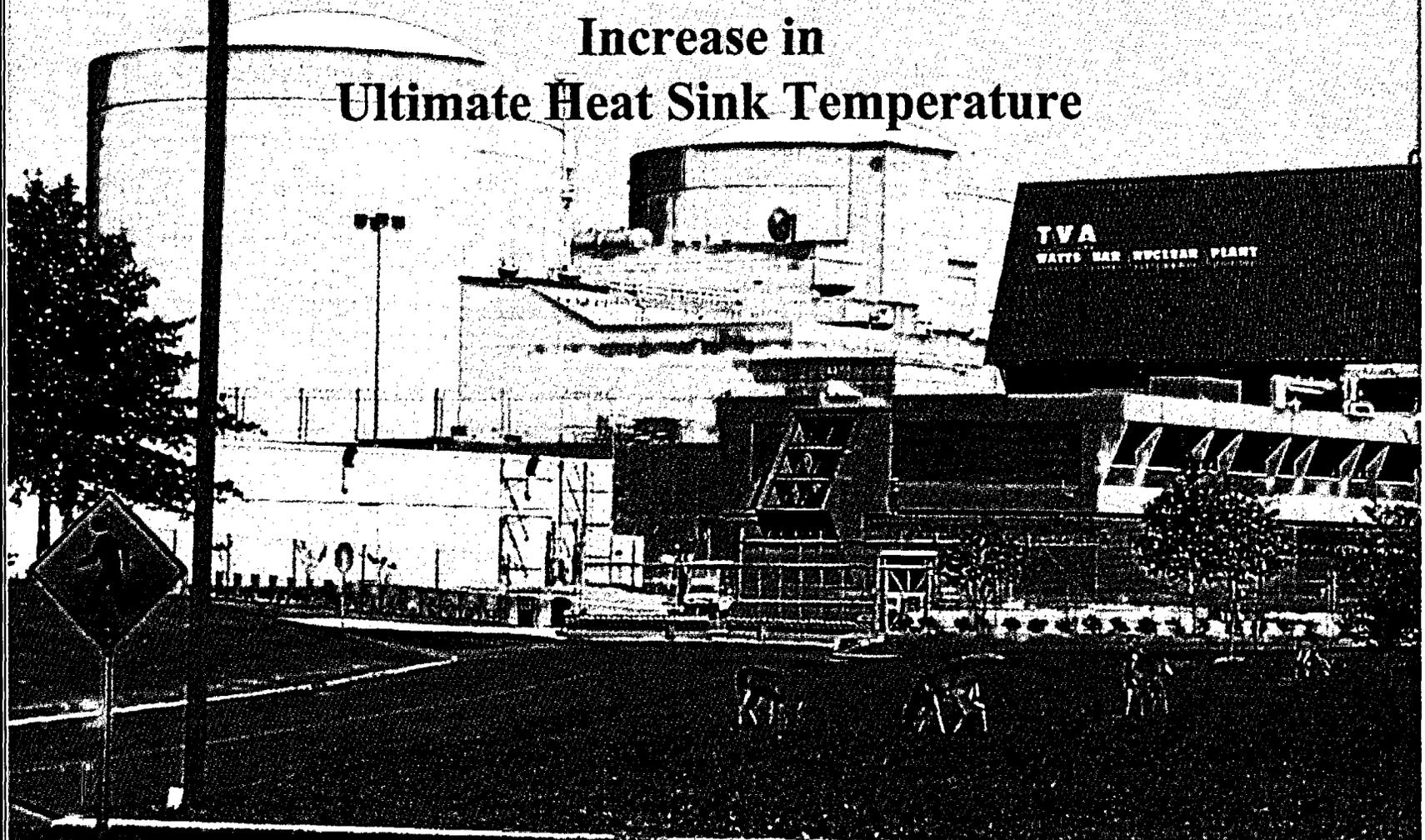
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**Tennessee Valley Authority
Watts Bar Nuclear Plant
Increase in
Ultimate Heat Sink Temperature**



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TVA/NRC Meeting
NRR – Rockville, Maryland
August 5, 2003

Agenda



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- **Introduction and Purpose**
 - **Current UHS Technical Specification (TS) Requirements**
 - **UHS Temperature History and Challenges**
 - **UHS / Essential Raw Cooling Water (ERCW) Design Basis**
 - **Analysis Methodology And Results**
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Introduction and Purpose



- Peak river water (ERCW) temperatures in recent summers have approached UHS Limits in Watts Bar Technical Specifications
- WBN plans to submit a TS Change which will increase UHS temperature limit from 85°F to 88°F
- TS submittal expected August 2003
- Approval to be requested before Summer 2004

Current UHS TS Requirements

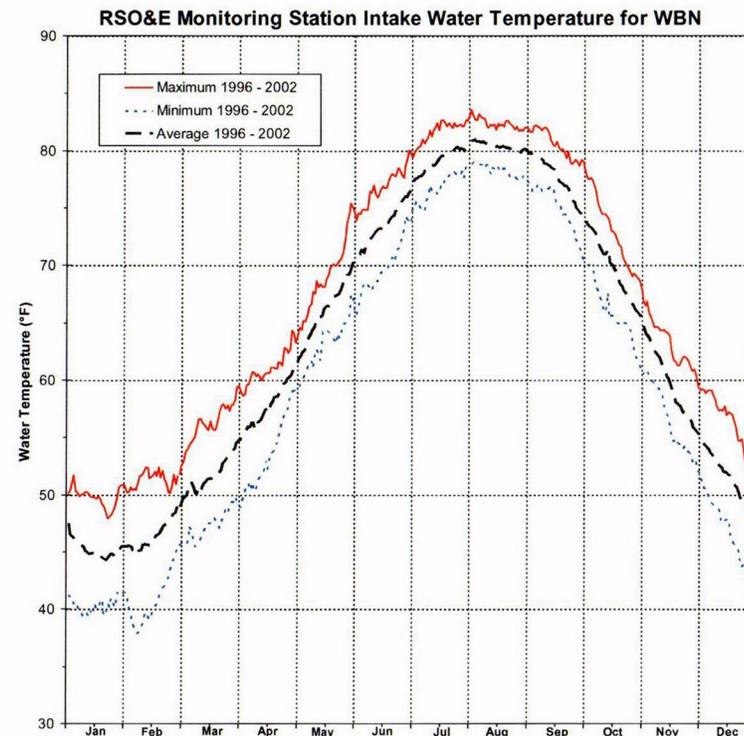


- LCO 3.7.9 – Ultimate Heat Sink
 - UHS is the TN River, also known as Chickamauga Lake
 - Requires UHS to be Operable in Modes 1-4
- Surveillance Requirement (SR) 3.7.9.1 (Perform every 24 hours):
 - “Verify average water temperature of the UHS is $\leq 85^{\circ}\text{F}$ ”
 - Surveillance Instruction (SI) – 1-SI-0-2B
 - Temperature measured daily (with installed instrumentation) at each of four supply headers in the Auxiliary Building, indicated on the plant computer, averaged, and compared to the limit
 - Current limit is $\leq 84^{\circ}\text{F}$ to account for instrument uncertainty (more accurate instrumentation is being installed)
 - Limit is close to 85°F if using precision M&TE

UHS Temperature History & Challenges



- The region is generally experiencing hotter than normal summers
 - August 2, 2002 – UHS temperature approached T/S limit of 85°F
 - Maximum general river water temperatures for 1996 – 2002 approximately 83°F
- TVA River Systems Operations can manipulate river temperature by special operations of larger & cooler upstream reservoirs, but with limited success
 - Can involve significant operating expenses & coordination difficulties with unpredictable results – influenced by weather



UHS/ERCW Design Basis



- UHS - Defined as the TN River, including the TVA controlled dams upstream of the intake structure, Chickamauga Dam (nearest downstream dam), and the plant intake channel (Reference WBN UFSAR Section 9.2.5)
- Provides a heat sink for removing heat from safety-related components during transients or accidents as well as normal operation
- The maximum UHS temperature of 85°F ensures adequate heat load removal capacity for a minimum of 30 days after reactor shutdown or following an accident, including worst case LOCA
- The system is designed in accordance with RG-1.27, Revision 1, March , 1974

UHS/ERCW Design Basis



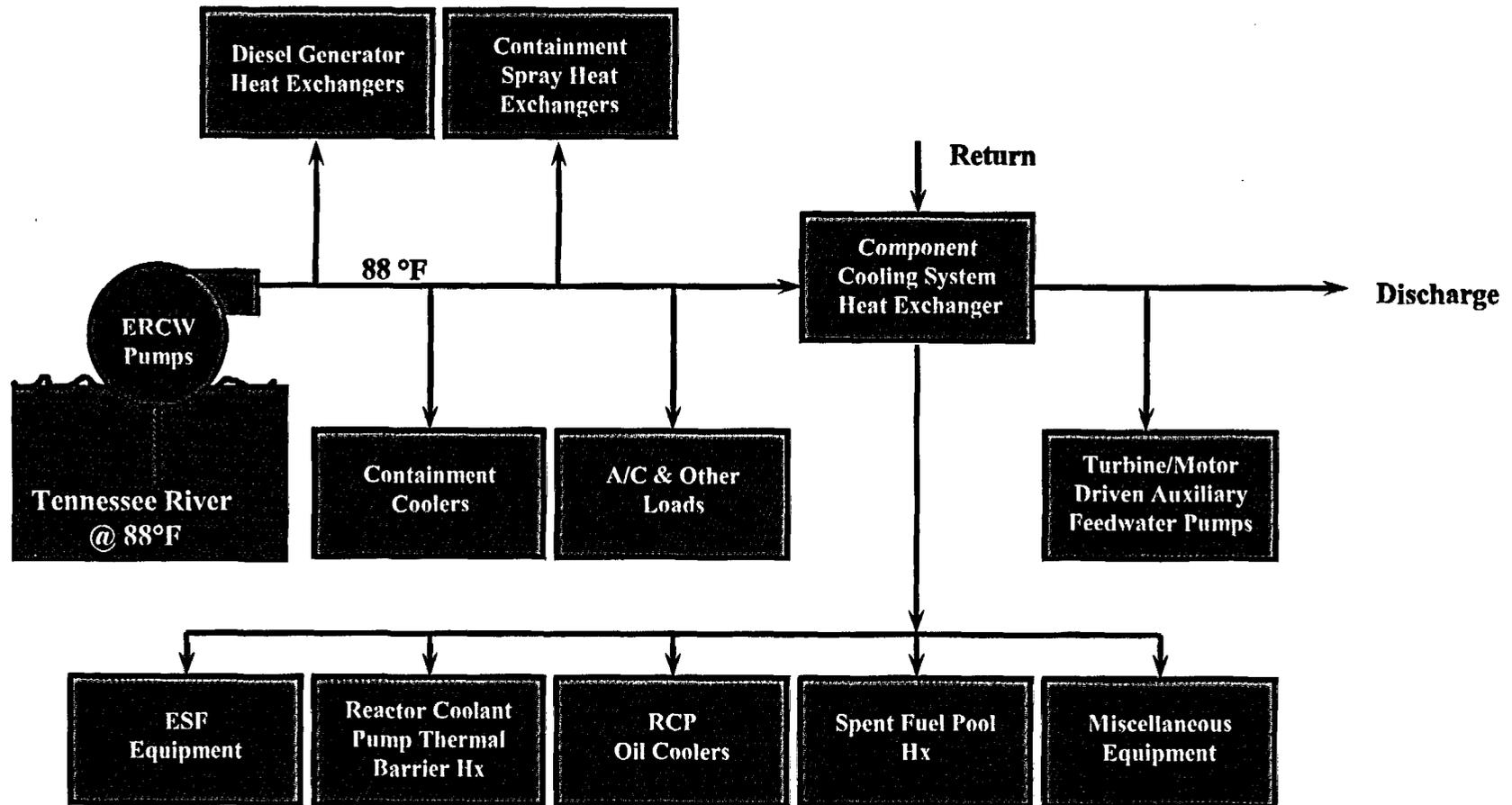
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- Design basis of ERCW is for one train (2 ERCW pumps & associated piping, etc.) in conjunction with component cooling, containment spray, & RHR to remove core decay heat following a LOCA
 - Assumes simultaneous LOCA, with loss of downstream dam, loss of offsite power, with a worst case single failure
 - Design basis worst case lake level assumptions have not changed – Assumes Watts Bar Hydro water release of 2,000 CFS
 - Maximum post-accident LOCA heat load occurs approximately 20 minutes after accident
 - Worst-case heat load results during RHR cool-down following shutdown from 100 percent power
 - UHS impacts post-LOCA containment pressure response
 - UHS and ERCW design basis requirements continue to be satisfied with the subject change in TS temperature limit from 85°F to 88°F

UHS/ERCW Design Basis



- WBN Design Bases will be revised to reflect UHS limit of 88°F for:
 - Containment Accident Analysis
 - Containment integrity analysis
 - Long-term cooling analysis
 - Residual Heat Removal Cooldown Analysis
- WBN Design Bases will continue to reflect UHS limit of 85° for:
 - UHS Design
 - ERCW Design
 - Future modifications will address impact of revised UHS limit of 88°F

Simplified Diagram - Primary ERCW Users



Analysis Methodology and Results



- **Containment Pressurization Re-analysis**
 - Westinghouse performed based on 88°F ERCW
 - No changes in analysis assumptions or methods
 - ERCW is a minor contributor during ice melt phase
 - Pressure increased from 10.64 psig to 10.90 psig
 - Insignificant reduction in ice melt time (1 hour nominal)

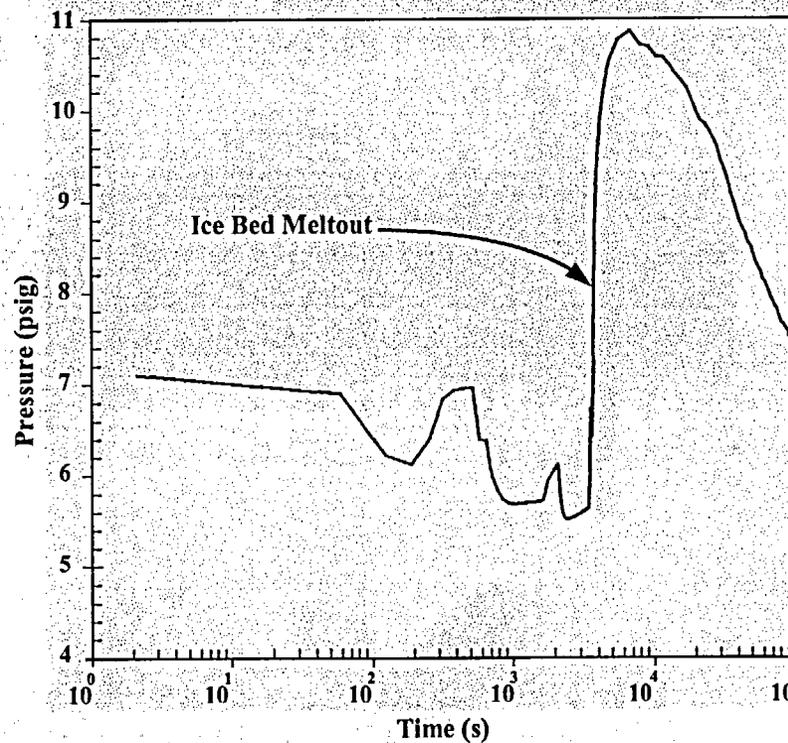
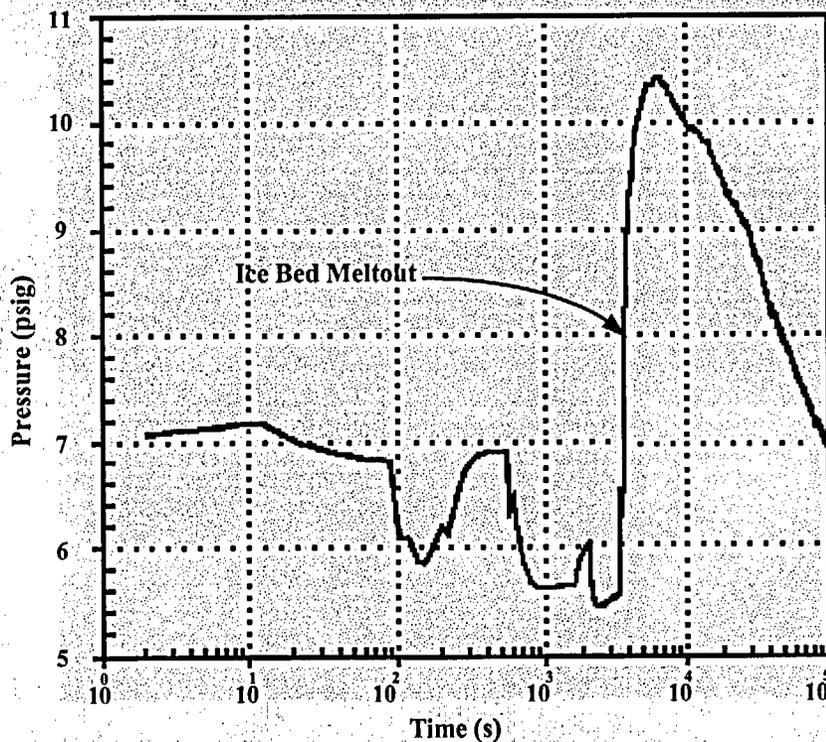
- **Containment Cooling Re-analysis**
 - Westinghouse performed based on 88°F ERCW
 - No changes in analysis assumptions or methods
 - Results acceptable – No long-term impact on equipment environmental qualification

Containment Pressure UFSAR Figure 6.2.1-1



Current UHS $\leq 85^\circ\text{F}$

Proposed UHS $\leq 88^\circ\text{F}$

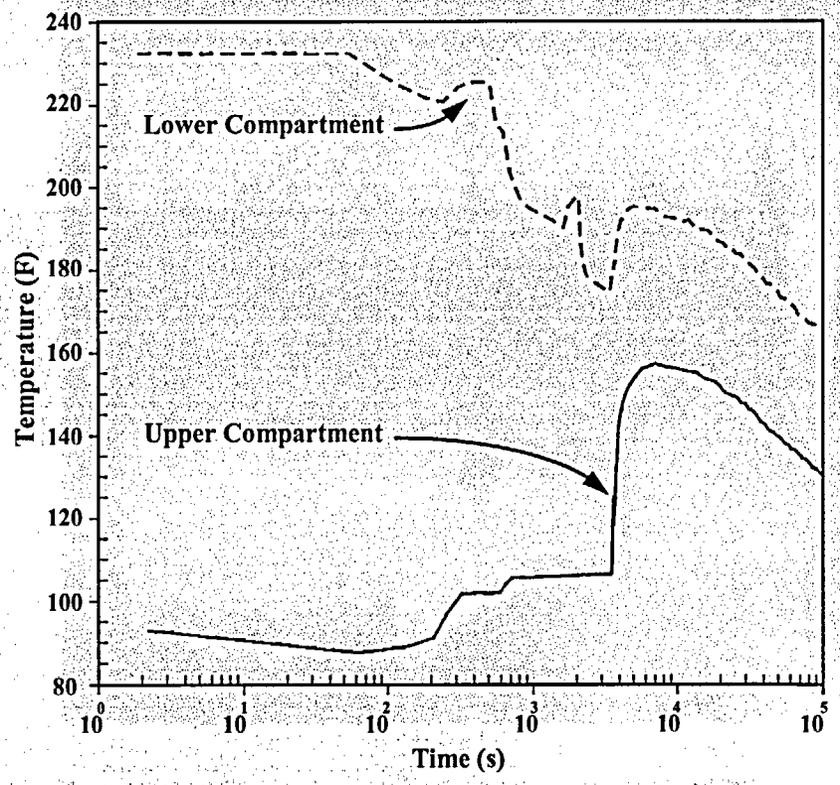
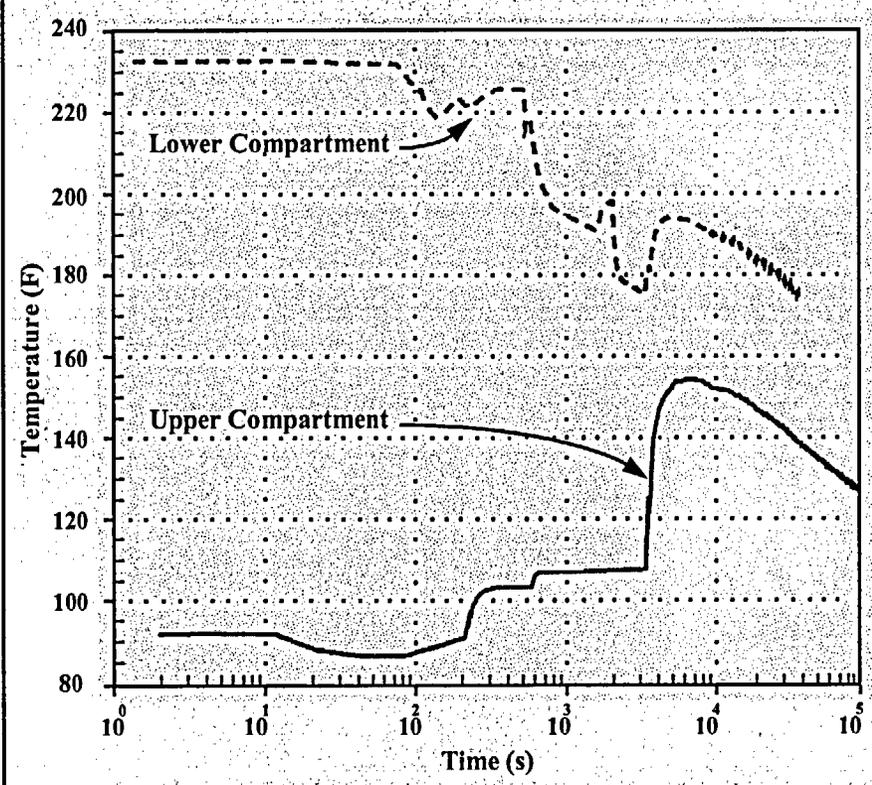


Upper and Lower Compartment Temperatures - UFSAR Figure 6.2.1-2



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Proposed UHS $\leq 88^\circ\text{F}$



Analysis Methodology and Results



- Residual Heat Removal (RHR) - Shutdown And Cooldown
 - Westinghouse performed based on 88°F ERCW
 - No changes in analysis methods; Revised assumptions/procedural controls Required (See Below)
 - 2 Train cooldown within 23 hours of shutdown can be achieved
 - 1 Train cooldown within 36 hours of shutdown (as required by Tech Specs) can be achieved if:
 - Remaining RCP secured at 25 hours after shutdown
 - Securing RCP during cooldown is consistent with current operational practices during a Loss of Offsite Power event
 - SFP heat exchanger isolation limited to five hours (Previously 9 hours)

Analysis Methodology and Results



- Evaluation of Other Major Components
 - Three critical areas were evaluated for impact:
 - Major safety related component heat transfer adequacy
 - Room / Area cooling capability
 - Impact on piping and piping support analyses
 - Margin was obtained using ERCW flows based on pre-operational test data, where necessary
 - The lowest preoperational test flow value was used (either from Appendix R or LOCA test configuration)
 - Sensitivity studies were performed on Aux Building temperature using TMG analysis
 - Piping / support analyses were evaluated at revised higher temperatures; significant margin existed in the few civil problems in which the analyzed temperature was exceeded.
 - Cooling capability analytically evaluated for Emergency Diesel Generators, Component Cooling System Hx, Containment Spray System Hx
 - Additional margin realized but not credited based on updated dam breach criteria. Resulted in revised WBH water release of 14,000 CFS, additional 7 feet of head above analysis basis.

Analysis Methodology and Results



- **Results - Evaluation of Other Major Components**

- Emergency Diesel Generator Jacket Water Heat Exchanger (Hx) Cooling**

- Analysis performed at 88°F ERCW – results were sensitive to fouling assumptions
 - Analysis utilized ERCW flow margin, a relaxed maximum temperature limit, and revised maximum heat loads
 - Marginal performance at design fouling at 85°F
 - Analysis performed using actual fouling trends over a cleaning cycle period
 - Annual spring cleaning of EDG Hx will result in acceptable summer operation at 88°F (procedure change planned)

- Room/Area Cooling - Safety Related Chillers**

- SR Chillers are greatly oversized; therefore a loss of efficiency was not a concern
 - MCR & EBR chillers (screw compressors) were determined to be acceptable up to 95°F
 - Safety-Related Equipment Room & Area Coolers – Acceptable based on margins for ERCW flow and more accurate heat loads
 - SDBR chiller compressors require re-gearing:
 - 88°F ERCW was determined by vendor to be unacceptable for SDBR chiller operation
 - Effort underway to re-gear and derate the SDBR chiller and revise design basis documentation
 - Both compressors to be rebuilt before 88°F TS is implemented

Analysis Methodology and Results



Environmental Qualification

- 100 days is still assumed for EQ; however, margin is realized due to hypothetical nature of ERCW temperature remaining elevated at 88°F for a 100 day duration
- TMG analysis of Auxiliary Building areas – Maximum EQ temperature not exceeded
- Maximum containment temperature not impacted based on Westinghouse analysis
- No impact on EQ Binders or program

Other Major Areas Evaluated Acceptably

Acceptable evaluation results achieved for the following:

- ERCW Design Basis Events (LOOP, SBO, pipe breaks, etc.)
- Auxiliary Feedwater
- Appendix-R Safe Shutdown
- Spent Fuel Pool Cooling
- Flood Mode Operations
- Tritium Production

Precedents



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- TVA reviewed the submittals approved for Cooper, Palisades, and Braidwood
 - WBN approach is similar
 - TVA's submittal will address evaluation/analytical methods, assumptions, results
 - TVA's submittal to provide detail list of components/calculations affected and basis for conclusions
 - TVA reviewed TSTF-330 (Adoption of 24-hour temperature averaging) for UHS – Does not provide adequate relief for postulated, sustained high temperature conditions for UHS

Conclusions



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- WBN will submit a TS Change to increase UHS temperature from 85°F to 88°F
 - Effects of proposed change have been examined in detail on equipment, components, systems, and safety-analyses. Included reviews of over 140 design documents and calculations
 - Analysis methodologies and assumptions for major analyses (Containment and RHR cool-down) have not changed
 - Component evaluations considered available margins and included sensitivity studies
 - Modification of SDBR chiller compressors required prior to implementation
 - Procedural controls to be revised as required (e.g., single-train RHR cool-down)
 - Emergency Diesel Generators will require annual spring cleaning
 - Proposed change is acceptable. No adverse affect on the safety of plant operations or the public