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Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed the annual report for The Ohio State University Research Reactor, Docket No. 50-150. This report is being submitted as required by our Technical Specifications, Section 6.6.1. If you have questions on the content of this report, please contact Mr. Andrew Kauffman, Associate Director of the Nuclear Reactor Laboratory.

Sincerely,

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THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
RESEARCH REACTOR

ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY 2003/2004

SEPTEMBER 2004

Introduction

As stated in The Ohio State University Research Reactor (OSURR) Technical Specifications, Section 6.6.1 Operating Reports, an annual report shall be made to the NRC by September 30 of each year. This report is to include the following seven sections.

1. A narrative summary of operating experience (including experiments performed) and of changes in facility design, performance characteristics, and operating procedures related to reactor safety occurring during the reporting period.
2. A tabulation showing the energy generated by the reactor (in kilowatt hours) and the number of hours the reactor was in use.
3. The results of safety-related maintenance and inspection. The reasons for corrective maintenance of safety-related items shall be included.
4. A table of unscheduled shutdowns and inadvertent scrams, including their reasons and the corrective actions taken.
5. A summary of changes to the facility or procedures, which affect reactor safety and performance of tests or experiments carried out under the conditions of sections 50.59 of 10CRF50.
6. A summary of the nature and amount of radioactive gaseous, liquids, and solid effluents released or discharged to the environs beyond the effective control of the licensee as measured or calculated at or prior to the point of such release or discharge.
7. A summary of radiation exposures received by facility personnel and visitors, including the dates and times of significant exposures.

These seven sections are discussed below. These are all for the period July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004, except as noted for exposure records.

1.A. Experiments Performed

The staff of The OSU Research Reactor is generally involved in four types of experiments at the Nuclear Reactor Laboratory. Included are introductions to nuclear research, neutron activation analysis, material irradiations, and classes that measure various reactor parameters. Typically when we introduce students, faculty or other experimenters to nuclear research, we do the following:

- a. Discuss nuclear reactions and radiological safety.
- b. Operate the reactor at 10kW-100kW
- c. Have the individuals observe control room operations.
- d. Complete a tour and demonstrate irradiation techniques.

Neutron activation analysis experiments are routinely completed for students ranging from high school to graduate school. The facilities normally utilized are the "rabbit" (pneumatic tube) and the "CIF" (Central Irradiation Facility). Much of the NAA work is geological samples.

Material irradiations, other than for NAA, are in four basic areas: isotope production; detector, electronic component and fiber optic testing; boron neutron capture therapy (BNCT); and irradiation of biological samples. Isotope production has been done often for medical research. Detector and electronic component testing is done routinely. This testing is usually completed in the thermal column, or one of the beam ports, while fission chamber testing is in the Central Irradiation Facility. The reactor thermal column is also utilized for other BNCT studies. Typically it is the location for cell samples to determine their boron content.

Various nuclear engineering or physics classes throughout Ohio utilize the reactor for the following basic experiments:

- a. Approach to critical (using banked control rods rather than fuel loading).
- b. Control rod calibration by rod drop, positive period, and subcritical multiplication.
- c. Measurement of the reactor transfer function by noise analysis.
- d. Temperature coefficient measurements.
- e. Radiological surveys.

The reactor utilization for July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004 is summarized in the following reports.

Funding for colleges and universities that utilize the OSU Research Reactor is provided in part by the DOE-funded Reactor Sharing Program.

**The Ohio State University Nuclear Reactor Lab Reactor Utilization Report:
July 1 - December 31, 2003**

User / Activity	Hours
Tours	22.0
NE 505, OSU Nuclear Engineering Course	20.0
Cell Irradiations for OSU BNCT	12.0
Fission Chamber Testing for GE Reuter Stokes	41.0
NASA, Damage Study	28.5
Miami University – Hf production	1.0
Miami University – Na production	1.0
SiC Detector Testing	3.0
Constant Temperature Power Sensor testing	6.0
Air Force Institute of Technology, FET Testing	6.0
Air Force Institute of Technology, Transducer Testing	26.5
Univ. Cincinnati, Nuclear Engineering Class	7.0
Maintenance	4.0
Total	178.0

**The Ohio State University Nuclear Reactor Lab Reactor Utilization Report:
January 1 - June 30, 2004**

User / Activity	Hours
Irradiations for AFIT	10.0
Hf-181 production for Miami	12.0
University of Cincinnati / Tuskegee tour/lab	7.0
Xavier tour/lab	5.0
Neutron Activation Analysis for UC Berkeley	4.0
Fission Chamber Testing for GE Reuter Stokes	51.5
NE 505, 742, 744 labs (OSU Nuclear Engineering Courses)	47.0
Misc. OSU tours	16.0
Misc. high school / middle school tours	12.0
Misc. Ohio college tours	19.0
NASA, Damage Study	55.5
Neutron Activation Analysis for Styrochem	5.0
Irradiation of rare-earth magnets for Electron Energy Corp.	11.0
NERI scintillator irradiations	4.5
Cell Irradiations for OSU BNCT	5.0
SiC Detector Testing	2.0
Constant Temperature Power Sensor testing	21.5
Total	288.0
* SRO training (concurrent with other operations)	35.5

1.B. Changes in Facility Design

There were no facility design changes that required a change to the Technical Specifications. 10CFR50.59 changes are described in Section 5.A of this report.

1.C. Changes in Performance Characteristics

There have been no changes in performance characteristics related to reactor safety in the last year.

1.D. Changes in Operating Procedures

There were no changes in operating procedures related to reactor safety in the last year. 10CFR50.59 changes are described in Section 5.B of this report.

2.A. Kilowatt-Hours of Operation – 27,121

2.B. Hours of Utilization - 466

3. Safety Related Maintenance

None

4. Unscheduled Shutdowns

From July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004 there were 12 unplanned shutdowns. These are summarized below.

Reason		Corrective Action
Core Inlet Temperature	(1)	Lower bulk pool temperature prior to operation
Spurious due to high humidity effects on core protections electronics:	(5)	Installed Control Room air conditioning unit
Loss of Magnet Current	(2)	Reseated modules in NIM bin
Rod Drive Area Manual Scram	(1)	Repaired manual scram switch
Low Source Counts	(1)	Discussed with operators
No pumps on @ 120KW	(2)	Discussed with Operators

5. Changes in Facility Procedures and Performance of Tests or Experiments in Accordance with 10CFR50.59

- A. During the period July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004, no OSURR Modification Requests were completed by the reactor staff:
- B. The following is a list of procedure changes made under 10CFR50.59 from July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004 in accordance with Administrative Procedure AP-05, entitled Format for Writing, Revising, and Approving Procedures.

Procedure Number	Procedure Title	Revision Date
AP-02	General Rules	10/2/03
AP-04	Approval for Request for Reactor Operations	10/3/03
AP-05	SNM Inventory	12/16/03
RS-03	Calibrating Gaseous Effluent Monitor	1/20/04
RS-18	Environmental Monitoring	8/29/03
IM-05	Core Reactivity Data	5/26/04
SP-01	Personnel Authorized Access to the NRL	11/24/03
SP-02	Security Call List	11/24/03
SP-05	Monthly Security Alarm Test	10/3/03
RS-09	Area Radiation Surveys	5/19/04
IM-01	Scram Checks	10/2/03
SP-03	Access Control to NRL	5/19/04
EP-01	Emergency Procedures	3/11/04
EP-02	Precautions for Non-Radioactive Haz-Mat	3/11/04

6. Radioactive Effluents

- A. Gaseous Effluent – The only effluent we measure is the release of Ar-41. For the period July 1 - Dec. 31, 2003, Ar-41 releases measured 0.96 % of the annual average concentration limit. From Jan. 1 - June 30, 2004, releases measured 1.59 % of the annual average concentration limit.

In accordance with the requirements of 10CFR20.1101(d), the COMPLY code was run using the total Ar-41 release for the period July1, 2003 - June 30, 2004 of 189.98 mCi. Using level 2 in the code, the effective dose equivalent rate at the facility fence was computed to be .10 mrem/yr. This is well below the 10 mrem/yr constraint specified in the regulation.

- B. Liquid Releases – Hot sink releases are recorded and reported through the OSU Office of Radiation Safety. The following table is a summary of the releases from July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004.

Hot Sink Disposal (1/04-2/04)		Reactor Pool Draining and Cleaning (9/03)	
Isotope	Quantity	Isotope	Quantity
Co-60	731 nCi	Co-57	1.58 nCi
Sb-124	493 nCi	Co-60	51.1 nCi
Zn-65	343 nCi	Na-24	6.85 uCi
Mn-54	122 nCi	H-3	1.76 mCi

- C. No releases of solid radioactive material were made to the uncontrolled environment.

7. Radiation Exposures

Since the firm that maintains records for The Ohio State University keeps a year to date record, it is easier to report this by the nearest completed calendar year. Therefore film badge exposures in this report are for the period January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003. 11 individuals were monitored as radiation workers for the entire year or a major part of it. These are tabulated below. They are consistent with the ALARA policy for The Ohio State University and represent a fraction of allowed limits. All doses are in rem.

Individual	DDE	SDE, WB	SDE, ME	TEDE
Visitors	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
1	0.427	0.454	0.670	0.427
2	0.313	0.305	0.260	0.313
3	0.851	0.834	1.040	0.851
4	0.073	0.070	0.080	0.073
5	1.298	1.261	1.120	1.298
6	1.031	0.991	1.350	1.031
7	0.559	0.545	0.670	0.559
8	0.813	0.772	0.900	0.813
9	0.490	0.471	0.550	0.490
10	0.010	0.010	0.000	0.010
11	0.010	0.011	0.000	0.010

COMPLY: V1.5d.

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40 CFR Part 61
National Emission Standards
for Hazardous Air Pollutants

REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH
THE CLEAN AIR ACT LIMITS FOR RADIONUCLIDE EMISSIONS
FROM THE COMPLY CODE, VERSION 1.5d

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SCREENING LEVEL 2

DATA ENTERED:

Nuclide	Release Rate (curies/YEAR)
AR-41	1.900E-01

Release height 10 meters.

Building height 11 meters.

The source and receptor are not on the same building.

Distance from the source to the receptor is 15 meters.

Building width 25 meters.

Default mean wind speed used (2.0 m/sec).

NOTES:

Input parameters outside the "normal" range:

None.

RESULTS:

Effective dose equivalent: 0.1 mrem/yr.

*** Comply at level 2.

This facility is in COMPLIANCE.

It may or may not be EXEMPT from reporting to the EPA.

You may contact your regional EPA office for more information.

***** END OF COMPLIANCE REPORT *****