

C.I.18 Human Factors Engineering

Chapter 18 of the FSAR should describe how state-of-the-art HFE principles are incorporated into (1) the planning and management of HFE activities; (2) the plant design process; (3) the characteristics, features, and functions of the human-system interfaces (HSIs), procedures, and training; (4) the implementation of the design; and (5) monitoring of performance at the site. This FSAR chapter should illustrate how human characteristics and capabilities are successfully integrated into the nuclear power plant design in such a way that they result in a state-of-the-art design and support successful performance of the required job tasks by plant personnel. Specifically, the FSAR should address the HFE elements shown in Figure C.I.18-1. It is expected that all the HFE elements will be completed prior to fuel load except where stated otherwise in this guidance document.

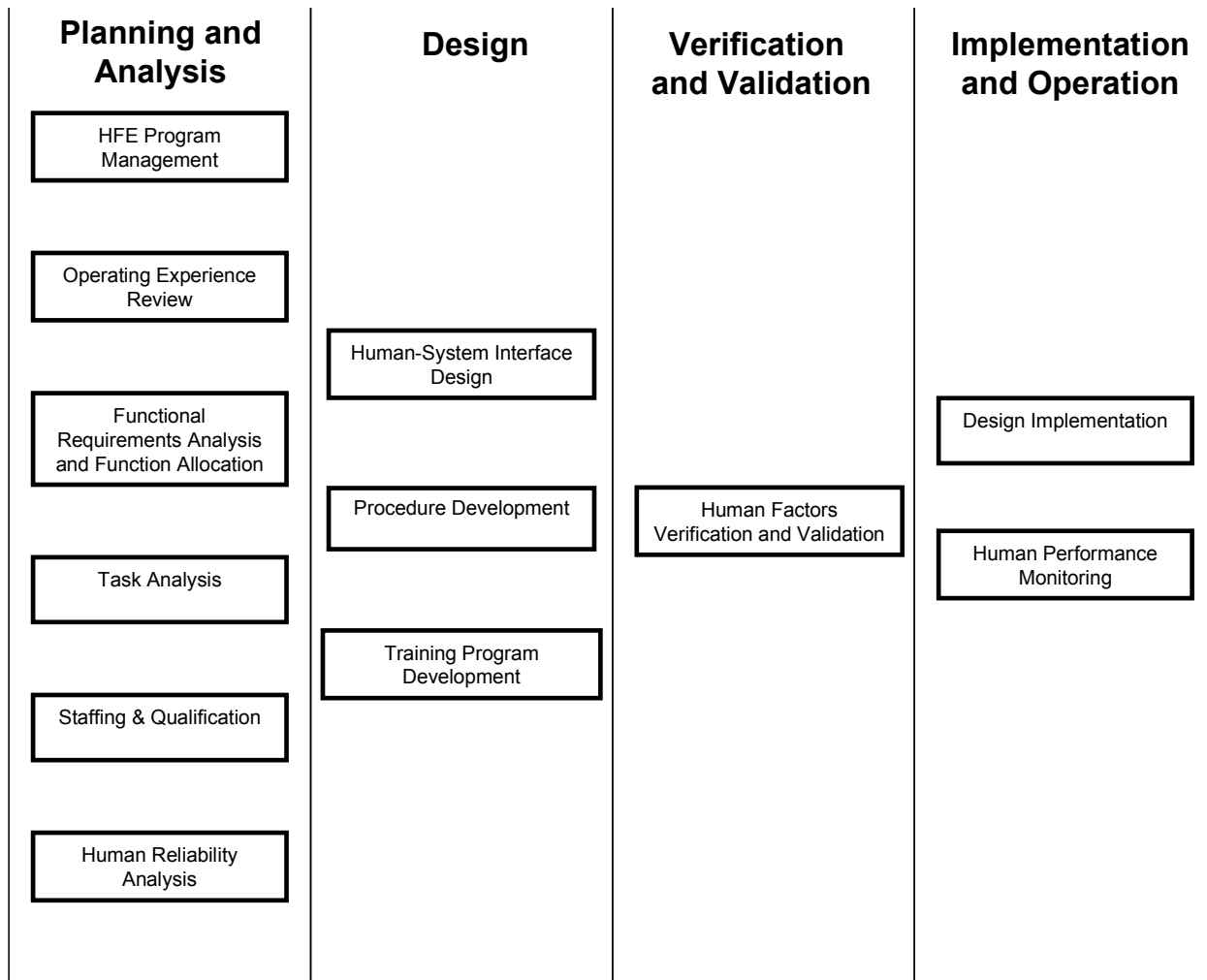


Figure C.I.18-1 HFE elements to be addressed in the FSAR

COL Applicant Submittals

For each element illustrated in Figure C.I.18-1, the FSAR should describe the objectives and scope of the applicant's activities related to the element, the methodology used to perform the activities, and the results of the activities. In some cases more detailed descriptions may be referenced by the FSAR. The specific content related to each element is addressed in the subsequent sections of C.I.18.

In general, the COL applicant (hereinafter called the applicant) may summarize the information. In such cases, an applicant should develop and reference supplemental reports that may either be submitted or retained and made available for NRC staff audit inspection. The amount of information submitted on the docket must be sufficient to support the staff's safety determination. Where results are being credited for meeting specific regulatory requirements, more detail is appropriate in the FSAR. Where appropriate, subsequent sections of C.I.18 present examples of material that may be referenced and submitted, or referenced and held for NRC review by the applicant.

Staff review guidance for the technical content of HFE programs and activities are provided in applicable revisions of NUREG-0800 (SRP), Chapter 18 and NUREG-0711. This document does not supersede those staff guidance NUREGs.

Submittals for HFE Activities That Have Not Been Completed

When the COL application is submitted, some of the HFE Program Review Model elements may not have been completed. The Design Implementation element, for example, will not be completed until the plant is constructed. The Human Performance Monitoring element will continue after plant startup. Therefore, the implementation plan for the Human Performance Monitoring program would be approved by the time of fuel load and the program subsequently implemented in accordance with the approved plan.

If an HFE element is incomplete at the time the COL application, the FSAR should describe the objectives and scope of the applicant's activities related to the element, the methodology that will be used to perform the activities, and the expected results of the activities. In addition, an "implementation plan" and schedule for completing the element should be submitted, including plans for the use and disposition of the corresponding results. DAC/ITAAC should be submitted that define the criteria for closure of the element when it is completed (see Section C.II.1.2.9).

Applicants are encouraged to submit implementation plans at the earliest opportunity in the pre-application phase. An early review by the NRC of an implementation plan gives the applicant the opportunity to obtain staff comments concerning the applicant's approach before COL submittal or before conducting the activities associated with the element. Such a review is desirable from both the staff's and the applicant's perspectives because it provides the opportunity to resolve methodological issues and provide input early in the analysis or design process, when staff concerns can more easily and more cost-effectively be addressed, rather than when the activity is completed.

For similar reasons, the applicant is encouraged to submit other documents, such as an HSI style guide, for NRC review and issue resolution before the applicant initiates and completes the detailed design work.

C.I.18.1 HFE Program Management

In this section of the FSAR, the applicant should describe the HFE program plan, including the following topics:

- General HFE program goals and scope
- HFE team and organization
- HFE process and procedures
- HFE issues tracking
- HFE technical program

The overall HFE Program Plan may be a separately submitted and referenced document.

C.I.18.1.1 *General HFE Program and Scope*

The objective of this portion of the application is to document that, for plant design and operation, the applicant has adequately considered the role of HFE and the means by which HFE activities are accomplished. The goals of the HFE program should be described. These goals should support a plant design that enables personnel to accomplish their tasks within time and performance criteria, and to develop HSIs that support a high degree of operating crew situational awareness.

Any assumptions and constraints on the design should be identified. An assumption or constraint is an aspect of the design, such as a specific staffing plan or use of specific HSI technology, that is an input to the HFE program rather than the result of HFE analyses and evaluations. An example is to design the control room so that a single operator can manage all normal plant evolutions.

All plant facilities that will be designed using the HFE program plan should be identified. These should include the main control room, remote shutdown facility, TSC, emergency operations facility (EOF), local control stations (LCSs), including the Central Alarm System) and Secondary Alarm System (SAS). The HSIs, procedures, and training included in the HFE program should also be identified.

In addition, the FSAR should identify the plant personnel who will be affected by HFE activities (e.g., licensed operators, non-licensed operators, and mechanical maintenance personnel). All plant personnel should be identified who will perform tasks that are directly related to plant safety.

C.I.18.1.2 *HFE Team and Organization*

The FSAR should describe the following aspects of the applicant's HFE design team and organization:

- areas of responsibility with respect to the HFE program (e.g., scheduling of activities and milestones)
- placement within the overall design organization
- authority to provide reasonable assurance that all of its areas of responsibility are accomplished and to identify problems in the implementation of the overall plant design
- design team composition with respect to areas of expertise
- staffing in terms of job descriptions and assignments of team personnel

C.I.18.1.3 *HFE Process and Procedures*

The FSAR should describe the HFE process and procedures listed in NUREG-0711, Section 2.4.3.

C.I.18.1.4 *HFE Issues Tracking*

The FSAR should describe the means and processes by which HFE issues are tracked to resolution. The description should include the methodology used to document and track HFE issues from identification until the potential for negative effects on human performance has been reduced to an acceptable level. In addition, the description should identify the criteria used to decide whether issues are to be entered into the system.

The FSAR should describe the means used to document issues, including the steps taken to track each issue to final resolution.

The FSAR should also describe the procedures used to define individual responsibilities for issue identification, logging, tracking, analysis, and resolution acceptance. A description should also be included of how each issue will be tracked to completion to ensure that it is appropriately addressed in the design and documented as such prior to fuel load. If an item can not be completed by fuel load, the FSAR should explain why and should indicate when the item will be addressed. The issue tracking system should be available for NRC staff review.

C.I.18.1.5 HFE Technical Program

The FSAR should describe the general technical approach to address the following HFE activities:

- operating experience review
- functional requirements analysis and function allocation
- task analysis
- staffing and qualifications
- human reliability analysis
- HSI design
- procedure design
- training design
- human factors verification and validation
- design implementation
- human performance monitoring

This section should address the integration and scheduling of these activities within the overall design effort. The detailed objectives, scope, methodology, and results of these activities are described in subsequent sections of FSAR Chapter 18. (See Sections C.I.18.2 through C.I.18.12)

This section should also describe the following aspects of the HFE technical program:

- general HFE requirements, standards, and specifications used by the applicant
- general HFE facilities, equipment, tools, and techniques, such as simulators, utilized in the HFE program.

C.I.18.2 Operating Experience Review

The objective of this section of the FSAR is to document that the applicant has identified and analyzed HFE-related problems and issues in previous designs. In this way, negative features associated with predecessor designs may be avoided in the current one, while retaining positive features. The FSAR should describe the applicant's operating experience review (OER) and how it was used to identify HFE-related safety issues.

C.I.18.2.1 *Objectives and Scope*

The FSAR should describe the objectives of the applicant's OER process and the scope of the analyses performed, including OER analyses related to the following topics:

- the predecessor plant(s) and systems
- experience in industries with applicable systems
- industry HSI experience
- risk-important human actions (HAs)
- specifically identified industry issues
- issues identified by plant personnel
- issue resolution

C.I.18.2.2 *Methodology*

C.I.18.2.2.1 *OER Process*

The FSAR should describe the applicant's administrative procedures for evaluating operating, design, and construction experience, and for ensuring that applicable important industry experiences will be provided in a timely manner to those designing and constructing the plant as required by 10 CFR 50.34(f)(3)(i).

C.I.18.2.2.2 *Predecessor Plants and Systems*

If there is a previous or predecessor design/plant that is used as part of the design basis of the plant, the FSAR should specifically identify that plant/design. When there is more than one predecessor plant/design, the role of each should be clearly defined. The FSAR should then describe how HFE-related problems and issues in the previous plants/designs are identified and analyzed so that these problems and issues may be avoided in the new design. The FSAR should also address how positive features of previous plants/designs are identified, evaluated, and retained.

The FSAR should describe the predecessor plant(s) and systems, and explain the relationship of each to the applicant's design. The OER should include human factors issues related to the predecessor plant(s). Detailed OER data, such as events or design problems at particular plants, may be retained by the applicant and made available for NRC staff audit.

C.I.18.2.2.3 *Risk-Important Human Actions*

The FSAR should identify risk-important HAs in the predecessor plants and determine whether they remain risk-important in the applicant's design. For those HA's that are applicable, the FSAR should identify the scenarios where they were relied upon during plant operation and state whether the actions were successfully completed, noting design aspects that helped to ensure success. By contrast, if errors occurred in the execution of the HAs, the applicant should identify insights related to needed improvements in human performance.

Where the risk-important HAs for the new plant are determined to be different from those of the predecessor plant, the FSAR should identify any operational experience related to the different risk-important HAs.

The FSAR should also identify risk-important HAs from the OER that require special attention during the design process and note any insights that would be beneficial during the HFE design and implementation processes. The details of this information may be in a referenced report.

C.I.18.2.2.4 HFE Technology

The FSAR should describe operating experience associated with the proposed HFE technology in the applicant's design. For example, if a computer operated support system (COSS), computerized procedures, or advanced automation are planned, the FSAR should describe HFE issues associated with their use. When the proposed plant utilizes new technology, the applicant should obtain and describe experience from applications of this new technology, even if it is not from the predecessor plant.

C.I.18.2.2.5 Recognized Industry Issues

The FSAR should describe how the applicant's design addresses recognized industry HFE issues (as described in NUREG/CR-6400, "HFE Insights for Advanced Reactors," 1996). This includes issues in the following categories:

- USI and GSI
- TMI issues
- NRC generic letters and information notices
- reports of the former NRC Office for Analysis and Evaluation of Operational Data
- low-power and shutdown operations
- operating plant event reports

Experience in these areas since 1996 should also be reviewed and addressed as appropriate.

C.I.18.2.2.6 Issues Identified by Plant Personnel

The applicant should describe personnel interviews, conducted during the OER, to determine operating experience related to predecessor plants and systems. In so doing, the applicant should summarize information obtained during personnel interviews, as it relates to plant operations and HFE design in the areas listed in NUREG-0711, Section 3.4.1(4).

C.I.18.2.2.7 Issue Analysis, Tracking, and Review

This section of the FSAR should describe how OER issues are entered into the HFE tracking system.

C.I.18.2.3 Results

The FSAR should summarize the results of the OER. This summary should discuss the source materials, such as documents, event reports, personnel interviews, and so forth, that were evaluated using the OER methodology. A sample of OER-identified issues should be included along with their resolution. The FSAR should provide a reference to the database where issues are maintained.

C.I.18.3 Functional Requirements¹ Analysis and Function Allocation

C.I.18.3.1 Objectives and Scope

C.I.18.3.1.1 Functional Requirements Analysis

The FSAR should describe the objectives of the applicant's functional requirements analysis and the scope of the analyses performed. The objective of this FSAR section is to document that the applicant allocated those functions to human and system resources in a manner that takes advantage of human strengths and avoids human limitations. The scope should include identification and analysis of those functions that must be performed to satisfy the plant's safety objectives; that is, to prevent or mitigate the consequences of postulated accidents that could cause undue risk to the health and safety of the public.

C.I.18.3.1.2 Function Allocation Analysis

The FSAR should describe the objectives of the applicant's function allocation analysis and the scope of the analyses performed. The scope should include analysis of requirements for plant control and the assignment of control functions to (1) personnel (e.g., manual control), (2) system elements (e.g., automatic control and/or passive, self-controlling features), and (3) combinations of personnel and system elements (e.g., shared control or automatic systems with manual backup).

C.I.18.3.2 Methodology

C.I.18.3.2.1 Methodology for Functional Requirements Analysis

The FSAR should describe the methodology used to perform the functional requirements analysis. If the proposed new plant uses the same functional requirements (FRs) as a predecessor plant, a description of the methodology is not needed. In this case, the FSAR should identify the predecessor plant(s) that used the same FRs and should provide the functions themselves in the Results section (18.3.3).

The FSAR should describe how the functional requirements analysis will be kept current over the plant's life cycle from design development through decommissioning, so that it can be used as a design basis when modifications are considered.

The FSAR should provide a description of the functions and systems with a comparison to the reference plants/systems (i.e., the predecessor plants or plant systems on which the new system is based). This description should identify differences that exist between the proposed and reference plants/systems. Safety functions (e.g., reactivity control) include functions needed to prevent or mitigate the consequences of postulated accidents that could cause undue risk to the health and safety of the public. For each safety function, the FSAR should clearly define the set of plant system configurations or success paths that are responsible for or capable of carrying out the function. Function decomposition should start at "top-level" functions, where a very general picture of major functions is presented, and continue to lower levels until a specific critical end-item requirement emerges (e.g., a piece of equipment, software, or HA).

A description should be provided for each high-level function and related parameters. Note that parameters may be described qualitatively (e.g., high or low). Specific data values or setpoints are not necessary at this stage.

¹ As used here and elsewhere in this section, the term "requirements" refers to requirements that are established as part of the design process. The term "requirements" is not used in this context to denote "regulatory requirements."

The FSAR should document the technical basis for modifications to high-level functions in the new design (compared to the predecessor design).

In addition, the FSAR should describe the verification of the functional requirements analysis to show that the following criteria are met:

- All of the high-level functions necessary to achieve safe operation are identified.
- All requirements of each high-level function are identified.

C.I.18.3.2.2 Methodology for Function Allocation Analysis

The FSAR should describe the methodology used to perform the function allocation analysis, including the iterative nature of how control functions are reallocated in response to developing design specifics, operating experience, and the outcomes of ongoing analyses and trade studies. This description should include the HFE principles embodied in the method. The FSAR should describe how the function allocation will be kept current over the plant's life cycle from design development through decommissioning, so that it can be used as a design basis when modifications are considered.

The FSAR should provide the documented technical bases for all function allocations, including the allocation criteria, rationale, and analysis. For example, the performance demands to successfully achieve the function, such as degree of sensitivity needed, precision, time, or frequency of response, may be so stringent that the function would be difficult for personnel to accomplish (or would be error-prone). This would establish a basis for automation (assuming acceptability of other factors, such as technical feasibility or cost).

The FSAR should describe how the OER is used to identify needed modifications to function allocations. In doing so, the FSAR should describe any problematic OER issues, and provide a function allocation analysis for the new plant, either justifying the original human-machine allocation or illustrating and explaining the new function allocation, including selected solutions such as training, personnel selection, and procedure design changes.

The function allocation analysis should describe the primary allocations to personnel, as well as the responsibilities of personnel to monitor automatic functions and to assume manual control in the event of an automatic system failure. A description should also be provided of the integrated personnel role across functions and systems in terms of personnel responsibility and level of automation.

In addition, the FSAR should describe the verification of the function allocation to show that the allocation of functions results in a coherent role for plant personnel.

C.I.18.3.3 Results

The FSAR should summarize the results of the functional requirements analysis and function allocation. This summary should discuss the results of the analyses using the methodologies discussed above. The FSAR should also provide the final plant safety functions along with the analyses that were used to obtain those functions. In addition, the FSAR should provide the final plant function allocation, along with the analyses that were used to obtain that allocation. If necessary, the FSAR should also reference the reports that contain the more detailed analyses.

C.I.18.4 Task Analysis

C.I.18.4.1 *Objectives and Scope*

The FSAR should describe the objectives and scope of the applicant's task analysis including assumptions and bounding conditions. The objective of this section of the FSAR is to document that the applicant's task analyses identify the specific tasks that are needed for function accomplishment and their information, control, and task support requirements. The scope description should address how representative and important operations, maintenance, test, inspection, and surveillance tasks were selected, as well as the range of operating modes included in the analyses.

The FSAR description should also discuss the use of PRA/human reliability analysis (HRA) analyses for the identification of the risk-important HAs, including the monitoring and backup of automatic actions.

C.I.18.4.2 *Methodology*

The FSAR should provide a description of the methods used to analyze tasks. This description should include the means by which high-level descriptions were developed into detailed task requirements. The methods used to describe tasks and illustrate their relationships should also be addressed. The FSAR should also describe the methods used to allocate tasks to members of the operating crew, and how the skills necessary for task performance were determined.

In addition, the FSAR should describe the methodology and criteria used to identify a minimum inventory of alarms, controls, and displays. This Human Factors and I&C criteria used to identify this minimum inventory should be described.

C.I.18.4.3 *Results*

The FSAR should summarize the results of the task analysis and provide examples of the results. The FSAR should also identify where and how the detailed results are documented. These detailed results should be retained for NRC audit/inspection.

In addition, the FSAR should describe how the task analysis results were used as input to the design of HSIs, procedures, and training programs.

C.I.18.5 Staffing and Qualifications

C.I.18.5.1 *Objectives and Scope*

The FSAR should describe the objectives of the applicant's staffing and qualifications analyses, and the scope of the analyses performed. The objective of this section of the FSAR, in coordination with Section 13.1, is to document that the applicant has analyzed the requirements for the number and qualifications of personnel in a systematic manner that includes a thorough understanding of task requirements and applicable regulatory requirements.

The scope should include the number and, following the guidance in RG 1.8, qualifications of personnel for the full range of plant conditions and tasks, including operational tasks (normal, abnormal, and emergency), and plant maintenance and testing (including surveillance testing). The personnel that should be considered include licensed control room operators as defined in 10 CFR Part 55, as well as the

categories of personnel defined by 10 CFR 50.120, including nonlicensed operators, shift supervisor, shift technical advisor, instrument and control technician, electrical maintenance personnel, mechanical maintenance personnel, radiological protection technician, chemistry technician, and engineering support personnel. In addition, any other plant personnel who perform tasks that directly relate to plant safety should be addressed. The full staffing program is considered to be an operation program as identified in SECY-05-0197.

C.I.18.5.2 Methodology

This section of the FSAR should be coordinated with Section 13.1, which also relates to organization and staffing. The FSAR should describe the iterative nature of the staffing analysis and how the initial staffing goals are/have been reviewed and modified as the analyses associated with other HFE elements are/were completed.

The FSAR should present and discuss compliance with 10 CFR 50.54 (i) through (m). If an exemption from these requirements is being sought, the analysis and justifications should be presented (see also NUREG/CR-6838, “Technical Basis for Regulatory Guidance for Assessing Exemption Requests from the Nuclear Power Plant Licensed Operator Staffing Requirements Specified in 10 CFR 50.54(m)” and NUREG-1791, “Guidelines for Assessing Exemption Requests from the Nuclear Power Plant Licensed Operating Staff Requirements Specified in 10 CFR 50.54(m) — Final Report”).

C.I.18.5.3 Results

The FSAR should summarize the results of the staffing analysis and qualifications analyses. The summary should discuss the results of the analyses obtained using the methodology discussed above. The summary should include sufficient detail to permit an understanding of how the methodology was implemented to provide the results. The FSAR should also provide the final minimum staffing levels for all personnel identified in the above scope. As needed, the FSAR should reference the reports that contain the more detailed analyses. It is understood that actual plant staff levels may be supplemented above the minimum and may vary over time.

C.I.18.6 Human Reliability Analysis

C.I.18.6.1 Objectives and Scope

This section of the FSAR should describe the objectives of the applicant’s use of the HRA in the HFE program. The objective and scope of this section of the FSAR, in coordination with Section 19, are to document that the applicant has incorporated the HRA/PRA results into other activities of the HFE program such that risk-important human actions have been thoroughly addressed in the design of the plant.

C.I.18.6.2 Methodology

The FSAR should describe the use of the PRA/HRA to identify the risk-important HAs. It should describe the various portions of the PRA that were considered in determining the risk-important HAs, including the Level 1 (core damage) PRA, Level 2 PRA (release from containment), post-core damage actions, internal and external events portions of the PRA, and the low power and shutdown PRA. Describe the importance measures, HRA sensitivity analyses, and threshold criteria (with bases) that were used to arrive at the list of risk-important HAs.

A discussion of human actions related to passive systems and computer-based HSIs should also be described. The FSAR should also describe the methodology by which the PRA/HRA results and the risk-important HAs are addressed by the HFE design team (through HSI design, procedural development, and training) to minimize the likelihood of operator error and provide for error detection and recovery capability.

The process with which the HRA assumptions, such as decisionmaking and diagnosis strategies for dominant sequences and important actions and uncertainties, were validated during the HFE design process should be described in the FSAR. This should include discussions and walkthrough analyses with personnel who have operational experience and the appropriate use of a plant-specific control room mockup or simulator.

Detailed HRA results, including the validation of the HRA assumptions, may be referenced by the applicant's FSAR.

C.I.18.6.3 *Results*

The FSAR should provide the list of risk important HAs and summarize how those HAs and their associated tasks and scenarios were addressed during the various parts of the design process (e.g., in function allocation analyses, task analyses, HSI design, procedure development, and training) to ensure that those HAs are well supported by the design and are within acceptable human performance capabilities. The FSAR should also discuss the results of the validation of the HRA assumptions and, as necessary, reference the reports that contain the more detailed analyses.

C.I.18.7 Human-System Interface Design

C.I.18.7.1 *Objectives and Scope*

The objective of this section of the FSAR is to document the applicant's HSI design process and scope, including the translation of function and task requirements into the detailed design of alarms, displays, controls, and other aspects of the HSI through the systematic application of HFE principles and criteria. The FSAR should also describe the process by which HSI design requirements are developed and HSI designs are identified and refined.

C.I.18.7.2 *Methodology*

C.I.18.7.2.1 HSI Design Inputs

The FSAR should identify the sources of information that were used as input to the HSI design process. This should include analyses of personnel task requirements, system requirements, regulatory requirements, and any additional sources of requirements that were used as input to the design.

C.I.18.7.2.2 Concept of Operations

The FSAR should describe the concept of operations used as a basis for HSI design. The description should include the following:

- crew composition
- roles and responsibilities of individual crewmembers
- personnel interaction with plant automation
- use of control room resources by
- methods used to ensure good coordination of crewmember activities, including non-licensed operators and maintenance personnel

C.I.18.7.2.3 Functional Requirements Specification

The FSAR should describe the functional requirements for HSI resources, such as alarms, displays, and controls.

C.I.18.7.2.4 HSI Concept Design

The FSAR should provide an overview of the basis for the design that may include the conceptual designs that were considered (i.e., the alternative approaches to addressing HSI functional requirements) or predecessor designs that were used. This detailed description may be referenced and retained for NRC audit and should include the means by which the alternatives were compared and the selected design was chosen, including the factors used to compare alternatives along with the criteria for selection.

C.I.18.7.2.5 HSI Detailed Design and Integration

The FSAR should describe the HSI style guide including its scope, topical contents, and procedures for use. In addition, the FSAR should describe how the style guide was developed and how it will be maintained. A reference should be provided to the complete style guide which should be maintained by the applicant for NRC review.

In addition, this section should discuss the following considerations:

- how the design supports personnel in their primary role of monitoring and controlling the plant, while minimizing the demands associated with interface management
- how the design addresses the safety parameter display system (SPDS) parameters referenced in 10 CFR 50.34(f)(2)(iv).
- how the design minimizes the probability of error in the performance of risk-important HAs and provides the opportunity to detect errors, if they should occur
- the basis for allocation of HSI functions to either the main control room or LCS
- the basis for the control room layout, and the organization of HSIs within consoles, panels, and workstations
- how the control room supports a range of anticipated staffing situations
- how the HSI characteristics mitigate excessive fatigue
- how the HSI characteristics support human performance under a full range of environmental conditions
- the means by which inspection, maintenance, tests, and repair of HSIs is accomplished without interfering with other control room tasks

C.I.18.7.2.6 HSI Tests and Evaluations

The FSAR should describe the tests and evaluations performed as part of detailed HSI design and integration. The types of activities, such as trade-off evaluations and performance-based tests, should also be identified and described. For trade-off studies, the FSAR should identify the factors used in the evaluation, along with the selection criteria and results. For performance-based tests, the FSAR should describe the objectives and general approach to testing. In addition, the FSAR should address aspects of the methodology including testbeds, performance measures and criteria, study participants, test design, and data analysis.

In addition, the FSAR should describe the use of the test results and their evaluations, including, specifically, how identified problems and issues were resolved.

C.I.18.7.3 Results

The FSAR should describe the final HSI design. This description should address the considerations discussed in the following subsections:

C.I.18.7.3.1 Overview of HSI Design and Its Key Features

The FSAR should provide the overall design concept and its rationale. This description should include the main control room, remote shutdown facility, and LCS that are important to safety. Key features of the design, such as information display, “soft” controls, computer-based procedures, alarm processing, and control room layout should also be described.

C.I.18.7.3.2 Safety Aspects of the HSI

This section of the FSAR should be coordinated with the instrumentation and controls discussion in FSAR Section 7 and should describe the plant-specific implementation of the following safety aspects of the HSI at a minimum:

- safety function monitoring [e.g., SPDS] as described in 10 CFR 50.34(f)(2)(iv), NUREG-0835, NUREG-1342, and supplements of NUREG-0737.
- periodic testing of protection system actuation functions, as described in RG 1.22
- bypassed and inoperable status indication for nuclear power plant safety systems, as described in RG 1.47
- manual initiation of protective actions, as described in RG 1.62
- instrumentation for light-water-cooled nuclear power plants to assess plant and environmental conditions during and following an accident, as described in RG 1.97
- setpoints for safety-related instrumentation, as described in RG 1.105
- HSIs for the ERF (TSC & EOF), as described in NUREG-0696
- minimum inventory of fixed position alarms, controls and displays

C.I.18.7.3.3 HSI Change Process

The FSAR should describe the process, after the plant is in operation, by which (1) HSIs are modified and updated,(2) temporary HSI changes are made (such as setpoint modification); and (3) operator defined HSIs are created (such as temporary displays defined by operators for monitoring a specific situation). The procedures governing permissible operator-initiated changes to the HSI should also be described. In addition, the FSAR should describe the criteria used to determine whether an HSI change or modification should come under the control of the formal engineering change process.

C.I.18.8 Procedure Development

C.I.18.8.1 *Objectives and Scope*

The objective of this section of the FSAR is to document, in coordination with Section 13.5, that the applicant's development program incorporates HFE principles and criteria, along with other design requirements, to develop procedures that are technically accurate, comprehensive, explicit, easy to use, and validated. The FSAR should describe the objectives and scope of the applicant's procedure development program. This section should address the following procedures:

- generic technical guidelines (GTGs) for EOPs
- plant and system operations (including startup, power, and shutdown operations)
- test and maintenance

- abnormal and emergency operations
- alarm response

C.I.18.8.2 *Methodology*

This section of the FSAR should be coordinated with the procedures aspects in FSAR Section 13.5 and describe the basis for procedure development, including the following:

- plant design bases
- system-based technical requirements and specifications
- task analyses results
- risk-important HAs identified in the HRA/PRA
- initiating events to be considered in EOPs, including those events in the design bases
- GTGs for EOPs

The FSAR should describe how the procedure development program addresses the requirements specified in 10 CFR 50.34(f)(2)(ii) and describe the procedure writers' guide that establishes the process for developing technical procedures that are complete, accurate, consistent, and easy to understand and follow. The FSAR should also discuss how the guide ensures that procedures are consistent in organization, style, and content, and specify which procedures fall within the purview of the guide. In addition, the FSAR should describe the basic content and format used for procedures in the facility.

This section of the FSAR should also describe the logic used in developing the content of GTGs and EOPs (e.g., symptom-based procedures with clearly specified entry conditions). Also describe the procedure verification and validation (V&V) program, including the use of simulation where appropriate.

If computer-based procedures (CBPs) are used, the applicant should describe the development, V&V, and implementation processes, with a description of the HSI for the CBPs. An analysis of the alternatives available in the event of loss of CBPs should also be provided.

The FSAR should also describe the process for procedure maintenance and control of updates, as well as how procedure modifications are integrated across the full set of procedures and how the plant ensures that such modification in particular parts of the procedures are consistent with other parts of the full set of procedures.

In addition, the FSAR should describe the physical means by which operators access and use procedures, especially during operational events, for both hard-copy and CBP. A discussion should be included of storage of procedures, ease of operator access to the correct procedures, and laydown of hard-copy procedures for use in the control room, remote shutdown facility, and LCS.

C.I.18.8.3 Results

The FSAR should summarize the results of the procedure development program. This summary should discuss the final set of procedures and procedure support equipment developed using the methodology discussed above. This should include sufficient detail to permit an understanding of how the methodology was implemented to provide the results. The actual procedures should be available for NRC inspection.

C.I.18.9 Training Program Development

C.I.18.9.1 Objectives and Scope

The objective of this section of the FSAR is to document, in coordination with Section 13.2, a systematic approach for the development of personnel training. The FSAR should describe the objectives and scope of the applicant's training program. The overall scope of training should be defined, and should include the following:

- categories of personnel to be trained, including the full range of positions of operational personnel including licensed and non-licensed personnel whose actions may affect plant safety
- the full range of plant conditions (normal, upset, and emergency)
- specific operational activities (e.g., operations, maintenance, testing and surveillance)
- the full range of plant functions and systems, including those that may be different from those in predecessor plants (e.g., passive systems and functions)
- the full range of relevant HSIs (e.g., main control room, remote shutdown panel, local control stations, TSC, and EOF) including characteristics that may be different from those in predecessor plants (e.g., display space navigation, operation of "soft" controls)

C.I.18.9.2 Methodology

This section of the FSAR should be coordinated with the training discussions in FSAR Section 13.2 and should describe how the training program follows a systems approach to training and how it addresses the requirements of 10 CFR 50.120, 10 CFR 52.79(a)(33), and 10 CFR Part 55.

The roles of all organizations, especially the applicant and vendors, should be specifically defined for the development of training requirements, development of training information sources, development of training materials, and implementation of the training program. For example, the role of the vendor may range from merely providing input materials (e.g., GTG) to conducting portions of specific training programs. The qualifications of organizations and personnel involved in the development and conduct of training should also be defined.

The FSAR should describe the analyses that are used to derive the learning objectives, including the use of: the licensing basis, operating experience, functional requirements analysis, function allocation, task analysis, HRA, the details of the HSI design, plant procedures, and insights from the V&V. The FSAR should also describe how the learning objectives address the knowledge, skills and abilities (KSAs) associated with all relevant dimensions of the trainee's job.

The FSAR should describe the training program design, including the use of lectures, simulators, and computer-based training; training on theory and practical applications; and the schedule, timing and arrangement of training. Facilities and resources should be defined such as plant-referenced simulator and part-task training simulators needed to satisfy training design requirements and the guidance contained in RG 1.8 and RG 1.149.

The FSAR should discuss the methods used evaluate the overall effectiveness of training programs and trainee mastery of training objectives, as well as overall proficiency, including written and oral tests and review of personnel performance during walkthroughs, simulator exercises, and on-the-job evaluation. Also, the FSAR should describe the evaluation criteria used for training objectives.

The FSAR should also describe the following:

- the training simulator, its conformance with the current version of RG 1.149 and its place/usage in the plant training program
- the methods for verifying the accuracy and completeness of training materials and for refining and updating the content and conduct of training
- the planned retraining program

C.I.18.9.3 Results

The FSAR should summarize the results of the training program development. This summary should discuss the training program developed using the methodology described above. This should include sufficient detail to determine how the methodology was implemented to produce the training program used to train the facility staff.

C.I.18.10 Verification and Validation

C.I.18.10.1 Objectives and Scope

The objective of this section of the FSAR is to document that the applicant's V&V activities to confirm that the HSI design conforms to HFE design principles and that it enables plant personnel to successfully perform their tasks to achieve plant safety and other operational goals. The scope should include the main control room, the remote shutdown panel, and local stations associated with the risk important HAs. The scope should identify which aspects of the plant HFE were included in the HSI task support verification, HFE design verification, and integrated system validation.

C.I.18.10.2 Methodology

The applicant's methodology description contained in the FSAR should address the following:
operational conditions sampling: the selection of operational scenarios to be used in V&V

- activities design verification: the evaluation of the HSI design for meeting task requirements and HFE guidelines
- integrated system validation: the evaluation of whether the integrated system (hardware, software, and crew) meets performance requirements
- human engineering discrepancy (HED) resolution: the resolution of potential human performance issues identified in V&V evaluations

C.I.18.10.2.1 Operational Conditions Sampling

Identify the operational conditions sampling methodology. The methodology should describe the range of operational conditions included in the V&V activities. This description should include consideration of (1) conditions that are representative of the range of events that could be encountered during plant operation, (2) the characteristics expected to contribute to system performance variation, and (3) the safety-significance of HSI components. The use of risk importance is recommended to help select failure events, transients, and accidents for use in V&V.

C.I.18.10.2.2 Design Verification

The FSAR should describe an inventory of all HSI components (alarms, controls, displays and related equipment) associated with the personnel tasks for the operational conditions within the scope of the V&V. The aspects listed in NUREG-0711, Section 11.4.2.1.2, should be addressed. The actual should be available for NRC review.

The FSAR should describe the HSI Task Support Verification used to verify that the HSI provides all of the alarms, information, and control capabilities required for personnel tasks.

The FSAR should also describe the HFE Design Verification methods and approach used to verify that characteristics of the HSI, and the environment in which it is used, conform to HFE guidelines.

In addition, the FSAR should describe how the design verification evaluation criteria were developed and how HEDs were identified.

C.I.18.10.2.3 Integrated System Validation

Validation evaluates whether the integration of hardware, software, and personnel elements acceptably supports safe operation of the plant. The FSAR should describe methods for integrated system validation, including the following aspects of the validation methodology:

- test objectives
- validation testbeds
- plant personnel
- scenario definition
- performance measurement
 - ▶ measurement characteristics
 - ▶ performance measure selection
 - ▶ performance criteria
- test design
 - ▶ coupling crews and scenarios
 - ▶ test procedures
 - ▶ test personnel training
 - ▶ participant training
 - ▶ pilot testing
- data analysis and interpretation
- validation conclusions

The FSAR should describe how HEDs were identified during the validation.

C.I.18.10.2.4 Human Engineering Discrepancy Resolution

The FSAR should discuss the process by which HEDs were prioritized and resolved. It should also identify the design changes made for individual HEDs should be identified, along with an indication of their current status (implemented or scheduled to be implemented). Also, when HED resolution involves a design change, the FSAR should describe how the change complies with the V&V evaluation criteria.

C.I.18.10.3 Results

The FSAR should summarize the results of V&V activities, including identification and resolution of HEDs, and the major conclusions from these activities along with their bases.

If some V&V criteria cannot be evaluated until after fuel load, these should be clearly identified in terms of what remaining evaluations need to be performed, when they will be completed, and how their completion will be communicated to the staff.

The FSAR should provide information on how the detailed results are documented and how they can be accessed for review by the staff.

C.I.18.11 Design Implementation

C.I.18.11.1 Objectives and Scope

The objective of this section of the FSAR is to document how the applicant will verify that this as-built design conforms to the verified and validated design that resulted from the HFE design process. The FSAR should describe the objectives and scope of the applicant's design implementation. The scope should include the following considerations:

- V&V of design aspects that cannot be completed as part of the HSI V&V program
- confirmation that the as-built HSI, procedures, and training conform to the approved design
- confirmation that all HFE issues in the tracking system are appropriately addressed

C.I.18.11.2 Methodology

The FSAR should describe how aspects of the design that were not addressed in V&V will be evaluated. These aspects may include design characteristics, such as new or modified displays for plant-specific design features, and features that cannot be evaluated in a simulator, such as control room lighting and noise.

The FSAR should describe how the final (as-built) HSIs, procedures, and training will be compared with the detailed design description to verify that they conform to the design that resulted from the HFE design process and V&V activities. Also, the FSAR should describe the process for correcting any identified discrepancies. Justification should be provided for not changing design features that cause discrepancies.

In addition, the FSAR should describe the process for ensuring that all HFE-related issues documented in the issue tracking system will be verified as adequately addressed.

C.I.18.11.3 Results

The design implementation methodology cannot be completed until the plant construction is complete. Therefore, at the time the COL application is submitted, the results section of the FSAR should describe the final documentation that will be developed to show successful completion of this activity.

C.I.18.12 Human Performance Monitoring

C.I.18.12.1 Objectives and Scope

The objective of this section of the FSAR is to document the applicant has prepared a human performance monitoring strategy for determining that no significant safety degradation occurs because of any changes that are made in the plant and to confirm that the conclusions that have been drawn from the Integrated System Validation remain valid over time. The FSAR should describe the objectives and scope of the applicant's human performance monitoring program.

The program description should address how the program provides reasonable assurance that the following criteria are met:

- The design can be effectively used by personnel, including within the control room and between the control room and LCS and support centers.
- Changes made to the HSIs, procedures, and training do not have adverse effects on personnel performance (e.g., changes do not interfere with previously trained skills).
- HA can be accomplished within established time and performance criteria.
- The acceptable level of performance established during the integrated system validation is maintained.

C.I.18.12.2 Methodology

The applicant should describe (1) a human performance monitoring strategy, (2) how it trends human performance relative to changes implemented in the plant after startup, and (3) how it demonstrates that performance is consistent with that assumed in the various analyses conducted to justify the changes. Applicants may integrate, or coordinate, their performance monitoring for risk-important changes with existing programs for monitoring personnel performance, such as the licensed operator training program and the corrective action program.

The FSAR should describe how the program will ensure that the following criteria are met:

- HA are monitored commensurate with their safety importance.
- Feedback of information and corrective actions are accomplished in a timely manner.
- Degradation in performance can be detected and corrected before plant safety is compromised (e.g., by use of the plant simulator during periodic training exercises).
- Available information that most closely approximates performance data in actual conditions is used, when plant or personnel performance under actual design conditions is not readily measurable.

The FSAR should also describe how the program provides for specific cause determination, trending of performance degradation and failures, and determination of appropriate corrective actions. Detailed implementation plans and procedures for Human Performance Monitoring may be referenced. Detailed data and related applicant records (e.g., tracking databases, internal communications, etc.) should be retained and made available for NRC staff audit.

C.I.18.12.3 Results

Human performance monitoring is a program that begins after plant operation commences. Therefore, the results section of the FSAR should describe the documentation to be maintained after the program is implemented.