NRC Executive Overview of the ESBWR

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- ESBWR Passive Systems
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 > Differences from previous BWRs
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BWR Evolution





Containment Evolution





ESBWR

- •ABWR design certified
 - > Current project in progress in Lungmen
 - > Experience base developed from Lungmen and operating ABWRs at TEPCO's K6/7 site
- •GE is committed to producing a quality product
- •Continuing to build using experience and technology
- GE committed to work closely with the NRC to ensure sufficient detail and information exchange to support NRC licensing review—excellent interaction to date on pre-application review



Lungmen Equipment Delivery & Installation



Main Control Room Panels Testing

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Simulator testing at GENE San Jose











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ESBWR DCD Submittal

- •Comprehensive DCD Submitted
- > Reg Guide 1.70 format
- > Built on experience of SBWR & ABWR
- > Incorporated lessons learned from AP-1000 review



Status of DCD Submittal

- •DCD submitted 8/24/05
- Prompt and thorough review of application
- Acceptance review letter received
 - > Identified areas requiring further detailed information
- •GE is committed to aggressively provide the necessary details to accomplish the review
 - > Plans and schedules to be submitted to review team



ESBWR Basic Parameters

- •4,500 Megawatt Core Thermal Power
- •~1,580 Megawatt Electric Gross
- >~1,520 Megawatt Electrical Net
- Natural Circulation
- Passive Safety Systems
 - > 72 hours passive capability



Site Parameters

•EPRI Utility Requirements Document Plus (+)

- > Tornado
 - 330 mph
- > Extreme Winds
 - 140 mph for safety-related
- > Temperatures
 - Bound the 3 ESP sites

> Seismic

– Reg Guide 1.60 plus a CEUS hard rock site



Site Plan

1. THIS PLOT PLAN REPRESENTS THE STANDARD ESBWR CONFIGURATION, THIS CONFIGURATION WILL BE MODIFIED FOR STE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS DURING COMBINED OPERATING LICENSE APPLICATIONS.

COMBINED OPERATING LICENSE APPLICATIONS. THE REFERENCE NORMAL HART SINK IS SHOWN AS MATURAL DRAFT COOLING TOWERS, HONEVER, STE STEPETER, NUMEREEN KEINEL BUILT, AND COUNTE WHERE SPECIFIC TURBINE CONFIGURATION MAY DICTATE ETHER DROVE THROUGH ON RECHANCIAL DRAFT TOWER COOLING, THESE STE SPECIFIC ALTERNATE COOLING, DHESE STE SPECIFIC ALTERNATE COOLING, DHESE STE SPECIFIC ALTERNATE COOLING, DHESE AND CLICCULATING WATER STOTEM DESIGN.



WT = WATER TREATMENT

MT = MAIN TRANSFORMER

NT = NITROGEN STORAGE TANK



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Power Block Arrangement



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What's different about ESBWR

ABWR	ESBWR
Recirculation System + support systems	Eliminated
HPCF System (2 each)	Eliminated need for ECCS pumps
LPFL (3 each)	Utilize passive and stored energy
Residual Heat Removal (3 each)	Non-safety, combined with cleanup system
Safety Grade Diesel Generators (3 each)	Eliminated – only 2 non-safety grade diesels
RCIC	Replaced with IC heat exchangers
SLC – 2 pumps	Replaced pumps with accumulators
Reactor Building Service Water (Safety Grade) And Plant Service Water (Safety Grade)	Made non-safety grade



Optimized Parameters for ESBWR

<u>Parameter</u>	<u>BWR/4-Mk I</u> (Browns Ferry 3)	<u>BWR/6-Mk III</u> (Grand Gulf)	<u>ABWR</u>	<u>ESBWR</u>
Power (MWt/GrossMWe)	3293/1098	3900/1360	3926/1350	4500/1580
Vessel height/dia. (m)	21.9/6.4	21.8/6.4	21.1/7.1	27.7/7.1
Fuel Bundles (number)	764	800	872	1132
Active Fuel Height (m)	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.0
Power density (kw/l)	50	54.2	51	54
Recirculation pumps	2(large)	2(large)	10	zero
Number of CRDs/type	185/LP	193/LP	205/FM	269/FM
Safety system pumps	9	9	18	zero
Safety diesel generator	2	3	3	zero
Core damage freq./yr	1E-5	1E-6	1E-7	3E-8
Safety Bldg Vol (m³/MWe)	115	150	160	~ 130





imagination at work

Natural Circulation

Simplification without performance loss ..

- Passive safety/natural circulation
 - Increase the volume of water in the vessel
 - Increase driving head
- Significant reduction in components
 - Pumps, motors, controls, HXers
- Power Changes with Control Rod Drives
 - Minimal impact on maintenance





Passive Safety





Passive Safety Systems ...

Isolation Condenser System



Passive Containment Cooling





72 Hours Passive Capability





Gravity Driven Cooling System ...

Simple design Simple analyses

Extensive testing Large safety margins





Gravity driven flow keeps core covered



Anticipated Operational Occurrences

- •Reliable controls eliminate most limiting AOOs
- •Large steam volume in reactor mitigates pressure increases
- > No pressure overshoot in any AOO
- •IC prevents SRV opening in all AOOs
- •CPR change lower than forced circ. BWRs
- > Loss of FW Heating is Limiting CPR, slow quasi-static response
- •Loss of Coolant Accidents (LOCA)
- > Large margin to fuel uncovery in all pipe breaks
 - Only Passive systems credited
 - Designed for 72 hrs w/o external AC power or operator action



AOO Without Scram (ATWS)

- Scram discharge volume eliminated
 - > Eliminates common mode failure
- Electric Control Blade insertion diverse from hydraulic scram
- FW runback results in decreased water level, core flow, & power reduction; automated and diverse from scram logic
- Boron Injection is direct to core bypass Eliminates lower plenum boron stratification
- Boron accumulator initial flowrate exceeds 10CFR50 requirement
 - > Shutdown achieved quickly w/o depressurizing
- After shutdown IC operation terminates steam flow to suppression pool and pool heatup



LOCA Water Level Response





Reactor and Fuel Building





Containment





Isolation Condensers

- •ICs provide passive decay heat removal
 - > Single Failure Criteria apply
 - > No lift of the Safety Relief Valves (SRVs)
 - > Operates in all Design Basis Conditions except medium and large break LOCAs
 - > ICs transport decay heat direct from NSSS to the Ultimate Heat Sink
 - No steaming in the primary containment
 - > Rapidly reduces RPV pressure
 - > Redundant Active Components







Passive Containment Cooling

- •PCCs provide passive decay heat removal from the primary containment
 - > Operates in medium and large break LOCAs
 - > Provides backup of ICs if needed
 - RPV is fully depressurized using DPVs
 - > Entirely Passive
 - > ~40 hours
 - > Opening of four valves to extend to 72 hours
 - > PCCs transport decay heat direct from Primary Containment to the Ultimate Heat Sink







Emergency Core Cooling (ECC)

- •Gravity Driven Cooling System (GDCS)
 - Three Pools
 - Four Trains
- Automatic Depressurization System (ADS)
 - 10 of 18 Safety Relief Valves (SRV)
 - Pneumatic actuation
 - 8 Depressurization Valves (DPV)
 - Squib actuated



Emergency Core Cooling (cont)

- •Core remains covered for entire range of Design Basis Accidents
- > No fuel heat-up
- •Complies with 10 CFR 50.46
- > Codes have been approved by NRC
- •Stored water is sufficient to flood RPV and containment (lower drywell) to above the top of fuel



MSIV, SRV and DPV Arrangement







Gravity-Driven Cooling System



Other Safety-Related Passive Systems

- •DC Power Supplies
- > Battery banks
- > Inverters
- > Battery Chargers
- •Emergency Breathing Air System
- > Main Control Room Habitability
- •Standby Liquid Control (SLC)
- > Two Pressurized Tanks of Boron



Safety-Related Electrical

- Four Divisions
- •DC Backed
- > Inverted power for AC loads
- > 4 Divisions with 24 hours Capability
 - Monitor
 - Control
- > 2 divisions with 72 hours Capability
 Monitor



Regulatory Treatment of Non-Safety Systems (RTNSS)

•Enhanced QA will be imposed on some systems

- Based on PSA insights
- Post 72 hours through 7 days
- •Fire Protection Systems
- > IC/PCC pool fill
- > Spent Fuel Pool makeup



Plant Investment Protection (PIP)

- •Non-safety systems provide for defense in depth
- > Two redundant trains (active)
 - Significant contributors to plant availability
 - Asset Protection
- > On-Site AC Power (Diesel Generators)
 - Electrical Distribution
- > CRD Hydraulics
- > Reactor Water Cleanup
- > Fuel and Auxiliary Pool Cooling and Cleanup



Instrumentation & Control Systems

- •Key Design Features
- > Digital data network for plant-wide control & display
 - Separate sub-systems
- > Intelligent multiplexing system & fiber optics
- > Standardized I&C equipment and components
- > Plant Computer System supports extensive plant automation
- > Online diagnostics
- > Advanced control room design



Digital Control and Instrumentation

- Diversity
 - > Four divisions of RPS
 - Manual scram and isolation
 - > Four divisions of ECCS
 - > Four divisions on non microprocessor based ATWS/SLCS
 - > Triple redundant controller for diverse RPS and ECCS
 - > Triple redundant controllers for major nuclear control functions
 - > Redundant controllers for investment protection and BOP control







independently



Reactor Protection

- •Based on ABWR design
 - > 2/4 logic
 - > Fail safe
 - > Deterministic
- > Diverse from ECCS
- •Any two un-bypassed same parameters that exceed limits will always cause a scram with:
 - > Any single logic failure
 - > Any division of sensors bypass status
 - > Any division of logic bypass status
 - > Any single power failure
 - > Any possible main control room RPS control configuration



Engineered Safety Feature I&C

- •Based on ABWR design
 - > 2/4 logic
 - > Fail As Is
 - > Deterministic
 - > Diverse from RPS
- •Any two un-bypassed same parameters that exceed limits will always initiate ECCS with:
 - > Any single logic failure
 - > Any division of sensors bypass status
 - > Any single power failure
 - > Any possible main control room ECCS control configuration







Summary

- Enhanced Safety
 - > Continues improvement of BWR line
- •Leverages ABWR design where appropriate
- > Utilizes proven technologies
- Transient response is significantly improved
 No Safety Relief Valve (SRV) openings



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PRA Overview

Organization of the Documents Attributes of the PRA Summary of Results







PRA Scope

Internal Events, Power Operation

- > Level 1, 2, and 3
- Internal Events, Shutdown
- > Level 1
- > 99% SDCDF in mode 6, so no level 2 required External Events (non-Seismic)
- > Screening shows no impact on risk
- Seismic
 - > Seismic margins analysis identified no outliers



PRA Quality

Follows ASME Standard Principles

- > Where applicable, meets capability category 3
- > Some plant specific information not available until COL or construction
- Certification PRA Capability
 - > Determine that ESBWR meets risk goals
 - > Determine importance at a system level
- > Determine overall importance of operator action
 Each Element Appropriate for Certification



Comprehensive System Analysis

Detailed Fault Tree Model

- > 24 systems modeled
- > Major components included
- > Fully linked support systems
- > Intra-system common cause
- > Inter-system common cause for squib valves



Containment Performance

Level 2 Linked Directly to Level 1 Phenomena Probabilities from ROAAM

> High confidence, rather than mean, values used



Shutdown

Detailed Model

- > Loss of decay heat removal
- > LOCA
- > Loss of Preferred Power
- Includes Manual Shutdown for Refueling



The Bottom Line

Internal Events CDF Internal Events LRF CCFP

Probability of Exceeding 25 Rem at 1/2 Mile External Events Contribution Shutdown CDF 3.2×10⁻⁸ 1×10⁻⁹ 0.025 2×10⁻⁹

negligible 4x10⁻⁹



Breakdown By Initiating Event



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Attributes of ESBWR Risk

Redundancy and Diversity!!

- At Least 3 I&C Systems Need to Fail for Core Damage Top Cutsets Involve
 - > CCF of Batteries
 - > CCF of Squib Valves
- Loss of All Electric Power (AC & DC) Itself Does Not Cause Core Damage
- Containment Failure Does Not Lead to Core Damage within 72 Hours
- Containment Can Be Flooded Above Core Using Passive Systems



Attributes Affecting Risk (continued)

- High Containment Ultimate Strength
- > High confidence pressure 1.2 MPaG
- > Most scenarios well below 0.9 MPaG
- **Ex-Vessel Explosion**
 - > Does not occur if water in lower drywell less than 0.7 m. This is the likely case.
 - Containment survives EVE pressure pulse
 Consideration for localized failures included
 - > Consideration for localized failures included



Attributes Affecting Risk (continued)

Direct Containment Heating

- > Containment survives initial pressurization
- > Long term high temperatures do not fail liner or penetrations
- > Lower to upper drywell configuration minimizes relocation of core debris
- > Containment spray added as defense-in-depth



Attributes Affecting Risk (continued)

Basemat Melt Penetration

- > Precluded by BiMAC (see next slide)
- > Diverse actuation
- > Cools debris from above, below, and on sides



Basemat Internal Melt Arrest and Coolability (BiMAC)





Regulatory Treatment of Non-Safety Systems

One System Identified

- > Fire water refill of IC/PCC pools
- Sensitivity Analysis Provides Basis
 - > Calculated CDF using only safety-related and special treatment systems

 $> CDF = 4.0 \times 10^{-5}$

> LRF = 2.6 x 10⁻⁷



Other Sensitivities

Case	Core Damage Frequency (ur ⁻¹)	Large Release Frequency (ur ⁻¹)
Base	3.2 × 10 ⁻⁸	8 × 10 ⁻¹⁰
Safatu - PTNSS	/1 O v 10-5	2 6 y 10-7
	4.0 X 10 °	2.0 × 10
No Operator Credit	1.9 × 10 ⁻⁶	4.0 × 10 ⁻⁷
Squib Failure x 5	1.4 × 10 ⁻⁷	2.4 x 10 ⁻⁹
Squib Failure x 10	2.8 x 10 ⁻⁷	4.2 x 10 ⁻⁹
Truncation @ 10 ⁻¹⁴	3.4 x 10 ⁻⁸	9 x 10 ⁻¹⁰





- PRA Report Provides a Comprehensive Assessment of ESBWR Mitigation Capabilities
- Incorporating Risk Insights During Design Drives Reliability
- ESBWR Satisfies Risk Goals With Significant Margin

