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1.0 Introduction

The following information supplements the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station ("SSES") Power Uprate Safety Analysis Report ("PUSAR") and provides additional information about startup testing as is required by SRP 14.2.1 - Generic Guidelines for Extended Power Uprate Testing Programs.

2.0 Purpose

2.1 Background

This attachment provides detailed information on the testing PPL intends to perform following the EPU implementation outages. The first implementation outage will be on Unit 2 in 2007 followed by Unit **I** in 2008. The first implementation outage on each unit will upgrade plant equipment and load fuel sufficient to support operation at 3733 MWt. The next implementation outage will be on Unit 2 in 2009 followed by Unit **I** in 2010. These outages will upgrade plant equipment and load fuel sufficient to support operation at 3952 MWt. During the startup following each of these implementation outages, PPL will conduct a comprehensive startup test program to ensure the safe operation of the plant. The tests that PPL intends to perform are described herein.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC") decides whether Large Transient Testing is necessary during power ascension to Extended Power Uprate ("EPU") on a plant by plant basis. SSES plans to perform a Constant Pressure Power Uprate ("CPPU") to 3,952 MWt. The planned CPPU is approximately fourteen percent (14%) above current licensed thermal power (3,489 MWt) and twenty percent (20%) above original licensed thermal power (3,293 MWt). The purpose of this report is to describe the startup testing SSES intends to perform in support of EPU and to supplement the SSES CPPU application to assist the NRC in making a final determination relative to Large Transient Testing at SSES.

The NRC endorsed the Licensing Topical Report (NEDC 32424P-A called ELTRI) for Extended Power Uprates. The NRC also accepted the test program of the CPPU Licensing Topical report (NEDC 33004P-A called CLTR) for CPPUs, but reserved the right to consider on a plant by plant basis the CLTR recommendation against Large Transient Testing. The CLTR is the controlling document for the SSES planned CPPU. SSES will comply with the startup test requirements of the CLTR and will take exception to performing Large Transient Tests.

ELTRI stated MSIV Closure Events would be tested for EPU if the power uprate was more than 10% above any previously recorded MSIV closure transient. Similarly, ELTRI stated a generator load rejection test would be performed if the uprate was more than 15% above any previously recorded generator load rejection transient. ELTR1 applies to extended power uprates whether constant pressure or otherwise. The CLTR on the other hand, applies directly to constant pressure power uprates.

With regard to these specific ELTRI requirements, SSES recorded a MSIV closure event in Unit I on July **1,** 1999 and a generator load reject event in Unit 2 on June 6, 2005 and. Based on these two events, the ELTR1 criteria apply to SSES as follows:

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The CLTR states: "The same performance criteria (for CPPU) will be used as in the original power ascension tests, unless they have been replaced by updated criteria since the initial test program. Because nei ther steam pressure nor core flow has been changed and because recirculation flows only slightly increase for CPPU, testing of system performance affected by these parameters is not necessary with the exception of the test listed above." No performance criteria have been replaced by updated criteria since initial testing at SSES.

2.2 Objective

This supplement is submitted to support the request to the NRC that Large Transient Testing not be required before CPPU at SSES. The supplement addresses all guidelines of SRP 14.2.1, even though the only ELTRI event that would require testing is the MSIV closure event and in spite of the fact that the CLTR applies to SSES and the CLTR states testing is not required where core flow and steam pressure remain essentially unchanged.

3.0 Summary of Conclusions

PPL has determined per SRP 14.2.1 which of the original startup tests described in the FSAR need to be performed for EPU. The startup tests PPL intends to perform for EPU are described in Table 3. This includes a commitment to perform a condensate pump trip on one unit to verify continued feedwater capability.

PPL has also determined the post EPU modification tests that impact plant safety that will be performed. The post EPU modification tests are described in Table 2. Table 2 includes tests on modifications that do not impact plant safety, but are included for completeness.

As further detailed below, Large Transient Testing at SSES is not required for CPPU because: (A) SSES has already tested large transient events and has documented the results; (B) potential gains from further Large Transient Testing are minimal and are outweighed by the potential harm testing can cause; and (C) advanced analytical methods and advanced training facilities accurately and adequately simulate large transient events without the need to impose actual events. In view of previous test results and plant responses to prior documented events, the CPPU startup testing program as proposed in this document is considered sufficient to validate the continued ability of the plant to safely operate within required parameters and analytical limits.

A. SSES has tested large transient events and has documented results.

Large Transient Testing performed during plant startup testing determined integrated plant response after reaching full power. Startup tests were required to baseline plant responses and to individualize system performances. Startup test results indicate Structures Systems and Components ("SSCs") perform their intended functions. SSES satisfied all Acceptance Criteria necessary at startup testing. During startup testing SSES uncovered potential equipment defects for DBA mitigation by deliberately placing the plant in transient events. Further Large Transient Testing. for CPPU is not required because events have been baselined by startup testing, actual events, post modification testing, and by analytical techniques.

Testing to gain information that is minimal to plant operation and that SSES has already established is cumulative and disruptive, and subjects the plant to unnecessary increased risk. Large Transient Testing challenges a limited number of systems and components, all of which have a history of safe performance at SSES. SSES has accumulated twenty (20) years of experience dealing with plant transient response. Therefore, the need to perform additional testing to demonstrate plant response at CPPU is not justified.

B. Gains from Large Transient Testing are minimal, and outweighed by the potential harm Large Transient Testing can cause.

No new transients occur as a result of CPPU. Transient analyses at CPPU resemble analyses at current plant conditions. Changes in plant conditions for CPPU are not expected to result in a significant change to current plant conditions and response. Therefore, SSES has already performed sufficient testing and any gains from further testing are minimal and would be outweighed by the potential harm Large Transient testing can cause.

No new thermalhydraulic phenomena or system interactions have occurred following actual turbine trip and load reject events at SSES. Plants responded as expected in accordance with their design features. No unexpected conditions were experienced and no latent defects were uncovered during these events, beyond the specific failures that initiated the events.

The proposed EPU test program tests the aggregate impact of plant modifications. Plant modifications to support CPPU have minimal safety significance. Modifications are implemented as needed in advance of CPPU implementation.

Benefits derived from Large Transient Testing may be achieved by safer means. CPPU has minimal affect on plant modifications. Correct and timely operator responses to plant transients and abnormal events (as well as DBAs) are assured and documented by simulator training.

The risk associated with a planned transient is on the same order of magnitude as the risk of an unplanned transient event. From a PRA perspective, Large Transient Testing should not be performed unless clear benefits are achievable and cannot be obtained through other methods. Large Transient Testing without significant need and well defined goals is unwarranted.

C. Advanced Analytical Methods and training facilities accurately and adequately simulate large transient events and system performance.

Advances in analytical techniques, methods, models, and simulators have created a high level of confidence in determining plant responses and are cost effective alternatives to actual testing. Analyses and simulator training demonstrate that plant shutdown is safely achieved under CPPU conditions.

The benefits from Large Transient Testing are outweighed by the potential affects Large Transient Testing has on plant equipment. Large Transient Testing has a negative impact on the station and power grid, for which the station supplies a significant base load. Large Transient Testing provides information on a limited number of plant systems. The scram and subsequent rapid reduction in power is controlled by normal operator actions. Therefore, the need to perform Large Transient Testing at SSES to demonstrate safe operation of the plant is unwarranted.

D. SSES plant simulator models BOP transients.

The SSES plant simulator provides accurate BOP modeling of transients such that operators will be well trained and experienced in potential EPU transients or events. Prior to EPU implementation, the simulator will be updated to model the EPU transient analyses. SSES operators will be trained on various plant upset conditions from postulated accident conditions to anticipated transients. In this way, plant operators will be prepared for the nature, timeline, and extent of the plant response to simulated transients. Initiating actual plant transient events for purposes of operator training will not be necessary. Simulator training has the advantage of exposing all operating shifts to the transients whereas only the on duty shift has the hands on experience of in-plant transients.

4.0 Testing Evaluations

4.1 Comparison to SSES Startup Test Program ISRP 14.2.1; IJI.A]

Power ascension startup tests performed at \geq 80% of OLTP

Table **I** provides comparisons of initial startup tests and startup tests for the 4.5% uprate to 3441 MWt to planned testing for CPPU startup. As seen in Table 1, the following tests were performed at 80% of OLTP or greater: ST-I, ST-2, ST-5, ST-8, ST-9, ST-I1, ST-12, ST-16, ST-17, ST-18, ST-19, ST-20, ST-21, ST-24, ST-29, ST-32, ST-33, ST-35, ST-36, and ST-37. Planned testing for CPPU is indicated in Table 1, with additional details provided in Table 3. Justifications for exemption from certain transient testing are provided in paragraph 4.3 below. A listing of transient tests performed at 80% or greater during initial startup testing is provided in the following paragraph.

Power ascension transient tests performed at ≥ 80% of OLTP

Table **I** to this supplement provides a complete comparison of initial startup tests to the startup tests performed for the uprate to CLTP (3,489 MWt) and the tests planned for CPPU (3,952 MWt). As seen in Table I, the following table shows those startup transient tests performed at 80% of OLTP or greater. This table is provided in accordance with SRP 14.2.1, paragraph III.A.1 and III.A.2. Initial startup tests, along with test power levels, are also provided in Table **I** to this Attachment.

Tests at lower power invalidated by EPU

In accordance with SRP 14.2.1, paragraph III.A.2, the startup tests of Table **I** were reviewed for potential tests that would be invalidated by EPU. No such testing was identified for the SSES CPPU.

Attachments I and 2 of the SRP 14.2.1

In accordance with SRP 14.2.1, paragraph IlI.A.2, Attachments 1 and 2 of SRP 14.2.1 were reviewed for consistency with the **SSES** startup testing program. The following tests, shown in Attachment 2 of SRP 14.2.1, were not performed during SSES startup at power levels greater than 80%. They are included here for completeness and are also discussed in the justifications of paragraph 4.3

Initial Transient Test	Test	Power Level		Applicable	
	Number		U2	to SSES	Reference
RCIC Functional Testing	ST-14	< 75%	< 75%	No	Startup Report
HPCI Functional Testing	$ST-15$	< 75%	< 75%	No	Startup Report
Relief Valve Testing	$ST-26$	45%	41%	No	Startup Report
Recirculation Pump Trip (Two Pumps)	ST-30	75%	72%	No	Startup Report

¹ HPCI testing is not listed in Appendix 2 to SRP 14.2.1 but is included here due to its similarity to RCIC testing,

4.2 Post Modification Testing Requirements JSRP 14.2.1, JII.B]

Table 2 provides a listing of EPU implementation modifications that are currently anticipated and that are being prepared for implementation between 2006 and 2010. The SSES Units plan to implement EPU over two fuel cycles, as shown below. In view of this two step process, implementation of the DCPs of Table 2 will occur throughout the period.

Modification Aggregate Impact

As can be seen from inspection of the modifications list of Table 2, the aggregate impact of most of these modifications on plant operations is minimal. The majority of the modifications are minor changes. The modifications that are more significant (e.g. HP turbine replacement, SLCS boron enrichment, and UHS modifications) are largely unrelated to each other, and therefore the aggregate impact of the changes is relatively insignificant. With some of the changes that are more interrelated (e.g. piping changes in main steam, feedwater, and extraction steam), the extent of the changes themselves are minor (drain piping changes or pipe support modifications). An overall aggregate impact of these changes is not anticipated.

Condensate system and feedwater system upgrades do represent significant plant modifications, such as replacement of condensate pump impellers, upgrade of RFP turbines and steam path, installation of an additional condensate filter and condensate demineralizer, and changes to RFP low suction pressure trips. These modifications will have an aggregate impact on BOP systems. However, these changes will be adequately addressed during post modification testing and the aggregate impact will be addressed by feed water system power ascension testing. Feed water system testing is described in Table 3 (ST-23). Also, the impact of EPU flow rates and condensate pump head (impeller changes) on RFP low suction trip setpoints will be tested during power ascension on the first unit in order to demonstrate that sufficient margins are assured to preclude loss of all feedwater on loss of a condensate pump. The current sequential trip of RFPs on low suction pressure will be retained post EPU. The sequential trip feature assures that loss of a condensate pump can not credibly result in a loss of all reactor feedwater at SSES.

Aggregate impact of EPU plant modifications, setpoint adjustments, and parameter changes will be demonstrated by a test program established for BWR EPU in accordance with startup test specifications as described in PUSAR Section 10.4. The startup test specifications are based upon analyses and GE BWR experience with uprated plants to establish a standard set of tests for initial power ascension for CPPU. These tests, which supplement the normal Technical Specification testing requirements, are summarized below:

- Testing will be performed in accordance with the Technical Specifications Surveillance Requirements on instrumentation that is recalibrated for CPPU conditions. Overlap between the IRM and APRM will be assured.
- Data will be taken at points from 90% up to 100% of the CLTP RTP. so that system performance paramneters can be projected for CPPU power before the CLTP RTP is exceeded.

² Full power during initial startup (Test Condition 6) was defined as **95%** to 100% of rated thermal power and 100% +0 and minus 5% of rated core flow. The plant is expected to be generator limited to 1300 MWe on startup after EPU implementation, which falls within the TC **6** definition.

" CPPU power increases will be made in predetermined increments of <5% power. Operating data, including fuel thermal margin, will be taken and evaluated at each step. Routine measurements of reactor and system pressures, flows, and vibration will be evaluated from each measurement point, prior to the next power increment. Radiation measurements will be made at selected power levels to ensure the protection of personnel.

- Control system tests will be performed for the reactor feedwater/reactor water level controls, and pressure controls, as applicable. These operational tests will be made at the appropriate plant conditions for that test at each of the power increments, to show acceptable adjustments and operational capability.
- Steam dryer/separator performance will be confirmed within limits by determination of steam moisture content as required during power ascension testing.
- * Testing will be done to confirm the power level near the turbine first stage scram bypass set point.

The same performance criteria will be used as in the original power ascension tests, except where they have been replaced by updated criteria since the initial test program. Because steam pressure and core flow have not changed and recirculation flow may only slightly increase for CPPU, testing of system performance affected by these parameters is not necessary with the exception of the tests listed above.

The CPPU testing program at SSES, which is based on the SSES specific initial CPPU power ascension and Technical Specifications, has been reviewed and is confirmed to be consistent with the generic description provided in the CLTR.

Multiple Structure Systems and Components ("SSC")

Functions important to safety and that rely on integrated operation of multiple SSCs following plant events (such as plant load swings and loss of feedwater heating) are adequately addressed for SSES, as further described in Section 4.3 below.

4.3 Justifications for Elimination of Power Ascension Tests [SRP 14.2.1, 1i'. C]

Guidelines of SRP 14.2.1, Paragraph IIJ.C.2

Paragraph **III.C.2** of SRP 14.2.1 provides specific guidance to be considered in order to justify elimination of large transient testing. The following table provides a cross reference between the guidance of paragraph III.C.2 and this Attachment to the SSES CPPU application. The table is provided to assist Staff reviewers in locating or identifying the appropriate information.

Based upon paragraph 4.1 above, the following large transient tests are discussed below along with justifications for why further Large Transient Testing is not required before CPPU. These tests include Pump Trip, Loss of Feedwater Heating, Closure of MSIV, Turbine Trip/Generator Load Reject, Recirculation Pump Trip, Relief Valves, RCIC Functional Testing, and HPCI Functional Testing.

Feedwater /Condensate Pump Trip

The Feedwater Pump Trip startup test checks the recirculation system's ability to prevent a low water level scram from occurring following the trip of one Feedwater Pump operating at EPU. The startup test Feedwater Pump Trip at SSES established this occurrence and therefore further testing for Feedwater Pump Trip is not necessary.

Startup Test Objectives

The objective for the startup Feedwater Pump Trip test was to test the capability of the automatic core flow runback feature to prevent low water level scram following the trip of one feedwater pump. The Acceptance Criteria and testing methods for Feedwater Pump Trip are described in FSAR 14.2.

Startup Test Results

All Acceptance Criteria for startup Feedwater Pump Trip testing was satisfied for Unit **I** and Unit 2. *Demonstrate the Capability of the Automatic Core Flow Runback Feature to Prevent Low Water Level Scram Following the Trip* of *One Feedwater Pump.*

- Unit.1: Startup testing was conducted at Test Condition 6 and with reactor power level at 97%. The "B" Feedwater Pump was tripped. The recirculation pump speeds ran back to the number 2 Limiter (approximately 46% speed) and this prevented a reactor scram from low water level.
- Unit 2: Startup testing was conducted at Test Condition 6 and with reactor power at 97%. The "B" Feedwater Pump was tripped to determine the resulting margin to scram. A scram did not occur and the resulting margin to the low reactor water level scram, extrapolated to 100% reactor power, was sixteen inches. Sixteen inches meets the Acceptance Criteria of greater than or equal to three inches.

Operational Experience Since Startup

On September 24, 2003, a feed pump trip occurred in Unit **1.** As demonstrated in the following graph, a reactor trip occurred when reactor vessel level dropped below the trip set point. While the trip was subsequently attributed to inappropriate recirculation control system gain settings which inhibited the runback capability of the recirculation system (and was later corrected), the event does show that a feedwater pump trip could result in a reactor scram at current licensed thermal power (CLTP). EPU transient analyses (described below) shows that a reactor SCRAM will occur at EPU power levels on a feedwater pump

trip. While this is not a desirable result from a power generation standpoint, there are no safety implications associated with this condition.

EPU Transient Analysis Results/CPPU Margins

Several single feed water pump trip (SFWPT) events were evaluated, originating from 3952 MWt and 3733 MWt with core flows ranging from 108% to 85%. The trips were simulated using GE transient code analyses. The analyses were performed at BOC conditions as GE states that this is the worst condition. Specifically, for the limiting case, water level results reached the Level 3 SCRAM setpoint

In view of the Level 3 SCRAM, SSES is changing its licensing basis for SFWPT to indicate that a reactor SCRAM on low water level may occur during this event, in which case there would be no need to test this result because a reactor SCRAM places the plant in a safe condition.

SRP 15.2.7 discusses loss of normal feedwater flow. The SRP states that main steam system pressure should remain below 110% of the design value. As shown in the plot of the 9-24-03 event (above), an increase in reactor or main steam pressure during this event is not an issue. Also, system design pressure margins are not affected by CPPU since, even though main steam and feedwater flows increase at CPPU, the numbers and setpoints of the SRVs are unchanged and therefore pressure peaks will be limited exactly in accordance with current design conditions.

EPU Power Ascension Testing

Planned EPU power ascension testing of the feedwater control system is described in Table 3 (Test #23). For example, feedwater control system responses to reactor water level set point changes (for level set point change tests) are evaluated in various control modes (i.e. three element, single element). However, power ascension testing of a feedwater pump trip is not planned since a reactor scram on low level is anticipated and therefore such a test is not meaningful.

At the same time, while not part of the initial feedwater trip startup test (ST-23) nor part of Appendix **I** or 2 of SRP 14.2.1 (which incorporates by reference RG 1.68, Section 5), SSES intends to conduct condensate pump testing to confirm that a condensate pump trip does not result in a loss of all feedwater, as further detailed below.

- 1. SSES will perform hydraulic analyses to demonstrate that a single condensate pump trip will not result in a loss of all feedwater. [Note: The SSES design incorporates time delays into the feedwater pump low pressure suction trips such that trip of the first feedwater pump on low suction pressure should restore the suction pressure to the other two pumps. These analyses will consider both steps of power uprate, namely the 7% increase to 3733 MWt and the remaining increase to 3952 MWt.
- 2. SSES will conduct a condensate pump trip at full power during the 7% increase to 3733 MWt on the first unit to attain this power level to confirm the capability of feedwater to supply water to the RPV after the condensate pump trip.
- 3. Assuming both the 3733 MWt analysis and the 3952 MWt analysis demonstrate that loss of a condensate pump does not result in a loss of all feedwater, and assuming that the results of the full power test at the 3733 MWt step are comparable to the 3733 MWt analysis, testing of this matter will be considered to be satisfactorily resolved and repeat testing of 3952 MWt will not be conducted.
- 4. If the results of the 3733 MWt test are not sufficient to reasonably confirm the analysis model used for the 3733 MWt step, the condensate pump trip test will be repeated at 3952 MWt on the first unit to attain this power level.

Conclusion

Power ascension testing does not anticipate actual testing of a feedwater pump trip, because a reactor scram on low level is anticipated and therefore such a test is not meaningful. However, condensate pump trip testing, as detailed above, will be conducted as part of the SSES power ascension testing. This testing will confirm that a condensate pump trip will not result in a loss of all feedwater flow.

Loss of Feedwater Heating

The loss of feedwater heating portion of the Feedwater System startup tests verifies that the maximum decrease due to a single failure case is less than or equal to 100 \degree F. The resultant MCPR must be greater than the fuel safety limit. The startup test for Loss of Feedwater Heating at SSES established this occurrence and therefore further testing is not necessary.

Startup Test Objectives

The objective for startup test Loss of Feedwater Heating is to determine stable reactor response to subcooling changes (i.e. Loss of Feedwater Heating) and to show that the actual change in final feedwater. temperature is less than that assumed in the analysis. The Acceptance Criteria and testing methods for Loss of Feedwater Heating are described in FSAR 14.2.

Startup Test Results

All Acceptance Criteria for startup Loss of Feedwater Heating testing was satisfied for Unit I and Unit 2.

Determine Stable Reactor Response to Subcooling Changes (i.e. Loss of Feedwater Heating).

- **"** Unit **1:** Startup testing at 85% power, a simulated turbine trip signal to the extraction steam valves were initiated which would result in the most severe restriction of extraction steam to one feedwater heater string. Recordings of the transient were analyzed and compared to the predicted response and Acceptance Criteria. The decrease in final feedwater temperature was 44°F and all other acceptance criteria were met.
- Unit 2: Startup testing at 82% power, a simulated turbine trip signal to the extraction steam valves was initiated which resulted in the most severe restriction of extraction steam to one feedwater heater string. Recordings of the transient were analyzed and compared to the predicted response and Acceptance Criteria. The decrease in final feedwater temperature was 34 °F and all other acceptance criteria were met.

Based on plant historical data and EPU analytical results, the decrease in final feedwater temperature and the response of the feedwater system and the reactor to a loss of feedwater heating are well within the analysis, therefore a loss of feedwater heating startup test is not necessary.

EPU Transient Analysis Results/CPPU Margins

A loss of feedwater heating (LFWIH) transient can occur in one of two ways:

- **"** A steam extraction line to a feedwater heater is closed.
- Inadvertent opening of the turbine bypass valves.

The first case produces a gradual drop in the temperature of the feedwater. In the second case, the reduced steam flow through the turbine reduces extraction pressures and temperatures, resulting in a temperature reduction in the isolated heater string and overall feedwater heating is reduced. Both cases cause a decrease in the temperature of the feedwater entering the reactor vessel. This results in an increase in core inlet subcooling, which collapses voids and increases core average power and shifts the axial power distribution toward the bottom of the core. Because of this axial shift, voids begin to build up at the bottom again, acting as negative feedback to the void collapse process. This feedback moderates the core power increase.

A LFWH analysis was performed for the EPU equilibrium cycle core design using approved methodologies. An evaluation of the linear heat generation rate (LHGR) during a loss of feedwater heating transient for the EPU equilibrium cycle determined that the protection against power transients are not violated. The LHGR did not exceed 135% of the steady state value in any LFWH calculation.

SRP 15.1.1 provides acceptance criteria for loss of feedwater heating events. Loss of feedwater heating events at SSES, either under CLTP or CPPU conditions, do not challenge the criteria of SRP 15.1.1.

EPU Power Ascension Testing

Planned EPU power ascension testing of the feedwater control system is described in Table 3 (Test #23). For example, feedwater control system responses to reactor water level set point changes (for level set point change tests) are evaluated in various control modes (i.e. three element, single element). Level set point changes are tested at each test condition

EPU Power ascension testing does not anticipate tripping feedwater heaters, because this type of event is relatively common and typically results in mild transients that are well within the capability of the plant systems to handle.

Conclusion

Testing the loss of feedwater heating is not required because this type of event is relatively common and typically results in mild transients that are well within the capability of the plant systems to handle.

MSIV Closure Event

The MSIV Closure Event startup test functionally checks the Main Steam Isolation Valves for proper operation at selected power levels, determines reactor transient behavior during and following simultaneous full closure of all MSIVs, determines isolation valve closure time and determines the maximum power at which a single valve closure can be made without a scram. The startup test for MSIV Closure Event at SSES established this occurrence and therefore further testing is not necessary.

Startup Test Objectives

The objectives of the MSIV Closure Event startup tests are as follows: (1) functionally check MSIVs for proper operation at selected power levels; (2) determine reactor behavior during and following full and simultaneous closure of all MSIVs; (3) determine isolation valve closure time; and (4) determine the maximum power at which a single valve closure can be made without a scram. The Acceptance Criteria and testing methods for MSIV Closure Event are described in FSAR 14.2.

Startup Test Results

All Acceptance Criteria for MSIV Closure Event startup testing was satisfied for Unit **I** and Unit 2. Proper MSIV operation was demonstrated and proper closure times, during testing, at selected power levels for Unit **I** and Unit 2. The highest power level at which a single MSIV could be tested and still yield acceptable margins to scram and isolation was extrapolated and demonstrated to be 88.5% for Unit 1 and 88% for Unit 2. A full MSIV isolation was initiated from 100% power and the parameters of heat flux and reactor pressure were recorded and compared to predicted values for Unit **I** and Unit 2. Finally, valve closure time was adjusted to within acceptable limits for Unit **I** and proper operation was demonstrated and closure times were within limits for Unit 2.

Functionallv check MSIVs for Proper Operation at Selected Power Levels

- Unit **1:** During startup testing MSIVs were closed and tested individually during initial heatup at rated pressure, and during TC-l at approximately 19% power. Proper operation was demonstrated and closure times were within limits. Neutron flux, reactor pressure, heat flux, and steam flow margins to scram or isolation were calculated and results were within limits.
- Unit 2: Each MSIV was individually closed and tested during initial heatup at rated pressure, TC-5 at approximately 64% power, and TC-6 at approximately 89% power. Neutron flux, reactor pressure, heat flux, and steam flow margins to scram or isolation were calculated and results were within limits.

Determine Reactor Behavior (huring and following Full and Simnulaneous Closure of all MSIVs

Unit I: A full MSIV isolation was initiated from 100% power and the parameters of heat flux and reactor pressure were recorded and compared to predicted values. The actual

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pressure rise experienced during this test was such that no safety/relief valves lifted. RCIC and HPCI auto started and restored water level to normal. The maximum water level experienced was +65". The results are shown in the table below and all Acceptance Criteria were met during the test.

Unit 2: A full MSIV isolation was initiated from 100% power and the parameters of heat flux and reactor pressure were recorded and compared to predicted values. The actual pressure rise experienced during this test was such that no safety/relief valves lifted. RCIC and HPC1 auto started and restored water level to normal. The maximum water level experienced was +76". The results are shown in the table below and all Acceptance Criteria were met during the test.

Determine Isolation Valve Closure Time

II

- Unit 1: During startup testing MSIVs were closed and tested individually during initial heatup at rated pressure, and during TC-1 at approximately 19% power. Proper operation was demonstrated and closure times were within limits.
- Unit 2: Each MSIV was individually closed and tested during initial heatup at rated pressure, TC-5 at approximately 64% power, and TC-6 at approximately 89% power. Proper operation was demonstrated and closure times were within limits.

Determine the Maximum Power a! which a Single Valve Closure can be made without a Scram

- **"** Unit 1: The highest power level at which a single MSIV could be tested and still yield acceptable margins to scram and isolation was extrapolated and demonstrated to be 88.5%.
- **"** Unit 2: The highest power level at which a single MSIV could be tested and still yield acceptable margins to scram and isolation was extrapolated and demonstrated to be 88%.

Operational Experience Since Startup

On July 1, 1999, a full MSIV closure event occurred in Unit **1.** The event occurred when the inadvertent closure of one MSIV resulted in an indication of high steam flow in the remaining 3 steam lines. The first MSIV closed at time zero, with the remaining 3 closing at time 8 seconds. Reactor pressure remained fairly stable throughout the event, with reactor vessel level varying from slightly below instrument zero to approximately +60 inches. Data recorded during the event demonstrated that the plant responded as expected and that resulting parameters were well within guidelines and requirements.

The July 1999 event is not exactly the same as the startup tests (test #25.3), since there was an 8 second difference between closure of the first MSIV and closure of the other three. Nevertheless, a comparison of the July 1999 data with the startup testing data shows that the results are comparable.

EPU Transient Analhsis Results/CPPIJ Margins

The analysis of the closure of all MSIVs ("MSIVALL") was performed at EPU rated power and core flow conditions covering the full range of core flows at rated power. Comparing the limiting Delta CPRs for the MSIVALL transient with the results from other transients shows that the MSIVALL transient is not limiting with respect to Delta CPR at EPU rated power.

The following table lists the limiting Delta CPRs for the MSIVALL transient for the conditions analyzed.

MSIV closure margins are discussed in SRP 15.2.4. Similar to the generator load reject event (GLR), the SRP states that reactor steam pressures should remain below 110% of the design value. As in the case of the GLR event, this is not an issue at SSES since the safety relief valves (SRVs) will easily maintain pressure below the design value. This was vividly demonstrated at SSES during a GLR event on June 6, 2005. This event is discussed (including a plot of RV pressure) in the GLR discussion below. As shown below, the RV pressure transient was limited to approximately 1100 psia by operation of two SRVs. Two SRVs operated during the 06-06-05 event. Even if a 3rd SRV were to operate at CPPU, there would be no change in pressure and no change in design margin.

EPU Power Ascension Testing **/ CPPU** Modifications

EPU plant response during power ascension is tested and documented as described in the CTLR/ELTR. MSIV full closure testing at 100% core power during EPU power ascension testing is not required at SSES because the plant response at CPPU conditions is expected to be similar to the documented response during initial startup testing. The transient analysis performed for the SSES CPPU demonstrates that all safety criteria are met and that CPPU does not cause any previous non-limiting events to become limiting. However, deliberately closing all MSIVs from 100% power will result in an undesirable transient cycle on the primary system that can reduce equipment service life.³ The transient loading provides no additional plant response information beyond that documented during startup testing and provides no benefit to safety equipment

Conclusion

Based on plant historical data and EPU analytical results, actual test results were well within expected limits. Actual pressure increase, in both Unit **I** and Unit 2 startup tests, were less than 50% of the expected values and further plant testing of MSIV Closure Event is not necessary.

³ As demonstrated during startup and confirmed by analysis, all equipment responses to the transient are within component and system design capabilities. However, placing accident mitigation equipment into service, tinder maximum loading conditions, uses available service life. Equipment service life should be retained for actual events rather than for demonstration purposes.

Turbine Trip/Generator Load Rejection

The startup testing for Turbine Trip/Generator Load Rejection demonstrates the response of the reactor and its control systems to protective trips in the turbine and generator. The startup test for Turbine Trip/ Generator Load Rejection at SSES adequately demonstrated this response and further testing is not considered necessary.

Startup Test Objectives

The objectives of the Generator Load Rejection startup tests are as follow: (1) demonstrate the response of the reactor and its control systems to protective trips in the turbine and generator; (2) demonstrate the capacity of the turbine bypass valves. The Acceptance Criteria and testing methods for Turbine Trip/Generator Load Rejection are described in FSAR 14.2.

Startup Test Results

All Acceptance Criteria for Turbine Trip/Generator Load Rejection startup testing were satisfied for Unit 1 and Unit 2 as further detailed below.

Demonstrate the Response of the Reactor and its Control Systems to Protective Trips in the Turbine and Generator

Unit 1: This subtest was performed twice because the first test was invalidated when the transfer of the plant electrical loads did not occur. Test results follow.

A generator load rejection was initiated by opening the Main Generator Breaker 230 KV OCB IRI01. This action initiates a fast closure of the Main Turbine Control Valves to limit the turbine overspeed. The load rejection was performed at 100% power. Fast transfer of the auxiliary bus from the unit auxiliary transformer to the startup transformer occurred. The plant responded as expected.

Unit 2: All Acceptance Criteria were verified satisfactorily with exception of the two pump drive flow coastdown constants. The reactor operated at 97% power and the generator output breakers were opened causing a fast closure of the main turbine control valves and a subsequent reactor scram.

Demonstrate the Capacity of the Turbine Bypass Valves.

The objectives of the test were met and all Acceptance Criteria were satisfied for Unit 1 and Unit 2 except with the two pump drive flow coastdown time constant requirement, which was later evaluated and resolved.

Unit **1:** With the reactor operating at 25% of rated power level, so that the reactor scram signals on Turbine Control Valve Fast Closure and Turbine Stop Valve Trip were bypassed, the Main Generator Breaker was opened. This resulted in a Turbine Trip and Control Valve Fast Closure without causing a reactor scram. The bypass valves opened to control reactor pressure and the feedwater system maintained water level constant although a slight oscillatory response in water level was noted. The overall response was uneventful as anticipated.

A failure of the Level **I** Criteria which states that the bypass valves should be opened to a point corresponding to greater than or equal to 80% of full open within 0.3 seconds from

the beginning of control or stop valve closure motion was encountered during this test. This failure resulted because power level at which the test was performed only required the bypass valves to open 73% to maintain pressure after the turbine trip. This response occurred in 0.2 seconds, which was determined to be acceptable.

Overall results confirm that conservative assumptions were made in the analysis of these events in Section 15 of the FSAR. The objectives of the test were met and All Acceptance Criteria was satisfied.

Unit 2: Within the reactor operating at 20% of rated power level, so that the reactor scram signals on Turbine Control Valve Fast Closure and Turbine Stop Valve Trip were bypassed, the Main Generator Breaker was opened. This resulted in a Turbine Trip and Control Valve Fast Closure without causing a reactor scram. The bypass valves opened to control reactor pressure and the feedwater system maintained water level constant although a slight oscillatory response in water level was noted. The overall response was uneventful as anticipated. The delay time from the start of control or stop valve closure to the start of bypass valve opening was 0.05 seconds, which was less than the maximum allowed of 0.1 seconds.

Operational Experience Since Startup

A turbine trip/full load rejection event occurred in SSES Unit 2 on June 6, 2005. An electrical transient caused a trip of both recirculation pumps. As shown in the graph below, reactor vessel pressure remained fairly stable (after an initial peak to approximately **I** 100 psia) and level varied as expected. The feedwater system returned reactor water level to normal. Two SRVs opened and then closed. The bypass valves operated successfully and contributed to maintenance of steady vessel pressures. A recirculation pump was restarted to reestablish core flow. There were no challenges to the containment during this event.

EPU Transient Analysis Results/CPPU Margins

The Generator Load Rejection with bypass (LRWB) and the Turbine Trip with bypass (TTWB) events were conservatively combined as one event ("LRWB/TTWB"). The LRWB/TTWB event is identical to the Generator Load Rejection and Turbine Trip without bypass except the turbine bypass valves (TBV) are allowed to operate to help mitigating the pressurization event.

The LRWBfTTWB analyses were performed at EPU rated power and core flow conditions covering the full range of core flows at rated power. The following table lists the limiting change in Critical Power Ratios ("CPR") for the LRWB/TTWB transient for the conditions analyzed.

GLR margins requirements are given in SRP 15.2.6 (Loss of Non-Emergency AC Power). The SRP states the steam system should be maintained below 110% of the design value. As shown in the generator load reject event of 06-06-05 (above), RV pressure and steam pressure peak in the 1100 psia range due to operation of the SRVs. Two SRVs operated in the 06-06-05 event. Even if a 3rd SRV were to open at EPU conditions, the pressure profile would remain essentially the same. There would be no challenge to system design pressure. In addition, there would be no changes in pressure margins between CLTP and CPPU conditions.

EPU Power Ascension Testing

Turbine trip/generator load rejection testing at 100% core power during EPU power ascension testing is not required at SSES because plant responses at CPPU conditions are expected to be similar to the documented response seen during initial startup testing and the recent Unit 2 load reject on June of 2005. The transient analysis performed for the SSES CPPU demonstrates that all safety criteria are met and that CPPU does not cause any previous non-limiting events to become limiting. However, deliberately causing a load reject and subsequent scram from 100% power results in an unnecessary transient cycle on the primary system that can cause undesirable effects on equipment and grid stability. The transient loading provides no benefit to safety equipment. Therefore, additional load reject *I* turbine trip testing causing a scram from high power levels is not expected to result in plant response that has not been previously observed nor provide new insights into SSC performances.

Conclusion

In view of the above, transient mitigation capability is demonstrated by post modification testing and by Technical Specification required testing. In addition, the limiting transient analyses are included as part of the reload licensing analysis. From a safety significance standpoint, turbine trip/load reject testing cannot be justified in that the transient cycle on the primary plant is undesirable and the potential benefits from such a cycle are not safety significant. The potential for hidden defects or latent problems that might be uncovered (such as potential hanger failures or potential snubber failures) are not justified on the basis of safety significance, compared to the potential negative aspects of the transient. The response of the reactor and its control systems following trips of the turbine and generator has been demonstrated by numerous plant events and shown by EPU analysis to be acceptable. Therefore the objective of this test is satisfied without requiring actual plant transient testing.

Finally, full load reject testing is not required under the guidelines of ELTRI as shown below:

Recirculation Pump Trip

Information gathered during startup Recirculation Pump trip testing is used to (1) obtain recirculation system performance data during pump trip, flow coastdown and pump restart; (2) verify that the feedwater control system can satisfactorily control water level without a resulting turbine trip and associated scram; (3) record and verify acceptable performance of the recirculation two pump circuit trip system; (4) verify the adequacy of the recirculation runback to mitigate a scram, and (5) verify that no recirculation system cavitation will occur in the operable region of the power-flow map. The Recirculation Pump Trip startup test satisfied acceptance criteria and therefore further testing is not necessary.

Startup Test Objectives

The Recirculation Pump Trip startup test objectives are: (1) obtain recirculation system performance data during pump trip, flow coastdown, and pump restart; (2) verify that the Feedwater Control System can satisfactorily control water level without a resulting turbine trip and associated scram; (3) record and verify acceptable performance of the recirculation two pump circuit trip system; (4) verify the adequacy of the recirculation runback to mitigate a scram: (5) verify that no recirculation system cavitation will occur in the operable region of the power-flow map. The Acceptance Criteria and testing methods for Recirculation Pump Trip are described in FSAR 14.2.

Startup Test Results

The overall Acceptance Criteria and objectives for the Recirculation Pump Trip test were satisfied for Unit 1 and Unit 2.

Obtain Recirculation Sstem Performnance Data during Pump Trip, Flow Coastdown, and Pump Restart and Verify that the Feedwater Control System can Satisfactorily Control Water Level without a Resulting *Turbine Trip and Associated Scram and R ecord and Verify Acceptable Performance of the Recirculation Two Pump Circuit Trip Sjstem*

Unit 1: RPT breakers were simultaneously tripped using a temporary test switch while the power was at 75% and core flow was at 100%. Flow coast down times were acceptable.

MG Set breakers were tripped from the control room at 70% power and 100% core flow and an unexpected MG Set breaker trip occurred due to a circuit board failure at 98% power and 98% core flow. For each trip, recordings of reactor parameters were made during the ensuing transient and these recordings were analyzed to verify non-divergence of oscillatory responses, adequate margins to RPS set points and capability of the feedwater system to prevent a high water level trip. The restart capability of the recirculation pump at high power level was also demonstrated. The margins to scram that were measured during the pump trip and pump restart were found to be acceptable.

Unit 2: RPT breakers were simultaneously tripped using a temporary test switch while the power was at 72% and core flow was at 99%. Flow coast down times were acceptable.

Breakers were tripped from the control room at 72% power and 96% core flow and again at 98% power and 99% core flow. During each trip recordings of reactor parameters were made during the ensuing transient and these recordings were analyzed to verify nondivergence of oscillatory responses, adequate margins to RPS set points and capability of the feedwater system to prevent a high water level trip. The restart capability of the recirculation pump at high power level was also demonstrated. The margins to scram that were measured during the pump trip and pump restart met acceptance criteria.

Verify the Adequacy of the Recirculation Runback to Mitigate a Scram

- Unit 1: Runback occurred producing a smooth transient for all parameters measured. A circulating water pump trip was simulated while running at 75% power and 100% core flow causing a runback to the number two Limiter setting of 45%..
- Unit 2: Runback occurred producing a smooth transient for all parameters measured. A feedwater pump was tripped and reactor water level allowed to drop below level 4 causing a runback of both recirculation pumps to the number two Limiter setting of 45% of rated speed. The feedwater pump was tripped while running at 71% power and 98% core flow.

Verify that no Recirculation System Cavitation Occurs in the Operable Region of the Power-Flow Map.

Unit 1: This test demonstrates that the Feedwater Flow interlocks with the Recirculation Pump Number I Limiter are set such that cavitation will not occur in the Recirculation Pumps or Jet Pumps. The absence of pump cavitation is verified by observation of nor-'

mally installed instrumentation to monitor the differential pressure across each recirculation pump, loop flow elbow tap and double tap jet pumps.

With reactor power at 57% and core flow at 100% of rated, the No. **I** Limiter was bypassed so the actual runback would not take place and control rods were inserted until the No. **I** Limiter actuated. This occurred at 20% of Total Feedwater Flow for each limiter. Cavitation was not observed.

Unit 2: This test demonstrates that the Feedwater Flow interlocks with the Recirculation Pump No. I Limiter are set such that cavitation will not occur in the Recirculation Pumps or Jet Pumps. The absence of pump cavitation is verified by observation of normally installed instrumentation to monitor the differential pressure across each recirculation pump, loop flow elbow tap and double pumps.

With reactor power at 51% and core flow at 95% of rated, the No. **1** Limiter was bypassed so the actual runback would not take place and control rods were inserted until the No. **I** Limiter actuated. This occurred at 20% of Total Feedwater Flow for each limiter. Cavitation was not observed. Acceptance Criteria 7 was verified in this subtest.

EPU Transient Analysis Results

Recirculation pump trip events were not analyzed since they have been dispositioned as non-limiting events. In addition, in a CPPU, core flow remains essentially unchanged. Therefore recirculation pump testing is not necessary.

EPU Power Ascension Testing/CPPU Margins

Core flow does not appreciably change in a CPPU. The results from startup testing and also from the events that have occurred during plant operations indicate recirculation pump trip testing is not necessary.

Because The feedwater flow value used to initiate the recirculation runback to the **#1** limiter is unchanged for EPU, protection against cavitation is assured.,

SRP 15.3:1 provides criteria for loss of forced RCS flow events. None of these criteria are challenged at SSES either under CLTP conditions or at CPPU.

Conclusion

Based on plant historical data and EPU analytical results, **(1)** recirculation system performance data was collected, (2) the feedwater control system satisfactorily controls water level without a resulting turbine trip and scram, (3) the recirculation two pump circuit trip system performed acceptably, (4) the recirculation runback mitigated scrams, and (5) no recirculation system cavitation occurred in the operable region of the power-flow map and therefore further plant testing of Recirculation Pump Trip is not necessary.

Relief Valve Testing

This startup test Relief Valve Testing verifies that the relief valves function properly, reseat properly after operation, and contain no major blockages in the relief valve discharge piping. Startup testing showed that all relief valves functioned properly and reseated properly after operations. Testing demonstrated plant pressure control system stability during relief valve operation and showed that no blockages existed in relief valve discharge piping. Therefore further testing is not necessary.

Startup Test Objectives

The objectives for Relief Valve startup testing are: (1) verify that the relief valves function properly and can be manually opened and closed; (2) verify that the relief valves reseat properly after operation; (3) verify that there are no major blockages in the relief valve discharge piping; and (4) verify the proper operation of the relief valve actuation logic system. The Acceptance Criteria and testing methods for Relief Valve are described in FSAR 14.2.

Startup Test Results

Acceptance Criteria for Relief Valve startup testing was satisfied overall for Unit **I** and Unit 2.

Verify that the Relief Valves Function Properly, Can be Manually Opened and Closed, and Reseat Properly after Operation

- **Unit 1: Relief Valve Rated Pressure Testing was implemented at 45% rated thermal** power with a dome pressure of 944 psig. Each relief valve was manually cycled to verify proper operation at rated pressure. Pressure control system related variables were again observed for stability during relief valve actuation and the relief valve tail pipe temperatures were monitored after actuation to verify that each relief valve had properly reseated. All Acceptance Criteria were met during the test.
- Unit 2: Relief Valve Rated Pressure Testing was implemented at 41% rated thermal power with a dome pressure of 930 psig. Each relief valve was manually cycled to verify proper operation at rated pressure. Pressure control system related variables were again observed for stability during relief valve actuation and the relief valve tail pipe temperatures were monitored after actuation to verify that each relief valve had properly reseated. All Acceptance Criteria were met during the test.

Verify that there are No Major Blockages in the Relief Valve Discharge Piping

- Unit **1:** Each relief valve was manually cycled to verify proper operation at rated pressure. The decrease in main generator electric output during each relief valve actuation was compared to the generator electric output average change, calculated after all relief valves had been actuated, to verify that no major blockages in valves or tailpipes existed. Relief Valve Rated Pressure Test was implemented at 45% rated reactor thermal power with reactor dome pressure at 944 psig during. All Acceptance Criteria were met during the test.
- Unit 2: Each relief valve was manually cycled to verify proper operation at rated pressure. The decrease in main generator electric output during each relief valve actuation was compared to the generator electric output average change, calculated after all relief valves had been actuated, to verify that no major blockages in valves or tailpipes existed. Relief Valve Rated Pressure Test was implemented at 41% rated reactor thermal power with reactor dome pressure at 930 psig. All Acceptance Criteria were met during the test.

Operational Experience Since Startup

Relief valves are inspected and tested in accordance with Technical Specification requirements.

EPlI Transient Analysis Results

Relief valve operations were not analyzed. Inadvertent relief valve openings have been determined to be non-limiting events.

EPU Power Ascension Testing

Relief valves will continue to be tested in accordance with Technical Specifications. Since relief valve setpoints are not changed and relief valve operations are not impacted by CPPU, there is no need for any additional testing beyond the testing already required by Technical Specifications.

Conclusion

Technical specification testing demonstrates that relief valves function properly. Plant pressure control system stability has been consistently demonstrated during relief valve operation showing no blockages existed in relief valve discharge piping. Further in-plant testing of relief valves is not necessary.

RCIC Functional Testing

The RCIC Functional Testing startup test verifies the proper operation of the RCIC system at the minimum and rated operating pressures and flow ranges and demonstrates reliability in automatic mode starting with cold standby when reactor is at power conditions. The test is demonstrated by two methods: (1) by flow injection into a test line that leads to the Condensate Storage Tank (CST) and (2) by flow injection directly into the reactor vessel. Acceptance Criteria was satisfied for the RCIC Functional Test during startup testing and therefore further testing is not necessary.

Startup Test Objectives

The objectives for RCIC functional testing startup tests are: **(1)** demonstrate the proper operation of the Reactor Core Isolation Cooling (RCIC) System over its expected operating pressure and flow ranges; and (2) demonstrate RCIC reliability in automatic starting from cold standby when the reactor is at power conditions. The Acceptance Criteria and testing methods for RCIC Functional Testing are described in FSAR 14.2.

Startup Test Results

All Acceptance Criteria for startup RCIC Functional testing was satisfied for Unit **I** and Unit 2.

Demonstrate the Proper Operation of the Reactor Core Isolation Cooling (RCIC) System over its Expected Operating Pressure and Flow Ranges

- Unit 1: All Acceptance Criteria was satisfied. The RCIC system demonstrated its reliability by never tripping or isolating during testing and by always achieving rated flow within the allowed 30 seconds. The few minor problems that did occur were Level 2 Acceptance Criteria failures and were adequately dispositioned.
- Unit 2: All Acceptance Criteria was satisfied. The RCIC system demonstrated its reliability by always achieving rated flow within the allowed 30 seconds, and by never tripping during auto start tests. The turbine did trip once during a manual start, which was attributed to air in the servo control valve following maintenance to the control valve. The other minor problems that did occur were all Level 2 Acceptance Criteria failures and were adequately dispositioned.

Demonstrate RCIC Reliability in Automatic Starting from Cold Standby when the Reactor is at Power Conditions

Unit 1: All Acceptance Criteria was satisfied. The RCIC system demonstrated its reliability by never tripping or isolating during testing and by always achieving rated flow within

the allowed 30 seconds. The few minor problems that did occur were all Level 2 Acceptance Criteria failures and adequately dispositioned.

Unit 2: All Acceptance Criteria was satisfied. The RCIC system demonstrated its reliability by always achieving rated flow within the allowed 30 seconds, and by never tripping during auto start tests. The turbine did trip once during a manual start, which was attributed to air in the servo control valve following maintenance to the control valve. The other minor problems that did occur were all Level 2 Acceptance Criteria failures and were adequately dispositioned.

Conclusion

Based on plant historical data and EPU analytical results, proper operation of the RCIC system at the minimum and rated operating pressures was achieved and flow ranges demonstrated reliability in automatic mode starting with cold standby when reactor is at power conditions and therefore further plant testing of RCIC Functional Testing is not necessary.

EPU Reactor Core Isolation Cooling System Evaluation

The RCIC system does not change for CPPU. Pressures, flow rates, and response times are virtually identical. Consequently, the RCIC system is not evaluated other than as it contributes to mitigation of other anticipated transients and events.

.Operational Experience Since Startup

During operational events since startup, RCIC has provided acceptable performance when required to function by operational events.

EPTJ Power Ascension Testing

RCIC testing during EPU power ascension testing is not required because the CPPU changes do not have a significant impact on the RCIC system. Specifically, system pressures, temperatures, flow rates, and timing requirements remain unchanged from CLTP requirements. Therefore, RCIC testing would not provide any new data, particularly with regard to overall plant safety significance. RCIC testing in accordance with Technical Specification requirements remains a sufficient demonstration of RCIC capability.

HPCI Functional Testing

The High Pressure Coolant Injection ("HPCI") Functional Testing startup test verifies the proper operation of the HPCI system at the minimum and rated operating pressures and flow ranges and demonstrates reliability in automatic mode starting with cold standby when reactor is at power conditions. The test is demonstrated by two methods: **(1)** by flow injection into a test line that leads to the Condensate Storage Tank (CST) and (2) by flow injection directly into the reactor vessel. Acceptance Criteria was satisfied for the HPCI Functional Test during startup testing and therefore further testing is not necessary.

Startup Test Obiectives

The objectives for HPCI functional testing startup tests are: (1) demonstrate the proper operation of the HPCI system over its expected operating pressure and flow ranges: and (2) demonstrate HPCJ reliability in automatic starting from cold standby when the reactor is at power conditions. The Acceptance Criteria and testing methods for HPCI Functional Testing are described in FSAR 14.2.

Startup Test Results

All Acceptance Criteria for startup HPCI Functional testing was satisfied for Unit **I** and Unit 2.

Demonstrate the Proper Operation of the High Pressure Coolant hniection (HPCII System over its Expected Operating Pressure and Flow Ranges.

Unit 1: The HPCI system demonstrated its reliability by never tripping or isolating during testing and by achieving rated flow within the allowed 25 seconds in nine out of ten tests. In the tenth test, ST 15.1 on 1-1-83, the system started in 25.1 seconds with flow exceeding the 4900 gpm during the interval between 17 and 25 seconds. Evaluation by General Electric determined that the results were acceptable.

Some problems were experienced in tuning the HPCI flow controller. Difficulty was experienced in trying to find the optimum controller settings so that the system would start in 25 seconds but not trip, yet would still be stable for step changes in flow demand. As a result, ST 15.1 and 15.2 had to be repeated.

Unit 2: Testing of the HPCI system can be divided into two phases, before and after precommercial outage. Prior to the pre-commercial outage the HPCI system demonstrated its reliability by never tripping or isolating during testing and by achieving rated flow within the allowed 25 seconds in five out of six tests. In the sixth test, ST 15.3 on 9-25-84, the system required 26.3 seconds to achieve rated flow. The Tech Spec limit of 30 seconds was not violated. Investigation into the problem resulted in an Environmental Upgrade Modification and a replacement of the mechanical overspeed trip mechanism. The Environmental Upgrade Modification involved replacing the EGR, the servo on the control valves, the temperature control valve on the lube oil cooler and the turbine trip solenoid valve and was done during the Pre-commercial Operations Outage.

The two other problems that did occur were both Level 2 Acceptance Criteria failures. The initial run of ST 15.1 yielded a subsequent speed peak of 4440 rpm, which was above the limit of 4336 rpm. The HPCI flow controller was tuned, and since ST 15.1 at 150# had already been run, ST 15.1 was repeated at both 150# and rated pressure. The other problem which also surfaced during the initial test concerned a low NPSH value caused by the startup strainer never being removed from the suction line. Upon removal, the NPSH value was acceptable.

All acceptance criteria were satisfied except for the time to rated flow failure mentioned previously.

Conclusion

Based on plant historical data and EPU analytical results, proper operation of the HPCI system at the minimum and rated operating pressures was achieved and flow ranges demonstrated reliability in automatic mode starting with cold standby when reactor is at power conditions and therefore further plant test' ing of HPCI Functional Testing is not necessary.

EPU High Pressure Coolant Injection System Evaluation

The HPCI system does not change for CPPU. Pressures, flow rates, and response times are virtually identical. Consequently. the HPCI system is not evaluated other than as it contributes to mitigation of other anticipated transients and events.

Operational Experience Since Startup

During operational events since startup, HPCI has provided acceptable performance when required to function by operational events.

EPU Power Ascension Testing

HPCI testing during EPU power ascension testing is not required because the CPPU changes do not have a significant impact on the HPCI system. Specifically, system pressures, temperatures, flow rates, and timing requirements remain unchanged from CLTP requirements. Therefore, HPCI testing would not provide any new data, particularly with regard to overall plant safety significance. HPCI testing in accordance with Technical Specification requirements remains a sufficient demonstration of HPCI capability.

5.0 Operator Training/Large Transient Simulations

For EPU, SSES plans to benchmark its simulator to conform to EPU transient analysis results and to subsequently perform certification tests to confirm the adequacy of simulation of the various transients. Once the simulator is benchmarked and certified, SSES operators will be trained on various plant upset conditions, from postulated accident conditions to anticipated transients. In this way, plant operators will be prepared for the nature, timeline, and extent of the plant response to simulated transients.

6.0 Large Transient Testing Risk Assessment

SSES conducted a risk assessment for performing two plant transient tests upon EPU implementation. The evaluated tests were a generator full load reject and an MSIV isolation event. The risk assessment indicated the proposed tests represented an increase in the risk of core damage and large early release. This assessment does not include the potential for equipment damage or challenges to the operators, which should be avoided.

Method

The calculations were performed with the FEB05RA version of the SSES PRA. The Conditional Core Damage Probabilities (CCDPs) were calculated by multiplying the random maintenance model Core Damage Frequency (CDF) from the pre-EPU model by the Fussell-Vesely of the initiator and dividing that product by the frequency of the initiator. The Fussell-Vesely represents the fractional contribution to the damage state from the event occurring.

PRA Results

Below are the data extracted from the cut set file. The LOOP frequency is from the Initiating Event Note Book.

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* FV is the fraction of core damage attributable to the specific event.

Conclusion

The Conditional Core Damage Probabilities (CCDP) and Conditional Large Early Release Probabilities (CLERP) for a turbine trip (%INONISO) and for a MSIV closure event (%IISO) are relatively small compared to events such as the LOOP or a suction side LOCA. However, they do have some risk significance.

The calculated CCDPs are 6.24E-7 and 6.08E-7 for the non-isolation (turbine trip) and isolation (MSIV closure), respectively. Also, the calculated CLERPs are 1.15E-7 and 3.88E-7 for the non-isolation (turbine trip) and isolation (MSIV closure), respectively. These CCDPs and CLERPs represent the additional probabilities of core damage and large early release, caused by performing the proposed tests (i.e., the initiating events occur). If both tests are performed, the total additional probabilities would, thus, be 1.23E-6 (CCDP) and 5.03E-7 (CLERP). [Note: The analyses do not credit compensatory measures that may reduce the risk of core damage given that extra operators may be staged for the proposed tests.]

In view of the foregoing and from a PRA perspective, Large Transient Testing should not be performed unless clear benefits can be achieved that cannot otherwise be obtained through an unplanned event.

7.0 Post EPU Industry Experience

Post EPU Steam Dryer Issues

Steam dryer failures have occurred at post EPU conditions. These failures have been attributed to high cycle fatigue stresses that result from acoustic and pressure pulses caused by the higher EPU main steam velocities. Problems that have occurred are the result of long term cyclic pulses that fatigue areas of high stress intensities. They do not result from transient events except to the extent that the lifting of safety

relief valves can add to main steam velocities. In the case of Large Transient Testing; however, safety relief valves typically lift because the MSIVs have closed with the result being that steam velocities are actually lower and not higher. Also, with fatigue as the failure mechanism, even increased velocities are not significant in that they do not last for extended periods of time.

Stresses imposed on steam dryers by the higher steam flows are being addressed in Attachment 10 of the SSES EPU application, and therefore will not be repeated here. At the same time, it should be noted that steam dryer performance is not demonstrated by Large Transient Testing. Steam dryer stresses can be determined by finite element analyses using pressure and acoustic data developed from strain gauge and acoustic measurements in the main steam lines. Should dryer failures occur, they can be observed by changes in main steam flows, steam line pressure drops, and high moisture carryover content. Dryer failures would not be indicated in Large Transient Testing because even if abnormal measurements were to occur during a transient test, they would be masked by the transient and would not stand out as an indication of dryer problems.

Industrv Post EPU Transient Events

A review of industry transient events that occurred at greater than original power levels at BWR-4 units that are similar in design to SSES resulted in the following examples of plant response to MSIV closure and load reject events. As indicated in the examples below, the plants responded as expected in accordance with their design features. No unexpected conditions were experienced nor were any latent defects uncovered in these events beyond the specific failures that actually initiated the events. These events provide further evidence that Large Transient Testing is unnecessary.

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On May **5,** 1999, Hatch Unit 2 was at 98.3% of rated power (2,716 CMWT). At that time, the turbine tripped when the main generator tripped on a ground fault. The reactor scrammed and the reactor recirculation pumps tripped automatically on turbine control valve fast closure caused by the turbine trip. The reactor feed water pumps maintained water level higher than eight inches above instrument zero. No safety system actuations on low level were received nor were any required. Pressure reached a maximum value of 1,124 psig. Plant and system responses were as expected.

LER 2000-004

On July 10,2000, Hatch Unit **I** was at 99.7% rated thermal power (2,754 CMWT). At that time, the main turbine tripped when the vibration instrument on the main generator exciter outboard bearing failed and produced a false high bearing vibration signal. The reactor automatically scrammed and the reactor recirculation pumps automatically tripped on turbine stop valve fast closure caused by the main turbine trip. All systems functioned as expected and given the water level and pressure transients caused by the turbine trip and reactor scram. Vessel water level never decreased to the Level 3 actuation setpoint. No safety system actuations were received nor were any required.

LER 2001-02

On March 28, 2001, Plant Hatch Unit **I** was at 100 percent rated thermal power (2.763 CMWT). At that time, the reactor automatically scrammed on turbine control valve fast closure caused by a main turbine trip. The main turbine tripped when actuation of phase two and phase three differential relays monitoring a unit auxiliary transformer resulted in actuation of a lockout relay. Actuation of this lockout relay generated a direct turbine trip signal and the main turbine tripped per design.

Reactor Feedwater Pumps recovered reactor vessel water level within 30 seconds of the scram. As a result, the HPCI and RCIC system low water level initiation signals cleared before either system could inject makeup water to the reactor vessel. Vessel pressure reached a maximum value of 1,127 psig after receipt of the scram. All systems functioned as expected and per their design given the water level and pressure transients caused by the turbine trip and reactor scram. Vessel water level was maintained well above the top of the active fuel throughout the transient.

Brunswick Steam Electric Plant - 20% Approved Power Uprate LER 2003-01

On January 12, 2003, Brunswick Steam Electric Plant Unit **I** was operating at 94% rated thermal power. Decreasing reactor coolant level due to a reactor feed water pump turbine trip resulted in the actuation of the reactor protection system, and a Group 2 and Group 6 primary containment isolation valves closures. After the plant trip, the (4) emergency diesel generators started due to an invalid signal generated by switchyard equipment. In addition, the Reactor Core Isolation Cooling system was manually operated to maintain coolant level in the reactor vessel. The loss of the reactor feed water pump. was attributed to insufficient lube oil pressure margin in the bearing oil header.

The required equipment responded as designed and the Group 2 and 6 valves isolated. All control rods fully inserted into the core. However, a power circuit breaker in the 230 kV electrical power system did not open initially as designed to separate the main transformer and generator from the grid. This caused an invalid signal that resulted in the start of the emergency diesel generators after the turbine generator trip.

LER 2003-04

On November 4, 2003, Brunswick Steam Electric Plant Unit 2 was operating at approximately 96% of rated thermal power when a generator/turbine trip occurred due to loss of generator excitation. Approximately three seconds into the voltage transient, the Unit 2 generator/turbine tripped, resulting in RPS actuation. The voltage decrease also resulted in PCIS Valve Group **I** (Main Steam Isolation valves (MSIVs), Main Steam Line Drain valves, and Reactor Recirculation Sample valves), Group 3 (Reactor Water Cleanup isolation valves), and Group 6 (Containment Atmosphere Control/Dilution, Containment Atmosphere Monitoring, and Post Accident Sampling System isolation valves) isolations.

All control rods fully inserted into the core. Plant response to the transient also resulted in High Pressure Coolant Injection (HPCI) and Reactor Core Isolation Cooling (RCIC) System actuations on low reactor pressure vessel (RPV) coolant level, with injection into the RPV. **All** four Emergency Diesel Generators (EDGs) automatically started but did not load because electrical power was not lost to the emergency buses.

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Sisquehanna Steam Electric Station, Extended Power Uprate Project TABLE **I** - Comparison of SSES initial startup testing and planned EPU testing

⁵By the time of Unit 2 startup testing, ST-6 had been merged into ST-10. Hence the test was accomplished with **ST-10.**

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Notes for Table **I**

- **TC** 1 Core thermal power between approximately 5% and 20% rated. Recirculation pump speed within +10% of minimum pump speed. Before and after main generator synchronization.
- TC 2 Core thermal power between 45% power rod line and 75% power rod line. Recirculation pump speed between minimum and lowest pump speed corresponding to Master Manual Mode. Lower power corner is within Bypass valve capacity.
- TC 3 Core thermal power between 45% power rod line and 75% power rod line. Total core flow between 80% and 100% rated.
- **TC** 4 On the natural circulation core flow line within +0, -5% of the intersection with the 100% power rod line.
- **TC** 5 Core thermal power within **+0,** -5% of the 100% power rod line. Recirculation pump speed within +5% of the minimum recirculation pump speed corresponding to Master Manual Mode.
- **TC** 6 Core thermal power between 95% and 100% rated. Total Core flow +0, **-5%** rated core flow.

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Flow Induced Vibration Piping **/** Components Evaluation

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Appendix El - Vibration accelerometers on Extraction Steam Piping, Outside Containment (Unit **1)**

1. Purpose

The purpose of this attachment is to provide information in addition to that presented in the Power Uprate Safety Analysis Report (PUSAR) section 3.4, regarding the susceptibility review of plant system piping and components that might be affected adversely by Flow Induced Vibration (FIV) under Constant Pressure Power Uprate (CPPU) conditions.

Reactor Internal Components are not addressed in this attachment. PUSAR, section 3.4.2 provides a discussion of the FIV effects on Reactor Internal Components.

2. Background

PPL Susquehanna, LLC (PPL) intends to implement a 14% of Original License Thermal Power (OLTP) CPPU above the Current License Thermal Power (CLTP) of 1.06*OLTP. The implementation is planned in two increments that extend over two refueling outages for each unit. This conservative implementation plan minimizes the potential for significant changes in flow induced vibration (FIV) to cause degradation of plant components. This approach permits plant walkdowns and inspections of CPPU affected systems before and after each power increase.

In November 2004 the BWR Owners' Group (BWROG) issued NEDO 33159, "CPPU Lessons Learned and Recommendations," (Reference **1)** to provide assistance to plants that are in the evaluation and implementation phases of a CPPU. As part of the CPPU implementation strategy, Susquehanna Steam Electric Station (SSES) is following the recommendations of the BWROG in order to minimize CPPU impacts on plant reliability. PPL intends to continue its involvement in industry efforts and consideration of on-going issues associated with FIV. Lessons learned will be evaluated and incorporated into the SSES implementation strategy as applicable.

The increase in flow resulting from CPPU is expected to result in higher vibration accelerations in some piping and piping components. The types of vibration that are of concern are structural resonance, acoustic standing waves, vortex shedding, rotating equipment excitation at the pump vane passing frequency, and fluid-elastic stability in heat exchangers. This attachment identifies those systems & components where CPPU is expected to increase the susceptibility to FIV, describes the methods to determine the CPPU effects and the actions to address potential problem areas.

3. Extent of Condition **(EOC)** Review

SSES has performed both an internal and external EOC review for vibration related issues to confirm that planned CPPU actions are adequate to address those issues already identified by either SSES maintenance or industry experience. The internal review involved a document review of SSES piping and attached components vibration history, including calculations.

The external review concentrated on a review of industry databases relating to piping and component vibration, and the BWROG generic recommendations for implementing CPPU with respect to increased FIV.

The following is the process that was used to identify systems affected by FIV:

- A. Identified those SSES systems that are expected to see a flow change due to CPPU or as determined in the correlated review in paragraph E.
- B. Determined expected maximum increase in flow rate due to CPPU. See Section 5 for more detailed discussion.
- C. Identified those SSES systems, components, and documents with previous or existing vibration issues.
- D. Reviewed the following external databases for systems and components with previous vibrations issues:
	- a. INPO Significant Event Reports (SER's) and Operating Experience (OE's);
	- b. NRC Information Notices;
- E. Correlated SSES maintenance history documents to the BWROG recommended actions. Estimated the susceptibility of the SSES piping and components to FIV at CPPU conditions.

A	R	C	D	E	
SYSTEM	FLOW	EXISTING	INDUSTRY	SUSCEPTIBILITY	
	CHANGE	VIBRATION	VIBRATION	TO FIV AT CPPU	
Circulating Water	0%	x	x	x	
Condensate	15 %	x	x	۰x	
EHC	(2)	x	Х	X	
Extraction Steam	16%	X	x	x	
Feedwater (IC)	15 %	None	None	X	
Feedwater (OC)	15 %	x	X	x	
HPCI Steam	(2)	x	x	x	
Main Steam (IC)	14%	None	X	$\mathbf X$.	
Main Steam (OC)	14 %	X	X	X	
RCIC Steam	(2)	None	X	\cdot X	
Recirculation/RHR	3%	X	x	x	
Turbine Piping	14 %	X	x	x	
Sample Probes (1)	15 %	None	x	x	
Snubbers 41)	15%	x	x	x	

Table **1** - **EOC** Estimation of Susceptibility to FIV Using Plant Maintenance History, Industry Reviews, and BWROG Recommendations

(1) These components were found to be sensitive to FIV in numerous plant systems. See.sections 12 and 13 of this attachment for an additional discussion.

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- (2) Flow change is 0 % but their attachment to the main steam line piping warranted investigating their susceptibility to FIV at CPPU conditions.
- (3) X indicates the system has one, or more, piping/components susceptible to FIV.
- (4) (IC) Inside Containment, (OC) Outside Containment

4. **SSES** Plant Personnel Vibration Inputs

PPL has placed an emphasis on involving plant and office personnel who are knowledgeable with FIV issues. In the fall of 2004, General Electric interviewed a number of SSES personnel. The discussions focused on system existing conditions, likely CPPU effects, and recommendations to improve both. PPL has evaluated these results.

In the fall 2005 key plant operations support groups listed areas where SSES might be vulnerable to FIV. In addition to the known issues, the following are representative of new topics identified:

- Main Turbine steam admission valve limit switches,
- Main Steam line vibration (broken support mounting bolts), and
- Rack Mounted Instruments (e.g. Reactor Protection System).

Both the known and the new topics are included in the CPPU FIV evaluation plan.

5. Review of **CPPU** System Changes as They Affect FIV

The Reactor Coolant Pressure Boundary (RCPB) and Balance of Plant (BOP) piping systems were reviewed, and the systems that have significant changes in flow as a result of CPPU are: Main Steam, Feedwater, Condensate, Feedwater Heater Drains, and Extraction Steam. CPPU maximum flows increase and thepotential increases in FIV, which can increase by the square of the flow increase, are summarized as follows:

Table 2- SSES Piping Systems with Large Flow Changes

6. Vibration Acceptance Criteria

ASME Codes associated with safety related nuclear power plant piping require vibration testing and monitoring of this important plant piping during initial operation at new and higher flow rates. The steady state level of piping FIV is expected to increase from current levels in proportion to the change in fluid density (ρ) and fluid flow velocity (V) squared or (pV^2) . The large diameter piping (>2 in) in the affected systems is reviewed for the impact of this increase on stresses. Small diameter branch piping also is susceptible to cracking at socket welded connections and is reviewed for changes in header flow velocity and the resulting vibration frequency change.

Vibration acceptance criteria are included in the CPPU power ascension program. The methodology of ASME O/M-S/G Part 3, "Requirements for Preoperational and Initial Start-Up Vibration Testing of Nuclear Power Plant Piping Systems," is used. The criteria in this industry standard are based on the material endurance limit, which assumes an unlimited number of load cycles. The piping systems expected to be impacted the most significantly by CPPU implementation are identified. For the portions of these systems inside the drywell, which will not be accessible during plant operation, detailed piping computer models were created. Response spectrum modal superposition analyses were run, which identified the natural frequencies, mode shapes, and resulting pipe displacements and accelerations. Locations and directions for the accelerometers were selected based on the locations of maximum vibration acceleration and displacement. Baseline vibration data was collected prior to CPPU implementation. Acceleration vs. frequency curves were developed from this data and extrapolated to expected CPPU

levels. The piping analyses were then re-run using these curves, and the results scaled up until the endurance limit is reached. A number **of** conservatisms were incorporated in the process to allow for uncertainty and provide extra margin. The resulting vibration spectra are used as initial acceptance criteria.

For accessible systems outside containment, systems less affected by CPPU, and small bore piping; generic vibration screening allowables are used. Most of the piping outside containment will be screened for vibration by walkdown and measurement with portable equipment.

Vibration monitoring will be performed during startup at plateaus beginning with 75% of the CLTP and proceeding at varying increments to CPPU. This will allow trending of the data and will identify whether a condition other than final CPPU data results in the highest vibration levels. Direction is provided in the test program for plant personnel in the event that vibration limits are exceeded. If required, power will be reduced to the previous levels until further evaluation can be performed.

7. Types of Vibration Monitoring

The piping systems located inside containment are being monitored for vibration using accelerometers, and the data is collected on dedicated data acquisition computers. The piping systems located outside containment generally will be monitored using portable vibration instrumentation, with data collected during walkdowns of the piping, and with remote vibration monitoring sensors in inaccessible areas. Remote operated cameras are an alternative to pipe mounted vibration instrumentation to provide plant and engineering personnel with qualitative feedback on flow induced vibration of piping and associated components. Ongoing evaluations to determine whether additional monitoring is needed are in progress. Additional monitoring instrumentation will be installed if initial measurements indicate that screening criteria could be exceeded.

The following systems arc monitored with remote vibration instrumentation:

- 1) Main Steam
- 2) Feedwater
- 3) Recirculation (for non-CPPU vibration issues)
- 4) RHR
- 5) Extraction Steam

Other Systems are monitored with localized, or portable vibration instrumentation:

- **1)** Condensate
- 2) HPCI (outside containment)
- 3) Electro Hydraulic Control (EHC)
- 4) Feedwater Heater Drains

As previously described in section 6, the locations and directions of accelerometers are selected based on maximum analysis stress results at CLTP conditions and at known FIV susceptible locations such as the Safety Relief Valves (SRVs) that are discussed in section 11. Since the FIV monitoring is performed at CLTP conditions, CPPU flow simulated (during Main Steam Isolation Valve (MSIV) slow-closure testing) conditions, and CPPU conditions, any increase in FIV results will be clearly identified and evaluated.

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The following table summarizes the instrumentation installed, or planned to be installed, to monitor FIV. See the Appendices of this attachment for additional details regarding sensor locations.

Table 3 - Monitoring Currently Installed & Planned For Installation

Notes:

- 1. Bold items are currently installed
- 2. Accelerometers not currently installed in Unit 2 will be installed by April, 2007.
- 3. These accelerometers were installed to address the expected increases in vibration due to the Turbine Replacement Project during 2002. They will be active through the CPPU startup program.

8. Vibration Monitoring Results to Date

Vibration data has been collected from the accelerometers installed in Unit **I** since Spring 2006 and in Unit 2 since Spring 2005. The data has been compared to the screening values for those lines and the results summarized in the table below.

The vibration data from the Unit **I** Extraction Steam accelerometers was also collected and evaluated prior to 2005 and the results summarized in the table below.

Table 4 - Measured Vibration Accelerations - % of Calculated Screening Criteria

Notes:

1. Accelerometers to be installed March, 2007. Data to be available later in 2007

2. System is being evaluated to determine if accelerometers are needed

The recirculation/RHR results are higher than those associated with the main steam $\&$ feedwater systems. These vibration levels reflect the system response to recirculation pump vane passing frequencies. Since the recirculation flow increases less than 3%, operation at CPPU is not expected to cause vibration levels to increase above screening criteria. Based on the existing system behavior, including the above measured accelerations, and experience at other plants, it is expected that the feedwater system vibration levels at CPPU will not exceed screening criteria.

In April, 2006 PPL performed MSIV slow closure tests for each of the A, B, C, D Outboard MSIVs at the 80% Power Level. During these tests, the main steam flow through each of the open MSIVs was equal to a flow that will exist at about the first implementation step of the CPPU \sim 1.13 OLTP). The Root Mean Square (RMS) and Peak accelerations were recorded. The maximum RMS value is listed below and compared to the maximum CLTP values and the increase is slightly smaller than the predicted ratio of 1.14 determined from the square of the velocity increase discussed in Section 6. For simplicity the velocity change is assumed proportional to the square of the Power Ratio, $[(1.13/1.06)^2]$.

Table 4A - Measured Vibration Maximum Accelerations (G's) - Unit **1** Main Steam Lines Comparison of CLTP to Simulated **Y2** of **CPPU (MSIV** Slow Closure Tests)

The above results are considered relatively low for the main steam system, and the vibration levels after implementation of CPPU arc not expected to exceed screening criteria.

9. Inspections and Walkdowns

Since vibration instrumentation is neither practical nor desirable for all systems, visual inspections are a key part of PPL's CPPU FIV evaluation strategy. Walkdowns are planned in 4 major CPPU phases; pre-CPPU, CPPU first step (7%), CPPU second step (7%), and, CPPU post implementation. The following systems will have walkdowns scheduled: main steam, feedwater, condensate, extraction steam, feedwater heater drains, main turbine EHC, and HPCI steam (outside containment).

The reactor recirculation system is currently remotely monitored for FIV and inspected every outage. Since the increase in CPPU flow for the recirc system is small (2% to 3%), the inspections routinely performed on the system are adequate for CPPU implementation.

Each planned walkdown inspection criteria includes the following:

- Condition of insulation on subject and adjacent pipes,
- Condition of pipe supports,
- Piping,
- **"** Attached components and branch lines,
- Condition of structures and components adjacent and below, and
- Other specific criteria for particular systems.

10. Modifications

Programs are in place, and in some instances implemented, to reduce the susceptibility of piping to FIV. These programs include the following:

- **"** Socket welds on small pipe attached to the recirculation lines are inspected to more stringent criteria than was used during original construction. If the existing welds do not meet the upgraded criteria, the welds are repaired or replaced with an improved socket weld design,
- Capped piping small pipe attached to the recirculation lines has been removed and the connection plugged,
- Modifications of the RHR 050A/B check valves that attach to recirculation piping,
- Supports have been added to feedwater heater drain lines,
- Mechanical snubbers have been replaced on the steam seal evaporator lines by Wire Energy Absorbing Restraints, and
- Mechanical snubbers to be replaced with more vibration resistant hydraulic snubbers on the RWCU and steam seal piping.

Modifications are needed to address the increased effects of FIV at CPPU conditions. One example is the EHC system, which is being modified to add accumulators in accordance with existing GE recommendations to reduce susceptibility to fatigue. Other. modifications may be identified as additional vibration data becomes available. Vibration monitoring and walkdown programs will identify those areas susceptible to FIV and trend their data to determine whether CPPU could lead to the exceedence of screening criteria. Engineering evaluations of the data will determine whether additional physical modifications will be needed.

Of special concern for FIV susceptibility tracking and trending is the identification of piping/components that already have frequent replacement rates, and whose CPPU response could require replacement in less than the current 2 year operating cycle schedule. Table 5 lists examples of components with frequent replacement rates and the expected change due to CPPU.

11. Valves

Industry reviews have shown that valves can be sensitive to FIV. Information Notice 2005- 23 (Reference 2), documenting the sensitivity of butterfly valve taper pins to FIV, is the latest in a series of notices involving valve component failures due to FIV. PPL evaluates IE Notices and salient industry events under the SSES corrective action program, and is aware of the potential for vibration loosening of valve parts. Affected components are part of maintenance inspections.

The Safety Relief Valves (SRV) on the main steam lines are a primary FIV concern for CPPU implementation. Vibration accelerometers are located on selected SRV bodies and adjacent discharge piping. Accelerometer vibration results to date, calculations using that data and extending it to CPPU conditions, and the results of scale model testing indicate thai the SSES SRVs will not experience problems due to CPPU. However, PPL will monitor the results of inspections and industry activities regarding SRVs to determine if and how they may apply at SSES.

The SRVs, and other valves (that have shown a sensitivity to FIV), will be inspected for FIV degradation at each of the four planned CPPU phases discussed in section 9 of this attachment.

12. Sample Probes

There are a number of sample probes and thermowells that extend into the flow stream on the piping systems affected by CPPU (Reference 3). The probes are susceptible to vibration from vortex shedding. As the flow velocity increases, not only does the vibration magnitude increase, but also the vortex shedding frequency increases. If the new vortex shedding frequency coincides with the structural natural frequency of the probe, overstress can result.

The sample probes have been reviewed for sensitivity to CPPU flow. In most cases, the design of the probes has considerable margin. The probes will be modified during CPPU implementation if the frequencies induced by the flow approach the natural frequencies of the probes.

13. Mechanical Snubbers on Pipes

There are a number of mechanical snubbers installed as restraints on piping systems that are affected by CPPU. Some snubbers are showing signs of degradation due to FIV and the wear is expected to become more severe with the implementation of CPPU. Several mechanical snubbers have already been replaced by WEAR (Wire Energy Absorbing Rope) pipe restraint and vibration isolators. Several other mechanical snubbers are being replaced with hydraulic snubbers. The existing snubber testing plan ensures that mechanical snubber degradation is checked and corrected. If testing results deem necessary, PPL will increase the frequency of mechanical snubber inspections for those located on piping that has high FIV responses now, and those which are expected to become more severe with CPPU.

14. Conclusion

PPL has identified piping and components that are expected to be most affected by CPPU by performing a review of both industry and plant specific experience using the BWROG CPPU Extent of Condition matrix as guidance. The BWROG CPPU Extent of Condition matrix is Appendix C of NEDO 33159, "CPPU Lessons Learned and Recommendations," November 2004 (Reference 15.1).

Piping and components are being monitored with either remote vibration acceleration instrumentation, hand held vibration instrumentation, or observation programs during operation. Vibration Acceptance criteria have been defined and accelerometer data, to date, indicates that no screening criteria will be exceeded due to CPPU conditions.

Walkdowns and inspections are planned for the areas of interest during accessible times.

The analyses conclude that no actions, beyond those previously discussed in section 10, are needed at this time. However, the results of the planned data collections and walkdowns/ inspections will be reviewed to determine whether changes are needed.

The PPL FIV program for CPPU is dynamic through continuous involvement in the BWROG, monitoring industry and plant developments, collecting and evaluating vibration data, and performing modifications, if required, to stay within acceptable FIV acceptance criteria.

15. References

- 1. BWR Owners' Group (BWROG), "CPPU Lessons Learned and Recommendations," NEDO 33159, November 2004.
- 2. NRC INFORMATION NOTICE 2005-23, "Vibration Induced Degradation of Butterfly Valves," February 10, 2005.
- 3. NRC INFORMATION NOTICE 2004-06, "Loss of Feedwater Isokinetic Sampling Probes at Dresden Units 2 and 3, March 26, 2004.

Accelerometer		Pipe	Location	Node	Direction
No.	Line	OD		No.	
VE-16708	B	10.75	HPCI	426	Y
VE-16709	B	10.75	HPCI	426	X
VE-16710	B	10.75	HPCI	426	Z
VE-16711	B	12.75	SRV M	33 _G	Y
VE-16712	B	12.75	SRV M	33G	$\overline{\text{X}}$
VE-16713	B	12.75	SRV M	33 _G	Z
VE -16714	B	26	B	266	Y
VE-16715	B	26	B	266	X
VE-16716	B	26 ₁	\cdot B	266	Z
VE -16717	$\mathbf C$	4.5	RCIC	Z003	Y
VE-16718	$\mathbf C$	4.5	RCIC	Z003	$\mathbf x$
VE-16719	$\mathbf C$	4.5	RCIC	Z003	Z
VE-16720	\overline{C}	12.75	SRVB	53Z	Y
VE-16721	C	12.75	SRVB	53Z	$\mathbf x$
VE-16722	C	12.75	SRVB	53Z	Z
VE-16723	C	26	С	509	Y
VE-16724	C	26	\cdot C	509	X
VE -16725	\overline{C}	26	C	509	Z

Appendix **Al** - Vibration Accelerometers on Main Steam Piping (Unit 1)

Totals: 6 locations on 2 lines with 18 accelerometcrs

X - Horizontal, East/West

Y - Vertical

Z - Horizontal, North/South

Appendix **A2** - Vibration Accelerometers on Main Steam Piping (Unit 2)

Totals: 6 locations on 2 lines with 16 accelerometers

X - Horizontal, East/West

Y - Vertical

Z - Horizontal, North/South

Appendix **BI** - Vibration Accelerometers on Feedwater Piping (Unit **1)**

Totals: 5 locations on **I** line with 11 accelerometers

A - Axial, along pipe

Y - Vertical

HP - Horizontal and perpendicular to pipe

HO - Horizontal, perpendicular to pipe and to HP

Appendix B2 - Vibration Accelerometer on Feedwater Piping (Unit 2)

Totals: **5** locations on **I** line with 11 accelerometers

 $A - Axial$, along pipe

Y - Vertica

HP - Horizontal and perpendicular to pipe.

HO - Horizontal, perpendicular to pipe and to HP

Appendix **CI** -Vibration Accelerometers on Reactor Recirculation/RHR Piping (Unit 1) [LOOP A]

Totals: 12 locations on 1 line with 18 accelerometers

ATS - Acoustic Tapping Sensor

HA - Horizontal axial

HP - Horizontal and perpendicular to pipe

HO - Horizontal, perpendicular to pipe and to HP

X - Horizontal, East/West

Y - Vertical

Z - Horizontal, North/South

Appendix **C2** -Vibration Accelerometers on Reactor Recirculation/RHR Piping (Unit **1)** [LOOP **B]**

Totals: 6 locations on **I** line with 9 accelerometers

ATS - Acoustic Tapping Sensor

HP - Horizontal and perpendicular to pipe

X - East - West

Y - Vertical

Z-North - South

Appendix **C3** -Vibration Accelerometers on Reactor Recirculation/RHR Piping (Unit 2) ILOOP **Al**

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Totals: 12 locations on **I** line with 18 accelerometers

ATS - Acoustic Tapping Sensor

HA - Horizontal axial

HP - Horizontal and perpendicular to pipe

X - East - West

Y - Vertical

Z-North - South

Appendix C4 -Vibration Accelerometers on Reactor Recirculation/RHR Piping (Unit 2) [LOOP B]

Totals: 6 locations on **I** line with 9 accelerometers

ATS - Acoustic Tapping Sensor

HP - Horizontal and perpendicular to pipe

 $X - East - West$

Y - Vertical

Z-North - South

Accelerometer		Pipe	Location	Node	Direction
No.	Line	OD		No.	
VE-16769	RHRA	24	Valve	NA	HP to
	Shutdown		HV151F015A		stem
VE-16770	RHRA	24	Valve	NA	\bar{Y} to stem
	Shutdown		HV151F015A		
VE-16771	RHR A	24	Valve	NA	A to stem
	Shutdown		HV151F015A		
VE-16772	RHRA	24	Valve	NA	A to pipe
	Shutdown		HV151F015A		
VE-16773	RHR A	24	Valve	NA	Y to pipe
	Shutdown		HV151F015A		
VE-16774	RHRA	24	Valve	NA	HP to
	Shutdown		HV151F017A		stem
VE-16775	RHRA	24	Valve	\overline{NA}	Y to stem
	Shutdown		HV151F017A		
VE-16776	RHR A	24	Valve	NA	A to stem
	Shutdown		HV151F017A		
VE-16777	RHRA	24	Valve	NA	A to pipe
	Shutdown		HV151F017A		
VE-16778	RHRA	24	Valve	NA	Y to pipe
	Shutdown		HV151F017A		
VE-16779	RHRB	24	Valve	NA	HP to
	Shutdown		HV151F015B		stem
$\overline{\text{VE-1}}$ 6780	RHRB	$\overline{24}$	Valve	\overline{NA}	Y to stem
	Shutdown		HV151F015B		
VE-16781	RHRB	24	Valve	NA	A to stem
	Shutdown		HV151F015B		
VE-16782	RHRB	24	Valve	NA	A to pipe
	Shutdown		HV151F015B		
$\overline{\text{VE-16783}}$	RHRB	24	Valve	\overline{NA}	Y to pipe
	Shutdown		HV151F015A		
VE-16784	RHRB	24	Valve	NA	HP to
	Shutdown		HV151F017B		stem
VE-16785	RHR B	24	Valve	NA	Y to stem
	Shutdown		HV151F017B		
VE-16786	RHR B	24	Valve	NA	A to stem
	Shutdown		HV151F017B		
VE-16787	RHR B	24	Valve	NA	A to pipe
	Shutdown		HV151F017B		
VE-16788	RHRB	24	Valve	NA	Y to pipe
. .	Shutdown		HV151F017B $\overline{}$	\bullet . \bullet	

Appendix D1 - Vibration accelerometers on RHR piping, Outside Containment (Unit 1)

 $A - Axial$ Totals: 4 locations on 2 lines with 20 accelerometers HP - Horizontal and perpendicular

Y - Vertical

A-Axial Totals: 4 locations on 2 lines with 20 accelerometers HP - Horizontal and perpendicular

Y - Vertical

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Appendix **El** - Vibration accelerometers on Fourth Stage Extraction Steam Piping (Unit 1)

Totals: 4 locations on 3 lines with 8 accelerometers

A – Axial, along pipe

HP - Horizontal and perpendicular

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Grid Stability Evaluation

PPL Susquehanna LLC Susquehanna Steam Electric Station Units 1&2 Extended Power Up-rate

Attachment **11 SSES** Grid Stability Evaluation

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TRANSMISSION SYSTEM STABILITY

Studies were performed to evaluate the impact of Susquehanna Steam Electric Station (SSES) EPU operation on the transmission system stability. The proposed SSES EPU electrical generator power output is $1300 \, \text{MW}_e$ for each unit. The estimated power increases expected to be obtained from EPU and high pressure turbine replacements are 100 MW_e per unit.

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

The PPL Susquehanna LLC SSES, as described in this document, is composed of: two nuclear units that are connected to the PJM 230kV and 500 kV transmission systems. The units Susquehanna Unit 1 1354 MVA and Susquehanna Unit 2 1354 MVA, produce power, which is distributed through the 230kV and 500 kV system, respectively, through two (2) 500 kV transmission lines, seven (7) 230 kV transmission lines and one 500/230kv transformer. The lines are:

- * 500 kV Susquehanna **-** Wescosville
- 500 kV Sunbury Susquehanna
- 230 kV Susquehanna Sunbury
- 230 kV Susquehanna Montour
- 230 kV Susquehanna E Palmerton
- * 230 kV Susquehanna **-** Harwood
- 230 kV Susquehanna Jenkins
- 230 kV Susquehanna Stanton #1
- 230 kV Susquehanna Stanton #2

The transformer is the 500/230kv Transformer 21 located at the Susquehanna 500kv switchyard and electrically connected between the 500kv and 230kv switchyards.

Susquehanna Transmission System

The design basis for the electric power system is described in Section 8.0 "Electric Power" of the Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR).

"The two independent offsite electric connections to Susquehanna SES are designed to provide reliable power sources for plant auxiliary loads and the engineered safety features loads of both units such that any single failure can affect only one power supply and cannot propagate to the alternate source." (FSAR Section 8.1. **1)**

"Unit **I** and 2 generators are connected by separate isophase buses to their respective main step-up transformer banks. Unit 1 main step-up transformer bank, with two three-phase, half capacity power transformers, steps up the 24 kV generator voltage to 230 kV; the Unit 2 bank, with three single phase power transformers, steps up the 24 kV generator voltage to 500 kV. The step-up transformer for Unit 1 connects to the Susquehanna 230 kV switchyard and for Unit 2 to the Susquehanna 500 kV switchyard. The Susquehanna 230 kV switchyard is designed for six (6) 230 kV breaker and a half bays, and two (2) 230 kV bus." (FSAR Section 8.1.2)

"The Susquehanna 500 kV switchyard consists of three bays with double breakers, two 500 kV buses, two 500 kV lines, a 500 kV generator lead, and a 500-230 kV transformer tapped off the south bus. The Susquehanna 230 kV switchyard and 500 kV switchyard are approximately 1.9 miles apart and are interconnected by a 500-230 kV bus tie transformer and transmission line. Aerial transmission connects the Susquehanna 230 kV switchyard with Sunbury and Montour switchyards, and with Stanton, East Palmerton, Harwood, and Jenkins Substations. Aerial transmission lines integrate the Susquehanna 500 kV switchyard into the 500 kV system with connections at Wescosville, Alburtis and Sunbury. Both the Susquehanna 500 kV switchyard and the 230 kV switchyard are tied into the PJM interconnection." (FSAR Section 8.1.2)

"The plant startup and preferred power for the engineered safety features systems is provided from two independent offsite power sources shown in Dwg. D159760, Sh. 1.

a) A 230 kV line from the Susquehanna TI0 230 kV switching station feeds the start-up transformer No. 10.

b) A 230 kV tap from the 500-230 kV tie line feeds the startup transformer No. 20." (FSAR Section 8.1.2)

"The bulk power transmission system of PPL operates at 230 kV and 500 kV. Unit 1 of the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station supplies power to the 230 kV system through a 230 kV switchyard and Unit 2 supplies power to the 500 kV system through a separate 500 kV switchyard. The offsite power system for the plant is supplied through the 230 kV portion of the bulk power system. "(FSAR Section 8.2.1.1)

"Two independent offsite power sources are supplied to the Susquehanna plant via Transformer TlO and second source T20, and are shared by both units. One source is supplied from the Susquehanna **TI0** 230 kV Switchyard located to the west of the plant by constructing 4530 feet of 230 kV line on painted steel poles structures to startup transformer #10. The Switchyard consists of two breaker-and-one-half bays. A total of three 230 kV circuit breakers are electrically configured in a ring buss connecting the Montour-Susquehanna **TI0** 230 kV line and Mountain-Susquehanna **TI0** 230 kV line to the Unit **I** Start-up Transformer #10. "(FSAR Section 8.2.1.1)

"The two switchyards are physically separate but are tied together by a 230 kV yard tie line with a 230-500 kV transformer in the 500 kV yard.(Section 8.2.1.1)"

"Two independent offsite power sources are supplied to the Susquehanna plant via Transformers **T10** and second source T20, shared by both units. One source is supplied from the Susquehanna **TI0** 230 kV Switchyard located to the west of the plant by 4530

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feet of 230 kV line on painted steel poles to startup transformer #10. The Switchyard consists of two breaker-and-one-half bays. A total of three 230 kV circuit breakers are electrically configured in a ring buss connecting the Montour-Susquehanna TIO 230 kV and Mountain-Susquehanna TI 0 230 kV lines and the Susquehanna Transformer #10.(Section 8.2.1.1)"

"The Susquehanna **T10** 230 kV Switchyard is supplied by two 230 kV transmission lines, the Mountain-Susquehanna TIO and Montour-Susquehanna TI0 lines. The Mountain-Susquehanna **TI0** line and the Montour-Susquehanna **Tl0** 230 kV line share double circuit structures from Susquehanna from the Susquehanna T1O 230kV Switchyard northeast to a point where the Mountain -Susquehanna **T10** 230kV line branches off to the east lines share a common right of way into the Susquehanna TIO 230 kV switchyard.(Section 8.2.1.1)"

"The second offsite power supply is furnished by the multiple sources throughout the bulk power grid system through the 230 kV and 500 kV lines emanating from the Susquehanna 230 kV and 500 kV switchyards. All transmission lines meet or exceed design requirements set forth by the National Electric Safety Code. One or two overhead ground wires are employed on the transmission lines above the phase conductors to provide adequate lightning flashover protection. All lines meet the Army Corps of Engineers requirements for clearance over flood levels. All bulk power transmission lines are designed to withstand 100 mph hurricane wind loads on bare conductors." (FSAR Section 8.2.1.1)

"No single disturbance in the bulk power grid system will cause complete loss of offsite power to the Susquehanna SES. This is a basic system design criteria." (FSAR Section 8.2.1.1)

Transmission Interconnection

PPL is a member of PJM, which permits exchanges of power with neighboring utilities and provides emergency assistance under Independent System Operator (ISO) direction. Direct bulk power ties are between PPL and PECO Energy (formerly Philadelphia Electric), Luzerne Electric Division of UGI, Metropolitan Edison, Pennsylvania Electric, Jersey Central Power and Light, Public Service Electric and Gas, and Baltimore Gas and Electric Companies. (FSAR Section 8.2.1.2)

ANALYSIS

The PJM bulk power system is planned in accordance with Mid-Atlantic Area Council (MAAC) Reliability Principles and Standards. MAAC is one often regional reliability councils of the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC). The studies performed for Susquehanna, by PJM, tested the compliance of the system with the MAAC Reliability Principles and Standards.

The power flow portion of the analysis consisted of testing the system under normal and emergency operation conditions. The transmission system was tested under normal conditions in order to assess the transmission network element loading with the addition

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of the proposed upgrades. Testing included simulations of heavy power transfer conditions followed by single and multiple transmission facility outages.

Under all power flow conditions tested, the stations and the transmission system satisfy the MAAC Reliability Principles and Standards. There are some cases when the system becomes unstable during certain line or transformer outages. Case 2 below results from the impact of the Unit 2 generation increase. The other cases are base line problems irrespective of the CPPU generation increases. An Operating Guide (PPL Electric Utilities NEPA memorandum) is in place to reduce power during these specific transmission outages. The mitigating action provided by the existing Operating Guide for the Susquehanna to Wescosville line out of service addresses the newly identified Case 2 line outage condition.

Unstable cases due to line outages are:

- 1. Susquehanna to Sunbury line out of service 3 phase fault at Susquehanna (500kV) on line between Susquehanna and Wescosville
- 2. Susquehanna to Wescosville line out of service 3 phase fault at Sunbury on line between Sunbury and Juniata
- 3. Susquehanna 500/230 KV transformer out of service 3 phase fault at Sunbury on line between Sunbury and Juniata
- 4. Susquehanna to Wescosville line out of service 3 phase fault at Susquehanna (500kV) on line between Susquehanna and Sunbury

The stability analysis was conducted using the PSS/E Load Flow and Dynamic Stability software provided by Power Technologies Incorporated (done by PJM and finalized in the impact studies for queue positions M11 & M12). A key part of this regional planning protocol is the evaluation of both generation interconnection and merchant transmission interconnection requests, in this case queue position M₁₁ and M₁₂ were requested and approved by PJM for the additional power output.

The types of faults tested in accordance with the MAAC Criteria, Section IV, were:

- **1.** Three (3) phase faults with normal clearing time
- 2. Single phase to ground faults with Breaker Failure (delayed clearing).

From a system stability point of view, faults on transmission lines around Susquehanna are more critical than a trip of either nuclear unit. Therefore, the system study considered the most critical line faults consistent with MAAC criteria.

Maximum gross MVARS limitation on the generators will cause both real time and post contingency 500 kV voltage criteria deviations when specific 500kV lines are out of service. If this occurs, options will be exhausted to correct the deviation including a

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generation reduction at Susquehanna, which may be required to allow MVAR reduction to relieve the voltage violation.

To accommodate the loss in reactive capability due to the increase in real power output a 183 MVAR capacitor will be installed on the 230kV substation bus and a 171 MVAR will be installed on the 500kV substation at Susquehanna (see Figure 1 for more details)

The PJM impact studies and PPL Electric Utilities NEPA memorandum provide information concerning the maximum gross MWs and MVARs output for each of the units, to maintain a stable grid operation under various system maintenance and outage conditions. These conditions include operation with one **(1)** and two (2) units in service and various transmission line outages. The NEPA memorandum is provided and is used by the Transmission and Distribution System Operations Center to direct the Susquehanna Control Rooms to operate the units.

Study criteria and assumptions

When dispatching power flow and determining stability limits, the following criteria are applied:

Steady state voltage: pre-fault voltages at selected 500 kV buses are not above 1.1 pu or below 1.0 pu.

In addition, the terminal bus voltages at Susquehanna Units 1 and, 2 shall not be below

0.9 pu at the pre-fault condition.

** Transient stability:* PJM's transient stability criteria are applied:

The system must be stable for all faults considered

- *Damping:* post-fault system damping shall be above 3%. Considering the difficulty in applying this criterion with the tool used, only selective cases are checked, based on the engineering judgment. Therefore, *this criterion was not strictly enforced.*
- *Transient voltage*: post-fault transient voltages at 500 kV buses shall not be below 0.7 pu.

CONCLUSION

The study described above provides the following conclusions:

- 1. The power system is stable for all three-phase and single-phase faults studied, when cleared by primary protection in accordance with planned relay settings.
- 2. Power system stability was confirmed for all cases of faults, which were cleared by primary protection.

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3. The Susquehanna bus stability and continued availability was confirmed.

In summary, PPL concludes that the effects of the proposed Susquehanna EPU on the offsite electrical power system will not affect the ability to meet the requirements of GDC 17. The Susquehanna units remain stable for all normal design configurations and will also remain stable for all maintenance out of service configurations provided that they are operated within the limits allowed by the Electric Utilities memorandum NEPA.

Susquehanna **500kV & 230kV**

Figure 1

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RS-001 Standard Review Plan Correlation Matrices

MATRIX **I** SCOPE AND ASSOCIATED TECHNICAL REVIEW GUIDANCE Materials and Chemical Engineering

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Notes:

1. In addition to the SRP, guidance on the neutron irradiation-related threshold for inspection for irradiation-assisted stress-corrosion cracking for BWRs is in BWRVIP-26 and for PWRs in BAW-2248 for **E>1** MeV and in WCAP-14577 for E>0.1 MeV. For intergranular stress-corrosion cracking and stress-corrosion cracking in BWRs, review criteria and review guidance is contained in BWRVIP reports and associated staff safety evaluations. For thermal and neutron embrittlement of cast austenitic stainless steel, stress-corrosion cracking, and void

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- 2. For thermal aging of cast austenitic stainless steel, review guidance and criteria is contained in the May 19, 2000, letter from C. Grimes to D. Walters, "Thermal Aging Embrittlement of Cast Austenitic Stainless Steel Components."
- 3. For intergranular stress corrosion cracking in BWR piping, review criteria and review guidance is contained in BWRVIP reports, NUREG-0313, Revision 2, GL 88-01, Supplement **I** to GL-88-01, and associated safety evaluations.
- 4. Criteria and review guidance needed to review EPU applications in the area of flow-accelerated corrosion is contained in Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) Report NSAC-202L-R2, "Recommendations for Effective an Flow-Accelerated Corrosion Program," dated April 1999. This EPRI document is copyrighted. EPRI has provided copies of this document to EMCB for use by NRC staff. Copying of this document, however, is not allowed.
- 5. Also see the plant-specific license amendments approving alternate repair criteria and redefining inspection boundaries.

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MATRIX 2 SCOPE AND ASSOCIATED TECHNICAL REVIEW GUIDANCE Mechanical and Civil Engineering

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Notes:

1. As indicated in IN 2002-26 and Supplement 1 to IN 2002-26, the steam dryers and other plant components recently failed at Quad Cities Units 1 and 2 during operation under extended power uprate (EPU) conditions. The failures occurred as a result of high-cycle fatigue caused by increased flow-induced vibrations at EPU conditions. The staff's review of the reactor internals as part of EPU requests will cover detailed analyses of flow-induced vibration and acoustically-induced vibration (where applicable) on reactor internal components such as steam drye conditions. In addition, the staff is evaluating the need to address potential adverse effects on other plant components from the increased steam and feedwater flow under EPU conditions.

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1. The review of station blackout includes the effects of the EPU on systems relied upon for core cooling in the station blackout coping analysis (e.g., condensate storage tank inventory, controls and power supplies for relief valves, residual heat removing system) to ensure that the effects are accounted for in the analysis.

Susquehanna Notes:

S-1 A grid stability analysis has been performed and is provided in attachment 11. Identifies any additional evaluations or equipment modifications.

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MATRIX 4 **SCOPE AND ASSOCIATED TECHNICAL** REVIEW **GUIDANCE** Instrumentation and Controls

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Susquehanna Notes:

S-1 Reactor Trip System - PPL Susquehanna LLC Letter PLA-5931, "Susquehanna Steam Electric Station Proposed License Amendment Numbers 279 for Unit 1 Operating License No. NPF-14 and 248 for Unit 2 Operating License No. NPF-22 ARTS/MELLLA Implementation," dated November 18, 2005 provides the basis for the Average Power Range Monitor (APRM) flow-biased scram and rod block trip setpoints, and the power dependent RBM setpoints. This submittal assumes prior approval of the ARTS/MELLLA License Change Request.

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Notes:

1. Supplemental guidance for review of fire protection is provided in Attachment 1 to this matrix.

2. Supplemental guidance for review of spent fuel pool cooling is provided in Attachment 2 to this matrix.

Susquehanna Notes:

S-1 The Main Steam Isolation Valve Leakage Control System at SSES has been eliminated. The current MSIV leakage treatment method is described in a separate license amendment request that proposes a full scope implementation of an AST. Refer to PLA-5963 dated October 13, 2005.

S-2 The Fuel Handling System is not affected by the **SSES** CPPU.

S-3 PPL is committed to 10CFR50 Appendix R Sections **111G, IIIJ,** IIIL, and **1110** as well as Appendix A of BTP APCSB 9.5-1 as demonstrated in the FPPR.

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ATTACHMENT I TO MATRIX **5**

Supplemental Fire Protection Review Criteria

Plant Systems

This attachment provides guidance for the review of the fire protection information to be provided in an application for a power uprate. Power uprates typically result in increases in decay heat generation following plant trips. These increases in decay heat usually do not affect the elements of a fire protection program related to (1) administrative controls, (2) fire suppression and detection systems, (3) fire barriers, (4) fire protection responsibilities of plant personnel, and (5) procedures and resources necessary for the repair of systems required to achieve and maintain cold shutdown. In addition, an increase in decay heat will usually not result in an increase in the potential for a radiological release resulting from a fire. However, the licensee's application should confirm that these elements are not impacted by the extended power uprate. This confirmation should be reflected in the staffs safety evaluation. If the licensee indicates that there is an impact on these elements, the staff should review the licensee's assessment of the impact using this attachment.

The systems relied upon to achieve and maintain safe shutdown following a fire may be affected by the power uprate due to the increase in decay heat generation following a plant trip. For fire events where the licensee is relying on one full train of the redundant systems normally used for safe shutdown, the analysis of the impact of the power uprate on the important plant process parameters performed for other plant transients (such as a loss of offsite power or a loss of main feedwater) will typically bound the impact of a fire event. In this case, a specific analysis for fire events may not be necessary. However, where licensees rely on less than full capability systems for fire events (e.g., partial automatic depressurization system capability for reduced capability makeup pump), the licensee should provide specific analyses for fire events that demonstrate that (1) fuel integrity is maintained by demonstrating that the fuel design limits are not exceeded and (2) there are no adverse consequences on the integrity of the reactor pressure vessel or the attached piping. Plants that rely on alternative/dedicated or backup shutdown capability for post-fire safe shutdown should analyze the impact of the power uprate on the alternative/dedicated or backup shutdown capability. The staff should verify that the capability of the alternative/dedicated or backup systems relied upon for post-fire safe shutdown is sufficient to achieve and maintain safe shutdown considering the impact of the power uprate.

The plant's post-fire safe shutdown procedures may also be impacted by the power uprate. For example, the allowable time to perform necessary operator actions may decrease as a result of the power uprate. In this case, the flow rates needed for systems required to achieve and maintain safe shutdown may need to be increased. The licensee should identify the impact of the power uprate on the plant's post-fire safe shutdown procedures.

ATTACHMENT 2 TO MATRIX **5**

Supplemental Spent Fuel Pool Cooling Review Criteria

Plant Systems

1. BACKGROUND

All operating nuclear power plants were licensed to certain design criteria regarding the adequacy of spent fuel pool (SFP) cooling capability. The most common criterion is that contained in General Design Criterion (GDC)-61 of Appendix A to 10 CFR Part 50. This criterion specifies, in part, that the fuel storage system (1) be designed with a residual heat removal capability having reliability and testability that reflects the importance to safety of decay heat and other residual heat removal and (2) be designed to prevent a significant reduction in coolant inventory under accident conditions. Earlier licensing criteria are generally consistent with GDC-61. However, later guidance contained in Section 9.1.3 of the Standard Review Plan applied GDC-44 to the SFP cooling system. GDC-44 requires, in part, that a licensee provide a cooling system that is capable of accomplishing its safety function with or without offsite sources of power, assuming a single failure. To satisfy these criteria, each licensee should demonstrate that there is adequate **SFP** cooling capacity and should also demonstrate the ability to supply adequate make-up water in the event of total loss of **SFP** cooling.

A significant design-basis challenge to the **SFP** cooling system is imposed by a planned evolution (fuel transfer from the reactor vessel). Emergency offloads are not considered credible because fuel transfers may be accomplished only after plant cooldown, reactor disassembly, and refueling cavity flooding, which are time-consuming, manual processes. As a result, the staff will review factors that increase heat load (e.g., power increases, decay-time reductions, or storage capacity increases) and other operational factors that reduce heat load (e.g., longer decay times or transfer of fewer fuel assemblies to the SFP) or that increase heat removal capability (e.g., scheduling offloads for periods of reduced ultimate heat sink temperature or optimizing cooling system performance) to ensure that the licensee has demonstrated the adequacy of the **SFP** cooling system.

This guidance supercedes the guidance of paragraphs 111.1.d. and 111.1.h. of Standard Review Plan Section 9.1.3.

2. ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

The adequacy of cooling may be evaluated against the capability to complete normal, planned activities, including fuel handling, without a degradation in safety and the ability to maintain defense-in-depth against a significant reduction in coolant inventory under accident conditions. With respect to fuel handling, which is a manual process, SFP temperatures affect safety through operating environment and visibility. At SFP temperatures below 140°F, (1) the fuel handling building ventilation is typically adequate to maintain a suitable operating environment, (2) evaporation from the **SFP** surface is at a sufficiently low rate to preclude fogging, and (3) the **SFP** temperature is within the design range of the cleanup system demineralizes to maintain water clarity. Defense-in-depth is provided by:

- (1) alarms to notify operators of a loss of cooling;
- (2) the capability of the **SFP** cooling system to maintain or reestablish, within a reasonable time, forced cooling following a single failure of an active component;
- (3) the ability of the cooling system to maintain the SFP temperature below the design temperature of the SFP structure and liner following a single-active failure or a design-basis event (e.g., a seismic event) within the current design basis of the facility; and
- (4) the availability of two reliable sources of makeup water, one having sufficient capacity to make up for evaporation following a total loss of forced cooling. Only one source need have this capacity because the heat load and boil-off rate decrease rapidly with time from the peak value such that a much lower makeup rate would be effective in extending the recovery time.

The reliability of the systems relied upon to meet these guidelines should be maintained consistent with the plant's current design basis.

3. REVIEW PROCEDURES

3.1. Adequate **SFP** Cooling Capacity

The licensee demonstrates adequate **SFP** cooling capacity by either performing a bounding evaluation or committing to a method of performing outage-specific evaluations.

3.1.1. Bounding Calculation

Two scenarios are analyzed: (1) full cooling capability and (2) a single failure of an active cooling system component.

3.1.1.1. Full Cooling System Capability Evaluation

Analysis conditions:

- (1) decay heat load is calculated based on bounding estimates of offload size, decay time, power history, and inventory of previously discharged assemblies
- (2) heat removal capability is based on bounding estimates of ultimate heat sink temperature, cooling system flow rates, and heat exchanger performance (e.g., fouling and tube plugging margin)
- (3) alternate heat removal paths (e.g., evaporative cooling) should be appropriately validated and based on bounding input parameter values (e.g., air temperature, relative humidity, and ventilation flow rate)
- (4) actual bulk SFP temperature should remain below 140 \textdegree F calculated SFP temperatures up to approximately 150 \textdegree F are acceptable when justified by conservative methods or assumptions
- (5) with appropriate administrative controls to verify that analysis inputs bound actual conditions, a set of bounding analyses may be prepared by the licensee to support operational flexibility.
3.1.1.2. Single-Active Failure Evaluation

Analysis conditions:

- (1) decay heat load is calculated based on a bounding estimate of offload size, decay time, power history, and inventory of previously discharged assemblies
- (2) heat removal capability is based on a bounding estimate of ultimate heat sink temperature, heat exchanger performance (e.g., fouling and tube plugging margin), and cooling system flow rates assuming the limiting single failure with regard to heat removal capability
- (3) alternate heat removal paths (e.g., evaporative cooling) should be appropriately validated and based on bounding input parameter values (e.g., air temperature, relative humidity, and ventilation flow rate)
- (4) calculated bulk SFP temperature should remain below the design temperature of the **SFP** structure and liner, and calculated peak storage cell temperature should remain below the storage rack design temperature
- (5) for plants where a single failure results in a complete loss of forced cooling, the licensee's analysis should demonstrate that the loss of cooling would be identified and forced cooling would be restored before the bounding decay heat load would cause the SFP temperature to reach its design limit
- (6) with appropriate administrative controls to verify that analysis inputs bound actual conditions, a set of bounding analyses may be prepared by the licensee to support operational flexibility.

3.1.2. Cycle-Specific Calculation:

The licensee can choose to define a method to calculate operational limits prior to every offload using the anticipated actual conditions at the time of the offload.

Cycle-specific analysis conditions:

- (1) define the method to calculate decay heat load based on decay time, power history, and inventory of previous fuel discharges
- (2) define the method to calculate cooling system heat removal capacity based on ultimate heat sink temperature, cooling system flow rates, and heat exchanger performance parameters
- (3) define the method for calculating alternate heat removal capability (e.g., evaporative cooling) and provide validation of the method
- (4) using the methods defined to calculate heat load and heat removal capability, define the method to determine the limiting value of the variable operational parameter (typically, decay time) such that bulk SFP temperature will remain below 140 °F with full cooling capability
- (5) using the methods defined to calculate heat load and heat removal capability, define the method to determine the limiting value of the variable operational parameter (typically, decay time) such that bulk **SFP** temperature will be maintained below the **SFP** structure design temperature assuming a single failure affecting the forced cooling system (this may be a heat-balance analysis if cooling is degraded or a heatup-rate analysis if forced cooling is completely lost and subsequently recovered using redundant components)
- (6) describe administrative controls that will be implemented each offload to ensure the

cycle-specific analysis inputs and results bound actual conditions prior to fuel movement

3.2. Adequate Make-Up Supply

- (1) Following a Ioss-of-SFP cooling event, the licensee should be able to provide two sources of make-up water prior to the occurrence of boiling in the pool. To determine the time to boil, the initial pool temperature is the peak temperature from a planned offload, assuming the worst single-active failure occurred.
- (2) At least one make-up source should have a capacity that is equal to or greater than the calculated boil-off rate so that the SFP level can be maintained. Only one source need have this capacity because the heat load and boil-off rate decrease rapidly with time from the peak value such that a much lower makeup rate would be effective in extending the recovery time.

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MATRIX **6** SCOPE AND ASSOCIATED TECHNICAL REVIEW GUIDANCE Containment Review Considerations

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MATRIX **7 SCOPE AND ASSOCIATED TECHNICAL** REVIEW **GUIDANCE** Habitability, Filtration, and Ventilation $\sim 10^{-1}$

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Notes:

1. Under SRP Section 6.4, Section II, "Acceptance Criteria," the discussion for Item C related to GDC-19 should be supplemented with "and providing a suitably controlled environment for the control room operators and the equipment located therein."

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2. Under SRP Section 6.4, Section II, Item 2, "Ventilation System Criteria," the discussion related to review of the control room area ventilation system under SRP Section 9.4.1 should be retained.

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- *1.* When mixed cores (i.e., fuels of different designs) are used, the review covers the licensee's evaluation of the effects of mixed cores on design-basis accident and transient analyses.
- 2. The current acceptance criteria for fuel damage for reactivity insertion accidents (RIAs) need revision per Research Information Letter No. 174, "Interim Assessment of Criteria for Analyzing Reactivity Accidents at High Bumup." The Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research is conducting confirmatory research on RIAs and the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation is discussing the issue of fuel damage criteria with the nuclear power industry as part of the industry's proposal to increase future fuel burnup limits. In the interim, current methods for assessing fuel damage in RIAs are considered acceptable based on the NRC staffs understanding of actual fuel performance, as shown in three-dimensional kinetic calculations which indicate acceptably low fuel cladding enthalpy.
- 3. The review also covers core design changes and any effects on radial and bundle power distribution, including any changes in critical heat flux ratio and critical power ratio. The review will also confirm the adequacy of the flow-based average power range monitor flux trip and safety limit minimum critical power ratio at the uprated conditions.

- 5. The review also covers the total time necessary to reach the shutdown cooling initiation temperature.
- 6. The review for BWRs will cover the justification for changes in calculated peak cladding temperature (PCT) for the design-basis case and the upper-bound case and any impact of the changes in PCTs on the use of the design methods for the power uprate.
- 7. The review:
	- confirms that the licensee used NRC-approved codes and methods for the plant-specific application and the licensee's use of the codes and methods complies with any limitations, restrictions, and conditions specified in the approving safety evaluation.
	- confirms that all changes of reactor protection system trip delays are correctly addressed and accounted for in the analyses.
	- (for PWRs) confirms that steam generator plugging and asymmetry limits are accounted for in the analyses.
	- (for PWRs) covers the licensee's evaluation of the effects of Westinghouse Nuclear Service Advisory Letters (NSALs), NSAL 02-3 and Revision 1, NSAL 02-4, and NSAL 02-5. These NSALs document problems with water level setpoint uncertainties in Westinghouse-designed steam generators. The review is conducted to ensure that the effects of the identified problems have been accounted for in steam generator water level setpoints used in LOCA, non-LOCA, and ATWS analyses.
- 8. For the inadvertent operation of emergency core cooling system and chemical and volume control system malfunctions that increase reactor coolant inventory events: (a) non-safetygrade pressure-operated relief valves should not be credited for event mitigation and (b) pressurizer level should not be allowed to reach a pressurizer water-solid condition.
- 9. The review also verifies that:
	- Licensee and vendor processes ensure LOCA analysis input values for PCT-sensitive parameters bound the as-operated plant values for those parameters
	- (For PWRs) The models and procedures continue to comply with 10 CFR 50.46 during the switchover from the refueling water storage tank to the containment sump (i.e., the core remains adequately cool during any flow reduction or interruption that may occur during switchover).
	- (For PWRs) Large-break LOCA analyses account for boric acid buildup during long-term core cooling and that the predicted time to initiate hot leg injection is consistent with the times in the operating procedures.
	- (For BWRs) The licensee's comparison of parameters used in the LOCA analysis with actual core design parameters provide the needed justification to confirm the applicability of the generic LOCA methodology.
- 10. The ATWS review is conducted to ensure that the plant meets the 10 CFR 50.62 requirements:
	- For PWR plants with both a diverse scram system (DSS) and ATWS mitigation system actuation circuitry (AMSAC), the staff will not review ATWS for EPUs.
- For PWR plants where a DSS is not specifically required by 10 CFR 50.62, a review is conducted to verify that the consequences of an ATWS are acceptable. The acceptance criteria is that the peak primary system pressure should not exceed the ASME Service Level C limit of 3200 psig. The peak ATWS pressure is primarily a function of the moderator temperature coefficient and the primary system relief capacity.
- For BWR plants, the review is conducted to ensure that the licensee has appropriately accounted for changes in analyses due to the uprated power level and confirm that required equipment, such as the standby liquid control system (SLCS) pumps, can deliver required flowrates. The review will also cover the SLCS relief valve margin. In addition, a review is conducted to ensure that SLCS flow can be injected at the assumed time without lifting bypass relief valves during the limiting ATWS.

Susquehanna Notes:

- **S-1** Pump Seizure **/** Shaft Break: FSAR Section 15.3.4 concludes that the pump seizure accident is more limiting than the pump shaft break. Section 15.3.3 of the FSAR (Pump Seizure) will be updated to be consistent with the conclusions in the PUSAR.
- S-2 Uncontrolled Control Rod Assembly Withdrawal from a Subcritical or Low Power Startup Condition: Continuous rod withdrawal during a reactor startup from a subcritical or low power startup condition is described in SSES FSAR Section 15.4.1.2. As described in the FSAR, the low power rod withdrawal error events are considered as non-limiting events, and are not reanalyzed as part of the reload analysis unless the event disposition changes.

The original FSAR analysis of the transient caused by continuous control rod withdrawal in the startup range demonstrates considerable margin for the peak fuel enthalpy to the licensing basis criterion of 170 cal/gm.

- **S-3** Inadvertent Openinq of a BWR Pressure Relief Valve: Section 15.1.4 of the SSES FSAR identifies this event as non-limiting based on a qualitative analysis. Since dome pressure is unchanged at EPU conditions the SRV capacity per valve remains the same which means there is a minimal effect on the depressurization for this event at EPU conditions. Therefore, the original qualitative analysis conclusions remain valid for the transition to EPU conditions.
- S-4 The SSES EPU submittal does not request approval for a new fuel design.

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MATRIX 9 SCOPE AND ASSOCIATED TECHNICAL REVIEW GUIDANCE Source Terms and Radiological Consequences Analyses

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Notes:

- 1. In addition to SRP Section 15.6.5, Appendices A, B, and D, dose consequences in the control room are determined from design-basis accidents as part of the review for SRP Sections 15.0.1; 15.1.5, Appendix A; 15.3.3-4, 15.4.8, Appendix A; 15.4.9, Appendix A; 15.6.2, 15.6.3, 15.6.4, 15.7.4, and 15.7.5.
- 2. Regulatory Guide 1.95 was canceled. Relevant guidance from Regulatory Guide 1.95 was incorporated into Regulatory Guide 1.78, Revision 1 in January 2002. Therefore, Regulatory Guide 1.95 should not be used.
- 3. Table 6.4-1, attached to SRP Section 6.4 and referred to in Item 7, 'Independent Analyses," of the "Review Procedures" Section of SRP Section 6.4 may not be used.
- 4. Acceptable dose conversion factors may be taken from Table 2.1 of Federal Guidance Report 11, *Limiting Values of Radionuclide Intake and Air Concentration and Dose Conversion Factors for Inhalation, Submersion, and Ingestion," Environmental Protection Agency, 1988; and Table III.1 of Federal Guidance Report 12, "External Exposure to Radionuclides in Air, Water, and Soil," Environmental Protection Agency, 1993.
- 5. NUREG-1465 should not be used.
- 6. For the review of the main steamline failure accident, review of facilities licensed with, or applying for, alternative repair criteria (ARC) should use SRP Section 15.1.5, Appendix A, in conjunction with the quidance in Draft Regulatory Guide DG-1074, "Steam Generator Tube Integrity," December 1998, for acceptable assumptions and methodologies for performing radiological analyses.
- 7. For facilities that implement ARC, the primary-to-secondary leak rate in the faulted generator should be assumed to be the maximum accident-induced leakage derived from the repair criteria and burst correlations. The leak rate limiting condition for operation specified in the technical specifications is equally apportioned among the unaffected steam generators.
- 8. Guidance for the radiological consequences analyses review with respect to acceptable modeling of the radioactivity transport is given in SRP Section 15.6.3, "Radiological Consequences of Steam Generator Tube Failure (PWR)," for applicants that use the traditional source term, based on TID-14844.
- 9. References to specific computer codes (e.g., SARA, TACT, Pipe Model) are not necessary since other computer codes/methods may be used.
- 10. In the second paragraph of Section III, "Review Procedure," it is stated that the control rod drop accident is expected to result in radiological consequences less than 10 percent of the 10 CFR Part 100 guideline values, even with conservative assumptions. The value of 10 percent should be replaced with 25 percent.
- 11. In Section Ill, 'Review Procedures,* the guidance in the fourth paragraph, which deals with passive failures, should not be used.
- 12. The last paragraph on page 15.6.5-4 refers to a "code" developed by J. E. Cline and Associates, Inc. This is identified as Reference **5** in the paragraph. The word "code" should be changed to "model" because the staff does not have the computer code. In addition, the correct reference to the work by J. E. Cline and Associates, Inc., is 4.
- 13. Item 4 of the "Review Interfaces" section should be deleted. SPSB review of the steam generator tube rupture accidents for their contribution to plant risk is not currently used in the design-basis accident review for radiological consequences.
- 14. The reference to Figure3.4-1 of the Nuclear Steam Supply System vendor Standard Technical Specification in Item 6.(a) of Section Il1, "Review Procedures," does not apply. In addition, the primary coolant iodine concentration discussed in this Item is the 48-hour maximum value.
- 15. In Item 6.(b) of Section III, "Review Procedures," the multiplier of 500 used for estimating the increase in iodine release rate is reduced to 335 as a result of the staffs review of iodine release rate data collected by Adams and Atwood.

16. The reference to SRP Section 9.1.4 in Item 2.c of the "Review Interfaces" section should be changed to SRP Section 9.1.5.

17. The reference to Regulatory Guide 1.25, which was deleted in 1996, should be retained, with exceptions as noted below in Note 18.

18. The following exceptions to Regulatory Guide 1.25 are provided. These exceptions are based on the staffs review of NUREGICR-6703.

The fraction of the core inventory assumed to be in the gap for the various nuclides are given in the table below. The release fractions from the table are used in conjunction with the calculated fission product inventory and the maximum core radial peaking factor. These release fractions have been determined to be acceptable for use with currently approved LWR fuel with a peak burnup up to 62,000 MWD/MTU, provided that the maximum linear heat generation rate will not exceed 6.3 kW/ft peak rod average power for rods with burnups that exceed 54 GWD/MTU. As an alternative, fission gas release calculations using NRC-approved methodologies may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

19. References to the Standard Technical Specifications should be replaced with references to the plant-specific technical specifications or technical requirements manual (TRM).

- 20. Technical Specification Task Force (TSTF) Traveler TSTF-51 proposed to add the term "recently," as it applies to irradiated fuel, to the applicability section of certain technical specifications. The proposed change is intended to remove certain technical specifications requirements for operability of ESF systems (e.g., secondary containment isolation and filtration systems) during refueling. The associated technical specifications bases define "recently," as it applies to irradiated fuel, as the minimum decay time used in supporting radiological consequences analyses of fuel handling accidents. Radiological consequences analyses for these applicants should generally assume a 2-hour release directly to the environment, without holdup or mitigation by ESF systems and no credit for containment closure. Additionally, licensees adding the term "recently" must make a commitment for a single normal or contingency method to promptly close primary or secondary containment penetrations. Such prompt methods need not completely block the penetration or be capable of resisting pressure. The review of this commitment and the prompt methods should be coordinated with IORB, SPLB, and IEPB.
- 21. In the last sentence of Item 2 of the "Review Interfaces" section, the reference to the number of fuel pins experiencing departure from nucleate boiling (DNB) should be deleted. The reference to fuel clad melting should be used and is therefore retained.
- 22. In Item 2 of the "Review Procedures" section, the references to the "number of fuel pins reaching DNB" should be deleted and replaced with "the number of fuel pins with cladding failure." In addition, the use of a conservative value of 10 percent for fuel cladding failure in the calculation of the radiological consequences of the rod ejection accident is acceptable.

23. In Item 1 of the "Areas of Review" section, the use of the word "established" is incorrect. The word "established" should be replaced with the word "assessed."

24. In Item 1 of the "Acceptance Criteria" section, the following text in the last line should be deleted: "3.0 Sv (300 rem) to the thyroid and 0.25 Sv (25 rem) to the whole body."

25. In Item 1 of the "Review Procedures" section, the following should be added after the first sentence:

Appendix K to 10 CFR Part 50 defines conservative analysis assumptions for evaluation of ECCS performance during design-basis LOCAs. Appendix K requires the licensees to assume that the reactor has been operating continuously at a power level at least 1.02 times the licensed power level to allow for instrumentation error. Appendix K allows for an assumed power level less than 1.02 times the licensed power level but not less than the licensed power level, provided the alternative value has been demonstrated to account for uncertainties due to power level instrumentation error.

26. In Item 2 of the "Review Procedures" section, the following statements should be deleted:

"A check is made of the LOCA [loss-of-coolant accident] assumptions listed in Chapter 15 of the SAR to verify that the primary containment leakage rate has been assumed to remain constant over the course of the accident for a BWR and to remain constant at one half of the initial leak rate after 24 hours for a PWR."

"The leakage rate used should correspond to that given in the technical specification."

The above statements should be replaced with the following:

"A check is made of the LOCA assumptions listed in Chapter 15 of the SAR to verify acceptable primary containment leakage assumptions. The primary containment should be assumed to leak at the peak pressure technical specification leak rate for the first 24 hours. For PWRs, the leakage'rate may be reduced after the first 24 hours to 50 percent of the TS leak rate. For BWRs, leakage may be reduced after the first 24 hours, if supported by plant configuration and analyses, to a value not less than 50 percent of the TS leak rate. Leakage from subatmospheric containments is assumed to terminate when the containment is brought to and maintained at a subatmospheric condition, as defined by the TSs."

27. The staff has drafted updated guidance on performing design-basis radiological analyses in draft Regulatory Guide DG-1 113, "Methods and Assumptions for Evaluating Radiological Consequences of Design Basis Accidents at Light-Water Nuclear Power Reactors," issued for public comment January 2002. The resulting final regulatory guide may be used for guidance on review of design-basis accident non-alternative source term radiological analyses after the date of issuance of the final regulatory guide.

28. In Section II, "Acceptance Criteria," the discussion for Item C related to GDC-19 should be supplemented with

"and providing a suitably controlled environment for the control room operators and the equipment located therein."

29. In Section II, Item 2, "Ventilation System Criteria," the discussion related to review of the control room area ventilation system under SRP Section 9.4.1 should be retained.

Susquehanna Notes - Matrix 9:

S-1 The radiological consequence analyses using the Alternate Source Term (AST) have been previously evaluated for SSES EPU conditions in a separate License Amendment Request PLA-5963 dated October 13, 2005. This submittal proposed a full-scope implementation of an AST, which complies with the guidance given in R.G. 1.183 and SRP 15.01.

MATRIX **10 SCOPE AND ASSOCIATED TECHNICAL** REVIEW **GUIDANCE** Health Physics

Notes:

1. Regulatory Guide 8.12, "Criticality Accident Alarm Systems" has been withdrawn and should not be used.

2. Regulatory Guide 8.3, "Film Badge Performance Criteria" has been withdrawn and should not be used.

3. Regulatory Guide 8.14, "Personnel Neutron Dosimeters" has been withdrawn and should not be used.

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MATRIX 11 SCOPE AND ASSOCIATED TECHNICAL REVIEW GUIDANCE Human Performance

*The staff is currently finalizing SRP Sections 13.2.1, 13.2.2, and 13.5.2.1. While these SRP Sections are being finalized, the staff will continue to use the versions issued in December 2002 for interim use and public comment. Once finalized, the staff will use the new versions of these SRP Sections.

** The staff received significant comment on draft SRP Chapter 18.0 that was issued in December 2002 for interim use and public comment. The staff is working on finalizing this SRP. However, due to the significance of the comments received, the staff will use Draft SRP Chapter 18.0, Revision 0, dated April 1996.

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MATRIX 12 SCOPE AND ASSOCIATED TECHNICAL REVIEW GUIDANCE Power Ascension and Testing Plan

*The staff is currently finalizing SRP Section 14.2.1. While this SRP Section is being finalized, the staff will continue to use the version issued for interim use and public comment in
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MATRIX **13 SCOPE AND ASSOCIATED TECHNICAL** REVIEW **GUIDANCE** Risk Evaluation

Notes:

1. The staff's review is based on Attachment 1 to this matrix. Attachment 1 invokes SRP Chapter 19, Appendix D, if special circumstances are identified during the review.

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RS-001 Safety Evaluation Template

2.1 Materials and Chemical Engineering

2.1.1 Reactor Vessel Material Surveillance Propram

Regulatory Evaluation

The reactor vessel material surveillance program provides a means for determining and monitoring the fracture toughness of the reactor vessel beltline materials to support analyses for ensuring the structural integrity of the ferritic components of the reactor vessel. The

NRC staff's review primarily focused on the effects of the proposed EPU on the licensee's reactor vessel surveillance capsule withdrawal schedule. The NRC's acceptance criteria are based on (1) General Design Criterion (GDC)-l 4, insofar as it requires that the reactor coolant pressure boundary (RCPB) be designed, fabricated, erected, and tested so as to have an extremely low probability of rapidly propagating fracture; (2) GDC-3 1, insofar as it requires that the RCPB be designed with margin sufficient to assure that, under specified conditions, it will behave in a nonbrittle manner and the probability of a rapidly propagating fracture is minimized; (3) 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix H, which provides for monitoring changes in the fracture toughness properties of materials in the reactor vessel beltline region; and (4) 10 CFR 50.60, which requires compliance with the requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix H. Specific review criteria are contained in Standard Review Plan (SRP) Section 5.3.1 and other guidance provided in Matrix **I** of RS-001.

NOTE: In accordance with the provisions of 10CFR50.90, PPL Susquehanna, **LLC** submitted a request for amendment to Technical Specification 3.5.10 "RCS Pressure And Temperature (P/T) Limits" for the Susquehanna **SES** Units 1 & 2 in October of 2005 (reference) PLA-5933, PPL Letter to NRC. "Proposed Amendment No. 280 To Unit **I** Facility Operating License NPF-14 And Proposed Amendment No. 249 To Unit 2 Facility Operating License NPF-22: Revise Technical Specification 3.4.10 "RCS Pressure And Temperature (P/T) Limits", McKinny, Britt T. To U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 10/5/2005. The Pressure/Temperature curves presented in that submittal account for the CPPU operating conditions up to 3952 MWth.

Technical Evaluation

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Conclusion

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's evaluation of the effects of the proposed EPU on the reactor vessel surveillance withdrawal schedule and concludes that the licensee has adequately addressed changes **.in** neutron fluence and their effects on the schedule. The NRC staff further concludes that the reactor vessel capsule withdrawal schedule is appropriate to ensure that the material surveillance program will continue to meet the requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix H, and 10 CFR 50.60, and will provide the licensee with information to ensure continued compliance with GDC-14 and GDC-31 in this respect following implementation of the proposed EPU. Therefore, the NRC staff finds the proposed EPU acceptable with respect to the reactor vessel material surveillance program.

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2.1.2 Pressure-Temperature Limits and Upper-Shelf Energy

Regulatory Evaluation

Pressure-temperature (P-T) limits are established to ensure the structural iniegrity of the ferritic components of the RCPB during any condition of normal operation, including anticipated operational occurrences and hydrostatic tests. The NRC staff's review of P-T limits covered the P-T limits methodology and the calculations for the number of effective full power years specified for the proposed EPU, considering neutron embrittlement effects and using linear elastic fracture mechanics. The NRC's acceptance criteria for P-T limits are based on **(1)** GDC-14, insofar as it requires that the RCPB be designed, fabricated, erected, and tested so as to have an extremely low probability of rapidly propagating fracture; (2) GDC-3 **1,** insofar as it requires that the RCPB be designed with margin sufficient to assure that, under specified conditions, it will behave in a nonbrittle manner and the probability of a rapidly propagating fracture is minimized; (3) 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix **G,** which specifies fracture toughness requirements for ferritic components of the RCPB; and (4) 10 CFR 50.60, which requires compliance with the requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix **G.** Specific review criteria are contained in SRP Section 5.3.2 and other guidance provided in Matrix **I** of RS-001.

NOTE: In accordance with the provisions of **I** OCFR50.90, PPL Susquehanna, LLC submitted a request for amendment to Technical Specification 3.5.10 "RCS Pressure And Temperature (P/T) Limits" for the Susquehanna SES Units I & 2 in October of 2005 (reference) PLA-5933, PPL Letter to NRC, "Proposed Amendment No. 280 To Unit **I** Facility Operating License NPF-14 And Proposed Amendment No. 249 To Unit 2 Facility Operating License NPF-22: Revise Technical Specification 3.4.10 "RCS Pressure And Temperature (P/T) Limits", McKinnv, Britt T. To U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 10/5/2005. The Pressure/Temperature curves presented in that submittal account for the CPPU operating conditions up to 3952 MWth.

Technical Evaluation

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Conclusion

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's evaluation of the effects of the proposed EPU on the P-T limits for the plant and concludes that the licensee has adequately addressed changes in neutron fluence and their effects on the P-T limits. The NRC staff further concludes that the licensee has demonstrated the validity of the proposed P-T limits for operation under the proposed EPU conditions. Based on this, the NRC staff concludes that the proposed P-T limits will continue to meet the requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix G, and 10 CFR 50.60 and will enable the licensee to comply with GDC-14 and GDC-31 in this respect following implementation of the proposed EPU. Therefore, the NRC staff finds the proposed EPU acceptable with respect to the proposed P-T limits.

2.1.5 Protective Coating Systems (Paints) - Organic Materials

Regulatory Evaluation

Protective coating systems (paints) provide a means for protecting the surfaces of facilities and equipment from corrosion and contamination from radionuclides and also provide wear protection during plant operation and maintenance activities. The NRC staff's review covered protective coating systems used inside the containment for their suitability for and stability under design-basis loss-of-coolant accident (DBLOCA) conditions, considering radiation and chemical effects. The NRC's acceptance criteria for protective coating systems are based on (1) 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, which states quality assurance requirements for the design, fabrication, and construction of safety-related SSCs and (2) Regulatory Guide 1.54, Revision **1,** for guidance on application and performance monitoring of coatings in nuclear power plants. Specific review criteria are contained in SRP Section 6.1.2.

Note that, as described in Section 3.13 of the SSES Final Safety Analysis Renort (FSAR), for NSSS Systems. the provisions of Reg. Guide 1.54 are not imposed due to the relatively small amount of exposed surface area.

Technical Evaluation

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Conclusion

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's evaluation of the effects of the proposed EPU on protective coating systems and concludes that the licensee has appropriately addressed the impact of changes in conditions following a DBLOCA and their effects on the protective coatings. The NRC staff further concludes that the licensee has demonstrated that the protective coatings will continue to be acceptable following implementation of the proposed EPU and will continue to meet the requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B. Therefore, the NRC staff finds the proposed EPU acceptable with respect to protective coatings systems.

2.5.1.1.3 Circulating Water System

Regulatory Evaluation

The circulating water system (CWS) provides a continuous supply of cooling water to the main condenser to remove the heat rejected by the turbine cycle and auxiliary systems. The NRC staff's review of the CWS focused on changes in flooding analyses that are necessary due to increases in fluid volumes or installation of larger capacity pumps or piping needed to accommodate the proposed EPU. The NRC's acceptance criteria for the CWS are based on GDC-4 for the effects of flooding of safety-related areas due to leakage from the CWS and the effects of malfunction or failure of a component or piping of the CWS on the functional performance capabilities of safety-related SSCs. Specific review criteria are contained in SRP Section 10.4.5. Since neither the CWS fluid volume nor flow rate increases at SSES due to the proposed EPU, the proposed EPU is acceptable with respect to the CWS. The licensee's flooding analysis is considered in SE sections 2.5.1.1.1 and 2.5.1.3.

Technical Evaluation

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Conclusion

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's assessment of the modifications to the CWS and concludes that the licensee has adequately evaluated the systemthese modifications. The NRC staff concludes that, eonsistent with the requirements of GDC-4, the increased volumes of fluid leakage that could potentially result from these modifications would not result in the failure of safety-related SSCs following implementation of the proposed EPU—Therefore, the NRC staff finds the proposed EPU acceptable with respect to the CWS.

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2.5.2.4 Main Steam Isolation Valve Leakage Control System

Regulatory Evaluation

Redundant quick-acting isolation valves are provided on each main steamline. The leakage control system is designed to reduce the amount of direct, untreated leakage from the main steam isolation valves (MSIVs) when isolation of the primary system and containment is required. The NRC staff's review of the MSIV leakage control system focused on the effects of the proposed EPU on the amount of leakage assumed to occur. The NRC's acceptance criteria for the MSIV leakage control system are based on GDC-54, insofar as it requires that piping systems penetrating containment be provided with leakage detection and isolation capabilities. Specific review criteria are contained in SRP Section 6.7.

NOTE: The MSIV Leakage Control System has been deleted from the SSES Design Bases.

Technical Evaluation

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Conclusion

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's assessment related to the MSIV leakage control system and finds that the licensee has adequately accounted for the effects of the proposed EPU on the assumed leakage through the MSIVs. The NRC staff further concludes that the leakage control system will continue to reliably detect and isolate the leakage, as required by GDC-54. Therefore, the NRC staff finds the proposed EPU acceptable with respect to the MSIV leakage control system.

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2.5.4.2 Main Condenser

Regulatory Evaluation

The main condenser (MC) system is designed to condense and deaerate the exhaust steam from the main turbine and provide a heat sink for the turbine bypass system (TBS). For BWRs without an MSIV leakage control system, the MC system may also serve an accident mitigation function to act as a holdup volume for the plateout of fission products leaking through the MSIVs following core damage (the MSIV leakage control system at SSES has been eliminated). The NRC staff's review focused on the effects of the proposed EPU on the steam bypass capability with respect to load rejection assumptions, and on the ability of the MC system to withstand the blowdown effects of steam from the TBS. The NRC's acceptance criteria for the MC system are based on GDC-60, insofar as it requires that the plant design include means to control the release of radioactive effluents. Specific review criteria are contained in SRP Section 10.4.1.

Technical Evaluation

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Conclusion

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's assessment of the effects of the proposed EPU on the MC system and concludes that the licensee has adequately accounted for the effects of changes in plant conditions on the design of the MC system. The NRC staff concludes that the MC system will continue to maintain its ability to withstand the blowdown effects of the steam from the TBS and thereby continue to meet GDC-60 with respect to controlling releases of radioactive effluents. Therefore, the NRC staff finds the proposed EPU acceptable with respect to the MC system.

2.6.5 Containment Heat Removal

Regulatory Evaluation

Fan cooler systems, spray systems, and residual heat removal (RHR) systems are provided to remove heat from the containment atmosphere and from the water in the containment wetwell. The NRC staff's review in this area focused on (1) the effects of the proposed EPU on the analyses of the available net positive suction head (NPSH) to the containment heat removal system pumps and (2) the analyses of the heat removal capabilities of the spray water system and the fan cooler heat exchangers. The NRC's acceptance criteria for containment heat removal are based on GDC-38, insofar as it requires that a containment heat removal system be provided, and that its function shall be to rapidly reduce the containment pressure and temperature following a LOCA and maintain them at acceptably low levels. Specific review criteria are contained in SRP Section 6.2.2, as supplemented by Draft Guide (DG) 1107.

NOTE: SSES does not have safety-related containment for cooling systems, and the spray systems are not safety-related as described in the Section 6.2 of the Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR).

Technical Evaluation

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Conclusion

The NRC staff has reviewed the containment heat removal systems assessment provided by the licensee and concludes that the licensee has adequately addressed the effects of the proposed EPU. The NRC staff finds that the systems will continue to meet GDC-38 with respect to rapidly reducing the containment pressure and temperature following a LOCA and maintaining them at acceptably low levels. Therefore, the NRC staff finds the proposed EPU acceptable with respect to containment heat removal systems.

2.6.6 Secondary Containment Functional Design

Regulatory Evaluation

The secondary containment structure and supporting systems of dual containment plants are provided to collect and process radioactive material that may leak from the primary containment following an accident. The supporting systems maintain a negative pressure within the secondary containment and process this leakage. The NRC staff's review covered (1) analyses of the pressure and temperature response of the secondary containment following accidents within the primary and secondary containments; (2) analyses of the effects of openings in the secondary containment on the capability of the depressurization and filtration system to establish a negative pressure in a prescribed time; (3) analyses of any primary containment leakage paths that bypass the secondary containment; (4) analyses of the pressure response of the secondary containment resulting from inadvertent depressurization of the primary containment when there is vacuum relief from the secondary containment (not applicable to SSES because the SSES design does not include secondary to primary containment vacuum breakers); and (5) the acceptability of the mass and energy release data used in the analysis. The NRC staff's review primarily focused on the effects that the proposed EPU may have on the pressure and temperature response and drawdown time of the secondary containment, and the impact this may have on offsite dose. The NRC's acceptance criteria for secondary containment functional design are based on (1) GDC-4, insofar as it requires that SSCs important to safety be designed to accommodate the effects of environmental conditions associated with normal operation, maintenance, testing, and postulated accidents, and be protected from dynamic effects (e.g., the effects of missiles, pipe whipping, and discharging fluids) that may result from equipment failures; and (2) GDC-16, insofar as it requires that reactor containment and associated systems be provided to establish an essentially leak-tight barrier against the uncontrolled release of radioactivity to the environment. Specific review criteria are contained in SRP Section 6.2.3.

Technical Evaluation

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Conclusion

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's assessment related to the secondary containment pressure and temperature transient and the ability of the secondary containment to provide an essentially leak-tight barrier against uncontrolled release of radioactivity to the environment. The NRC staff concludes that the licensee has adequately accounted for the increase of mass and energy that would result from the proposed EPU and further concludes that the secondary containment and associated systems will continue to provide an essentially leak-tight barrier against the uncontrolled release of radioactivity to the environment following implementation of the proposed EPU. Based on this, the NRC staff also concludes that the secondary containment and associated systems will continue to meet the requirements of GDCs 4 and 16. Therefore, the NRC staff finds the proposed EPU acceptable with respect to secondary containment functional design.

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2.7 Habitability, Filtration, and Ventilation

2.7.1 Control Room Habitability System

Regulatory Evaluation

The NRC staff reviewed the control room habitability system and control building layout and structures to ensure that plant operators are adequately protected from the effects of accidental releases of toxic and radioactive gases. A further objective of the NRC staff's review was to ensure that the control room can be maintained as the backup center from which technical support center personnel can safely operate in the case of an accident. The NRC staff's review focused on the effects of the proposed EPU on radiation doses, toxic gas concentrations, and estimates of dispersion of airborne contamination. The NRC's acceptance criteria for the control room habitability system are based on (1) GDC-4, insofar as it requires that SSCs important to safety be designed to accommodate the effects of and to be compatible with the environmental conditions associated with postulated accidents, including the effects of the release of toxic gases; and (2) GDC- **19,** insofar as it requires that adequate radiation protection be provided to permit access and occupancy of the control room under accident conditions without personnel receiving radiation exposures in excess of 5 rem TEDEwhole body, or its equivalent, to any part of the body, for the duration of the accident. Specific review criteria are contained in SRP Section 6.4 and other guidance provided in Matrix 7 of RS-001.

Technical Evaluation

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Conclusion

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's assessment related to the effects of the proposed EPU on the ability of the control room habitability system to protect plant operators against the effects of accidental releases of toxic and radioactive gases. The NRC staff concludes that the licensee has adequately accounted for the increase of toxic and radioactive gases that would result from the proposed EPU. The NRC staff further concludes that the control room habitability system will continue to provide the required protection following implementation of the proposed EPU. Based on this, the NRC staff concludes that the control room habitability system will continue to meet the requirements of GDCs 4 and 19. Therefore, the NRC staff finds the proposed EPU acceptable with respect to the control room habitability system.

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2.7.2 Engineered Safety Feature Atmosphere Cleanup

Repulatory Evaluation

ESF atmosphere cleanup systems are designed for fission product removal in postaccident environments. These systems generally include primary systems (e.g., in-containment recirculation) and secondary systems (e.g., standby gas treatment systems and emergency or postaccident air-cleaning systems) for the fuel-handling building, control room, shield building, and areas containing ESF components. For each ESF atmosphere cleanup system, the NRC staff's review focused on the effects of the proposed EPU on system functional design, environmental design, and provisions to preclude temperatures in the adsorber section from exceeding design limits. The NRC's acceptance criteria for ESF atmosphere cleanup systems are based on (1) GDC-19, insofar as it requires that adequate radiation protection be provided to permit access and occupancy of the control room under accident conditions without personnel receiving radiation exposures in excess of 5 rem TEDE whole body, or its equivalent, to any part of the body, for the $\frac{1}{2}$ duration of the accident; (2) GDC-41, insofar as it requires that systems to control fission products released into the reactor containment be provided to reduce the concentration and quality of fission products released to the environment following postulated accidents; (3) GDC-61, insofar as it requires that systems that may contain radioactivity be designed to assure adequate safety under normal and postulated accident conditions; and (4) GDC-64, insofar as it requires that means be provided for monitoring effluent discharge paths and the plant environs for radioactivity that may be released from normal operations, including anticipated operational occurrences (AOOs), and postulated accidents. Specific review criteria are contained in SRP Section 6.5.1.

Technical Evaluation

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Conclusion

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's assessment of the effects of the proposed EPU on the ESF atmosphere cleanup systems. The NRC staff concludes that the licensee has adequately accounted for the increase of fission products and changes in expected environmental conditions that would result from the proposed EPU, and the NRC staff further concludes that the ESF atmosphere cleanup systems will continue to provide adequate fission product removal in postaccident environments following implementation of the proposed EPU. Based on this, the NRC staff concludes that the ESF atmosphere cleanup systems will continue to meet the requirements of GDCs 19, 41, 61, and 64. Therefore, the NRC staff finds the proposed EPU acceptable with respect to the ESF atmosphere cleanup systems.

2.7.3 Control Room Area Ventilation System

Regulatory Evaluation

The function of the control room area ventilation system (CRAVS) is to provide a controlled environment for the comfort and safety of control room personnel and to support the operability of control room components during normal operation, AOOs, and DBA conditions. The NRC's review of the CRAVS focused on the effects that the proposed EPU will have on the functional performance of safety-related portions of the system. The review included the effects of radiation, combustion, and other toxic products; and the expected environmental conditions in areas served by the CRAVS. The NRC's acceptance criteria for the CRAVS are based on (i) GDC-4, insofar as it requires that SSCs important to safety be designed to accommodate the effects of and to be compatible with the environmental conditions associated with normal operation, maintenance, testing, and postulated accidents; (2) GDC-19, insofar as it requires that adequate radiation protection be provided to permit access and occupancy of the control room under accident conditions without personnel receiving radiation exposures in excess of 5 rem TEDEwhole body, or its equivalent to any part of the body, for the duration of the accident; and (3) GDC-60, insofar as it requires that the plant design include means to control the release **of** radioactive effluents. Specific review criteria are contained in SRP Section 9.4.1.

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Conclusion

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's assessment of the effects of the proposed EPU on the ability of the CRAVS to provide a controlled environment for the comfort and safety of control room personnel and to support the operability of control room components. The NRC staff concludes that the licensee has adequately accounted for the increase of toxic and radioactive gases that would result from a DBA under the conditions of the proposed EPU, and associated changes to parameters affecting environmental conditions for control room personnel and equipment. Accordingly, the NRC staff concludes that the CRAVS will continue to provide an acceptable control room environment for safe operation of the plant following implementation of the proposed EPU. The NRC staff also concludes that the system will continue to suitably control the release of gaseous radioactive effluents to the environment. Based on this, the NRC staff concludes that the CRAVS will continue to meet the requirements of GDCs 4, 19, and 60. Therefore, the NRC staff finds the proposed EPU acceptable with respect to the CRAVS.

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2.8.4.5 Standby Liquid Control System

Regulatory Evaluation

The standby liquid control system (SLCS) provides backup capability for reactivity control independent of the control rod system. The SLCS functions by injecting a boron solution into the reactor to effect shutdown. The NRC staff's review covered the effect of the proposed EPU on the functional capability of the system to deliver the required amount of boron solution into the reactor. The NRC's acceptance criteria are based on **(1)** GDC-26, insofar as it requires that two independent reactivity control systems of different design principles be provided, and that one of the systems be capable of holding the reactor subcritical in the cold condition; (2) GDC-27, insofar as it requires that the reactivity control systems have a combined capability, in conjunction with poison addition by the ECCS, to reliably control reactivity changes under postulated accident conditions; and (3) 10 CFR 50.62(c)(4), insofar as it requires that the SLCS be capable of reliably injecting a borated water solution into the reactor pressure vessel at a boron concentration, boron enrichment, and flow rate that provides a set level of reactivity control, and IDEPENDING ON CONSTRUCTION PERMIT DATE OR ORIGINAL DESIGNi that the system initiate automatically. Specific review criteria are contained in SRP Section 9.3.5 and other guidance provided in Matrix 8 of RS-001.

Note that the SSES SLCS System is manually initiated.

Technical Evaluation

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Conclusion

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's analyses related to the effects of the proposed EPU on the SLCS and concludes that the licensee has adequately accounted for the effects of the proposed EPU on the system and demonstrated that the system will continue to provide the function of reactivity control independent of the control rod system following implementation of the proposed EPU. Based on this, the NRC staff concludes that the SLCS will continue to meet the requirements of GDCs 26 and 27, and 10 CFR 50.62(c)(4) following implementation of the proposed EPU. Therefore, the NRC staff finds the proposed EPU acceptable with respect to the SLCS.

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2.8.5.7 Anticipated Transients Without Scrams

Regulatory Evaluation

ATWS is defined as an **AOO** followed by the failure of the reactor portion of the protection system specified in GDC-20. The regulation at 10 CFR 50.62 requires that:

- * each BWR have an ARI system that is designed to perform its function in a reliable manner and be independent (from the existing reactor trip system) from sensor output to the final actuation device.
- \cdot each BWR have a standby liquid control system (SLCS) with the capability of injecting into the reactor vessel a borated water solution with reactivity control at least equivalent to the control obtained by injecting 86 gpm of a 13 weight-percent sodium pentaborate decahydrate solution at the natural boron- 10 isotope abundance into a 25 1-inch inside diameter reactor vessel. The system initiation must be automatic.
- \cdot each BWR have equipment to trip the reactor coolant recirculation pumps automatically under conditions indicative of an ATWS.

The NRC staff's review was conducted to ensure that (1) the above requirements are met, (2) sufficient margin is available in the setpoint for the SLCS pump discharge relief valve such that SLCS operability is not affected by the proposed EPU, and (3) operator actions specified in the plant's Emergency Operating Procedures are consistent with the generic emergency procedure guidelines/severe accident guidelines (EPGs/SAGs), insofar as they apply to the plant design. In addition, the NRC staff reviewed the licensee's ATWS analysis to ensure that **(1)** the peak vessel bottom pressure is less than the ASME Service Level C limit of 1500 psig; (2) the peak clad temperature is within the 10 CFR 50.46 limit of 2200 \textdegree F; (3) the peak suppression pool temperature is less than the design limit; and (4) the peak containment pressure is less than the containment design pressure. The NRC staff also evaluated the potential for thermal-hydraulic instability in conjunction with ATWS events using the methods and criteria approved by the NRC staff. For this analysis, the NRC staff reviewed the limiting event determination, the sequence of events, the analytical model and its applicability, the values of parameters used in the analytical model, and the results of the analyses. Insert *the following sentence if the licensee relied upon generic vendor analyses* IThe NRC staff reviewed the licensee's justification of the applicability of generic vendor *analyses* to its plant and the operating conditions for the proposed **EPU.J** Review guidance is provided in Matrix **8** ofRS-001.

Note that the SSES SLCS System is manually initiated.

Technical Evaluation

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