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Non-proprietary Summary of June 19-22, 2006 Meeting

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The NRC staff informed GE that the qualitative information provided in Topical Report NEDC-33237P, "GE14 for ESBWR-Critical Power Correlation, Uncertainty, and OLMCPR Development," regarding the development of the critical heat flux (CHF) correlation for the GE14E fuel design, does not contain sufficient quantitative data to justify the basis for the correlation uncertainties provided in the topical report. GE agreed to provide a revised topical report that would include additional quantitative and qualitative data justifying derivation of the uncertainties stated in the topical report.

The NRC staff informed GE of the need to submit updated revisions to the TGBLA physics code for staff review. GE stated the contents of the topical report NEDC-33239P, "GE14 for ESBWR Nuclear Design Report," constitutes the basis for using the revised TGBLA code. The version of the code discussed in this topical report has not been reviewed by NRC and GE stated it would provide NRC additional information discussing the modifications to be made to the physics code for staff review. GE intends to supplement the topical report with additional high void fraction data and explanation of the modifications made to TGBLA for use in the ESBWR design.

The NRC staff informed GE of its concern with GE's ability to accurately model fuel volumetric expansion during a rod withdrawal event (RWE) and the ability to accurately model evolved fuel in future operations.

The NRC staff informed GE that it does not accept GE's position of the control rod drop accident being classified as a beyond design basis accident. GE will need to demonstrate, through analysis or other means, justification that this is an improbable event.

The NRC staff provided clarification to the draft Request for Additional Information (RAI) questions on the fuel design and topical reports submitted by GE. GE also provided clarification to staff questions on the information provided. At the conclusion of the meeting, the NRC staff and GE agreed to hold a phone call with additional NRC staff to provide further clarification of RAI questions.

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