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Three Mile Island, Unit 1 (TMI Unit 1)
Facility Operating License No. DPR-50
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Subject: Annual Report of the Emergency Core Cooling System Evaluation Model Changes and Errors Required by 10 CFR 50.46, "Acceptance criteria for emergency core cooling systems for light-water nuclear power reactors"

In accordance with 10 CFR 50.46, "Acceptance criteria for emergency core cooling systems for light-water nuclear power reactors," paragraph (a)(3)(ii), AmerGen Energy Company, LLC (AmerGen), is submitting the annual report of the Emergency Core Cooling System (ECCS) Evaluation Model changes and errors for TMI Unit 1.

Attachment 1, "Peak Cladding Temperature Rack-Up Sheets," provides updated information regarding the peak cladding temperature (PCT) for the limiting small break and large break loss-of-coolant accident (LOCA) analyses evaluations for TMI Unit 1. Attachment 2, "Assessment Notes," contains a detailed description for each change or error reported.

No new regulatory commitments are established in this submittal. If any additional information is needed, please contact David J. Distel at (610) 765-5517.

Respectfully,



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Attachments: 1) Peak Cladding Temperature Rack-Up Sheets
2) Assessment Notes

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Attachment 1

TMI Unit 1

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10 CFR 50.46, "Acceptance criteria for emergency core cooling systems for light-water nuclear power reactors"

Report of the Emergency Core Cooling System
Evaluation Model Changes and Errors Assessments

Peak Cladding Temperature Rack-Up Sheets

PLANT NAME: Three Mile Island Unit 1
 ECCS EVALUATION MODEL: Small Break Loss of Coolant Accident (SBLOCA)
 REPORT REVISION DATE: 5/04/05
 CURRENT OPERATING CYCLE: 15

ANALYSIS OF RECORD (AOR)

Evaluation Model: BWNT ¹
 Calculation: Framatome ANP 86-5011294-00, March 2001
 Fuel: Mark-B9, Mark-B12
 Limiting Fuel Type: Mark-B12
 Limiting Single Failure: Loss of One Train of ECCS
 Steam Generator Tube Plugging (SGTP): 20%
 Limiting Break Size: 0.05 ft² Break in Cold Leg Pump Discharge Piping

Reference Peak Cladding Temperature (PCT) PCT = 1454.0°F

MARGIN ALLOCATION

A. PRIOR LOSS OF COOLANT ACCIDENT (LOCA) MODEL ASSESSMENTS

10 CFR 50.46 report dated June 6, 2002 (see note 3)	$\Delta PCT = 0^\circ F$
10 CFR 50.46 report dated June 19, 2003 (see note 4)	$\Delta PCT = 0^\circ F$
10 CFR 50.46 report dated June 1, 2004 (see note 5)	$\Delta PCT = 0^\circ F$

NET PCT **PCT = 1454.0°F**

B. CURRENT LOCA MODEL ASSESSMENTS

None	$\Delta PCT = N/A$
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NET PCT **PCT = 1454.0°F**

¹ The BWNT EM is based on RELAP5/MOD2-B&W.

Attachment 2

TMI UNIT 1

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Assessment Notes

TMI Unit 1 10 CFR 50.46 Report Assessment Notes

1. Prior LOCA Model Assessment

The 10 CFR 50.46 report dated June 5, 2000 reported new LBLOCA and SBLOCA analyses to support operations at 20% steam generator tube plugging conditions for Mark-B9 fuel.

2. Prior LOCA Model Assessment

The 10 CFR 50.46 report dated June 11, 2001 reported evaluations for LBLOCA and SBLOCA model changes which resulted in 0°F PCT change.

3. Prior LOCA Model Assessment

The 10 CFR 50.46 report dated June 6, 2002 reported new LBLOCA analyses to support operations with Mark-B12 fuel. For SBLOCA, an increase in SBLOCA PCT of 42°F for Mark-B9 fuel was reported due to increase in emergency feedwater temperature. This analysis is applicable to both Mark-B12 fuel and Mark-B9 fuel.

4. Prior LOCA Model Assessment

The 10 CFR 50.46 report dated June 19, 2003 reported evaluation for LBLOCA model change which resulted in 0°F PCT change. SBLOCA was not impacted.

5. Prior LOCA Model Assessment

The 10 CFR 50.46 report dated June 1, 2004 reported evaluation for LBLOCA and SBLOCA model changes which resulted in 0°F PCT change. An error correction in containment pressure input resulted in a reduction in PCT for the LBLOCA analysis.

6. LOCA Oxygen/Hydrogen Recombination Evaluation

Exelon requested that AREVA evaluate the applicability of GE Notification Letter 2003-5 to the TMI LOCA analyses. The letter postulates that the reactor vessel pressure can be lower than the containment pressure once the blowdown phase of the LBLOCA is complete. This pressure difference has the potential to draw air from containment into the reactor vessel and react with hydrogen, thus creating a new source of heat that could potentially increase the clad temperature and oxidation that was predicted. An evaluation concluded that this effect is not related to the B&W-designed plants and does not need to be considered or addressed because there is no impact on the five 10 CFR 50.46 criteria. The break and ECCS locations, as well as the transient evolutions, preclude this issue from impacting the limiting TMI LOCA analyses. The evaluation determined that this phenomenon was not applicable to the limiting TMI LOCA analyses.