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Dear Sir:

Via letter (Reference 3), the SFPO requested that we provide additional information on our proposed amendment (Reference 4) to our HI-STORM 100 Certificate of Compliance. We herein respond to the SFPO's request.

The following attachments all are provided in electronic format:

Attachment 1: Written Responses to NRC Request for Additional Information

Attachment 2: Revised Proposed CoC and TS Changes in Markup Format – Deletions are shown in strikeout. Insertions are marked by vertical bars in the right margin. Only the CoC, and Appendix B Sections 1 and 3 are affected by the RAI responses. Therefore, only the CoC and those sections are provided.



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Attachment 3: Proposed Revised FSAR Sections – Only Sections 1.0, 4.5 and 6.2 are affected by the RAI responses. Therefore, only those sections are provided. These sections are marked in the footer with "Rev 3.D", updated from "Rev 3.B" in the initial LAR.

Sincerely,

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# **LAR 1014-4 ATTACHMENT 1 TO LETTER 5014595 RESPONSES TO NRC RAIs**

# **Responses to RAIs on HI-STORM License Amendment Request 1014-4, Docket 72-1014**

P1-1. Clarify the intent of the language of proposed CoC Section 1.b, Paragraph 2, Sentence 2 - Replace "carbon steel/lead/carbon steel" with "carbon steel and/or lead."

The change infers that it is possible to construct the transfer cask entirely of lead.

This information is needed to determine compliance with 10 CFR 72.24 (c)(3).

#### Holtec Response

It is not the intent of this proposed change to permit construction of a transfer cask entirely of lead (note that a lead-only design, even if not explicitly excluded, would obviously not be permissible from a structural perspective). However, there might be conditions, such as low source term assemblies, that could make a steel only transfer cask feasible. We propose to modify the CoC change to replace "a multi-walled (carbon steel/lead/carbon steel) cylindrical vessel" with "a carbon steel or carbon steel and lead cylindrical vessel".

# Proposed Change No. 2

As stated in the acknowledgment review letter dated November 23, 2005, the staff, at this time, does not consider the elimination of the helium leak test requirement for the vent and drain port cover plates as constituting an acceptable approach for ensuring the integrity of a storage cask confinement boundary. The technical review of this matter will be addressed in LAR 1014-3. To clarify LAR 1014-4, Holtec should provide revised Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR) pages, consistent with changes made to LAR 1014-3, to reflect the helium leak test requirements for the vent and drain port cover plates.

#### Holtec Response

We recognize that the elimination of the helium leak test requirement for the vent and drain port cover plates is not acceptable. In LAR 1014-2, the leak test requirement was retained in the Technical Specifications and, subsequent to the approval of the LAR, clarifications were added to Chapter 12 of the FSAR in regards to the acceptance criteria. Since then, several HI-STORM cask users have loaded MPCs under the latest certificate and have appropriately implemented the vent and drain port cover plate leak test requirements. In the RAI responses for LAR 1014-3, we restored text throughout the FSAR related to these leak tests that were previously deleted. This required changes to a significant number of FSAR sections and subsections. Introducing the same changes in LAR 1014-4 does not appear to be beneficial. Even if LAR 1014-4 would be approved before LAR 1014-3, a new FSAR revision would most likely only be issued after the approval of LAR 1014-3. The changes would therefore only be present in the proposed FSAR version with LAR 1014-4, and these changes would not be technically reviewed, as stated above. On the other hand, introducing these changes in LAR 1014-4 would require duplication of

information, and updating and transmittal to the NRC of various FSAR sections and subsections that otherwise remain unchanged in this LAR. No changes have therefore been made to the proposed FSAR in this respect.

P3-1. Explain why verification that the Multi Purpose Canister (MPC) cavity pressure is within limits can be achieved either via analysis or direct measurement.

Unless quantified uncertainties related to the analysis are provided, direct measurement would constitute the preferred method of verifying cavity pressure.

This information is needed to assure compliance with 10 CFR 72.11, 72.24(d), and 72.236.

#### Holtec Response

While we agree that direct measurement is the preferred method of verifying the MPC internal pressure during a reflood, eliminating the need to monitor a pressure gauge installed near the MPC may reduce personnel doses in accordance with ALARA principles. It should be possible to perform a suitably bounding evaluation to determine a reflood rate that ensures the design pressure is not exceeded. Section 4.5.1.1.6 of Proposed FSAR Revision 3B describes such a evaluation, where the maximum steam flow rate from the MPC at the design pressure is determined under the conservative postulate that all injected water is immediately vaporized. This conservative assumption would more than offset uncertainties in steam properties. For field implementation, additional uncertainties for manufacturing tolerances and the accuracy of flow control equipment must be incorporated to reduce the allowable water flow rate. Because the uncertainties that must be included will depend on the exact equipment being used to perform the reflood, it is not possible to include them in the FSAR or CoC.

P3-2. Clarify whether or not pre-cooling of the MPC prior to reflooding has been eliminated during fuel unloading operations.

Proposed Change No. 3 modifies LCO 3.1.3 in Appendix A to the CoC to eliminate cooling of the MPC cavity prior to reflood with water (as part of cask unloading operations). However, Page 4.5-14 of the FSAR states that for this operation, a helium cool-down system is engaged to the MPC via lid access ports and a forced helium cooling of the fuel and MPC is initiated. See also Scenario 5 of Table 4.5.8 of the FSAR.

This information is needed to assure compliance with 10 CFR 72.11, 72.24(d), and 72.236.

# Holtec Response

The statement on Page 4.5-14 (Section 4.5.2.1) and the entry in Table 4.5.8 of HI-STORM FSAR Proposed Revision 3B were inadvertently not removed. These two items have been eliminated in a revision to the Proposed FSAR.

P3-3 Provide specific cases where cool-down by directly reflooding the cask with water has occurred. Also, provide some studies and/or experiments that concluded direct cooldown by water did not result in fuel cladding failures. Explain why this also would apply for high burnup fuel.

The FSAR states that industry standard practice for the dry cask storage has historically been to directly reflood the cask with water. This standard practice is known not to induce fuel cladding failures. However, the applicant has not provided specific examples where direct reflooding of the cask has occurred or documented existing justification for this practice.

NUREG-1536, "Standard Review Plan for Dry Cask Storage Systems," January 1997, states that for unloading operations, the applicant should evaluate temperature and pressure calculations supporting procedural steps presented in FSAR, Section 8, for cask cooldown and reflooding of the cask internals. To ensure that the cask does not overpressurize and that the fuel assemblies are not subjected to excess thermal stresses, the applicant's analysis should specify and justify the appropriate temperature and flow rate of the quench fluid, assuming maximum fuel cladding temperatures in the unloading configuration.

This information is needed to assure compliance with 10 CFR 72.11, 72.24(d), and 72.236

# Holtec Response

It is our understanding that direct water reflooding has been used successfully for transportation casks being used to ship fuel assemblies from the Brunswick Steam Electric Plant to the Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant. Our statement (Summary of Proposed Changes, Change Number 3) that "many dry storage casks use a direct reflood of water", however, was intended to mean that other casks had been licensed by the NRC for such operations. Several examples of such prior licensing pedigree include:

- 1. Transnuclear's TN-68 Cask Docket 72-1027 Section 8.2 of the TN-68 FSAR Revision 0 describes that water will be added at varying rates while monitoring the cask cavity pressure.
- 2. Nuclear Assurance Corporation's UMS System Docket 72-1015 Step 13 of Section 8.3 of the UMS FSAR Revision UMSS-02A describes that water will be added while monitoring the cask cavity pressure.
- 3. Trojan Plant Docket 72-17 Section 5.1.1.2 of the Trojan ISFSI SAR describes that water can be added to the cask cavity at up to 8 gpm without resulting in fuel clad stress or internal pressures in excess of design limits.
- 4. Transnuclear's 24PTH Canister Docket 72-1004 Step 19 of Section P.8.2.2 of the 24PTH Amendment (Number 8) describes filling the canister with water while monitoring the internal pressure. It is noted that the 24PTH is certified for storage of high-burnup fuel, so direct water reflooding with high-burnup fuel has been previously approved.

We note that Step 8 in Section 8.3 of our Proposed FSAR Revision 3B does describe the steps necessary to perform a controlled reflood and that Section 4.5.1.1.6 of the same document reports a conservative maximum reflood rate (3715 lb/hr or approximately 7.5 gpm) that will preclude exceeding the MPC design pressure. Because the analysis described in Section 4.5.1.1.6 assumes all water converts to steam immediately, the inlet temperature has no effect on the MPC internal pressure. Thus, the information requested by NUREG-1536 has been provided.

P4-1 Provide the studies cited in Sections 6.2.2.4 and 6.2.4.3.2 and supporting sample calculations that demonstrate that linear interpolation of the soluble boron concentration is conservative when compared to the calculated multiplication factors listed in Tables 6.1.5, 6.1.6, and 6.1.12.

LAR 1014-4, Revision 0, proposed this change and cites supporting studies that were conducted by the licensee that demonstrate a saturation effect that overestimates the minimum soluble boron concentration providing conservatism but these studies were not included in the amendment request. Also, additional tables may need to be added in conjunction with Tables 6.1.5, 6.1.6, and 6.1.12 that clearly show the proposed interpolated soluble boron concentrations for varying enrichments.

This information is needed to determine compliance with 10 CFR 72.236(b).

#### Holtec Response

Evaluations were performed for all assembly classes of intact fuel, and all bounding assembly classes for intact and damaged fuel. In all cases, two intermediate enrichments/soluble boron levels are analyzed. The results are summarized in the following tables.

# Intact Fuel Only





Intact and Damaged Fuel





The results in these tables show that in *all* cases, the maximum k<sub>eff</sub> values for the intermediate enrichment are below the highest value for either 4.1 wt% or 5.0 wt% for the assembly class. This was initially interpreted to indicate a saturation effect at higher enrichments, and corresponding conservatism at intermediate enrichments. However, a more detailed analysis shows that on average, the maximum  $k_{\text{eff}}$  for the intermediate enrichments is only about 0.0002 delta-k below the linearly interpolated maximum  $k_{\text{eff}}$  value. This difference is not statistically significant. The footnote on Page 6.2-5 of the proposed FSAR has therefore been removed. Nevertheless, the maximum  $k_{\text{eff}}$  values for the intermediate burnups are bounded by the already reported values in all cases, demonstrating that the linear interpolation is acceptable.

Since these evaluations were performed to demonstrate that certain conditions are bounded by the calculations already documented in the FSAR, we do not feel it is necessary to include the calculational details in the FSAR. Also, it is not considered necessary to provide examples for the linear interpolation in Section 6.1 or the CoC. Linear interpolation is a standard engineering practice and is used in other sections of the CoC without providing examples.

P6-1 Describe the materials of construction for the non-fuel hardware items listed in Proposed Change No. 6 and discuss whether these additions introduce any new material types into the cask. Provide a discussion of any potential chemical or galvanic reactions that the additional non-fuel hardware materials may create.

The amendment proposes to add certain non-fuel hardware to the approved list of items to be stored. If the materials of construction of these items are the same as for previously approved cask contents, no additional discussion is needed and the applicant may state that no new material types would be introduced into the cask by this addition.

This information is required for completeness per 10 CFR 72.24 and to comply with

10 CFR 72.120(d).

# Holtec Response

The neutron sources being added to the approved contents are similar in design to BPRAs with the poison material replaced by source material. The source material is typically clad in stainless steel and contained within stainless steel rods. The following source materials have been used: antimony-beryllium, americium-beryllium, plutonium-beryllium, polonium-beryllium, and californium. These materials do not pose a significant threat of galvanic or chemical reaction through interaction with the MPC cavity materials or environment during wet loading operations or long-term dry storage operation, as described below.

If damaged neutron source assemblies were to expose the poison material inside to the MPC internal environment, no chemical interaction would be expected unless internal temperatures were high enough to result in the melting of the material. All of these materials are designed for service in fuel assemblies during reactor operations, where temperatures are in the same range as those experienced by the hardware in storage. Therefore, no melting of the material and no adverse chemical reactions is expected. Galvanic corrosion requires the presence of a electrically conductive medium between the dissimilar elements that would not exist during storage in the MPC (helium filled). Any possible galvanic interaction could only occur during the short time period when the cask is flooded during loading operations (up to approximately 4 days). This time frame is sufficiently short to render any reaction as insignificant. Thereafter, the system is dry and filled with an inert gas (helium) and galvanic interaction cannot occur.

In conclusion, the addition of neutron source assemblies in the allowable contents does not add any material that would create a concern from a chemical or galvanic reaction perspective.

P7-1 Provide the studies cited in Section 6.4.12 and supporting sample calculations that demonstrate the addition of annular fuel pellets in the top and bottom 12 inches of Pressurized Water Reactor (PWR) fuel assemblies do not result in significant reactivity effects.

LAR 1014-4, Revision 0 proposed this change and cites supporting studies that were conducted by the licensee to justify this addition of annular fuel pellets but these studies were not included in the amendment request.

This information is needed to determine compliance with 10 CFR 72.236(b).

# Holtec Response

Two sets of evaluations were performed to demonstrate that the annular fuel pellets have a negligible effect, all with 12 inches of annular pellets at the top and bottom of the active region, filled with pure water. In the first set, the diameter of the central hole in the annular pellets is varied, for the case that results in the highest reactivity in any of the PWR baskets (MPC-32, 15x15F, 5 wt%). Results are listed in the following table and show that the annular pellets are statistically equivalent to, or bounded by the reference case with solid rods.



The second set of calculation evaluates a hole diameter of 2 mm for various PWR basket configurations, including cases with and without soluble boron, and cases with intact and damaged fuel. Results are summarized in the following table for the bounding array classes.



In summary, these evaluations demonstrate that the annular pellets have an insignificant reactivity effect.

Since these evaluations were performed to demonstrate that a certain condition is equivalent to or bounded by the calculations already documented in the FSAR, we do not feel it is necessary to include the calculational details in the FSAR.

G-1 Revise the FSAR and Technical Specifications (TS) definition of damaged fuel to correspond with the definition in HI-STAR 100, Amendment 2, CoC No. 9261. Alternatively, revise the definition to be consistent with that proposed in LAR 1014-3.

This information is required for completeness per 10 CFR 72.24 and to provide consistency between amendments currently under review by the staff.

# Holtec Response

We propose to revise the FSAR and Technical Specification (TS) definition to be consistent with that proposed in LAR 1014-3. The affected proposed FSAR and CoC sections have been updated accordingly.

G-2 Review and clarify the definition of the term "Thermosiphon". Rev. 3B of the SAR states the following:

**Thermosiphon** is the term used to describe the buoyancy-driven natural convection circulation of helium within the MPC fuel basket maximum heat load during short-term operating conditions up to which no time limit or other restriction is imposed on the operating condition.

However, Rev. 1 of the FSAR states the following:

**Thermosiphon** is the term used to describe the buoyancy-driven natural convection circulation of helium within the MPC fuel basket

This information is needed to assure compliance with 10 CFR 72.11, 72.24(d), and 72.236.

#### Holtec Response

The definition of thermosiphon appears to contain a cut-and-paste type error that was inadvertently made in LAR 1014-2. The definition of thermosiphon in Proposed FSAR Revision 2E, submitted in support of that LAR, has a period after the words "within the MPC fuel basket" and a new sentence fragment starting with "maximum heat load during" immediately following. When the LAR was approved and a revised FSAR Revision 3 was issued, the period was dropped. The correct definition should be as follows:

"Thermosiphon is the term used to describe the buoyancy-driven natural convection circulation of helium within the MPC fuel basket."

This definition has been corrected in a revision to Proposed FSAR Table 1.0.1.

G-3 Explain why the Supplemental Cooling System (SCS) procedure was deleted from the FSAR.

The SCS procedures should describe in, general, what type of equipment is used and how it is connected to the HI-TRAC transfer cask. As stated in NUREG-1536, "Standard Review Plan for Dry Cask Storage Systems," January 1997, the operating sequences described in the FSAR should provide an effective basis for the development of the more detailed operating and test procedures required by the cask user. The user will then use the applicant supplied procedures as guidance when preparing and implementing detailed site-specific procedures, as required by the licensee's quality assurance (QA) and procedure writing programs. The NRC normally inspects selected site-specific procedures.

This information is needed to assure compliance with 10 CFR 72.11, 72.24(d), and 72.236.

#### Holtec Response

The requirements to use the Supplemental Cooling System (SCS) in the operating procedures (Proposed FSAR Revision 3B Chapter 8) have not been deleted. Revision 3B only deletes the procedure steps for performing MPC pre-cooling prior to reflooding during a cask unload (see Proposed Change Number 3), which is not the same as the SCS.

G-4 Verify that, during loading, when the water level in the loaded cask is lowered in preparation for lid welding, that either of these conditions occur; 1) the water level reduction is restricted so as to avoid uncovering any portion of the fuel cladding, or, 2) an inert gas is used to displace the water. Also verify that similar controls exist during cask unloading. In addition, provide draft wording for incorporating this restriction into the TS.

The intent of this provision is to ensure that no fuel is in contact with air when it is at an elevated temperature (above the boiling point of water). This ensures that no deleterious oxidation of the fuel pellets can occur. Note that the fuel cladding need not be classified as damaged for this situation to occur. The definition of undamaged fuel still permits pinhole leaks and hairline cracks, which may allow oxidation of the fuel pellets and consequent splitting of the cladding.

This information is required for completeness per 10 CFR 72.24 and to provide consistency between amendments currently under review by the staff.

# Holtec Response

We confirm that procedural and mechanical barriers have been in place during loading and unloading of Holtec MPCs from the very beginning of our dry storage program to prevent exposure of fuel to air. The water lowering process during loading is currently controlled by using a fixed length dip tube to draw water from the MPC and limit the minimum water level that can be achieved (which has proved to be a reliable barrier against inadvertent lowering of water level below the top of the fuel). Final water removal is accomplished by blowing down the water in a welded canister using inert gas. During unloading, the MPC is initially filled with helium which is then replaced by water.

We propose to add the following text to Section 3.4 of Appendix B to the Certificate of Compliance

"10. Users shall establish procedural and/or mechanical barriers to ensure that during LOADING OPERATIONS and UNLOADING OPERATIONS, either the fuel cladding is covered by water, or the MPC is filled with an inert gas."

# **LAR 1014-4 ATTACHMENT 2 TO LETTER 5014595 CoC MARKUPS**

**NRC FORM 651** (10-2004) 10 CFR 72

# **CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE FOR SPENT FUEL STORAGE CASKS** Page 1 of 5

Regulations, Part 72, "Licensing Requirements for Independent Storage of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste" (10

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is issuing this Certificate of Compliance pursuant to Title 10 of the Code of Federal



**NRC FORM 651A** (10-2004) 10 CFR 72

# **U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION** Certificate No. 1014

# **CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE**

 **FOR SPENT FUEL STORAGE CASKS** Supplemental Sheet

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#### b. Description (continued)

There are eight types of MPCs: the MPC-24, MPC-24E, MPC-24EF, MPC-32, MPC-32F, MPC-68, MPC-68F, and MPC-68FF. The number suffix indicates the maximum number of fuel assemblies permitted to be loaded in the MPC. All eight MPC models have the same external diameter.

The HI-TRAC transfer cask provides shielding and structural protection of the MPC during loading, unloading, and movement of the MPC from the spent fuel pool to the storage overpack. The transfer cask is a multi-walled (carbon steel/ or carbon steel and lead/carbon steel) cylindrical vessel with a waterneutron shield jacket attached to the exterior. Two sizes of HI-TRAC transfer casks are available: the 125 ton-HI-TRAC and the 100 ton HI-TRAC. The weight designation is the maximum weight of a loaded transfer cask during any loading, unloading or transfer operation. Both transfer cask sizes have identical cavity diameters. The 125 ton HI-TRAC transfer cask has thicker lead and water shielding and larger outer dimensions than the 100 ton HI-TRAC transfer cask.

The HI-STORM 100 or 100S storage overpack provides shielding and structural protection of the MPC during storage. The HI-STORM 100S is a variation of the HI-STORM 100 overpack design that includes a modified lid which incorporates the air outlet ducts into the lid, allowing the overpack body to be shortened. The overpack is a heavy-walled steel and concrete, cylindrical vessel. Its side wall consists of plain (un-reinforced) concrete that is enclosed between inner and outer carbon steel shells. The overpack has four air inlets at the bottom and four air outlets at the top to allow air to circulate naturally through the cavity to cool the MPC inside. The inner shell has channelssupports attached to its interior surface to quide the MPC during insertion and removal, provide a flexible medium to absorb impact loads, and allow cooling air to circulate through the overpack. A loaded MPC is stored within the HI- STORM 100 or 100S storage overpack in a vertical orientation. The HI-STORM 100A is a variant of the HI-STORM 100 family and is outfitted with an extended baseplate and gussets to enable the overpack to be anchored to the concrete storage pad in high seismic applications. The HI-STORM 100A applies to both the HI-STORM 100 and HI-STORM 100S overpacks that are classified as the HI-STORM 100A and HI-STORM 100SA, respectively.

#### 2. OPERATING PROCEDURES

Written operating procedures shall be prepared for cask handling, loading, movement, surveillance, and maintenance. The user's site-specific written operating procedures shall be consistent with the technical basis described in Chapter 8 of the FSAR.

3. ACCEPTANCE TESTS AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Written cask acceptance tests and maintenance program shall be prepared consistent with the technical basis described in Chapter 9 of the FSAR.

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1.0 Definitions (continued)



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# 3.0 DESIGN FEATURES

#### 3.1 Site

# 3.1.1 Site Location

The HI-STORM 100 Cask System is authorized for general use by 10 CFR Part 50 license holders at various site locations under the provisions of 10 CFR 72, Subpart K.

#### 3.2 Design Features Important for Criticality Control

#### 3.2.1 MPC-24

- 1. Flux trap size:  $> 1.09$  in.
- 2. <sup>10</sup>B loading in the neutron absorbers:  $\geq$  0.0267 g/cm<sup>2</sup> (Boral) and  $\geq$  0.0223 g/cm<sup>2</sup> (METAMIC)

#### 3.2.2 MPC-68 and MPC-68FF

- 1. Fuel cell pitch:  $> 6.43$  in.
- 2. <sup>10</sup>B loading in the neutron absorbers:  $\geq$  0.0372 g/cm<sup>2</sup> (Boral) and  $\geq$  0.0310 g/cm<sup>2</sup> (METAMIC)

#### 3.2.3 MPC-68F

- 1. Fuel cell pitch:  $> 6.43$  in.
- 2. <sup>10</sup>B loading in the Boral neutron absorbers:  $\geq 0.01$  g/cm<sup>2</sup>

#### 3.2.4 MPC-24E and MPC-24EF

- 1. Flux trap size:
	- i. Cells 3, 6, 19, and  $22: \geq 0.776$  inch
	- ii. All Other Cells: > 1.076 inches
- 2. <sup>10</sup>B loading in the neutron absorbers:  $\geq$  0.0372 g/cm<sup>2</sup> (Boral) and  $\geq$  0.0310 g/cm2 (METAMIC)

#### 3.2.5 MPC-32 and MPC-32F

- 1. Fuel cell pitch: > 9.158 inches
- 2. <sup>10</sup>B loading in the neutron absorbers:  $\geq$  0.0372 g/cm<sup>2</sup> (Boral) and  $\geq$  0.0310 g/cm2 (METAMIC)

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- 3.2 Design features Important for Criticality Control (cont'd)
	- 3.2.6 Fuel spacers shall be sized to ensure that the active fuel region of intact fuel assemblies remains within the neutron poison region of the MPC basket with water in the MPC.
	- 3.2.7 The  $B_4C$  content in METAMIC shall be  $\leq$  33.0 wt.%.
	- 3.2.8 Neutron Absorber Tests

Section 9.1.5.3 of the HI-STORM 100 FSAR is hereby incorporated by reference into the HI-STORM 100 CoC. The minimum  $^{10}$ B for the neutron absorber shall meet the minimum requirements for each MPC model specified in Sections 3.2.1 through 3.2.5 above.

#### 3.3 Codes and Standards

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (ASME Code), 1995 Edition with Addenda through 1997, is the governing Code for the HI-STORM 100 System, as clarified in Specification 3.3.1 below, except for Code Sections V and IX. The latest effective editions of ASME Code Sections V and IX, including addenda, may be used for activities governed by those sections, provided a written reconciliation of the later edition against the 1995 Edition, including addenda, is performed by the certificate holder. American Concrete Institute (ACI) 349-85 is the governing Code for plain concrete as clarified in Appendix 1.D of the Final Safety Analysis Report for the HI-STORM 100 Cask System.

3.3.1 Alternatives to Codes, Standards, and Criteria

Table 3-1 lists approved alternatives to the ASME Code for the design of the HI-STORM 100 Cask System.

3.3.2 Construction/Fabrication Alternatives to Codes, Standards, and Criteria

Proposed alternatives to the ASME Code, Section III, 1995 Edition with Addenda through 1997 including modifications to the alternatives allowed by Specification 3.3.1 may be used on a case-specific basis when authorized by the Director of the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards or designee. The request for such alternative should demonstrate that:

1. The proposed alternatives would provide an acceptable level of quality and safety, or

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# 3.3.2 Construction/Fabrication Alternatives to Codes, Standards, and Criteria (cont'd)

2. Compliance with the specified requirements of the ASME Code, Section III, 1995 Edition with Addenda through 1997, would result in hardship or unusual difficulty without a compensating increase in the level of quality and safety.

Requests for alternatives shall be submitted in accordance with 10 CFR 72.4.

# DESIGN FEATURES



#### **Table 3-1 (page 1 of 9) LIST OF ASME CODE ALTERNATIVES FOR HI-STORM 100 CASK SYSTEM**

**Table 3-1 (page 2 of 9) LIST OF ASME CODE ALTERNATIVES FOR HI-STORM 100 CASK SYSTEM**

Component	Reference <b>ASME Code</b> <b>Section/Article</b>	<b>Code Requirement</b>	<b>Alternative, Justification &amp; Compensatory Measures</b>
MPC basket supports and lift lugs	<b>NB-1130</b>	NB-1132.2(d) requires that the first connecting weld of a nonpressure- retaining structural attachment to a component shall be considered part of the component unless the weld is more than 2t from the pressure-retaining portion of the component, where t is the nominal thickness of the pressure-retaining material. NB-1132.2(e) requires that the first connecting weld of a welded nonstructural attachment to a component shall conform to NB-4430 if the connecting weld is within 2t from the pressure-retaining portion of the component.	The MPC basket supports (nonpressure-retaining structural attachments) and lift lugs (nonstructural attachments (relative to the function of lifting a loaded MPC) that are used exclusively for lifting an empty MPC) are welded to the inside of the pressure-retaining MPC shell, but are not designed in accordance with Subsection NB. The basket supports and associated attachment welds are designed to satisfy the stress limits of Subsection NG and the lift lugs and associated attachment welds are designed to satisfy the stress limits of Subsection NF, as a minimum. These attachments and their welds are shown by analysis to meet the respective stress limits for their service conditions. Likewise, non-structural items, such as shield plugs, spacers, etc. if used, can be attached to pressure- retaining parts in the same manner.
<b>MPC</b>	<b>NB-2000</b>	Requires materials to be supplied by ASME-approved material supplier.	Materials will be supplied by Holtec-approved suppliers with Certified Material Test Reports (CMTRs) in accordance with NB-2000 requirements.

**Table 3-1 (page 3 of 9) LIST OF ASME CODE ALTERNATIVES FOR HI-STORM 100 CASK SYSTEM**

Component	<b>Reference</b> <b>ASME Code</b> <b>Section/Article</b>	<b>Code Requirement</b>	<b>Alternative, Justification &amp; Compensatory Measures</b>
MPC, MPC basket assembly, HI- STORM <b>OVERPACK</b> and HI-TRAC <b>TRANSFER</b> <b>CASK</b>	NB-3100 NG-3100 NF-3100	Provides requirements for determining design loading conditions, such as pressure, temperature, and mechanical loads.	These requirements are not applicable. The HI-STORM FSAR, serving as the Design Specification, establishes the service conditions and load combinations for the storage system.
<b>MPC</b>	NB-3350	NB-3352.3 requires, for Category C joints, that the minimum dimensions of the welds and throat thickness shall be as shown in Figure NB- 4243-1.	Due to MPC basket-to-shell interface requirements, the MPC shell-to-baseplate weld joint design (designated Category C) does not include a reinforcing fillet weld or a bevel in the MPC baseplate, which makes it different than any of the representative configurations depicted in Figure NB-4243-1. The transverse thickness of this weld is equal to the thickness of the adjoining shell (1/2 inch). The weld is designed as a full penetration weld that receives VT and RT or UT, as well as final surface PT examinations. Because the MPC shell design thickness is considerably larger than the minimum thickness required by the Code, a reinforcing fillet weld that would intrude into the MPC cavity space is not included. Not including this fillet weld provides for a higher quality radiographic examination of the full penetration weld. From the standpoint of stress analysis, the fillet weld serves to reduce the local bending stress (secondary stress) produced by the gross structural discontinuity defined by the flat plate/shell junction. In the MPC design, the shell and baseplate thicknesses are well beyond that required to meet their respective membrane stress intensity limits.

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Component	<b>Reference</b> <b>ASME Code</b> <b>Section/Article</b>	<b>Code Requirement</b>	<b>Alternative, Justification &amp; Compensatory Measures</b>
MPC, MPC <b>Basket</b> Assembly, HI- STORM <b>OVERPACK</b> steel structure, and <b>HI-TRAC</b> <b>TRANSFER</b> <b>CASK steel</b> structure	NB-4120 <b>NG-4120</b> NF-4120	NB-4121.2, NG- 4121.2, and NF- 4121.2 provide requirements for repetition of tensile or impact tests for material subjected to heat treatment during fabrication or installation.	In-shop operations of short duration that apply heat to a component, such as plasma cutting of plate stock, welding, machining, coating, and pouring of lead are not, unless explicitly stated by the Code, defined as heat treatment operations. For the steel parts in the HI-STORM 100 System components, the duration for which a part exceeds the off-normal temperature limit defined in Chapter 2 of the FSAR shall be limited to 24 hours in a particular manufacturing process (such as the HI-TRAC lead pouring process).
MPC, MPC basket assembly, HI- <b>STORM</b> <b>OVERPACK</b> steel structure, and <b>HI-TRAC</b> <b>TRANSFER</b> <b>CASK steel</b> structure	<b>NB-4220</b> NF-4220	Requires certain forming tolerances to be met for cylindrical, conical, or spherical shells of a vessel.	The cylindricity measurements on the rolled shells are not specifically recorded in the shop travelers, as would be the case for a Code-stamped pressure vessel. Rather, the requirements on inter-component clearances (such as the MPC-to-TRANSFER CASK) are guaranteed through fixture-controlled manufacturing. The fabrication specification and shop procedures ensure that all dimensional design objectives, including inter-component annular clearances are satisfied. The dimensions required to be met in fabrication are chosen to meet the functional requirements of the dry storage components. Thus, although the post-forming Code cylindricity requirements are not evaluated for compliance directly, they are indirectly satisfied (actually exceeded) in the final manufactured components.
MPC Lid and <b>Closure Ring</b> Welds	NB-4243	Full penetration welds required for Category C Joints (flat head to main shell per NB-3352.3).	MPC lid and closure ring are not full penetration welds. They are welded independently to provide a redundant seal. Additionally, a weld efficiency factor of 0.45 has been applied to the analyses of these welds.

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Component	<b>Reference</b> <b>ASME Code</b> <b>Section/Article</b>	<b>Code Requirement</b>	<b>Alternative, Justification &amp; Compensatory Measures</b>
MPC Lid to Shell Weld	<b>NB-5230</b>	Radiographic (RT) or ultrasonic (UT) examination required	Only UT or multi-layer liquid penetrant (PT) examination is permitted. If PT alone is used, at a minimum, it will include the root and final weld layers and each approximately 3/8 inch of weld depth.
<b>MPC Closure</b> Ring, Vent and Drain <b>Cover Plate</b> Welds	NB-5230	Radiographic (RT) or ultrasonic (UT) examination required	Root (if more than one weld pass is required) and final liquid penetrant examination to be performed in accordance with NB-5245. The closure ring provides independent redundant closure for vent and drain cover plates.
<b>MPC</b> Enclosure Vessel and Lid	NB-6111	All completed pressure retaining systems shall be pressure tested.	The MPC enclosure vessel is seal welded in the field following fuel assembly loading. The MPC enclosure vessel shall then be pressure tested as defined in Chapter 9. Accessibility for leakage inspections preclude a Code compliant pressure test. All MPC enclosure vessel welds (except closure ring and vent/drain cover plate) are inspected by volumetric examination, except the MPC lid-to-shell weld shall be verified by volumetric or multi-layer PT examination. If PT alone is used, at a minimum, it must include the root and final layers and each approximately 3/8 inch of weld depth. For either UT or PT, the maximum undetectable flaw size must be demonstrated to be less than the critical flaw size. The critical flaw size must be determined in accordance with ASME Section XI methods. The critical flaw size shall not cause the primary stress limits of NB-3000 to be exceeded. The inspection results, including relevant findings (indications), shall be made a permanent part of the user's records by video, photographic, or other means which provide an equivalent retrievable record of weld integrity. The video or photographic records should be taken during the final interpretation period described in ASME Section V, Article 6, T-676. The vent/drain cover plate and the closure ring welds are confirmed by liquid penetrant examination. The inspection of the weld must be performed by qualified personnel and shall meet the acceptance requirements of ASME Code Section III, NB-5350 for PT or NB-5332 for UT.

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Component	<b>Reference</b> <b>ASME Code</b> <b>Section/Article</b>	<b>Code Requirement</b>	<b>Alternative, Justification &amp; Compensatory Measures</b>
<b>MPC</b> Enclosure Vessel	<b>NB-7000</b>	Vessels are required to have overpressure protection	No overpressure protection is provided. The function of the MPC enclosure vessel is to contain the radioactive contents under normal, off-normal, and accident conditions. The MPC vessel is designed to withstand maximum internal pressure considering 100% fuel rod failure and maximum accident temperatures.
<b>MPC</b> Enclosure Vessel	NB-8000	States requirements for nameplates, stamping and reports per NCA-8000.	The HI-STORM100 System is to be marked and identified in accordance with 10CFR71 and 10CFR72 requirements. Code stamping is not required. QA data package to be in accordance with Holtec approved QA program.
<b>MPC Basket</b> Assembly	<b>NG-2000</b>	Requires materials to be supplied by ASME-approved material supplier.	Materials will be supplied by Holtec-approved supplier with CMTRs in accordance with NG-2000 requirements.

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Component	<b>Reference</b> <b>ASME Code</b> <b>Section/Article</b>	<b>Code Requirement</b>	Alternative, Justification & Compensatory Measures
MPC basket assembly	<b>NG-4420</b>	NG-4427(a) allows a fillet weld in any single continuous weld to be less than the specified fillet weld dimension by not more than 1/16 inch, provided that the total undersize portion of the weld does not exceed 10 percent of the length of the weld. Individual undersize weld portions shall not exceed 2 inches in length.	Modify the Code requirement (intended for core support structures) with the following text prepared to accord with the geometry and stress analysis imperatives for the fuel basket: For the longitudinal MPC basket fillet welds, the following criteria apply: 1) The specified fillet weld throat dimension must be maintained over at least 92 percent of the total weld length. All regions of undersized weld must be less than 3 inches long and separated from each other by at least 9 inches. 2) Areas of undercuts and porosity beyond that allowed by the applicable ASME Code shall not exceed 1/2 inch in weld length. The total length of undercut and porosity over any 1-foot length shall not exceed 2 inches. 3) The total weld length in which items (1) and (2) apply shall not exceed a total of 10 percent of the overall weld length. The limited access of the MPC basket panel longitudinal fillet welds makes it difficult to perform effective repairs of these welds and creates the potential for causing additional damage to the basket assembly (e.g., to the neutron absorber and its sheathing) if repairs are attempted. The acceptance criteria provided in the foregoing have been established to comport with the objectives of the basket design and preserve the margins demonstrated in the supporting stress analysis. From the structural standpoint, the weld acceptance criteria are established to ensure that any departure from the ideal, continuous fillet weld seam would not alter the primary bending stresses on which the design of the fuel baskets is predicated. Stated differently, the permitted weld discontinuities are limited in size to ensure that they remain classifiable as local stress elevators ("peak stress", F, in the ASME Code for which specific stress intensity limits do not apply).
<b>MPC Basket</b> Assembly	<b>NG-8000</b>	States requirements for nameplates, stamping and reports per NCA-8000.	The HI-STORM100 System is to be marked and identified in accordance with 10CFR71 and 10CFR72 requirements. Code stamping is not required. The MPC basket data package to be in accordance with Holtec approved QA program.
<b>OVERPACK</b> <b>Steel</b> Structure	<b>NF-2000</b>	Requires materials to be supplied by ASME-approved material supplier.	Materials will be supplied by Holtec-approved supplier with CMTRs in accordance with NF-2000 requirements.

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Component	<b>Reference</b> <b>ASME Code</b> <b>Section/Article</b>	<b>Code Requirement</b>	<b>Alternative, Justification &amp; Compensatory Measures</b>
<b>TRANSFER</b> <b>CASK Steel</b> <b>Structure</b>	<b>NF-2000</b>	Requires materials to be supplied by ASME-approved material supplier.	Materials will be supplied by Holtec-approved supplier with CMTRs in accordance with NF-2000 requirements.
<b>OVERPACK</b> Baseplate and Lid Top Plate	NF-4441	Requires special examinations or requirements for welds where a primary member of thickness 1 inch or greater is loaded to transmit loads in the through thickness direction.	The margins of safety in these welds under loads experienced during lifting operations or accident conditions are quite large. The OVERPACK baseplate welds to the inner shell, pedestal shell, and radial plates are only loaded during lifting conditions and have large safety factors during lifting. Likewise, the top lid plate to lid shell weld has a large structural margin under the inertia loads imposed during a non-mechanistic tipover event.
<b>OVERPACK</b> <b>Steel</b> <b>Structure</b>	NF-3256 NF-3266	Provides requirements for welded joints.	Welds for which no structural credit is taken are identified as "Non-NF" welds in the design drawings. These non- structural welds are specified in accordance with the pre- qualified welds of AWS D1.1. These welds shall be made by welders and weld procedures qualified in accordance with AWS D1.1 or ASME Section IX. Welds for which structural credit is taken in the safety analyses shall meet the stress limits for NF-3256.2, but are not required to meet the joint configuration requirements specified in these Code articles. The geometry of the joint designs in the cask structures are based on the fabricability and accessibility of the joint, not generally contemplated by this Code section governing supports.

**Table 3-1 (page 9 of 9) LIST OF ASME CODE ALTERNATIVES FOR HI-STORM 100 CASK SYSTEM**

Component	<b>Reference</b> <b>ASME Code</b> <b>Section/Article</b>	<b>Code Requirement</b>	<b>Alternative, Justification &amp; Compensatory Measures</b>
<b>HI-STORM</b> <b>OVERPACK</b> and HI-TRAC TRANSFER CASK	NF-3320 NF-4720	NF-3324.6 and NF- 4720 provide requirements for bolting	These Code requirements are applicable to linear structures wherein bolted joints carry axial, shear, as well as rotational (torsional) loads. The OVERPACK and TRANSFER CASK bolted connections in the structural load path are qualified by design based on the design loadings defined in the FSAR. Bolted joints in these components see no shear or torsional loads under normal storage conditions. Larger clearances between bolts and holes may be necessary to ensure shear interfaces located elsewhere in the structure engage prior to the bolts experiencing shear loadings (which occur only during side impact scenarios).
			Bolted joints that are subject to shear loads in accident conditions are qualified by appropriate stress analysis. Larger bolt-to-hole clearances help ensure more efficient operations in making these bolted connections, thereby minimizing time spent by operations personnel in a radiation area. Additionally, larger bolt-to-hole clearances allow interchangeability of the lids from one particular fabricated cask to another.

#### DESIGN FEATURES (continued)

#### 3.4 Site-Specific Parameters and Analyses

Site-specific parameters and analyses that will require verification by the system user are, as a minimum, as follows:

- 1. The temperature of 80 $\degree$  F is the maximum average yearly temperature.
- 2. The allowed temperature extremes, averaged over a 3-day period, shall be greater than  $-40^{\circ}$  F and less than 125 $^{\circ}$  F.
- 3. a. The resultant horizontal acceleration (vectorial sum of two horizontal Zero Period Accelerations (ZPAs) at a three-dimensional seismic site),  $G_H$ , and vertical ZPA,  $G_{v}$ , on the top surface of the ISFSI pad, expressed as fractions of 'g', shall satisfy the following inequality:

$$
G_H + \mu G_V \leq \mu
$$

where  $\mu$  is either the Coulomb friction coefficient for the cask/ISFSI pad interface or the ratio r/h, where 'r' is the radius of the cask and 'h' is the height of the cask center-of-gravity above the ISFSI pad surface. The above inequality must be met for both definitions of  $\mu$ , but only applies to ISFSIs where the casks are deployed in a freestanding configuration. Unless demonstrated by appropriate testing that a higher coefficient of friction value is appropriate for a specific ISFSI, the value used shall be 0.53. If acceleration time-histories on the ISFSI pad surface are available,  $G_H$  and  $G_V$  may be the coincident values of the instantaneous net horizontal and vertical accelerations. If instantaneous accelerations are used, the inequality shall be evaluated at each time step in the acceleration time history over the total duration of the seismic event.

If this static equilibrium based inequality cannot be met, a dynamic analysis of the cask/ISFSI pad assemblage with appropriate recognition of soil/structure interaction effects shall be performed to ensure that the casks will not tip over or undergo excessive sliding under the site's Design Basis Earthquake.

Table 3-2 (not used)

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- 3.4 Site-Specific Parameters and Analyses (continued)
	- b. For free-standing casks, under environmental conditions that may degrade the pad/cask interface friction (such as due to icing) the response of the casks under the site's Design Basis Earthquake shall be established using the best estimate of the friction coefficient in an appropriate analysis model. The analysis should demonstrate that the earthquake will not result in cask tipover or cause a cask to fall off the pad. In addition, impact between casks should be precluded, or should be considered an accident for which the maximum g-load experienced by the stored fuel shall be limited to 45 g's.
	- c. For those ISFSI sites with design basis seismic acceleration values higher than those allowed for free-standing casks, the HI-STORM 100 System shall be anchored to the ISFSI pad. The site seismic characteristics and the anchorage system shall meet the following requirements:
		- i. The site acceleration response spectra at the top of the ISFSI pad shall have ZPAs that meet the following inequalities:

$$
G_{H} \leq 2.12
$$

AND

$$
G_{\rm V} \leq 1.5
$$

Where:

 $G_H$  is the vectorial sum of the two horizontal ZPAs at a three-dimensional seismic site (or the horizontal ZPA at a two-dimensional site) and  $G_V$  is the vertical ZPA.

ii. Each HI-STORM 100 dry storage cask shall be anchored with twenty-eight (28), 2-inch diameter studs and compatible nuts of material suitable for the expected ISFSI environment. The studs shall meet the following requirements:

Yield Strength at Ambient Temperature:  $\geq 80$  ksi

Ultimate Strength at Ambient Temperature: > 125 ksi

Initial Tensile Pre-Stress: > 55 ksi AND < 65 ksi

NOTE: The above anchorage specifications are required for the seismic

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3.4 Site-Specific Parameters and Analyses (continued)

spectra defined in item 3.4.3.b.i. Users may use fewer studs or those of different diameter to account for site-specific seismic spectra less severe than those specified above. The embedment design shall comply with Appendix B of ACI-349-97. A later edition of this Code may be used, provided a written reconciliation is performed.

- iii. Embedment Concrete Compressive Strength: > 4,000 psi at 28 days
- 4. The analyzed flood condition of 15 fps water velocity and a height of 125 feet of water (full submergence of the loaded cask) are not exceeded.
- 5. The potential for fire and explosion shall be addressed, based on site-specific considerations. This includes the condition that the on-site transporter fuel tank will contain no more than 50 gallons of diesel fuel while handling a loaded OVERPACK or TRANSFER CASK.
- 6. a. For free-standing casks, the ISFSI pad shall be verified by analysis to limit cask deceleration during design basis drop and non-mechanistic tip-over events to < 45 g's at the top of the MPC fuel basket. Analyses shall be performed using methodologies consistent with those described in the HI-STORM 100 FSAR. A lift height above the ISFSI pad is not required to be established if the cask is lifted with a device designed in accordance with ANSI N14.6 and having redundant drop protection features.
	- b. For anchored casks, the ISFSI pad shall be designed to meet the embedment requirements of the anchorage design. A cask tip-over event for an anchored cask is not credible. The ISFSI pad shall be verified by analysis to limit cask deceleration during a design basis drop event to  $\leq$  45 g's at the top of the MPC fuel basket, except as provided for in this paragraph below. Analyses shall be performed using methodologies consistent with those described in the HI-STORM 100 FSAR. A lift height above the ISFSI pad is not required to be established if the cask is lifted with a device design in accordance with ANSI N14.6 and having redundant drop protection features.
- 7. In cases where engineered features (i.e., berms and shield walls) are used to ensure that the requirements of 10CFR72.104(a) are met, such features are to be considered important to safety and must be evaluated to determine the applicable Quality Assurance Category.

- 3.4 Site-Specific Parameters and Analyses (continued)
	- 8. LOADING OPERATIONS, TRANSPORT OPERATIONS, and UNLOADING OPERATIONS shall only be conducted with working area ambient temperatures  $\geq 0^\circ$ F.
	- 9. For those users whose site-specific design basis includes an event or events (e.g., flood) that result in the blockage of any OVERPACK inlet or outlet air ducts for an extended period of time (i.e, longer than the total Completion Time of LCO 3.1.2), an analysis or evaluation may be performed to demonstrate adequate heat removal is available for the duration of the event. Adequate heat removal is defined as fuel cladding temperatures remaining below the short term temperature limit. If the analysis or evaluation is not performed, or if fuel cladding temperature limits are unable to be demonstrated by analysis or evaluation to remain below the short term temperature limit for the duration of the event, provisions shall be established to provide alternate means of cooling to accomplish this objective.
	- 10. Users shall establish procedural and/or mechanical barriers to ensure that during | LOADING OPERATIONS and UNLOADING OPERATIONS, either the fuel cladding | is covered by water, or the MPC is filled with an inert gas.

## 3.5 Cask Transfer Facility (CTF)

#### 3.5.1 TRANSFER CASK and MPC Lifters

Lifting of a loaded TRANSFER CASK and MPC using devices that are not integral to structures governed by 10 CFR Part 50 shall be performed with a CTF that is designed, operated, fabricated, tested, inspected, and maintained in accordance with the guidelines of NUREG-0612, "Control of Heavy Loads at Nuclear Power Plants" and the below clarifications. The CTF Structure requirements below do not apply to heavy loads bounded by the regulations of 10 CFR Part 50.

### 3.5.2 CTF Structure Requirements

#### 3.5.2.1 Cask Transfer Station and Stationary Lifting Devices

- 1. The metal weldment structure of the CTF structure shall be designed to comply with the stress limits of ASME Section III, Subsection NF, Class 3 for linear structures. The applicable loads, load combinations, and associated service condition definitions are provided in Table 3-3. All compression loaded members shall satisfy the buckling criteria of ASME Section III, Subsection NF.
- 2. If a portion of the CTF structure is constructed of reinforced concrete, then the factored load combinations set forth in ACI-318 (89) for the loads defined in Table 3-3 shall apply.
- 3. The TRANSFER CASK and MPC lifting device used with the CTF shall be designed, fabricated, operated, tested, inspected and maintained in accordance with NUREG-0612, Section 5.1.
- 4. The CTF shall be designed, constructed, and evaluated to ensure that if the MPC is dropped during inter-cask transfer operations, its confinement boundary would not be breached. This requirements applies to CTFs with either stationary or mobile lifting devices.

## 3.5.2.2 Mobile Lift Devices

If a mobile lifting device is used as the lifting device, in lieu of a stationary lifting device, its shall meet the quidelines of NUREG-0612, Section 5.1, with the following clarifications:

- 1. Mobile lifting devices shall have a minimum safety factor of two over the allowable load table for the lifting device in accordance with the guidance of NUREG-0612, Section 5.1.6(1)(a) and shall be capable of stopping and holding the load during a Design Basis Earthquake (DBE) event.
- 2. Mobile lifting devices shall conform to meet the requirements of ANSI B30.5, "Mobile and Locomotive Cranes," in lieu of the requirements of ANSI B30.2, "Overhead and Gantry Cranes."
- 3. Mobile cranes are not required to meet the requirements of NUREG-0612, Section 5.1.6(2) for new cranes.
- 4. Horizontal movements of the TRANSFER CASK and MPC using a mobile crane are prohibited.

## Table 3-3

Load Combinations and Service Condition Definitions for the CTF Structure (Note 1)



- D = Dead load
- $D^*$  = Apparent dead load
- S = Snow and ice load for the CTF site
- M = Tornado missile load for the CTF site
- W' = Tornado wind load for the CTF site
- F = Flood load for the CTF site
- E = Seismic load for the CTF site
- Y = Tsunami load for the CTF site
- Notes: 1. The reinforced concrete portion of the CTF structure shall also meet the factored combinations of loads set forth in ACI-318(89).
	- 2. Tornado missile load may be reduced or eliminated based on a PRA for the CTF site.

- 3.6 Forced Helium Dehydration System
	- 3.6.1 System Description

Use of the Forced Helium Dehydration (FHD) system, (a closed-loop system) is an alternative to vacuum drying the MPC for moderate burnup fuel  $( \leq 45,000 \text{ MWD/MTU})$ and mandatory for drying MPCs containing one or more high burnup fuel assemblies. The FHD system shall be designed for normal operation (i.e., excluding startup and shutdown ramps) in accordance with the criteria in Section 3.6.2.

- 3.6.2 Design Criteria
	- 3.6.2.1 The temperature of the helium gas in the MPC shall be at least  $15^{\circ}$ F higher than the saturation temperature at coincident pressure.
	- 3.6.2.2 The pressure in the MPC cavity space shall be  $\leq 60.3$  psig (75 psia).
	- 3.6.2.3 The hourly recirculation rate of helium shall be > 10 times the nominal helium mass backfilled into the MPC for fuel storage operations.
	- 3.6.2.4 The partial pressure of the water vapor in the MPC cavity will not exceed 3 torr. The limit is met if the gas temperature at the demoisturizer outlet is verified by measurement to remain  $\leq$  21°F for a period of 30 minutes or if the dew point of the gas exiting the MPC is verified by measurement to remain  $\leq$  22.9°F for  $\geq$  30 minutes.
	- 3.6.2.5 The condensing module shall be designed to de-vaporize the recirculating helium gas to a dew point  $\leq 120^{\circ}$ F.
	- 3.6.2.6 The demoisturizing module shall be configured to be introduced into its helium conditioning function after the condensing module has been operated for the required length of time to assure that the bulk moisture vaporization in the MPC (defined as Phase 1 in FSAR Appendix 2.B) has been completed.
	- 3.6.2.7 The helium circulator shall be sized to effect the minimum flow rate of circulation required by these design criteria.
	- 3.6.2.8 The pre-heater module shall be engineered to ensure that the temperature of the helium gas in the MPC meets these design criteria.

- 3.6 Forced Helium Dehydration System (continued)
	- 3.6.3 Fuel Cladding Temperature

A steady-state thermal analysis of the MPC under the forced helium flow scenario shall be performed using the methodology described in HI-STORM 100 FSAR Section 4.4, with due recognition of the forced convection process during FHD system operation. This analysis shall demonstrate that the peak temperature of the fuel cladding under the most adverse condition of FHD system operation, is below the peak cladding temperature limit for normal conditions of storage for the applicable fuel type (PWR or BWR) and cooling time at the start of dry storage.

3.6.4 Pressure Monitoring During FHD Malfunction

During an FHD malfunction event, described in HI-STORM 100 FSAR Section 11.1 as a loss of helium circulation, the system pressure must be monitored to ensure that the conditions listed therein are met.

- 3.7 Supplemental Cooling System
	- 3.7.1 System Description

The SCS is a water circulation system for cooling the MPC inside the HI-TRAC transfer cask during on-site transport. Use of the Supplemental Cooling System (SCS) is required for post-backfill HI-TRAC operations of an MPC containing one or more high burnup (> 45,000 MWD/MTU) fuel assemblies. The SCS shall be designed for normal operation (i.e., excluding startup and shutdown ramps) in accordance with the criteria in Section 3.7.2.

- 3.7.2 Design Criteria
	- 3.7.2.1 The system shall consist of a skid-mounted coolant pump and an air-cooled heat exchanger.
	- 3.7.2.2 The pump shall be sized to limit the coolant temperature rise (from annulus inlet to outlet) to a reasonably low value (20ºF) and the air-cooled heat exchanger sized for the design basis heat load at an ambient air temperature of 100ºF. The pump and aircooler fan shall be powered by electric motors with a backup power supply for uninterrupted operation.
	- 3.7.2.3 The system shall utilize a contamination-free fluid medium in contact with the external surfaces of the MPC and inside surfaces of the HI -TRAC transfer cask to minimize corrosion.
	- 3.7.2.4 All passive components such as tubular heat exchangers, manually operated valves and fittings shall be designed to applicable standards (TEMA, ANSI).
	- 3.7.2.5 The heat dissipation capacity of the SCS shall be equal to or greater than the minimum necessary to ensure that the peak cladding temperature is below 400ºC (752ºF). All heat transfer surfaces in heat exchangers shall be assumed to be fouled to the maximum limits specified in a widely used heat exchange equipment standard such as the Standards of Tubular Exchanger Manufacturers Association.
	- 3.7.2.6 The coolant utilized to extract heat from the MPC shall be high purity water. Antifreeze may be used to prevent water from freezing if warranted by operating conditions.

- 3.7 Supplemental Cooling System (continued)
	- 3.7.2.7 All pressure boundaries (as defined in the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section VIII Division 1) shall have pressure ratings that are greater than the maximum system operating pressure by at least 15 psi.
	- 3.7.2.8 All ASME Code components shall comply with Section VIII Division 1 of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code.
	- 3.7.2.9 All gasketed and packed joints shall have a minimum design pressure rating of the pump shut-off pressure plus 15 psi.

3.8 Combustible Gas Monitoring During MPC Lid Welding

During MPC lid-to-shell welding operations, combustible gas monitoring of the space under the MPC lid is required, to ensure that there is no combustible mixture present in the welding area.

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# **CHAPTER 1**† **: GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

## 1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

This Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR) for Holtec International's HI-STORM 100 System is a compilation of information and analyses to support a United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) licensing review as a spent nuclear fuel (SNF) dry storage cask under requirements specified in 10CFR72 [1.0.1]. This FSAR describes the basis for NRC approval and issuance of a Certificate of Compliance (C of C) for storage under provisions of 10CFR72, Subpart L, for the HI-STORM 100 System to safely store spent nuclear fuel (SNF) at an Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI). This report has been prepared in the format and content suggested in NRC Regulatory Guide 3.61 [1.0.2] and NUREG-1536 Standard Review Plan for Dry Cask Storage Systems [1.0.3] to facilitate the NRC review process.

The purpose of this chapter is to provide a general description of the design features and storage capabilities of the HI-STORM 100 System, drawings of the structures, systems, and components important to safety, and the qualifications of the certificate holder. This report is also suitable for incorporation into a site-specific Safety Analysis Report which may be submitted by an applicant for a site-specific 10 CFR 72 license to store SNF at an ISFSI or a facility similar in objective and scope. Table 1.0.1 contains a listing of the terminology and notation used in this FSAR.

To aid NRC review, additional tables and references have been added to facilitate the location of information requested by NUREG-1536. Table 1.0.2 provides a matrix of the topics in NUREG-1536 and Regulatory Guide 3.61, the corresponding 10CFR72 requirements, and a reference to the applicable FSAR section that addresses each topic.

The HI-STORM 100 FSAR is in full compliance with the intent of all regulatory requirements listed in Section III of each chapter of NUREG-1536. However, an exhaustive review of the provisions in NUREG-1536, particularly Section IV (Acceptance Criteria) and Section V (Review Procedures) has identified certain deviations from a verbatim compliance to all guidance. A list of all such items, along with a discussion of their intent and Holtec International's approach for compliance with the underlying intent is presented in Table 1.0.3 herein. Table 1.0.3 also contains the justification for the alternative method for compliance adopted in this FSAR. The justification may be in the form of a supporting analysis, established industry practice, or other NRC guidance documents. Each chapter in this FSAR provides a clear statement with respect to the extent of compliance to the NUREG-1536 provisions. Chapter 1 is in full compliance with NUREG-1536; no exceptions are taken.

 <sup>†</sup> This chapter has been prepared in the format and section organization set forth in Regulatory Guide 3.61. However, the material content of this chapter also fulfills the requirements of NUREG-1536. Pagination and numbering of sections, figures, and tables are consistent with the convention set down in Chapter 1, Section 1.0, herein. Finally, all terms-of-art used in this chapter are consistent with the terminology of the glossary (Table 1.0.1) and component nomenclature of the Bill-of-Materials (Section 1.5).

The generic design basis and the corresponding safety analysis of the HI-STORM 100 System contained in this FSAR are intended to bound the SNF characteristics, design, conditions, and interfaces that exist in the vast majority of domestic power reactor sites and potential away-fromreactor storage sites in the contiguous United States. This FSAR also provides the basis for component fabrication and acceptance, and the requirements for safe operation and maintenance of the components, consistent with the design basis and safety analysis documented herein. In accordance with 10CFR72, Subpart K, site-specific implementation of the generically certified HI-STORM 100 System requires that the licensee perform a site-specific evaluation, as defined in 10CFR72.212. The HI-STORM 100 System FSAR identifies a limited number of conditions that are necessarily site-specific and are to be addressed in the licensee's 10CFR72.212 evaluation. These include:

- Siting of the ISFSI and design of the storage pad (including the embedment for anchored cask users) and security system. Site-specific demonstration of compliance with regulatory dose limits. Implementation of a site-specific ALARA program.
- An evaluation of site-specific hazards and design conditions that may exist at the ISFSI site or the transfer route between the plant's cask receiving bay and the ISFSI. These include, but are not limited to, explosion and fire hazards, flooding conditions, land slides, and lightning protection.
- Determination that the physical and nucleonic characteristics and the condition of the SNF assemblies to be dry stored meet the fuel acceptance requirements of the Certificate of Compliance.
- An evaluation of interface and design conditions that exist within the plant's fuel building in which canister fuel loading, canister closure, and canister transfer operations are to be conducted in accordance with the applicable 10CFR50 requirements and technical specifications for the plant.
- Detailed site-specific operating, maintenance, and inspection procedures prepared in accordance with the generic procedures and requirements provided in Chapters 8 and 9, and the technical specifications provided in the Certificate of Compliance.
- Performance of pre-operational testing.
- Implementation of a safeguards and accountability program in accordance with 10CFR73. Preparation of a physical security plan in accordance with 10CFR73.55.
- Review of the reactor emergency plan, quality assurance (QA) program, training program, and radiation protection program.

The generic safety analyses contained in the HI-STORM 100 FSAR may be used as input and for guidance by the licensee in performing a 10CFR72.212 evaluation.

Within this report, all figures, tables and references cited are identified by the double decimal system m.n.i, where m is the chapter number, n is the section number, and i is the sequential number. Thus, for example, Figure 1.2.3 is the third figure in Section 1.2 of Chapter 1.

Revisions to this document are made on a section level basis. Complete sections have been replaced if any material in the section changed. The specific changes are noted with revision bars in the right margin. Figures are revised individually. Drawings are controlled separately within the Holtec QA program and have individual revision numbers. Bills-of-Material (BOMs) are considered separate drawings and are not necessarily at the same revision level as the drawing(s) to which they apply. If a drawing or BOM was revised in support of the current FSAR revision, that drawing/BOM is included in Section 1.5 at its latest revision level. Drawings and BOMs appearing in this FSAR may be revised between formal updates to the FSAR. Therefore, the revisions of drawings/BOMs in Section 1.5 may not be current.

# 1.0.1 Engineering Change Orders

# 1.0.1.1 FSAR Revision 3

The changes authorized by the Holtec ECOs (with corresponding 10CFR72.48 evaluations, if applicable) listed in the following table are reflected in Revision 3 of this FSAR.



# LIST OF ECO'S AND APPLICABLE 10CFR72.48 EVALUATIONS

## Table 1.0.1

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**ALARA** is an acronym for As Low As Reasonably Achievable.

**Boral** is a generic term to denote an aluminum-boron carbide cermet manufactured in accordance with U.S. Patent No. 4027377. The individual material supplier may use another trade name to refer to the same product.

**BoralTM** means Boral manufactured by AAR Advanced Structures.

**BWR** is an acronym for boiling water reactor.

**C.G.** is an acronym for center of gravity.

**Commercial Spent Fuel or CSF** refers to nuclear fuel used to produce energy in a commercial nuclear power plant.

**Confinement Boundary** means the outline formed by the sealed, cylindrical enclosure of the Multi-Purpose Canister (MPC) shell welded to a solid baseplate, a lid welded around the top circumference of the shell wall, the port cover plates welded to the lid, and the closure ring welded to the lid and MPC shell providing the redundant sealing.

**Confinement System** means the Multi-Purpose Canister (MPC) which encloses and confines the spent nuclear fuel during storage.

**Controlled Area** means that area immediately surrounding an ISFSI for which the owner/user exercises authority over its use and within which operations are performed.

**Cooling Time (or post-irradiation cooling time)** for a spent fuel assembly is the time between reactor shutdown and the time the spent fuel assembly is loaded into the MPC.

**DBE** means Design Basis Earthquake.

**DCSS** is an acronym for Dry Cask Storage System.

**Damaged Fuel Assembly** is a fuel assembly with known or suspected cladding defects, as determined by review of records, greater than pinhole leaks or hairline cracks, empty fuel rod locations that are not replaced with dummy fuel rods, *whose structural integrity has been impaired such that geometric rearrangement of fuel or gross failure of the cladding is expected,* or those that cannot be handled by normal means. Fuel assemblies that cannot be handled by normal means due to fuel cladding damage are considered fuel debris.

**Damaged Fuel Container (or Canister)** means a specially designed enclosure for damaged fuel or fuel debris which permits gaseous and liquid media to escape while minimizing dispersal of gross

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particulates. The Damaged Fuel Container/Canister (DFC) features a lifting location which is suitable for remote handling of a loaded or unloaded DFC.

**Design Heat Load** is the computed heat rejection capacity of the HI-STORM system with a certified MPC loaded with CSF stored in *uniform storage* with the ambient at the normal temperature and the peak cladding temperature (PCT) at 400ºC. The Design Heat Load is less than the thermal capacity of the system by a suitable margin that reflects the conservatism in the system thermal analysis.

**Design Life** is the minimum duration for which the component is engineered to perform its intended function set forth in this FSAR, if operated and maintained in accordance with this FSAR.

**Design Report** is a document prepared, reviewed and QA validated in accordance with the provisions of 10CFR72 Subpart G. The Design Report shall demonstrate compliance with the requirements set forth in the Design Specification. A Design Report is mandatory for systems, structures, and components designated as Important to Safety. The FSAR serves as the Design Report for the HI-STORM 100 System.

**Design Specification** is a document prepared in accordance with the quality assurance requirements of 10CFR72 Subpart G to provide a complete set of design criteria and functional requirements for a system, structure, or component, designated as Important to Safety, intended to be used in the operation, implementation, or decommissioning of the HI-STORM 100 System. The FSAR serves as the Design Specification for the HI-STORM 100 System.

**Enclosure Vessel (or MPC Enclosure Vessel)** means the pressure vessel defined by the cylindrical shell, baseplate, port cover plates, lid, closure ring, and associated welds that provides confinement for the helium gas contained within the MPC. The Enclosure Vessel (EV) and the fuel basket together constitute the multi-purpose canister.

**Fracture Toughness** is a property which is a measure of the ability of a material to limit crack propagation under a suddenly applied load.

**FSAR** is an acronym for Final Safety Analysis Report (10CFR72).

**Fuel Basket** means a honeycombed structural weldment with square openings which can accept a fuel assembly of the type for which it is designed.

**Fuel Debris** refers to ruptured fuel rods, severed rods, loose fuel pellets, or fuel assemblies with known or suspected defects which cannot be handled by normal means due to fuel cladding damage.*is defined as:* 

- *1 Intact or damaged parts of fuel assemblies or non-fuel hardware*
- *2 Containers or structures that are supporting intact or damaged parts of fuel assemblies or non-fuel hardware*
- *3 Fuel assemblies with known or suspected defects which cannot be handled by normal*

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*means due to fuel cladding damage 4 Non-fuel hardware not inserted in a fuel assembly* 

*It is not required that all fuel and parts in a single DFC are from a single assembly*.

**High Burnup Fuel, or HBF** is a commercial spent fuel assembly with an average burnup greater than 45,000 MWD/MTU.

**HI-TRAC transfer cask or HI-TRAC** means the transfer cask used to house the MPC during MPC fuel loading, unloading, drying, sealing, and on-site transfer operations to a HI-STORM storage overpack or HI-STAR storage/transportation overpack. The HI-TRAC shields the loaded MPC allowing loading operations to be performed while limiting radiation exposure to personnel. HI-TRAC is an acronym for **H**oltec **I**nternational **Tra**nsfer **C**ask. In this FSAR there are three HI-TRAC transfer casks, the 125 ton standard design HI-TRAC (HI-TRAC-125), the 125-ton dualpurpose lid design (HI-TRAC 125D), and the 100 ton HI-TRAC (HI-TRAC-100). The 100 ton HI-TRAC is provided for use at sites with a maximum crane capacity of less than 125 tons. The term HI-TRAC is used as a generic term to refer to all three HI-TRAC transfer cask design, unless the discussion requires distinguishing among the three. The HI-TRAC is equipped with a pair of lifting trunnions and the HI-TRAC 100 and HI-TRAC 125 designs also include pocket trunnions. The trunnions are used to lift and downend/upend the HI-TRAC with a loaded MPC.

**HI-STORM overpack** or storage overpack means the cask that receives and contains the sealed multi-purpose canisters containing spent nuclear fuel. It provides the gamma and neutron shielding, ventilation passages, missile protection, and protection against natural phenomena and accidents for the MPC. The term "overpack" as used in this FSAR refers to all overpack designs, including the standard design (HI-STORM 100) and two alternate designs (HI-STORM 100S and HI-STORM 100S Version B). The term "overpack" also applies to those overpacks designed for high seismic deployment (HI-STORM 100A or HI-STORM 100SA), unless otherwise clarified.

**HI-STORM 100 System** consists of any loaded MPC model placed within any design variant of the HI-STORM overpack.

**Holtite***TM* is the trade name for all present and future neutron shielding materials formulated under Holtec International's R&D program dedicated to developing shielding materials for application in dry storage and transport systems. The Holtite development program is an ongoing experimentation effort to identify neutron shielding materials with enhanced shielding and temperature tolerance characteristics. Holtite-A<sup>™</sup> is the first and only shielding material qualified under the Holtite R&D program. As such, the terms Holtite and Holtite-A may be used interchangeably throughout this FSAR.

**Holtite**™**-A** is a trademarked Holtec International neutron shield material.

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**Important to Safety** (ITS) means a function or condition required to store spent nuclear fuel safely; to prevent damage to spent nuclear fuel during handling and storage, and to provide reasonable assurance that spent nuclear fuel can be received, handled, packaged, stored, and retrieved without undue risk to the health and safety of the public.

**Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI)** means a facility designed, constructed, and licensed for the interim storage of spent nuclear fuel and other radioactive materials associated with spent fuel storage in accordance with 10CFR72.

**Intact Fuel Assembly** is defined as a fuel assembly without known or suspected cladding defects greater than pinhole leaks and hairline cracks, and which can be handled by normal means. Fuel assemblies without fuel rods in fuel rod locations shall not be classified as Intact Fuel Assemblies unless dummy fuel rods are used to displace an amount of water greater than or equal to that displaced by the fuel rod(s).

**License Life** means the duration for which the system is authorized by virtue of its certification by the U.S. NRC.

**Long-term Storage** means the time beginning after on-site handling is complete and the loaded overpack is at rest in its designated storage location on the ISFSI pad and lasting up to the end of the licensed life of the HI-STORM 100 System (20 years).

**Lowest Service Temperature (LST)** is the minimum metal temperature of a part for the specified service condition.

**Maximum Reactivity** means the highest possible k-effective including bias, uncertainties, and calculational statistics evaluated for the worst-case combination of fuel basket manufacturing tolerances.

**METAMIC®** is a trade name for an aluminum/boron carbide composite neutron absorber material qualified for use in the MPCs.

**METCON™** is a trade name for the HI-STORM overpack. The trademark is derived from the **met**al-**con**crete composition of the HI-STORM overpack.

**MGDS** is an acronym for Mined Geological Disposal System.

**Minimum Enrichment** is the minimum assembly average enrichment. Natural uranium blankets are not considered in determining minimum enrichment.

**Moderate Burnup Fuel, or MBF** is a commercial spent fuel assembly with an average burnup less than or equal to 45,000 MWD/MTU.

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**Multi-Purpose Canister (MPC)** means the sealed canister consisting of a honeycombed fuel basket for spent nuclear fuel storage, contained in a cylindrical canister shell (the MPC Enclosure Vessel). There are different MPCs with different fuel basket geometries for storing PWR or BWR fuel, but all MPCs have identical exterior dimensions. The MPC is the confinement boundary for storage conditions.

**NDT** is an acronym for Nil Ductility Transition Temperature, which is defined as the temperature at which the fracture stress in a material with a small flaw is equal to the yield stress in the same material if it had no flaws.

**Neutron Absorber Material** is a generic term used in this FSAR to indicate any neutron absorber material qualified for use in the HI-STORM 100 System MPCs.

**Neutron Shielding** means a material used to thermalize and capture neutrons emanating from the radioactive spent nuclear fuel.

**Non-Fuel Hardware** is defined as Burnable Poison Rod Assemblies (BPRAs), Thimble Plug Devices (TPDs), Control Rod Assemblies (CRAs), Axial Power Shaping Rods (APSRs), Wet Annular Burnable Absorbers (WABAs), Rod Cluster Control Assemblies (RCCAs)*, Neutron Source Assemblies (NSAs)*, water displacement guide tube plugs, orifice rod assemblies, and vibration suppressor inserts.

**Planar-Average Initial Enrichment** is the average of the distributed fuel rod initial enrichments within a given axial plane of the assembly lattice.

**Plain Concrete** is concrete that is unreinforced and is of density specified in this FSAR.

**Post-Core Decay Time (PCDT)** is synonymous with cooling time.

**PWR** is an acronym for pressurized water reactor.

**Reactivity** is used synonymously with effective neutron multiplication factor or k-effective.

**Regionalized Fuel Loading** is a term used to describe an optional fuel loading strategy used in lieu of uniform fuel loading. Regionalized fuel loading allows high heat emitting fuel assemblies to be stored in fuel storage locations in the center of the fuel basket provided lower heat emitting fuel assemblies are stored in the peripheral fuel storage locations. Users choosing regionalized fuel loading must also consider other restrictions in the CoC such as those for non-fuel hardware and damaged fuel containers. Regionalized fuel loading does not apply to the MPC-68F model.

**SAR** is an acronym for Safety Analysis Report (10CFR71).

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**Service Life** means the duration for which the component is reasonably expected to perform its intended function, if operated and maintained in accordance with the provisions of this FSAR. Service Life may be much longer than the Design Life because of the conservatism inherent in the codes, standards, and procedures used to design, fabricate, operate, and maintain the component.

**Short-term Operations** means those normal operational evolutions necessary to support fuel loading or fuel unloading operations. These include, but are not limited to MPC cavity drying, helium backfill, MPC transfer, and onsite handling of a loaded HI-TRAC transfer cask.

**Single Failure Proof** means that the handling system is designed so that all directly loaded tension and compression members are engineered to satisfy the enhanced safety criteria of Paragraphs 5.1.6(1)(a) and (b) of NUREG-0612.

**SNF** is an acronym for spent nuclear fuel.

**SSC** is an acronym for Structures, Systems and Components.

**STP** is Standard Temperature and Pressure conditions.

**Thermal Capacity** of the HI-STORM system is defined as the amount of heat the storage system, containing an MPC loaded with CSF stored in *uniform storage,* will actually reject with the ambient environment at the normal temperature and the peak fuel cladding temperature (PCT) at 400ºC.

**Thermosiphon** is the term used to describe the buoyancy-driven natural convection circulation of helium within the MPC fuel basket maximum heat load during short-term operating conditions up to which no time limit or other restriction is imposed on the operating condition.

**Uniform Fuel Loading** is a fuel loading strategy where any authorized fuel assembly may be stored in any fuel storage location, subject to other restrictions in the CoC, such as those applicable to nonfuel hardware, and damaged fuel containers.

**ZPA** is an acronym for zero period acceleration.

**ZR** means any zirconium-based fuel cladding material authorized for use in a commercial nuclear power plant reactor. Any reference to Zircaloy fuel cladding in this FSAR applies to any zirconiumbased fuel cladding material.

## Table 1.0.2



























## HI-STORM 100 SYSTEM FSAR REGULATORY COMPLIANCE CROSS REFERENCE MATRIX

## Notes:

- (1) The stated requirement is the responsibility of the licensee (i.e., utility) as part of the ISFSI pad and is therefore not addressed in this application.
- $(2)$  It is assumed that approval of the FSAR by the NRC is the basis for the Commission's acceptance of the tests defined in Chapter 9.
- $^{(3)}$  Not applicable to HI-STORM 100 System. The functional adequacy of all important to safety components is demonstrated by analyses.
- $^{(4)}$  The stated requirement is the responsibility of licensee (i.e., utility) as part of the ISFSI and is therefore not addressed in this application.
- $^{(5)}$  The stated requirement is not applicable to the HI-STORM 100 System. No monitoring is required for accident conditions.
- "—" There is no corresponding NUREG-1536 criteria, no applicable 10CFR72 or 10CFR20 regulatory requirement, or the item is not addressed in the FSAR.
- "NA" There is no Regulatory Guide 3.61 section that corresponds to the NUREG-1536, 10CFR72, or 10CFR20 requirement being addressed.
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# 4.5 THERMAL EVALUATION OF SHORT TERM OPERATIONS

Prior to placement in a HI-STORM overpack, an MPC must be loaded with fuel, outfitted with closures, dewatered, dried, backfilled with helium and transported to the HI-STORM module. In the unlikely event that the fuel needs to be returned to the spent fuel pool, these steps must be performed in reverse. Finally, if required, transfer of a loaded MPC between HI-STORM overpacks or between a HI-STAR transport overpack and a HI-STORM storage overpack must be carried out in an assuredly safe manner. All of the above operations are short duration events that would likely occur no more than once or twice for an individual MPC.

The device central to all of the above operations is the HI-TRAC transfer cask that, as stated in Chapter 1, is available in two anatomically identical weight ratings (100- and 125-ton). The HI-TRAC transfer cask is a short-term host for the MPC; therefore it is necessary to establish that, during all thermally challenging operation events involving either the 100-ton or 125-ton HI-TRAC, the permissible temperature limits presented in Section 4.3 are not exceeded. The following discrete thermal scenarios, all of short duration, involving the HI-TRAC transfer cask have been identified as warranting thermal analysis.

- i. Normal Onsite Transport
- ii. MPC Cavity Drying
- iii. Post-Loading Wet Transfer Operations
- iv. MPC Cooldown and Reflood for Unloading Operations

Onsite transport of the MPC generally occurs with the HI-TRAC in the vertical orientation, which preserves the thermosiphon action within the MPC. However, there may be a scenario where onsite transport of an MPC must occur with the HI-TRAC in the horizontal configuration. Both orientations are evaluated in this section.

The fuel handling operations listed above place a certain level of constraint on the dissipation of heat from the MPC relative to the normal storage condition. Consequently, for some scenarios, it is necessary to provide additional cooling. For such situations, a new ancillary henceforth referred to as the Supplemental Cooling System (SCS) is required to provide additional cooling during short term operations. The specific design of an SCS must accord with site-specific needs and resources, including the availability of plant utilities. However, a set of specifications to ensure that the performance objectives of the SCS will be satisfied by any plant-specific design are set forth in Appendix 2.C.

The above listed conditions are described and evaluated in the following subsections. Subsection 4.5.1 describes the individual analytical models used to evaluate these conditions. Due to the simplicity of the conservative evaluation of wet transfer operations, Subsection 4.5.1.1.5 includes both the analysis model and analysis results discussions. The maximum temperature analyses for onsite transport and vacuum drying are discussed in Subsection 4.5.2. Subsections 4.5.3, 4.5.4 and 4.5.5, respectively, discuss minimum temperature, MPC maximum internal pressure and thermal data for stress analyses during onsite transport.

# 4.5.1 Thermal Model

The HI-TRAC transfer cask is used to load and unload the HI-STORM concrete storage overpack, including onsite transport of the MPCs from the loading facility to an ISFSI pad. Section views of the HI-TRAC have been presented in Chapter 1. Within a loaded HI-TRAC, heat generated in the MPC is transported from the contained fuel assemblies to the MPC shell in the manner described in Section 4.4. From the outer surface of the MPC to the ambient air, heat is transported by a combination of conduction, thermal radiation and natural convection. Analytical modeling details of all the various thermal transport mechanisms are provided in the following subsection.

Two HI-TRAC transfer cask designs, namely, the 125-ton and the 100-ton versions, are developed for onsite handling and transport, as discussed in Chapter 1. The two designs are principally different in terms of lead thickness and the thickness of radial connectors in the water jacket region. The analytical model developed for HI-TRAC thermal characterization conservatively accounts for these differences by applying the higher shell thickness and thinner radial connectors' thickness to the model. In this manner, the HI-TRAC overpack resistance to heat transfer is overestimated, resulting in higher predicted MPC internals and fuel cladding temperature levels.

# 4.5.1.1 Analytical Model

From the outer surface of the MPC to the ambient atmosphere, heat is transported within HI-TRAC through multiple concentric layers of air, steel and shielding materials. Heat must be transported across a total of six concentric layers, representing the air gap, the HI-TRAC inner shell, the lead shielding, the HI-TRAC outer shell, the water jacket and the enclosure shell. From the surface of the enclosure shell heat is rejected to the atmosphere by natural convection and radiation.

A small diametral air gap exists between the outer surface of the MPC and the inner surface of the HI-TRAC overpack. Heat is transported across this gap by the parallel mechanisms of conduction and thermal radiation. Assuming that the MPC is centered and does not contact the transfer overpack walls conservatively minimizes heat transport across this gap. Additionally, thermal expansion that would minimize the gap is conservatively neglected. Heat is transported through the cylindrical wall of the HI-TRAC transfer overpack by conduction through successive layers of steel, lead and steel. A water jacket, which provides neutron shielding for the HI-TRAC overpack, surrounds the cylindrical steel wall. The water jacket is composed of carbon steel channels with welded, connecting enclosure plates. Conduction heat transfer occurs through both the water cavities and the channels. While the water jacket channels are sufficiently large for natural convection loops to form, this mechanism is conservatively neglected. Heat is passively rejected to the ambient from the outer surface of the HI-TRAC transfer overpack by natural convection and thermal radiation.

In the vertical position, the bottom face of the HI-TRAC is in contact with a supporting surface. This face is conservatively modeled as an insulated surface. Because the HI-TRAC is not used for long-term storage in an array, radiative blocking does not need to be considered. The HI-TRAC top lid is modeled as a surface with convection, radiative heat exchange with air and a constant maximum incident solar heat flux load. Insolation on cylindrical surfaces is conservatively based on 12-hour levels prescribed in 10CFR71 averaged on a 24-hour basis. Concise descriptions of these models are given below.

# 4.5.1.1.1 Effective Thermal Conductivity of Water Jacket

The 125-ton HI-TRAC water jacket is composed of an array of radial ribs equispaced along the circumference of the HI-TRAC and welded along their length to the HI-TRAC outer shell. Enclosure plates are welded to these ribs, creating an array of water compartments. The 100-ton HI-TRAC water jacket also has an array of radial ribs1 and enclosure plates creating an array of water compartments. Holes in the radial ribs connect all the individual compartments in the water jacket. Any combination of rib number and thickness that yields an equal or larger heat transfer area is bounded by the calculation. Thus, the annular region between the HI-TRAC outer shell and the enclosure shell can be considered as an array of steel ribs and water spaces.

The effective radial thermal conductivity of this array of steel ribs and water spaces is determined by combining the heat transfer resistance of individual components in a parallel network. A bounding calculation is assured by using the minimum number of ribs and rib thickness as input values. The thermal conductivity of the parallel steel ribs and water spaces is given by the following formula:

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K_{\mathrm{ne}}\!=\!\frac{K_{\mathrm{r}}\,N_{\mathrm{r}}\,t_{\mathrm{r}}\ln\!\left(\frac{r_{\mathrm{o}}}{r_{\mathrm{i}}}\right)}{2\pi\,L_{\mathrm{R}}} \!+\! \frac{K_{\mathrm{w}}\,N_{\mathrm{r}}\,t_{\mathrm{w}}\,\ln\!\left(\frac{r_{\mathrm{o}}}{r_{\mathrm{i}}}\right)}{2\pi\,L_{\mathrm{R}}}
$$

where:

 $K_{\text{ne}}$  = effective radial thermal conductivity of water jacket

 $r_i$  = inner radius of water spaces

 $r<sub>o</sub>$  = outer radius of water spaces

 $K_r$  = thermal conductivity of carbon steel ribs

 $N_r$  = minimum number of radial ribs (equal to number of water spaces)

 $t_r$  = minimum (nominal) rib thickness (lower of 125-ton and 100-ton designs)

 $L_R$  = effective radial heat transport length through water spaces

 $K_w$  = thermal conductivity of water

 $t_w$  = water space width (between two carbon steel ribs)

Figure 4.5.1 depicts the resistance network to combine the resistances to determine an effective conductivity of the water jacket. The effective thermal conductivity is computed in the manner of the foregoing, and is provided in Table 4.5.1.

### 4.5.1.1.2 Heat Rejection from Overpack Exterior Surfaces

The following relationship for the surface heat flux from the outer surface of an isolated cask to the environment is applied to the thermal model:

$$
q_s\!=\!0.19\left(T_s\,\text{-}\,T_A\,\right)^{4/3}\!+\!0.1714\epsilon\, \big[\big(\frac{T_s\!+\!460}{100}\big)^4\,\text{-}\big(\frac{T_A\!+\!460}{100}\big)^4\big]
$$

where:

 $T_s$  = cask surface temperatures ( $\degree$ F)  $T_A$  = ambient atmospheric temperature ( ${}^{\circ}$ F)

 $q_s$  = surface heat flux (Btu/ft<sup>2</sup>×hr)

 $\epsilon$  = surface emissivity

The second term in this equation the Stefan-Boltzmann formula for thermal radiation from an exposed surface to ambient. The first term is the natural convection heat transfer correlation recommended by Jacob and Hawkins [4.2.9]. This correlation is appropriate for turbulent natural convection from vertical surfaces, such as the vertical overpack wall. Although the ambient air is conservatively assumed to be quiescent, the natural convection is nevertheless turbulent.

Turbulent natural convection correlations are suitable for use when the product of the Grashof and Prandtl (Gr×Pr) numbers exceeds 10<sup>9</sup>. This product can be expressed as  $L^3 \times \Delta T \times Z$ , where L is the characteristic length, ∆T is the surface-to-ambient temperature difference, and Z is a function of the surface temperature. The characteristic length of a vertically oriented HI-TRAC is its height of approximately 17 feet. The value of Z, conservatively taken at a surface temperature of 340°F, is 2.6×10<sup>5</sup>. Solving for the value of  $\Delta T$  that satisfies the equivalence  $L^3 \times \Delta T \times Z = 10^9$  yields  $\Delta T = 0.78$ °F. For a horizontally oriented HI-TRAC the characteristic length is the diameter of approximately 7.6 feet (minimum of 100- and 125-ton designs), yielding  $\Delta T = 8.76$ °F. The natural convection will be turbulent, therefore, provided the surface to air temperature difference is greater than or equal to 0.78°F for a vertical orientation and 8.76°F for a horizontal orientation.

# 4.5.1.1.3 Determination of Solar Heat Input

As discussed in Section 4.4.1.1.8, the intensity of solar radiation incident on an exposed surface depends on a number of time varying terms. A twelve-hour averaged insolation level is prescribed in 10CFR71 for curved surfaces. The HI-TRAC cask, however, possesses a considerable thermal inertia. This large thermal inertia precludes the HI-TRAC from reaching a steady-state thermal condition during a twelve-hour period. Thus, it is considered appropriate to use the 24-hour averaged insolation level.

# 4.5.1.1.4 MPC Temperatures During Moisture Removal Operations

# 4.5.1.1.4.1 Vacuum Drying

The initial loading of SNF in the MPC requires that the water within the MPC be drained and replaced with helium. For MPCs containing moderate burnup fuel assemblies only, this operation may be carried out using the conventional vacuum drying approach. In this method, removal of the last traces of residual moisture from the MPC cavity is accomplished by evacuating the MPC for a short time after draining the MPC. Vacuum drying may not be performed on MPCs containing high burnup fuel assemblies. High burnup fuel drying is performed by a forced flow helium drying process as described in Section 4.5.1.1.4.2 and Appendix 2.B.

Prior to the start of the MPC draining operation, both the HI-TRAC annulus and the MPC are full of water. The presence of water in the MPC ensures that the fuel cladding temperatures are lower than design basis limits by large margins. As the heat generating active fuel length is uncovered during the draining operation, the fuel and basket mass will undergo a gradual heat up from the initially cold conditions when the heated surfaces were submerged under water.

The vacuum condition effective fuel assembly conductivity is determined by procedures discussed earlier (Subsection 4.4.1.1.2) after setting the thermal conductivity of the gaseous medium to a small fraction (one part in one thousand) of helium conductivity. The MPC basket cross sectional effective conductivity is determined for vacuum conditions according to the procedure discussed in 4.4.1.1.4. Basket periphery-to-MPC shell heat transfer occurs through conduction and radiation.

For total decay heat loads up to and including 20.88 kW for the MPC-24 and 21.52 kW for the MPC-68, vacuum drying of the MPC is performed with the annular gap between the MPC and the HI-TRAC filled with water. The presence of water in this annular gap will maintain the MPC shell temperature approximately equal to the saturation temperature of the annulus water. Thus, the thermal analysis of the MPC during vacuum drying for these conditions is performed with cooling of the MPC shell with water at a bounding maximum temperature of 232°F.

For higher total decay heat loads in the MPC-24 and MPC-68 or for any decay heat load in an MPC-24E or MPC-32, vacuum drying of the MPC is performed with the annular gap between the MPC and the HI-TRAC continuously flushed with water. The water movement in this annular gap will maintain the MPC shell temperature at about the temperature of flowing water. Thus, the thermal analysis of the MPC during vacuum drying for these conditions is performed with cooling of the MPC shell with water at a bounding maximum temperature of  $125^{\circ}$ F.

An axisymmetric FLUENT thermal model of the MPC is constructed, employing the MPC inplane conductivity as an isotropic fuel basket conductivity (i.e. conductivity in the basket radial and axial directions is equal), to determine peak cladding temperature at design basis heat loads. To avoid excessive conservatism in the computed FLUENT solution, partial recognition for

higher axial heat dissipation is adopted in the peak cladding calculations. The boundary conditions applied to this evaluation are:

- i. A bounding steady-state analysis is performed with the MPC decay heat load set equal to the largest design-basis decay heat load. As discussed above, there are two different ranges for the MPC-24 and MPC-68 designs.
- ii. The entire outer surface of the MPC shell is postulated to be at a bounding maximum temperature of 232°F or 125°F, as discussed above.
- iii. The top and bottom surfaces of the MPC are adiabatic.

Results of vacuum condition analyses are provided in Subsection 4.5.2.2.

# 4.5.1.1.4.2 Forced Helium Dehydration

To reduce moisture to trace levels in the MPC using a Forced Helium Dehydration (FHD) system, a conventional, closed loop dehumidification system consisting of a condenser, a demoisturizer, a compressor, and a pre-heater is utilized to extract moisture from the MPC cavity through repeated displacement of its contained helium, accompanied by vigorous flow turbulation. A vapor pressure of 3 torr or less is assured by verifying that the helium temperature exiting the demoisturizer is maintained at or below the psychrometric threshold of 21<sup>o</sup>F for a minimum of 30 minutes. See Appendix 2.B for detailed discussion of the design criteria and operation of the FHD system.

The FHD system provides concurrent fuel cooling during the moisture removal process through forced convective heat transfer. The attendant forced convection-aided heat transfer occurring during operation of the FHD system ensures that the fuel cladding temperature will remain below the applicable peak cladding temperature limit for normal conditions of storage, which is well below the high burnup cladding temperature limit  $752^{\circ}F(400^{\circ}C)$  for all combinations of SNF type, burnup, decay heat, and cooling time. Because the FHD operation induces a state of forced convection heat transfer in the MPC, (in contrast to the quiescent mode of natural convection in long term storage), it is readily concluded that the peak fuel cladding temperature under the latter condition will be greater than that during the FHD operation phase. In the event that the FHD system malfunctions, the forced convection state will degenerate to natural convection, which corresponds to the conditions of normal onsite transport. As a result, the peak fuel cladding temperatures will approximate the values reached during normal onsite transport as described elsewhere in this chapter.

# 4.5.1.1.5 Maximum Time Limit During Wet Transfer Operations

In accordance with NUREG-1536, water inside the MPC cavity during wet transfer operations is not permitted to boil. Consequently, uncontrolled pressures in the de-watering, purging, and recharging system that may result from two-phase conditions are completely avoided. This

requirement is accomplished by imposing a limit on the maximum allowable time duration for fuel to be submerged in water after a loaded HI-TRAC cask is removed from the pool and prior to the start of vacuum drying operations.

When the HI-TRAC transfer cask and the loaded MPC under water-flooded conditions are removed from the pool, the combined water, fuel mass, MPC, and HI-TRAC metal will absorb the decay heat emitted by the fuel assemblies. This results in a slow temperature rise of the entire system with time, starting from an initial temperature of the contents. The rate of temperature rise is limited by the thermal inertia of the HI-TRAC system. To enable a bounding heat-up rate determination for the HI-TRAC system, the following conservative assumptions are imposed:

- i. Heat loss by natural convection and radiation from the exposed HI-TRAC surfaces to the pool building ambient air is neglected (i.e., an adiabatic temperature rise calculation is performed).
- ii. Design-basis maximum decay heat input from the loaded fuel assemblies is imposed on the HI-TRAC transfer cask.
- iii. The smaller of the two (i.e., 100-ton and 125-ton) HI-TRAC transfer cask designs is credited in the analysis. The 100-ton design has a significantly smaller quantity of metal mass, which will result in a higher rate of temperature rise.
- iv. The smallest of the minimum MPC cavity-free volumes among the two MPC types is considered for flooded water mass determination.
- v. Only fifty percent of the water mass in the MPC cavity is credited towards water thermal inertia evaluation.

Table 4.5.5 summarizes the weights and thermal inertias of several components in the loaded HI-TRAC transfer cask. The rate of temperature rise of the HI-TRAC transfer cask and contents during an adiabatic heat-up is governed by the following equation:

$$
\frac{dT}{dt} = \frac{Q}{C_h}
$$

where:

- $Q =$  decay heat load (Btu/hr) [Design Basis maximum 28.74 kW = 98,205 Btu/hr]
- $C_h$  = combined thermal inertia of the loaded HI-TRAC transfer cask (Btu/°F)
- $T =$  temperature of the contents ( ${}^{\circ}$ F)
- $t =$  time after HI-TRAC transfer cask is removed from the pool (hr)

A bounding heat-up rate for the HI-TRAC transfer cask contents is determined to be equal to 3.77ºF/hr. From this adiabatic rate of temperature rise estimate, the maximum allowable time duration  $(t_{\text{max}})$  for fuel to be submerged in water is determined as follows:

$$
t_{\text{max}} = \frac{T_{\text{boil}} - T_{\text{initial}}}{(dT/dt)}
$$

where:

 $T_{\text{boil}}$  = boiling temperature of water (equal to 212°F at the water surface in the MPC cavity)

 $T<sub>initial</sub> = initial temperature of the HI-TRAC contents when the transfer cash is removed$ from the pool

Table 4.5.6 provides a summary of  $t_{max}$  at several representative HI-TRAC contents starting temperature.

As set forth in the HI-STORM operating procedures, in the unlikely event that the maximum allowable time provided in Table 4.5.6 is found to be insufficient to complete all wet transfer operations, a forced water circulation shall be initiated and maintained to remove the decay heat from the MPC cavity. In this case, relatively cooler water will enter via the MPC lid drain port connection and heated water will exit from the vent port. The minimum water flow rate required to maintain the MPC cavity water temperature below boiling with an adequate subcooling margin is determined as follows:

$$
M_{\rm W} = \frac{Q}{C_{\rm pw} (T_{\rm max} - T_{in})}
$$

where:

 $M_W =$  minimum water flow rate (lb/hr)  $C_{\text{pw}} =$  water heat capacity (Btu/lb- $\textdegree$ F)  $T<sub>max</sub>$  = maximum MPC cavity water mass temperature  $T_{in}$  = temperature of pool water supply to MPC

With the MPC cavity water temperature limited to 150°F, MPC inlet water maximum temperature equal to 125°F and at the design basis maximum heat load, the water flow rate is determined to be 3928 lb/hr (7.9 gpm).

### 4.5.1.1.6 Cask Cooldown and Reflood Analysis During Fuel Unloading Operation

NUREG-1536 requires an evaluation of cask cooldown and reflood procedures to support fuel unloading from a dry condition. Past industry experience generally supports cooldown of cask internals and fuel from hot storage conditions by direct water quenching. *Direct MPC cooldown is effectuated by introducing water through the lid drain line. From the drain line, water enters the MPC cavity near the MPC baseplate. Steam produced during the direct quenching process will be vented from the MPC cavity through the lid vent port. To maximize venting capacity, both vent port RVOA connections must remain open for the duration of the fuel unloading operations. As direct water quenching of hot fuel result*s *in steam generation, it is necessary to limit the rate of water addition to avoid MPC overpressurization. For example, steam flow calculations using bounding assumptions (100% steam production and MPC at design pressure) show that the* 

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*MPC is adequately protected upto a reflood rate of 3715 lb/hr. Limiting the water reflood rate to this amount or less would prevent exceeding the MPC design pressure.* The extremely rapid cooldown rates to which the hot MPC internals and the fuel cladding are subjected during water injection may, however, result in uncontrolled thermal stresses and failure in the structural members. Moreover, water injection results in large amounts of steam generation and unpredictable transient two-phase flow conditions inside the MPC cavity, which may result in overpressurization of the confinement boundary. To avoid potential safety concerns related to rapid cask cooldown by direct water quenching, the HI-STORM MPCs will be cooled in a gradual manner, thereby eliminating thermal shock loads on the MPC internals and fuel cladding.

In the unlikely event that a HI-STORM storage system is required to be unloaded, the MPC will be transported on-site via the HI-TRAC transfer cask back to the fuel handling building. Prior to reflooding the MPC cavity with water<sup>\*</sup>, a forced flow helium recirculation system with adequate flow capacity shall be operated to remove the decay heat and initiate a slow cask cooldown lasting for several days. The operating procedures in Chapter 8 (Section 8.3) provide a detailed description of the steps involved in the cask unloading. An analytical method that provides a basis for determining the required helium flow rate as a function of the desired cooldown time is presented below, to meet the objective of eliminating thermal shock when the MPC cavity is eventually flooded with water.

Under a closed-loop forced helium circulation condition, the helium gas is cooled, via an external chiller, down to 100°F. The chilled helium is then introduced into the MPC cavity, near the MPC baseplate, through the drain line. The helium gas enters the MPC basket from the bottom oversized flow holes and moves upward through the hot fuel assemblies, removing heat and cooling the MPC internals. The heated helium gas exits from the top of the basket and collects in the top plenum, from where it is expelled through the MPC lid vent connection to the helium recirculation and cooling system. The MPC contents bulk average temperature reduction as a function of time is principally dependent upon the rate of helium circulation. The temperature transient is governed by the following heat balance equation:

$$
C_h \frac{dT}{dt} = Q_D - m C_p (T - T_i) - Q_c
$$

Initial Condition:  $T = T_e$  at  $t = 0$ 

where:

 $MPC$  bulk average temperature  $(°F)$  $T<sub>0</sub>$  = initial MPC bulk average temperature in the HI-TRAC transfer cask  $\left($ equal to 586 $\degree$ F $\right)$ 

 $\overline{a}$ † Prior to helium circulation, the HI-TRAC annulus is flooded with water to substantially lower the MPC shell temperature (approximately 100°F). For low decay heat MPCs (~10 kW or less) the annulus cooling is adequate to lower the MPC cavity temperature below the boiling temperature of water.

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time after start of forced circulation (hrs)  $Q<sub>D</sub>$  = decay heat load (Btu/hr) (equal to Design Basis maximum 28.74kW (i.e., 98,205 Btu/hr)  $m =$  helium circulation rate (lb/hr)  $C_p$  = helium heat capacity (Btu/lb- $\rm \circ F$ )  $\text{1.24 Btu/lb-F}$  $Q_e$  = heat rejection from cask exposed surfaces to ambient (Btu/hr) (conservatively neglected)  $C_h$  = thermal capacity of the loaded MPC (Btu/°F) (For a bounding upper bound 100,000 lb loaded MPC weight and heat capacity

of Alloy X equal to  $0.12$  Btu/lb- $\degree$ F, the heat capacity is equal to  $12,000$  Btu/ $\degree$ F.)  $T_i$  = MPC helium inlet temperature  $(°F)$ 

The differential equation is analytically solved, yielding the following expression for timedependent MPC bulk temperature:

$$
T(t) = (T_i + \frac{Q_D}{m C_p})(1 - e^{-\frac{m C_p}{C_h}t}) + T_o e^{-\frac{m C_p}{C_h}t}
$$

This equation is used to determine the minimum helium mass flow rate that would cool the MPC cavity down from initially hot conditions to less than 200°F (i.e., with a subcooling margin for normal boiling temperature of water<sup>\*</sup> (212°F)). For example, to cool the MPC to less than 200°F in 72 hours using 0°F helium would require a helium mass flow rate of 432 lb/hr (i.e., 647 SCFM).

Once the helium gas circulation has cooled the MPC internals to less than 200°F, water can be injected to the MPC without risk of boiling and the associated thermal stress concerns. Because of the relatively long cooldown period, the thermal stress contribution to the total cladding stress would be negligible, and the total stress would therefore be bounded by the normal (dry) condition. The elimination of boiling eliminates any concern of overpressurization due to steam production.

# 4.5.1.1.7 Study of Lead-to-Steel Gaps on Predicted Temperatures

Lead, poured between the inner and outer shells, is utilized as a gamma shield material in the HI-TRAC on-site transfer cask designs. Lead shrinks during solidification requiring the specification and implementation of appropriate steps in the lead installation process so that the annular space is free of gaps. Fortunately, the lead pouring process is a mature technology and proven methods to insure that radial gaps do not develop are widely available. This subsection outlines such a method to achieve a zero-gap lead installation in the annular cavity of the HI-TRAC casks.

 † Certain fuel configurations in PWR MPCs are required to be flooded with borated water, which has a higher boiling temperature. Thus, greater subcooling margins are present in this case.

The 100-ton and 125-ton HI-TRAC designs incorporate 2.5 inch and 4.5 inch annular spaces, respectively, formed between a 3/4-inch thick steel inner shell and a 1-inch thick steel outer shell. The interior steel surfaces are cleaned, sandblasted and fluxed in preparation for the molten lead that will be poured in the annular cavity. The appropriate surface preparation technique is essential to ensure that molten lead sticks to the steel surfaces, which will form a metal to lead bond upon solidification. The molten lead is poured to fill the annular cavity. The molten lead in the immediate vicinity of the steel surfaces, upon cooling by the inner and outer shells, solidifies forming a melt-solid interface. The initial formation of a gap-free interfacial bond between the solidified lead and steel surfaces initiates a process of lead crystallization from the molten pool onto the solid surfaces. Static pressure from the column of molten lead further aids in retaining the solidified lead layer to the steel surfaces. The melt-solid interface growth occurs by freezing of successive layers of molten lead as the heat of fusion is dissipated by the solidified metal and steel structure enclosing it. This growth stops when all the molten lead is used up and the annulus is filled with a solid lead plug. The shop fabrication procedures, being developed in conjunction with the designated manufacturer of the HI-TRAC transfer casks, shall contain detailed step-by-step instructions devised to eliminate the incidence of annular gaps in the lead space of the HI-TRAC.

In the spirit of a defense-in-depth approach, however, a conservatively bounding lead-to-steel gap is assumed herein and the resultant peak cladding temperature under design basis heat load is computed. It is noted that in a non-bonding lead pour scenario, the lead shrinkage resulting from phase transformation related density changes introduces a tendency to form small gaps. This tendency is counteracted by gravity induced slump, which tends to push the heavy mass of lead against the steel surfaces. If the annular molten mass of lead is assumed to contract as a solid, in the absence of gravity, then a bounding lead-to-steel gap is readily computed from density changes. This calculation is performed for the 125-ton HI-TRAC transfer cask, which has a larger volume of lead and is thus subject to larger volume shrinkage relative to the 100-ton design, and is presented below.

The densities of molten  $(\rho_1)$  and solid  $(\rho_s)$  lead are given on page 3-96 of Perry's Handbook (6<sup>th</sup>) Edition) as 10,430 kg/m<sup>3</sup> and 11,010 kg/m<sup>3</sup>, respectively. The fractional volume contraction during solidification ( $\delta v/v$ ) is calculated as:

$$
\frac{\delta v}{v} = \frac{(\rho_s - \rho_1)}{\rho_1} = \frac{(11,010 - 10,430)}{10,430} = 0.0556
$$

and the corresponding fractional linear contraction during solidification is calculated as:

$$
\frac{\delta L}{L} = \left[1 + \frac{\delta v}{v}\right]^{1/3} - 1 = 1.0556^{1/3} - 1 = 0.0182
$$

The bounding lead-to-steel gap, which is assumed filled with air, is calculated by multiplying the nominal annulus radial dimension (4.5 inches in the 125-ton HI-TRAC) by the fractional linear contraction as:

$$
\delta = 4.5 \times \frac{\delta L}{L} = 4.5 \times 0.0182 = 0.082 \cdot inches
$$

In this hypothetical lead shrinkage process, the annular lead cylinder will contract towards the inner steel shell, eliminating gaps and tightly compressing the two surfaces together. Near the outer steel cylinder, a steel-to-lead air gap will develop as a result of volume reduction in the liquid to solid phase transformation. The air gap is conservatively postulated to occur between the inner steel shell and the lead, where the heat flux is higher relative to the outer steel shell, and hence the computed temperature gradient is greater. The combined resistance of an annular lead cylinder with an air gap  $(R_{\text{cyl}})$  is computed by the following formula:

$$
R_{\text{cyl}} = \frac{\ln(R_{\text{o}}/R_{\text{i}})}{2\pi K_{\text{pb}}} + \frac{\delta}{2\pi R_{\text{i}}[K_{\text{air}} + K_{\text{r}}]}
$$

where:

 $R_i$  = inner radius (equal to 35.125 inches)

 $R<sub>o</sub>$  = outer radius (equal to 39.625 inches)

 $K_{\text{nb}}$  = bounding minimum lead conductivity (equal to 16.9 Btu/ft-hr- $\textdegree$ F, from Table

$$
4.2.2)
$$

 $\delta$  = lead-to-steel air gap, computed above

- $K_{air}$  = temperature dependent air conductivity (see Table 4.2.2)
- $K_r$  = effective thermal conductivity contribution from radiation heat transfer across air gap

The effective thermal conductivity contribution from radiation heat transfer  $(K_r)$  is defined by the following equation:

$$
K_r = 4 \times \sigma \times F_{\varepsilon} \times T^3 \times \delta
$$

where:

 $\sigma$  = Stefan-Boltzmann constant  $F_{\varepsilon} = (1/\varepsilon_{\text{cs}} + 1/\varepsilon_{\text{pb}} - 1)^{-1}$  $\varepsilon_{cs}$  = carbon steel emissivity (equal to 0.66, HI-STORM FSAR Table 4.2.4)  $\varepsilon_{pb}$  = lead emissivity (equal to 0.63 for oxidized surfaces at 300°F from McAdams, Heat Transmission,  $3<sup>rd</sup> Ed.$ )  $T =$  absolute temperature

Based on the total annular region resistance  $(R_{\text{cyl}})$  computed above, an equivalent annulus conductivity is readily computed. This effective temperature-dependent conductivity results are tabulated below:





The results tabulated above confirm that the assumption of a bounding annular air gap grossly penalizes the heat dissipation characteristics of lead filled regions. Indeed, the effective conductivity computed above is an order of magnitude lower than that of the base lead material. To confirm the heat dissipation adequacy of HI-TRAC casks under the assumed overly pessimistic annular gaps, the HI-TRAC thermal model described earlier is altered to include the effective annulus conductivity computed above for the annular lead region. The peak cladding temperature results are tabulated below:



From these results, it is readily apparent that the stored fuel shall be maintained within safe temperature limits by a substantial margin of safety (in excess of 100°F).

# 4.5.1.2 Test Model

A detailed analytical model for thermal design of the HI-TRAC transfer cask was developed using the FLUENT CFD code, the industry standard ANSYS modeling package and conservative adiabatic calculations, as discussed in Subsection 4.5.1.1. Furthermore, the analyses incorporate many conservative assumptions in order to demonstrate compliance to the specified short-term limits with adequate margins. In view of these considerations, the HI-TRAC transfer cask thermal design complies with the thermal criteria established for short-term handling and onsite transport. Additional experimental verification of the thermal design is therefore not required.

# 4.5.2 Maximum Temperatures

# 4.5.2.1 Maximum Temperatures Under Onsite Transport Conditions

An axisymmetric FLUENT thermal model of an MPC inside a HI-TRAC transfer cask was developed to evaluate temperature distributions for onsite transport conditions. A bounding steady-state analysis of the HI-TRAC transfer cask has been performed using the hottest MPC, the highest design-basis decay heat load (Table 2.1.6), and design-basis insolation levels. While the duration of onsite transport may be short enough to preclude the MPC and HI-TRAC from obtaining a steady-state, a steady-state analysis is conservative. Information listing all other thermal analyses pertaining to the HI-TRAC cask and associated subsection of the FSAR summarizing obtained results is provided in Table 4.5.8.

A converged temperature contour plot is provided in Figure 4.5.2. Maximum fuel clad temperatures are listed in Table 4.5.2, which also summarizes maximum calculated temperatures in different parts of the HI-TRAC transfer cask and MPC. As described in Subsection 4.4.2, the FLUENT calculated peak temperature in Table 4.5.2 is actually the peak pellet centerline temperature, which bounds the peak cladding temperature. We conservatively assume that the peak clad temperature is equal to the peak pellet centerline temperature.

The maximum computed temperatures listed in Table 4.5.2 are based on the HI-TRAC cask at Design Basis Maximum heat load, passively rejecting heat by natural convection and radiation to a hot ambient environment at 100<sup>o</sup>F in still air in a vertical orientation. In this orientation, there is apt to be a less of metal-to-metal contact between the physically distinct entitities, viz., fuel, fuel basket, MPC shell and HI-TRAC cask. For this reason, the gaps resistance between these parts is higher than in a horizontally oriented HI-TRAC. To bound gaps resistance, the various parts are postulated to be in a centered configuration. MPC internal convection at a postulated low cavity pressure of 5 atm is included in the thermal model. The peak cladding temperature computed under these adverse Ultimate Heat Sink (UHS) assumptions is 872ºF which is substantially lower than the temperature limit of  $1058^{\circ}$ F for moderate burnup fuel (MBF). Consequently, cladding integrity assurance is provided by large safety margins (in excess of 100°F) during onsite transfer of an MPC containing MBF emplaced in a HI-TRAC cask.

As a defense-in-depth measure, cladding integrity is demonstrated for a theoretical bounding scenario. For this scenario, all means of convective heat dissipation within the canister are neglected in addition to the bounding relative configuration for the fuel, basket, MPC shell and HI-TRAC overpack assumption stated earlier for the vertical orientation. This means that the fuel is centered in the basket cells, the basket is centered in the MPC shell and the MPC shell is centered in the HI-TRAC overpack to maximize gaps thermal resistance. The peak cladding temperature computed for this scenario (1025ºF) is below the short-term limit of 1058ºF.

For high burnup fuel (HBF), however, the maximum computed fuel cladding temperature reported in Table 4.5.2 is significantly greater than the temperature limit of 752°F for HBF. Consequently, it is necessary to utilize the SCS described at the beginning of this section and in Appendix 2.C during onsite transfer of an MPC containing HBF emplaced in a HI-TRAC transfer cask. As stated earlier, the exact design and operation of the SCS is necessarily sitespecific. The design is required to satisfy the specifications and operational requirements of Appendix 2.C to ensure compliance with ISG-11 [4.1.4] temperature limits.

As discussed in Sub-section 4.5.1.1.6, MPC fuel unloading operations are performed with the MPC inside the HI-TRAC cask. For this operation, a helium cooldown system is engaged to the MPC via lid access ports and a forced helium cooling of the fuel and MPC is initiated. With the HI-TRAC cask external surfaces dissipating heat to a UHS in a manner in which the ambient air access is not restricted by bounding surfaces or large objects in the immediate vicinity of the cask, the temperatures reported in Table 4.5.2 will remain bounding during fuel unloading operations.

# 4.5.2.2 Maximum MPC Basket Temperature Under Vacuum Conditions

As stated in Subsection 4.5.1.1.4, above, an axisymmetric FLUENT thermal model of the MPC is developed for the vacuum condition. For the MPC-24E and MPC-32 designs, and for the higher heat load ranges in the MPC-24 and MPC-68 designs, the model also includes an isotropic fuel basket thermal conductivity. Each MPC is analyzed at its respective design maximum heat load. The steady-state peak cladding results, with partial recognition for higher axial heat dissipation where included, are summarized in Table 4.5.9. The peak fuel clad temperatures for moderate burnup fuel during short-term vacuum drying operations with designbasis maximum heat loads are calculated to be less than 1058ºF for all MPC baskets by a significant margin.

# 4.5.3 Minimum Temperatures

In Table 2.2.2 and Chapter 12, the minimum ambient temperature condition required to be considered for the HI-TRAC design is specified as 0°F. If, conservatively, a zero decay heat load (with no solar input) is applied to the stored fuel assemblies then every component of the system at steady state would be at this outside minimum temperature. Provided an antifreeze is added to the water jacket (required for ambient temperatures below 32°F), all HI-TRAC materials will satisfactorily perform their intended functions at this minimum postulated temperature condition. Fuel transfer operations must be controlled to ensure that onsite transport operations are not performed at an ambient temperature less than 0°F.

### 4.5.4 Maximum Internal Pressure

After fuel loading and vacuum drying, but prior to installing the MPC closure ring, the MPC is initially filled with helium. During handling in the HI-TRAC transfer cask, the gas temperature within the MPC rises to its maximum operating temperature as determined based on the thermal analysis methodology described previously. The gas pressure inside the MPC will also increase with rising temperature. The pressure rise is determined based on the ideal gas law, which states that the absolute pressure of a fixed volume of gas is proportional to its absolute temperature. The net free volumes of the four MPC designs are determined in Section 4.4.

The maximum MPC internal pressure is determined for normal onsite transport conditions, as well as off-normal conditions of a postulated accidental release of fission product gases caused by fuel rod rupture. Based on NUREG-1536 [4.4.10] recommended fission gases release fraction data, net free volume and initial fill gas pressure, the bounding maximum gas pressures with 1% and 10% rod rupture are given in Table 4.5.3. The MPC maximum gas pressures listed in Table 4.5.3 are all below the MPC design internal pressure listed in Table 2.2.1.

### 4.5.5 Maximum Thermal Stresses

Thermal expansion induced mechanical stresses due to non-uniform temperature distributions are reported in Chapter 3. Tables 4.5.2 and 4.5.4 provide a summary of MPC and HI-TRAC transfer cask component temperatures for structural evaluation.

### 4.5.6 Evaluation of System Performance for Normal Conditions of Handling and Onsite Transport

The HI-TRAC transfer cask thermal analysis is based on a detailed heat transfer model that conservatively accounts for all modes of heat transfer in various portions of the MPC and HI-TRAC. The thermal model incorporates several conservative features, which are listed below:

- i. The most severe levels of environmental factors bounding ambient temperature (100°F) and constant solar flux - were coincidentally imposed on the thermal design. A bounding solar absorbtivity of 1.0 is applied to all insolation surfaces.
- ii. The HI-TRAC cask-to-MPC annular gap is analyzed based on the nominal design dimensions. No credit is considered for the significant reduction in this radial gap that would occur as a result of differential thermal expansion with design basis fuel at hot conditions. The MPC is considered to be concentrically aligned with the cask cavity. This is a worst-case scenario since any eccentricity will improve conductive heat transport in this region.
- iii. No credit is considered for cooling of the HI-TRAC baseplate while in contact with a supporting surface. An insulated boundary condition is applied in the thermal model on the bottom baseplate face.

Temperature distribution results (Tables 4.5.2 and 4.5.4, and Figure 4.5.2) obtained from this highly conservative thermal model show that the fuel cladding and cask component temperature limits are met with adequate margins for MBF. For HBF, supplemental cooling is required to comply with the applicable temperature limits. Expected margins during normal HI-TRAC use will be larger due to the many conservative assumptions incorporated in the analysis. Corresponding MPC internal pressure results (Table 4.5.3) show that the MPC confinement boundary remains well below the short-term condition design pressure. Stresses induced due to imposed temperature gradients are within ASME Code limits (Chapter 3). The maximum local axial neutron shield temperature is lower than design limits. Therefore, it is concluded that the HI-TRAC transfer cask thermal design is adequate to maintain fuel cladding integrity for shortterm onsite handling and transfer operations.

The water in the water jacket of the HI-TRAC provides necessary neutron shielding. During normal handling and onsite transfer operations this shielding water is contained within the water jacket, which is designed for an elevated internal pressure. It is recalled that the water jacket is equipped with pressure relief valves set at 60 psig and 65 psig. This set pressure elevates the

saturation pressure and temperature inside the water jacket, thereby precluding boiling in the water jacket under normal conditions. Under normal handling and onsite transfer operations, the bulk temperature inside the water jacket reported in Table 4.5.2 is less than the coincident saturation temperature at 60 psig (307°F), so the shielding water remains in its liquid state. The bulk temperature is determined via a conservative analysis, presented earlier, with design-basis maximum decay heat load. One of the assumptions that render the computed temperatures extremely conservative is the stipulation of a 100°F steady-state ambient temperature. In view of the large thermal inertia of the HI-TRAC, an appropriate ambient temperature is the "timeaveraged" temperature, formally referred to in this FSAR as the normal temperature.

Note that during hypothetical fire accident conditions (see Section 11.2) these relief valves allow venting of any steam generated by the extreme fire flux, to prevent overpressurizing the water jacket. In this manner, a portion of the fire heat flux input to the HI-TRAC outer surfaces is expended in vaporizing a portion of the water in the water jacket, thereby mitigating the magnitude of the heat input to the MPC during the fire.

During vacuum drying operations, the annular gap between the MPC and the HI-TRAC is filled with water. The saturation temperature of the annulus water bounds the maximum temperatures of all HI-TRAC components, which are located radially outside the water-filled annulus. As previously stated (see Subsection 4.5.1.1.4) the maximum annulus water temperature is only 125°F, so the HI-TRAC water jacket temperature will be less than the 307°F saturation temperature.

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### HI-TRAC TRANSFER CASK STEADY-STATE MAXIMUM TEMPERATURES



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<sup>\*</sup> This calculated value exceeds the allowable limit for high-burnup fuel. A Supplemental Cooling System that satisfies the criteria in Appendix 2.C shall be used to comply with applicable temperature limits when an MPC contains one or more high burnup fuel assemblies.

<sup>†</sup> Local neutron shield section temperature.



### SUMMARY OF MPC CONFINEMENT BOUNDARY PRESSURES† FOR NORMAL HANDLING AND ONSITE TRANSPORT

 $\overline{a}$ † Includes gas from BPRA rods for PWR MPCs

### SUMMARY OF HI-TRAC TRANSFER CASK AND MPC COMPONENTS NORMAL HANDLING AND ONSITE TRANSPORT TEMPERATURES



† O/P is an abbreviation for HI-TRAC overpack.

### SUMMARY OF LOADED 100-TON HI-TRAC TRANSFER CASK BOUNDING COMPONENT WEIGHTS AND THERMAL INERTIAS



† Conservative lower bound water mass.



### MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE TIME DURATION FOR WET TRANSFER OPERATIONS

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### MATRIX OF HI-TRAC TRANSFER CASK THERMAL EVALUATIONS

Legend:

- $O_T$  Off-Normal Temperature (100°F)
- $Q_D$  Design Basis Maximum Heat Load
- ST Insolation Heating (Top)
- SC Insolation Heating (Curved)
- F Fire Heating  $(1475^{\circ}F)$
- SS(B) Bounding Steady State<br>TA Transient Analysis
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- AH Adiabatic Heating

# PEAK CLADDING TEMPERATURE IN VACUUM† (MODERATE BURNUP FUEL ONLY)



 $\overline{a}$ † Steady state temperatures at the MPC design maximum heat load reported.

### 6.2 SPENT FUEL LOADING

Specifications for the BWR and PWR fuel assemblies that were analyzed are given in Tables 6.2.1 and 6.2.2, respectively. For the BWR fuel characteristics, the number and dimensions for the water rods are the actual number and dimensions. For the PWR fuel characteristics, the actual number and dimensions of the control rod guide tubes and thimbles are used. Table 6.2.1 lists 72 unique BWR assemblies while Table 6.2.2 lists 46 unique PWR assemblies, all of which were explicitly analyzed for this evaluation. Examination of Tables 6.2.1 and 6.2.2 reveals that there are a large number of minor variations in fuel assembly dimensions.

Due to the large number of minor variations in the fuel assembly dimensions, the use of explicit dimensions in defining the authorized contents could limit the applicability of the HI-STORM 100 System. To resolve this limitation, bounding criticality analyses are presented in this section for a number of defined fuel assembly classes for both fuel types (PWR and BWR). The results of the bounding criticality analyses justify using bounding fuel dimensions for defining the authorized contents.

### 6.2.1 Definition of Assembly Classes

For each array size (e.g., 6x6, 7x7, 15x15, etc.), the fuel assemblies have been subdivided into a number of defined classes, where a class is defined in terms of (1) the number of fuel rods; (2) pitch; (3) number and locations of guide tubes (PWR) or water rods (BWR); and (4) cladding material. The assembly classes for BWR and PWR fuel are defined in Tables 6.2.1 and 6.2.2, respectively. It should be noted that these assembly classes are unique to this evaluation and are not known to be consistent with any class designations in the open literature.

For each assembly class, calculations have been performed for all of the dimensional variations for which data is available (i.e., all data in Tables 6.2.1 and 6.2.2). These calculations demonstrate that the maximum reactivity corresponds to:

- maximum active fuel length,
- maximum fuel pellet diameter,
- minimum cladding outside diameter (OD),
- maximum cladding inside diameter (ID),
- minimum guide tube/water rod thickness, and
- maximum channel thickness (for BWR assemblies only).

Therefore, for each assembly class, a bounding assembly was defined based on the above characteristics and a calculation for the bounding assembly was performed to demonstrate compliance with the regulatory requirement of  $k_{\text{eff}}$  < 0.95. In some assembly classes this

bounding assembly corresponds directly to one of the actual (real) assemblies; while in most assembly classes, the bounding assembly is artificial (i.e., based on bounding dimensions from more than one of the actual assemblies). In classes where the bounding assembly is artificial, the reactivity of the actual (real) assemblies is typically much less than that of the bounding assembly; thereby providing additional conservatism. As a result of these analyses, the authorized contents in Section 2.1.9 are defined in terms of the bounding assembly parameters for each class.

To demonstrate that the aforementioned characteristics are bounding, a parametric study was performed for a reference BWR assembly, designated herein as 8x8C04 (identified generally as a GE8x8R). Additionally, parametric studies were performed for a PWR assembly (the 15x15F assembly class) in the MPC-24 and MPC-32 with soluble boron in the water flooding the MPC. The results of these studies are shown in Table 6.2.3 through 6.2.5, and verify the positive reactivity effect associated with (1) increasing the pellet diameter, (2) maximizing the cladding ID (while maintaining a constant cladding OD), (3) minimizing the cladding OD (while maintaining a constant cladding ID), (4) decreasing the water rod/guide tube thickness, (5) artificially replacing the Zircaloy water rod tubes/guide tubes with water, (6) maximizing the channel thickness (for BWR Assemblies), and (7) increasing the active length. These results, and the many that follow, justify the approach for using bounding dimensions for defining the authorized contents. Where margins permit, the Zircaloy water rod tubes (BWR assemblies) are artificially replaced by water in the bounding cases to remove the requirement for water rod thickness from the specification of the authorized contents. As these studies were performed with and without soluble boron, they also demonstrate that the bounding dimensions are valid independent of the soluble boron concentration.

As mentioned, the bounding approach used in these analyses often results in a maximum  $k_{\text{eff}}$ value for a given class of assemblies that is much greater than the reactivity of any of the actual (real) assemblies within the class, and yet, is still below the 0.95 regulatory limit.

# 6.2.2 Intact PWR Fuel Assemblies

### 6.2.2.1 Intact PWR Fuel Assemblies in the MPC-24 without Soluble Boron

For PWR fuel assemblies (specifications listed in Table 6.2.2) the 15x15F01 fuel assembly at 4.1% enrichment has the highest reactivity (maximum  $k<sub>eff</sub>$  of 0.9395). The 17x17A01 assembly (otherwise known as a Westinghouse 17x17 OFA) has a similar reactivity (see Table 6.2.20) and was used throughout this criticality evaluation as a reference PWR assembly. The 17x17A01 assembly is a representative PWR fuel assembly in terms of design and reactivity and is useful for the reactivity studies presented in Sections 6.3 and 6.4. Calculations for the various PWR fuel assemblies in the MPC-24 are summarized in Tables 6.2.6 through 6.2.22 for the fully flooded condition without soluble boron in the water.

Tables 6.2.6 through 6.2.22 show the maximum  $k<sub>eff</sub>$  values for the assembly classes that are acceptable for storage in the MPC-24. All maximum keff values include the bias, uncertainties, and calculational statistics, evaluated for the worst combination of manufacturing tolerances. All calculations for the MPC-24 were performed for a <sup>10</sup>B loading of 0.020 g/cm<sup>2</sup>, which is 75% of the minimum loading of 0.0267 g/cm<sup>2</sup> for Boral, or 90% of the minimum loading of 0.0223 g/cm<sup>2</sup> for Metamic. The maximum allowable enrichment in the MPC-24 varies from 3.8 to 5.0 wt% <sup>235</sup>U, depending on the assembly class, and is defined in Tables 6.2.6 through 6.2.22. It should be noted that the maximum allowable enrichment does not vary within an assembly class. Table 6.1.1 summarizes the maximum allowable enrichments for each of the assembly classes that are acceptable for storage in the MPC-24.

Tables 6.2.6 through 6.2.22 are formatted with the assembly class information in the top row, the unique assembly designations, dimensions, and k<sub>eff</sub> values in the following rows above the bold double lines, and the bounding dimensions selected to define the authorized contents and corresponding bounding  $k_{\text{eff}}$  values in the final rows. Where the bounding assembly corresponds directly to one of the actual assemblies, the fuel assembly designation is listed in the bottom row in parentheses (e.g., Table 6.2.6). Otherwise, the bounding assembly is given a unique designation. For an assembly class that contains only a single assembly (e.g., 14x14D, see Table 6.2.9), the authorized contents dimensions are based on the assembly dimensions from that single assembly. All of the maximum  $k<sub>eff</sub>$  values corresponding to the selected bounding dimensions are greater than or equal to those for the actual assembly dimensions and are below the 0.95 regulatory limit.

The results of the analyses for the MPC-24, which were performed for all assemblies in each class (see Tables 6.2.6 through 6.2.22), further confirm the validity of the bounding dimensions established in Section 6.2.1. Thus, for all following calculations, namely analyses of the MPC-24E, MPC-32, and MPC-24 with soluble boron present in the water, only the bounding assembly in each class is analyzed.

# 6.2.2.2 Intact PWR Fuel Assemblies in the MPC-24 with Soluble Boron

Additionally, the HI-STAR 100 system is designed to allow credit for the soluble boron typically present in the water of PWR spent fuel pools. For a minimum soluble boron concentration of 400ppm, the maximum allowable fuel enrichment is 5.0 wt%  $^{235}$ U for all assembly classes identified in Tables 6.2.6 through 6.2.22. Table 6.1.2 shows the maximum  $k_{\text{eff}}$  for the bounding assembly in each assembly class. All maximum  $k<sub>eff</sub>$  values are below the 0.95 regulatory limit. The 15x15H assembly class has the highest reactivity (maximum  $k_{\text{eff}}$  of 0.9366). The calculated keff and calculational uncertainty for each class is listed in Appendix 6.C.
# 6.2.2.3 Intact PWR Assemblies in the MPC-24E and MPC-24EF with and without Soluble Boron

The MPC-24E and MPC-24EF are variations of the MPC-24, which provide for storage of higher enriched fuel than the MPC-24 through optimization of the storage cell layout. The MPC-24E and MPC-24EF also allow for the loading of up to 4 PWR Damaged Fuel Containers (DFC) with damaged PWR fuel (MPC-24E and MPC–24EF) and PWR fuel debris (MPC-24EF only). The requirements for damaged fuel and fuel debris in the MPC-24E and MPC-24EF are discussed in Section 6.2.4.3.

Without credit for soluble boron, the maximum allowable fuel enrichment varies between 4.2 and 5.0 wt%  $^{235}$ U, depending on the assembly classes as identified in Tables 6.2.6 through 6.2.22. The maximum allowable enrichment for each assembly class is listed in Table 6.1.3, together with the maximum  $k_{\text{eff}}$  for the bounding assembly in the assembly class. All maximum keff values are below the 0.95 regulatory limit The 15x15F assembly class at 4.5% enrichment has the highest reactivity (maximum  $k<sub>eff</sub>$  of 0.9468). The calculated  $k<sub>eff</sub>$  and calculational uncertainty for each class is listed in Appendix 6.C.

For a minimum soluble boron concentration of 300ppm, the maximum allowable fuel enrichment is 5.0 wt%  $^{235}$ U for all assembly classes identified in Tables 6.2.6 through 6.2.22. Table 6.1.4 shows the maximum  $k_{eff}$  for the bounding assembly in each assembly class. All maximum  $k_{eff}$ values are below the 0.95 regulatory limit. The 15x15H assembly class has the highest reactivity (maximum  $k_{\text{eff}}$  of 0.9399). The calculated  $k_{\text{eff}}$  and calculational uncertainty for each class is listed in Appendix 6.C.

## 6.2.2.4 Intact PWR Assemblies in the MPC-32 and MPC-32F

When loading any PWR fuel assembly in the MPC-32 or MPC-32F, a minimum soluble boron concentration is required.

For a maximum allowable fuel enrichment of 4.1 wt%  $^{235}$ U for all assembly classes identified in Tables 6.2.6 through 6.2.22, a minimum soluble boron concentration between 1300ppm and 1900ppm is required, depending on the assembly class. Table 6.1.5 shows the maximum  $k_{eff}$  for the bounding assembly in each assembly class. All maximum  $k<sub>eff</sub>$  values are below the 0.95 regulatory limit. The 16x16A assembly class has the highest reactivity (maximum  $k_{\text{eff}}$  of 0.9468). The calculated  $k_{\text{eff}}$  and calculational uncertainty for each class is listed in Appendix 6.C.

For a maximum allowable fuel enrichment of 5.0 wt%  $^{235}$ U for all assembly classes identified in Tables 6.2.6 through 6.2.22, a minimum soluble boron concentration between 1900ppm and 2600ppm is required, depending on the assembly class. Table 6.1.6 shows the maximum  $k_{\text{eff}}$  for the bounding assembly in each assembly class. All maximum  $k<sub>eff</sub>$  values are below the 0.95

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regulatory limit. The 15x15F assembly class has the highest reactivity (maximum  $k_{\text{eff}}$  of 0.9483). The calculated  $k<sub>eff</sub>$  and calculational uncertainty for each class is listed in Appendix 6.C.

*It is desirable to limit the soluble boron concentration to a level appropriate for the maximum enrichment in a basket, since this prevents adding soluble boron unnecessarily to the spent fuel pool during loading and unloading operations. This approach requires a minimum soluble boron level as a function of the maximum allowable enrichment, which can be directly derived by linear interpolation from the calculations at 4.1 wt% 235U and 5.0 wt% 235U shown in Tables 6.1.5 and 6.1.6. Since the maximum keff is a near linear function of both enrichment and soluble boron concentration, linear interpolation is both appropriate and sufficient. Further, studies have shown that this approach results in maximum keff values for enrichments between 4.1 wt%*  <sup>235</sup>U and 5.0 wt% <sup>235</sup>U that are lower than those maximum  $k_{\text{eff}}$  values calculated at 4.1 wt% and *5.0 wt% 235U in Tables 6.1.5 and 6.1.6.* 

## 6.2.3 Intact BWR Fuel Assemblies in the MPC-68 and MPC-68FF

For BWR fuel assemblies (specifications listed in Table 6.2.1) the artificial bounding assembly for the 10x10A assembly class at 4.2% enrichment has the highest reactivity (maximum  $k_{\text{eff}}$  of 0.9457). Calculations for the various BWR fuel assemblies in the MPC-68 and MPC-68FF are summarized in Tables 6.2.23 through 6.2.40 for the fully flooded condition. In all cases, the gadolinia  $(Gd_2O_3)$  normally incorporated in BWR fuel was conservatively neglected.

For calculations involving BWR assemblies, the use of a uniform (planar-average) enrichment, as opposed to the distributed enrichments normally used in BWR fuel, produces conservative results. Calculations confirming this statement are presented in Appendix 6.B for several representative BWR fuel assembly designs. These calculations justify the specification of planaraverage enrichments to define acceptability of BWR fuel for loading into the MPC-68.

Tables  $6.2.23$  through  $6.2.40$  show the maximum  $k<sub>eff</sub>$  values for assembly classes that are acceptable for storage in the MPC-68 and MPC-68FF. All maximum  $k_{\text{eff}}$  values include the bias, uncertainties, and calculational statistics, evaluated for the worst combination of manufacturing tolerances. With the exception of assembly classes 6x6A, 6x6B, 6x6C, 7x7A, and 8x8A, which will be discussed in Section 6.2.4, all calculations for the MPC-68 and MPC-68FF were performed with a <sup>10</sup>B loading of 0.0279 g/cm<sup>2</sup>, which is 75% of the minimum loading of 0.0372  $g/cm<sup>2</sup>$  for Boral, or 90% of the minimum loading of 0.031 g/cm<sup>2</sup> for Metamic. Calculations for assembly classes 6x6A, 6x6B, 6x6C, 7x7A, and 8x8A were conservatively performed with a  $^{10}B$ loading of 0.0067  $g/cm^2$ . The maximum allowable enrichment in the MPC-68 and MPC-68FF varies from 2.7 to 4.2 wt%  $^{235}$ U, depending on the assembly class. It should be noted that the maximum allowable enrichment does not vary within an assembly class. Table 6.1.7 summarizes

the maximum allowable enrichments for all assembly classes that are acceptable for storage in the MPC-68 and MPC-68FF.

Tables 6.2.23 through 6.2.40 are formatted with the assembly class information in the top row, the unique assembly designations, dimensions, and keff values in the following rows above the bold double lines, and the bounding dimensions selected to define the authorized contents and corresponding bounding  $k_{\text{eff}}$  values in the final rows. Where an assembly class contains only a single assembly (e.g., 8x8E, see Table 6.2.27), the authorized contents dimensions are based on the assembly dimensions from that single assembly. For assembly classes that are suspected to contain assemblies with thicker channels (e.g., 120 mils), bounding calculations are also performed to qualify the thicker channels (e.g.  $7x7B$ , see Table 6.2.23). All of the maximum  $k_{eff}$ values corresponding to the selected bounding dimensions are shown to be greater than or equal to those for the actual assembly dimensions and are below the 0.95 regulatory limit.

For assembly classes that contain partial length rods (i.e., 9x9A, 10x10A, and 10x10B), calculations were performed for the actual (real) assembly configuration and for the axial segments (assumed to be full length) with and without the partial length rods. In all cases, the axial segment with only the full length rods present (where the partial length rods are absent) is bounding. Therefore, the bounding maximum  $k<sub>eff</sub>$  values reported for assembly classes that contain partial length rods bound the reactivity regardless of the active fuel length of the partial length rods. As a result, the specification of the authorized contents has no minimum requirement for the active fuel length of the partial length rods.

For BWR fuel assembly classes where margins permit, the Zircaloy water rod tubes are artificially replaced by water in the bounding cases to remove the requirement for water rod thickness from the specification of the authorized contents. For these cases, the bounding water rod thickness is listed as zero.

As mentioned, the highest observed maximum  $k_{eff}$  value is 0.9457, corresponding to the artificial bounding assembly in the 10x10A assembly class. This assembly has the following bounding characteristics: (1) the partial length rods are assumed to be zero length (most reactive configuration); (2) the channel is assumed to be 120 mils thick; and (3) the active fuel length of the full length rods is 155 inches. Therefore, the maximum reactivity value is bounding compared to any of the real BWR assemblies listed.

## 6.2.4 BWR and PWR Damaged Fuel Assemblies and Fuel Debris

In addition to storing intact PWR and BWR fuel assemblies, the HI-STORM 100 System is designed to store BWR and PWR damaged fuel assemblies and fuel debris. Damaged fuel assemblies and fuel debris are defined in Table 1.0.1. Both damaged fuel assemblies and fuel debris are required to be loaded into Damaged Fuel Containers (DFCs) prior to being loaded into

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the MPC. Five different DFC types with different cross sections are considered; three types for BWR fuel and two for PWR fuel. DFCs containing fuel debris must be stored in the MPC-68F, MPC-68FF, MPC-24EF or MPC-32F. DFCs containing BWR damaged fuel assemblies may be stored in the MPC-68, MPC-68F or MPC-68FF. DFCs containing PWR damaged fuel may be stored in the MPC-24E, MPC-24EF, MPC-32 or MPC-32F. The criticality evaluation of various possible damaged conditions of the fuel is presented in Subsection 6.4.4.

## 6.2.4.1 Damaged BWR Fuel Assemblies and BWR Fuel Debris in Assembly Classes 6x6A, 6x6B, 6x6C, 7x7A and 8x8A

Tables 6.2.41 through 6.2.45 show the maximum  $k_{eff}$  values for the five assembly classes 6x6A, 6x6B, 6x6C, 7x7A and 8x8A. All maximum keff values include the bias, uncertainties, and calculational statistics, evaluated for the worst combination of manufacturing tolerances. All calculations were performed for a <sup>10</sup>B loading of 0.0067 g/cm<sup>2</sup>, which is 75% of a minimum loading, 0.0089 g/cm<sup>2</sup>. However, because the practical manufacturing lower limit for minimum <sup>10</sup>B loading is 0.01 g/cm<sup>2</sup>, the minimum <sup>10</sup>B loading of 0.01 g/cm<sup>2</sup> is specified on the drawing in Section 1.5, for the MPC-68F. As an additional level of conservatism in the analyses, the calculations were performed for an enrichment of 3.0 wt%  $^{235}$ U, while the maximum allowable enrichment for these assembly classes is limited to 2.7 wt%  $^{235}$ U in the specification of the authorized contents. Therefore, the maximum  $k<sub>eff</sub>$  values for damaged BWR fuel assemblies and fuel debris are conservative. Calculations for the various BWR fuel assemblies in the MPC-68F are summarized in Tables 6.2.41 through 6.2.45 for the fully flooded condition.

For the assemblies that may be stored as damaged fuel or fuel debris, the 6x6C01 assembly at 3.0 wt%  $^{235}$ U enrichment has the highest reactivity (maximum k<sub>eff</sub> of 0.8021). Considering all of the conservatism built into this analysis (e.g., higher than allowed enrichment and lower than actual  $10B$  loading), the actual reactivity will be lower.

Because the analysis for the damaged BWR fuel assemblies and fuel debris was performed for a  $^{10}$ B loading of 0.0089 g/cm<sup>2</sup>, which conservatively bounds the analysis of damaged BWR fuel assemblies in an MPC-68 or MPC-68FF with a minimum  $^{10}$ B loading of 0.0372 g/cm<sup>2</sup>, damaged BWR fuel assemblies may also be stored in the MPC-68 or MPC-68FF. However, fuel debris is limited to the MPC-68F and MPC-68FF by the specification of the authorized contents.

Tables 6.2.41 through 6.2.45 are formatted with the assembly class information in the top row, the unique assembly designations, dimensions, and  $k<sub>eff</sub>$  values in the following rows above the bold double lines, and the bounding dimensions selected to define the authorized contents and corresponding bounding  $k_{\text{eff}}$  values in the final rows. Where an assembly class contains only a single assembly (e.g., 6x6C, see Table 6.2.43), the authorized contents dimensions are based on the assembly dimensions from that single assembly. All of the maximum  $k_{\text{eff}}$  values corresponding to the selected bounding dimensions are greater than or equal to those for the actual assembly dimensions and are well below the 0.95 regulatory limit.

# 6.2.4.2 Damaged BWR Fuel Assemblies and Fuel Debris in the MPC-68 and MPC-68FF

Damaged BWR fuel assemblies and fuel debris from all BWR classes may be loaded into the MPC-68 and MPC-68FF by restricting the locations of the DFCs to 16 specific cells on the periphery of the fuel basket. The MPC-68 may be loaded with up to 16 DFCs containing damaged fuel assemblies. The MPC-68FF may also be loaded with up to 16 DFCs, with up to 8 DFCs containing fuel debris.

For all assembly classes, the enrichment of the damaged fuel or fuel debris is limited to a maximum of 4.0 wt%  $^{235}$ U, while the enrichment of the intact assemblies stored together with the damaged fuel is limited to a maximum of  $3.7 \text{ wt\%}$   $^{235}$ U. The maximum k<sub>eff</sub> is 0.9328. The criticality evaluation of the damaged fuel assemblies and fuel debris in the MPC-68 and MPC-68FF is presented in Section 6.4.4.2.

## 6.2.4.3 Damaged PWR Fuel Assemblies and Fuel Debris

In addition to storing intact PWR fuel assemblies, the HI-STORM 100 System is designed to store damaged PWR fuel assemblies (MPC-24E, MPC-24EF, MPC-32 and MPC-32F) and fuel debris (MPC-24EF and MPC-32F only). Damaged fuel assemblies and fuel debris are defined in Table 1.0.1. Damaged PWR fuel assemblies and fuel debris are required to be loaded into PWR Damaged Fuel Containers (DFCs).

## 6.2.4.3.1 Damaged PWR Fuel Assemblies and Fuel Debris in the MPC-24E and MPC-24EF

Up to four DFCs may be stored in the MPC-24E or MPC-24EF. When loaded with damaged fuel and/or fuel debris, the maximum enrichment for intact and damaged fuel is 4.0 wt% <sup>235</sup>U for all assembly classes listed in Table 6.2.6 through 6.2.22 without credit for soluble boron. The maximum keff for these classes is 0.9486. For a minimum soluble boron concentration of 600ppm, the maximum enrichment for intact and damaged fuel is 5.0 wt%  $^{235}$ U for all assembly classes listed in Table 6.2.6 through 6.2.22. The criticality evaluation of the damaged fuel is presented in Subsection 6.4.4.2.

## 6.2.4.3.2 Damaged PWR Fuel Assemblies and Fuel Debris in the MPC-32 and MPC-32F

Up to eight DFCs may be stored in the MPC-32 or MPC-32F. For a maximum allowable fuel enrichment of 4.1 wt%  $^{235}$ U for intact fuel, damaged fuel and fuel debris for all assembly classes identified in Tables 6.2.6 through 6.2.22, a minimum soluble boron concentration between 1500ppm and 2100ppm is required, depending on the assembly class of the intact assembly. For a maximum allowable fuel enrichment of  $5.0 \text{ wt\%}$  <sup>235</sup>U for intact fuel, damaged fuel and fuel debris, a minimum soluble boron concentration between 2300ppm and 2900ppm is required,

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depending on the assembly class of the intact assembly. Table 6.1.12 shows the maximum  $k_{\text{eff}}$  by assembly class. All maximum  $k_{\text{eff}}$  values are below the 0.95 regulatory limit.

*As discussed in Section 6.2.2.4, it is desirable to limit the soluble boron concentration to a level appropriate for the maximum enrichment in a basket. The discussion presented in Section 6.2.2.4 is also applicable for the MPC-32 with damaged fuel or fuel debris. Further, studies*  with damaged fuel have shown that this approach also results in maximum  $k_{\text{eff}}$  values that are *lower than those keff values calculated for 4.1 wt% and 5.0 wt% 235U in Table 6.1.12.*

## 6.2.5 Thoria Rod Canister

Additionally, the HI-STORM 100 System is designed to store a Thoria Rod Canister in the MPC-68, MPC-68F or MPC-68FF. The canister is similar to a DFC and contains 18 intact Thoria Rods placed in a separator assembly. The reactivity of the canister in the MPC is very low compared to the approved fuel assemblies (The  $^{235}$ U content of these rods correspond to  $UO<sub>2</sub>$ rods with an initial enrichment of approximately 1.7 wt%  $^{235}$ U). It is therefore permissible to the Thoria Rod Canister together with any approved content in a MPC-68 or MPC-68F. Specifications of the canister and the Thoria Rods that are used in the criticality evaluation are given in Table 6.2.46. The criticality evaluation are presented in Subsection 6.4.6.





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Four rectangular water cross segments dividing the assembly into four quadrants  $<sup>†</sup>$  Four rectangular water cross segments dividing the assembly into four quadrants</sup>

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The 9x9E and 9x9F fuel assembly classes represent a single fuel type containing fuel rods with different dimensions (SPC 9x9-5). In addition to the actual<br>configuration (9x9E02 and 9x9F02), the 9x9E class contains a hypoth † The 9x9E and 9x9F fuel assembly classes represent a single fuel type containing fuel rods with different dimensions (SPC 9x9-5). In addition to the actual configuration (9x9E02 and 9x9F02), the 9x9E class contains a hypothetical assembly with only small fuel rods (9x9E01), and the 9x9F class contains a hypothetical assembly with only large rods (9x9F01). This was done in order to simplify the specification of this assembly in Section 2.1.9.

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This is the fuel assembly used at Indian Point 1 (IP-1). This assembly is a 14x14 assembly with 23 fuel rods omitted to allow passage of control rods between assemblies. It has a different pitch in different sections of th † This is the fuel assembly used at Indian Point 1 (IP-1). This assembly is a 14x14 assembly with 23 fuel rods omitted to allow passage of control rods between assemblies. It has a different pitch in different sections of the assembly, and different fuel rod dimensions in some rods.

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Table 6.2.5<br>REACTIVITY EFFECT OF ASSEMBLY PARAMETER VARIATIONS in PWR Fuel in the MPC-32 with 2600ppm soluble boron concentration REACTIVITY EFFECT OF ASSEMBLY PARAMETER VARIATIONS in PWR Fuel in the MPC-32 with 2600ppm soluble boron concentration Table 6.2.5



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MAXIMUM  $\rm K_{\rm FFF}$  values for the 14X14C assembly class in the MPC-24  $\,$ MAXIMUM KEFF VALUES FOR THE 14X14C ASSEMBLY CLASS IN THE MPC-24 Table 6.2.8

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 $\begin{array}{c} \text{Table 6.2.9} \\ \text{Value EOR THF} \text{ } \text{I4Y14D} \text{ } \text{ASSEMBI} \text{ } \forall \text{ } \text{C1 ASS IN THF} \text{ } \text{MPC-24} \end{array}$ MAXIMUM KEFF VALUES FOR THE 14X14D ASSEMBLY CLASS IN THE MPC-24 Table 6.2.9 **MAXIMINE** 

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<sup>†</sup> This is the IP-1 fuel assembly at Indian Point. This assembly is a 14x14 assembly with 23 fuel rods omitted to allow passage of control rods between This is the IP-1 fuel assembly at Indian Point. This assembly is a 14x14 assembly with 23 fuel rods omitted to allow passage of control rods between assemblies. Fuel rod dimensions are bounding for each of the three types assemblies. Fuel rod dimensions are bounding for each of the three types of rods found in the IP-1 fuel assembly.  $\ddagger$  $\ddot{\phantom{a}}$ 

 $\ddot{\text{t}}$  Calculations were conservatively performed for a fuel length of 150 inches. Calculations were conservatively performed for a fuel length of 150 inches.



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Table 6.2.13 Table 6.2.13

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Table 6.2.14 Table 6.2.14

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The  $k_{\text{eff}}$  value listed for the 15x15D02 case is higher than that for the case with the bounding dimensions. Therefore, the 0.9367 (15x15D02) value is listed in Table 6.1.1 as the maximum. The k<sub>eff</sub> value listed for the 15x15D02 case is higher than that for the case with the bounding dimensions. Therefore, the 0.9367 (15x15D02) value is listed in Table 6.1.1 as the maximum.



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Table 6.2.16 Table 6.2.16

KENO5a verification calculation resulted in a maximum ker of 0.9383. KENO5a verification calculation resulted in a maximum  $k_{eff}$  of 0.9383.

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 ${\rm Table}\ 6.2.19$  MAXIMUM  ${\rm K}_{\rm EFF}$  VALUES FOR THE 16X16A ASSEMBLY CLASS IN THE MPC-24 MAXIMUM KEFF VALUES FOR THE 16X16A ASSEMBLY CLASS IN THE MPC-24 Table 6.2.19

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bounding dimensions (17x17A01)

bounding dimensions<br> $(17x17A01)$ 

0.9368 0.9325 0.0008 0.360 0.3150 0.0225 0.3088 150 0.016

0.360

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0.9325

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Table 6.2.20 Table 6.2.20

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MAXIMUM  $\rm K_{EFF}$  VALUES FOR THE 17X17B ASSEMBLY CLASS IN THE MPC-24 MAXIMUM KEFF VALUES FOR THE 17X17B ASSEMBLY CLASS IN THE MPC-24 Table 6.2.21

The  $k_{\text{eff}}$  value listed for the 17x17B04 case is higher than that for the case with the bounding dimensions. Therefore, the 0.9324 (17x17B04) value is listed in Table 6.1.1 as the maximum. The k<sub>eff</sub> value listed for the 17x17B04 case is higher than that for the case with the bounding dimensions. Therefore, the 0.9324 (17x17B04) value is listed in Table 6.1.1 as the maximum.

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 ${\small\texttt{Table 6.2.2}}\\ \texttt{MAXIMUM K}_{\texttt{BFF}} \texttt{VALUES FOR THE ITX17C ASSINBLY CLASS IN THE MPC-24}$ MAXIMUM  $\rm{K_{EFF}}$  values for the 17x17C assembly class in the MPC-24  $\,$ Table 6.2.22

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MAXIMUM  $K_{\text{EFF}}$  values for the 7x7B assembly class in the MPC-68 and MPC-68FF MAXIMUM K<sub>EFF</sub> VALUES FOR THE 7X7B ASSEMBLY CLASS IN THE MPC-68 and MPC-68FF (all dimensions are in inches) (all dimensions are in inches) Table 6.2.23 Table 6.2.23

thickness thickness channel  $0.080$  $0.080$  $0.080$ (max.) 7x7B01 0.9372 0.9330 0.0007 0.5630 0.4990 0.0320 0.4870 150 n/a 0.080 0.102 7x7B02 0.9301 0.9260 0.0007 0.5630 0.4890 0.0370 0.4770 150 n/a 0.102 7x7B03 | 0.9313 | 0.9271 0.930 | 0.5630 | 0.5630 | 0.5630 | 0.5630 | 0.5630 | 0.0370 | 0.980 | 0.980 | 0.980 | 0.080 7x7B04 1.9311 0.931 0.9355 0.970 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.080 0.080 0.0355 0.080 150 n/a 7x7B05 | 0.9350 | 0.936 | 0.9306 | 0.5630 | 0.5630 | 0.5630 | 0.4950 | 0.4950 | 0.4950 | 0.980 | 0.980 | 0.980 0.080 7x7B06 | 0.931 0.935 | 0.9355 | 0.9260 | 0.9260 | 0.9260 | 0.9260 | 0.9355 | 0.9355 | 0.936 | 0.936 | 0.080 | 0.120 n/a 0.120 0.102 0.9375 0.9332 0.0008 0.5630 0.4990 0.0320 0.4910 150 n/a 0.102 0.120 0.9386 0.9344 0.0007 0.5630 0.4990 0.0320 0.4910 150 n/a 0.120 water rod water rod thickness thickness  $\mathbf{n}/\mathbf{a}$  $n/a$  $\mathbf{n}^{\prime}$ a  $n/a$  $\mathbf{n}/\mathbf{a}$  $n/a$  $\mathbf{n}^{\prime}$ a  $n/a$  $n/a$ length (max.) fuel pellet OD fuel 150 150 150 150 150 150 150 150 150 7x7B (4.2% Enrichment, fixed neutron absorber  $^{10}$ B minimum loading of 0.0279 g/cm<sup>2</sup>) 7x7B (4.2% Enrichment, fixed neutron absorber  $^{10}$ B minimum loading of 0.0279 g/cm<sup>2</sup>) pellet OD 0.4910 0.4910 0.4870 0.4770 0.4770 0.4775 (max.) 0.4910  $0.4910$ 0.4880 0.4910 thickness cladding cladding ID cladding thickness cladding ID cladding 0.0320 0.0370 0.0370 0.0340 0.0355 0.0320 0.0355 0.0320 49 fuel rods, 0 water rods, pitch=0.738, Zr clad 49 fuel rods, 0 water rods, pitch=0.738, Zr clad 0.4890 0.4890 0.4950 0.4990 0.4990 0.4990 0.4990 0.4990 0.4990 (max.) 0.5630 0.5630 0.5630 0.5630 0.5630 0.5700 0.5630 0.5630 0.5700 0.5630 (min.) OD deviation deviation standard  $0.0007$  $0.0008$ 0.0008 0.0006 0.0008  $0.0007$ 0.0007  $0.0007$ calculated calculated 0.9330 0.9260 0.9306 0.9260 0.9271 0.9270 0.9332 0.9344  $k_{\rm eff}$ maximum maximum 0.9372 0.9313 0.9350 0.9298 0.9375 0.9386 0.9301 0.9311  $k_{\rm eff}$ Dimensions Listed for Dimensions Listed for bounding dimensions<br> $(B7x7B01)$ bounding dimensions bounding dimensions bounding dimensions with 120 mil channel Authorized Contents Authorized Contents with 120 mil channel Fuel Assembly Fuel Assembly Designation Designation (B7x7B01) (B7x7B02) (B7x7B02) 7x7B02 7x7B03 7x7B04 7x7B05 7x7B01 7x7B06

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MAXIMUM  $K_{\text{EFF}}$  values for the 8x8B assembly class in the MPC-68 and MPC-68FF MAXIMUM K<sub>EFF</sub> VALUES FOR THE 8X8B ASSEMBLY CLASS IN THE MPC-68 and MPC-68FF (all dimensions are in inches) all dimensions are in inches) Table 6.2.24 Table 6.2.24

thickness thickness channel  $0.100$ 0.100 0.120 (max.) 0.120  $0.100$ 8x8B01 0.0310 0.9310 0.9310 0.414 0.4140 0.641 0.441 0.441 0.641 0.641 0.641 0.035 0 8x8B02 | 0.9227 | 0.9227 | 0.936 | 0.4840 | 0.4840 | 0.4840 | 0.4840 | 0.4840 | 0.4840 | 0.4840 | 0.035 | 0.035  $0.100$ 8x8B03 0.934 0.000 0.0340 0.0340 0.040 0.040 0.040 0.040 0.640 0.040 0.034 0.034 0.034 0.034 0.034 0.034 0.034 8x8B04 0.9236 | 0.9194 0.0008 | 0.642 | 0.5015 | 0.5015 | 0.642 | 0.4295 | 0.0360 | 0.4195 | 0.4195 | 0.100 | 0.034 0.120 0.120 0.9346 | 0.9301 | 0.930 | 0.4340 | 0.4340 | 0.4295 | 0.02725 | 0.02725 | 0.4295 | 0.4295 | 0.4206 | 0.4206 | 0 0.9385 | 0.9343 | 0.9343 | 0.640 | 0.640 | 0.4295 | 0.4295 | 0.02725 | 0.120 | 0.02725 | 0.120 | 0.120 | 0.42 0.120 0.9416 | 0.9375 | 0.007 | 0.642 | 0.44840 | 0.4295 | 0.02725 | 0.4295 | 0.4295 | 0.2725 | 0.42 | 0.42 | 0.42 | water rod water rod thickness thickness 0.035  $0.035$ 0.034 0.034 0.034 0.034 0.034  $\mathbf{n}/\mathbf{a}$ length (max.) fuel pellet OD fuel 150 150 150 150 150 150 150 150 pellet OD 0.4195 0.4050 0.4050 0.4160 0.4195 0.4195 (max.) 0.4195 0.4195 0.4195 8x8B (4.2% Enrichment, fixed neutron absorber  $^{10}$ B minimum loading of 0.0279 g/cm<sup>2</sup>) 8x8B (4.2% Enrichment, fixed neutron absorber  $^{10}$ B minimum loading of 0.0279 g/cm<sup>2</sup>) cladding thickness 0.0350 0.0350 0.0340 0.0360 0.02725 0.02725 0.02725 63 or 64 fuel rods<sup>†</sup>, 1 or 0 water rods<sup>†</sup>, pitch<sup>†</sup> = 0.636-0.642, Zr clad 63 or 64 fuel rods<sup>†</sup>, 1 or 0 water rods<sup>†</sup>, pitch<sup>†</sup> = 0.636-0.642, Zr clad cladding 0.4140 0.4140 0.4250 0.4295 0.4295 0.4295 0.4295 0.4295 (max.)  $\triangle$ cladding 0.4840 0.4840 0.4840 0.4930 0.5015 0.4840 0.4840 0.4840 (min.)  $\overline{\mathsf{B}}$  $0.636 -$ 0.636 0.640 0.642 0.642 0.636 0.640 0.642 Pitch 0.641  $63 \text{ or } 64 = 0.636$ Fuel rods Fuel rods 63 or 64  $\mathcal{A}$  $63$  $63$  $63\,$  $63$  $63$  $63$ standard deviation 0.0009  $0.0008$ 0.0008 0.0007 0.0009  $0.0008$  $0.0007$ calculated calculated 0.9265 0.9375 0.9185 0.9257 0.9194 0.9343 0.9301 keff maximum maximum 0.9236 0.9310 0.9346 0.9416 0.9227 0.9299 0.9385 keff bounding (pitch=0.636) bounding (pitch=0.640) bounding (pitch=0.642) bounding (pitch=0.642) bounding (pitch=0.636) bounding (pitch= $0.640$ )<br>(B8x8B02) Dimensions Listed for Dimensions Listed for Authorized Contents Authorized Contents Fuel Assembly Fuel Assembly Designation Designation (B8x8B01) (B8x8B02) (B8x8B03) (B8x8B01)  $(B8x8B03)$ 8x8B02 8x8B03 8x8B04 8x8B01

† This assembly class was analyzed and qualified for a small variation in the pitch and a variation in the number of fuel and water rods.This assembly class was analyzed and qualified for a small variation in the pitch and a variation in the number of fuel and water rods.

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<sup>†</sup> This assembly class was analyzed and qualified for a small variation in the pitch. This assembly class was analyzed and qualified for a small variation in the pitch. KENO5a verification calculation resulted in a maximum  $k_{\text{eff}}$  of 0.9343.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>††</sup> KENO5a verification calculation resulted in a maximum  $k_{eff}$  of 0.9343.

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Fuel assemblies 8x8D01 through 8x8D03 have 4 water rods that are similar in size to the fuel rods, while assemblies 8x8D04 through 8x8D07 have 1<br>large water rod that takes the place of the 4 water rods. Fuel assembly 8x8D0 † Fuel assemblies 8x8D01 through 8x8D03 have 4 water rods that are similar in size to the fuel rods, while assemblies 8x8D04 through 8x8D07 have 1 large water rod that takes the place of the 4 water rods. Fuel assembly 8x8D08 contains 3 water rods that are similar in size to the fuel rods.



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MAXIMUM  $K_{\text{eff}}$  VALUES FOR THE 8X8E ASSEMBLY CLASS IN THE MPC-68 and MPC-68FF MAXIMUM  $K_{\text{EFF}}$  values for the 8x8e assembly class in the MPC-68 and MPC-68FF Table 6.2.27

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MAXIMUM  $K_{\text{c}}$  values for the sxse assembly class in the MPC-68 and MPC-68FF<br>MAXIMUM  $K_{\text{c}}$  values for the sxse assembly class in the MPC-68 and MPC-68FF MAXIMUM  $K_{\text{EFF}}$  values for the 8x8f assembly class in the MPC-68 and MPC-68FF Table 6.2.28

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MAXIMUM K<sub>EFF</sub> VALUES FOR THE 9X9A ASSEMBLY CLASS IN THE MPC-68 and MPC-68FF MAXIMUM KEFF VALUES FOR THE 9X9A ASSEMBLY CLASS IN THE MPC-68 and MPC-68FF (all dimensions are in inches) (all dimensions are in inches) Table 6.2.29 Table 6.2.29



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<sup>†</sup> This assembly class contains 66 full length rods and 8 partial length rods. In order to eliminate a requirement on the length of the partial length rods, This assembly class contains 66 full length rods and 8 partial length rods. In order to eliminate a requirement on the length of the partial length rods, separate calculations were performed for the axial segments with and separate calculations were performed for the axial segments with and without the partial length rods.

MAXIMUM  $\rm K_{EFF}$  VALUES FOR THE 9X9B ASSEMBLY CLASS IN THE MPC-68 and MPC-68FF MAXIMUM  $K_{\text{EFF}}$  values for the 9x9B assembly class in the MPC-68 and MPC-68FF (all dimensions are in inches) (all dimensions are in inches) Table 6.2.30



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This assembly class was analyzed and qualified for a small variation in the pitch. This assembly class was analyzed and qualified for a small variation in the pitch.

This value was conservatively defined to be larger than any of the actual pellet diameters. †† This value was conservatively defined to be larger than any of the actual pellet diameters.

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Table 6.2.31<br>MAXIMUM K<sub>FFF</sub> VALUES FOR THE 9X9C ASSEMBLY CLASS IN THE MPC-68 and MPC-68FF MAXIMUM  $K_{\text{EFF}}$  values for the 9x9C assembly class in the MPC-68 and MPC-68FF Table 6.2.31

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Table 6.2.32<br>MAXIMUM K<sub>FFF</sub> VALUES FOR THE 9X9D ASSEMBLY CLASS IN THE MPC-68 and MPC-68FF MAXIMUM  $K_{\text{EFF}}$  values for the 9x9D assembly class in the MPC-68 and MPC-68FF Table 6.2.32

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MAXIMUM  $K_{\text{EFF}}$  values for the 9x9e assembly class in the MPC-68 and MPC-68FF MAXIMUM K<sub>EFF</sub> VALUES FOR THE 9X9E ASSEMBLY CLASS IN THE MPC-68 and MPC-68FF Table 6.2.33 Table 6.2.33



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consistent in the way fuel assemblies are listed for the authorized contents, two assembly classes (9x9E and 9x9F) are required to specify this assembly.<br>Each class contains the actual geometry (9x9E02 and 9x9F02), as well (9x9F01). The Authorized Contents lists the small rod dimensions for class 9x9E and the large rod dimensions for class 9x9F, and a note that both classes consistent in the way fuel assemblies are listed for the authorized contents, two assembly classes (9x9E and 9x9F) are required to specify this assembly. Each class contains the actual geometry (9x9E02 and 9x9F02), as well as a hypothetical geometry with either all small rods (9x9E01) or all large rods This fuel assembly, also known as SPC 9x9-5, contains fuel rods with different cladding and pellet diameters which do not bound each other. To be † This fuel assembly, also known as SPC 9x9-5, contains fuel rods with different cladding and pellet diameters which do not bound each other. To be are used to qualify the assembly. The analyses demonstrate that all configurations, including the actual geometry, are acceptable. are used to qualify the assembly. The analyses demonstrate that all configurations, including the actual geometry, are acceptable.

MAXIMUM KEFF VALUES FOR THE 9X9F ASSEMBLY CLASS IN THE MPC-68 and MPC-68FF MAXIMUM K<sub>EFF</sub> VALUES FOR THE 9X9F ASSEMBLY CLASS IN THE MPC-68 and MPC-68FF Table 6.2.34 Table 6.2.34



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consistent in the way fuel assemblies are listed for the authorized contents, two assembly classes (9x9E and 9x9F) are required to specify this assembly.<br>Each class contains the actual geometry (9x9E02 and 9x9F02), as well (9x9F01). The Authorized Contents lists the small rod dimensions for class 9x9E and the large rod dimensions for class 9x9F, and a note that both classes consistent in the way fuel assemblies are listed for the authorized contents, two assembly classes (9x9E and 9x9F) are required to specify this assembly. Each class contains the actual geometry (9x9E02 and 9x9F02), as well as a hypothetical geometry with either all small rods (9x9E01) or all large rods This fuel assembly, also known as SPC 9x9-5, contains fuel rods with different cladding and pellet diameters which do not bound each other. To be † This fuel assembly, also known as SPC 9x9-5, contains fuel rods with different cladding and pellet diameters which do not bound each other. To be are used to qualify the assembly. The analyses demonstrate that all configurations, including the actual geometry, are acceptable. are used to qualify the assembly. The analyses demonstrate that all configurations, including the actual geometry, are acceptable.



Table 6.2.35<br>MAXIMUM K<sub>FFF</sub> VALUES FOR THE 9X9G ASSEMBLY CLASS IN THE MPC-68 and MPC-68FF MAXIMUM  $K_{\text{EFF}}$  values for the 9x9G assembly class in the MPC-68 and MPC-68FF Table 6.2.35

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MAXIMUM  $\rm K_{\rm EFF}$  values for the 10x10A assembly class in the MPC-68 and MPC-68FF MAXIMUM K<sub>EFF</sub> VALUES FOR THE 10X10A ASSEMBLY CLASS IN THE MPC-68 and MPC-68FF Table 6.2.36 Table 6.2.36

thickness thickness channel (max.)  $0.100$ 0.9377 0.9335 0.0008 0.4040 0.3520 0.0260 0.3450 155 0.030 0.100  $0.100$ 0.9426 | 0.9386 | 0.9386 | 0.4040 | 0.3520 | 0.9300 | 0.3450 | 55 | 0.030 | 0.100  $0.100$ 0.9396 0.9356 0.0007 0.4040 0.3520 0.0260 0.3450 155/90 0.030 0.100 0.120 0.9457††† 0.9414 0.0008 0.4040 0.3520 0.0260 0.3455‡ 155 0.030 0.120 0.120 water rod thickness water rod thickness  $0.030$  $0.030$  $0.030$ 0.030 (min.)  $0.030$ length 150†† (max.) 155/90 fuel 155 155 155 10x10A (4.2% Enrichment, fixed neutron absorber <sup>10</sup>B minimum loading of 0.0279 g/cm<sup>2</sup>)  $(0x10A)$  (4.2% Enrichment, fixed neutron absorber <sup>10</sup>B minimum loading of 0.0279 g/cm<sup>2</sup>)  $0.3455^{4}$ 0.3450 0.3455 0.3450 0.3450 0.3455 (max.) pellet OD thickness cladding cladding ID cladding thickness 0.0260 92/78 fuel rods<sup> $\dagger$ </sup>, 2 water rods, pitch=0.510, Zr clad 92/78 fuel rods†, 2 water rods, pitch=0.510, Zr clad 0.0260 0.0260 0.0260 cladding ID (all dimensions are in inches) (all dimensions are in inches) 0.3520 0.3520 (max.) 0.3520 0.3520 0.3520 cladding 0.4040 0.4040 0.4040 0.4040 0.4040 0.404.0 (min.) OD deviation deviation standard  $0.0008$  $0.0007$  $0.0007$  $0.0008$ calculated calculated 0.9335 0.9386 0.9356 0.9414  $k_{\rm eff}$  $0.9457^{\dagger\dagger\dagger}$ maximum maximum 0.9426 0.9396 0.9377 keff (actual three-dimensional representation of all rods) (axial segment with only (axial segment with only (axial segment with only (actual three-dimensional representation of all rods) (axial segment with only (axial segment with all (axial segment with all Dimensions Listed for Dimensions Listed for bounding dimensions bounding dimensions Authorized Contents Authorized Contents the full length rods) the full length rods) the full length rods) the full length rods) Fuel Assembly Fuel Assembly  $(B10x10A01)$ (B10x10A01) Designation Designation 10x10A01 10x10A02 10x10A03 10x10A02 10x10A03 10x10A01 rods)

† This assembly class contains 78 full-length rods and 14 partial-length rods. In order to eliminate the requirement on the length of the partial length rods, This assembly class contains 78 full-length rods and 14 partial-length rods. In order to eliminate the requirement on the length of the partial length rods, separate calculations were performed for axial segments with and without the partial length rods. eparate calculations were performed for axial segments with and without the partial length rods.

 $<sup>††</sup>$  Although the analysis qualifies this assembly for a maximum active fuel length of 155 inches, the specification for the authorized contents limits the active</sup> Although the analysis qualifies this assembly for a maximum active fuel length of 155 inches, the specification for the authorized contents limits the active fuel length to 150 inches. This is due to the fact that the fixed neutron absorber panels are 156 inches in length. fuel length to 150 inches. This is due to the fact that the fixed neutron absorber panels are 156 inches in length.  $\ddagger$ 

<sup>†††</sup> KENO5a verification calculation resulted in a maximum  $k_{eff}$  of 0.9453. KENO Sa verification calculation resulted in a maximum  $k_{eff}$  of 0.9453.

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‡ This value was conservatively defined to be larger than any of the actual pellet diameters. This value was conservatively defined to be larger than any of the actual pellet diameters. HOLTEC INTERNATIONAL COPYRIGHTED MATERIAL HOLTEC INTERNATIONAL COPYRIGHTED MATERIAL

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separate calculations were performed for the axial segments with and without the partial length rods.<br>Although the analysis qualifies this assembly for a maximum active fuel length of 155 inches, the specification for the  $t$ <sup>+</sup> Although the analysis qualifies this assembly for a maximum active fuel length of 155 inches, the specification for the authorized contents limits the active † This assembly class contains 83 full length rods and 8 partial length rods. In order to eliminate a requirement on the length of the partial length rods, This assembly class contains 83 full length rods and 8 partial length rods. In order to eliminate a requirement on the length of the partial length rods, separate calculations were performed for the axial segments with and without the partial length rods.  $\ddagger$ 

fuel length to 150 inches. This is due to the fact that the fixed neutron absorber panels are 156 inches in length. fuel length to 150 inches. This is due to the fact that the fixed neutron absorber panels are 156 inches in length.<br>This value was conservatively defined to be larger than any of the actual pellet diameters. ††† This value was conservatively defined to be larger than any of the actual pellet diameters.  $\ddagger$ 

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MAXIMUM  $\rm K_{EFF}$  VALUES FOR THE 10X10C ASSEMBLY CLASS IN THE MPC-68 and MPC-68FF MAXIMUM K $_{\rm EFF}$  VALUES FOR THE 10X10C ASSEMBLY CLASS IN THE MPC-68 and MPC-68FF Table 6.2.38



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MAXIMUM  $\rm K_{EFF}$  VALUES FOR THE 10X10D ASSEMBLY CLASS IN THE MPC-68 and MPC-68FF MAXIMUM  $\rm K_{\rm EFF}$  values for the 10x10D assembly class in the MPC-68 and MPC-68FF Table 6.2.39



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MAXIMUM  $\rm K_{EFF}$  VALUES FOR THE 10X10E ASSEMBLY CLASS IN THE MPC-68 and MPC-68FF MAXIMUM K $_{\rm{EF}}$  VALUES FOR THE 10X10E ASSEMBLY CLASS IN THE MPC-68 and MPC-68FF Table 6.2.40



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MAXIMUM  $\rm K_{EFF}$  VALUES FOR THE 6X6A ASSEMBLY CLASS IN THE MPC-68F and MPC-68FF MAXIMUM  $\rm K_{\rm EFF}$  values for the 6x6A assembly class in the MPC-68F and MPC-68FF (all dimensions are in inches) (all dimensions are in inches) Table 6.2.41



Although the calculations were performed for 3.0%, the enrichment is limited in the specification for the authorized contents to 2.7%. †† This assembly class was analyzed and qualified for a small variation in the pitch and a variation in the number of fuel and water rods. This assembly class was analyzed and qualified for a small variation in the pitch and a variation in the number of fuel and water rods. Although the calculations were performed for 3.0%, the enrichment is limited in the specification for the authorized contents to 2.7%.

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MAXIMUM K<sub>EFF</sub> VALUES FOR THE 6X6B ASSEMBLY CLASS IN THE MPC-68F and MPC-68FF MAXIMUM KEFF VALUES FOR THE 6X6B ASSEMBLY CLASS IN THE MPC-68F and MPC-68FF Table 6.2.42 Table 6.2.42

Note:

1. These assemblies contain up to 9 MOX pins. The composition of the MOX fuel pins is given in Table 6.3.4. 1. These assemblies contain up to 9 MOX pins. The composition of the MOX fuel pins is given in Table 6.3.4.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup> The <sup>235</sup>U enrichment of the MOX and UO<sub>2</sub> pins is assumed to be 0.711% and 3.0%, respectively. The  $^{235}$ U enrichment of the MOX and UO<sub>2</sub> pins is assumed to be 0.711% and 3.0%, respectively.

This assembly class was analyzed and qualified for a small variation in the pitch and a variation in the number of fuel and water rods.<br>The  $k_{\text{eff}}$  value listed for the 6x6B05 case is slightly higher than that for the c †† This assembly class was analyzed and qualified for a small variation in the pitch and a variation in the number of fuel and water rods.  $t \ddot{t}$ 

within the statistical uncertainties, and thus, the two values are statistically equivalent (within 10). Therefore, the 0.7824 value is listed in Tables 6.1.7 and within the statistical uncertainties, and thus, the two values are statistically equivalent (within 1σ). Therefore, the 0.7824 value is listed in Tables 6.1.7 and <sup>†††</sup>
The k<sub>eff</sub> value listed for the 6x6B05 case is slightly higher than that for the case with the bounding dimensions. However, the difference  $(0.0002)$  is well 6.1.8 as the maximum. 6.1.8 as the maximum.

MAXIMUM  $\rm K_{EFF}$  VALUES FOR THE 6X6C ASSEMBLY CLASS IN THE MPC-68F and MPC-68FF MAXIMUM K $_{\rm{EFF}}$  values for the 6X6C assembly class in the MPC-68F and MPC-68FF Table 6.2.43



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MAXIMUM  $\rm K_{EFF}$  VALUES FOR THE 7X7A ASSEMBLY CLASS IN THE MPC-68F and MPC-68FF MAXIMUM  $K_{\rm EFF}$  values for the 7x7A assembly class in the MPC-68F and MPC-68FF Table 6.2.44



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## SPECIFICATION OF THE THORIA ROD CANISTER AND THE THORIA RODS



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