

March 27, 2008

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FACILITY: Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit Nos. 2 and 3

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Docket Nos. 50-247 and 50-286

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# *Indian Point Energy Center Generic Letter 2004-02*

*February 28, 2008*





# Indian Point Energy Center – GL-2004-02

## • **Introduction of Personnel**

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- Bob Walpole – Manager, Licensing
- Roger Waters – Licensing Engineer
- Tom McCaffrey – Manager, Design Engineering
- Valerie Cambigianis – Supervisor, Design Engineering
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# Indian Point Energy Center – GL-2004-02

- **Purpose of Meeting**

- Provide NRC an overview of planned changes to the licensing basis regarding passive failure assumptions as related to GL-2004-02.

# Indian Point Energy Center – GL-2004-02

## ● **Current Status of Physical Activities – Unit 2**

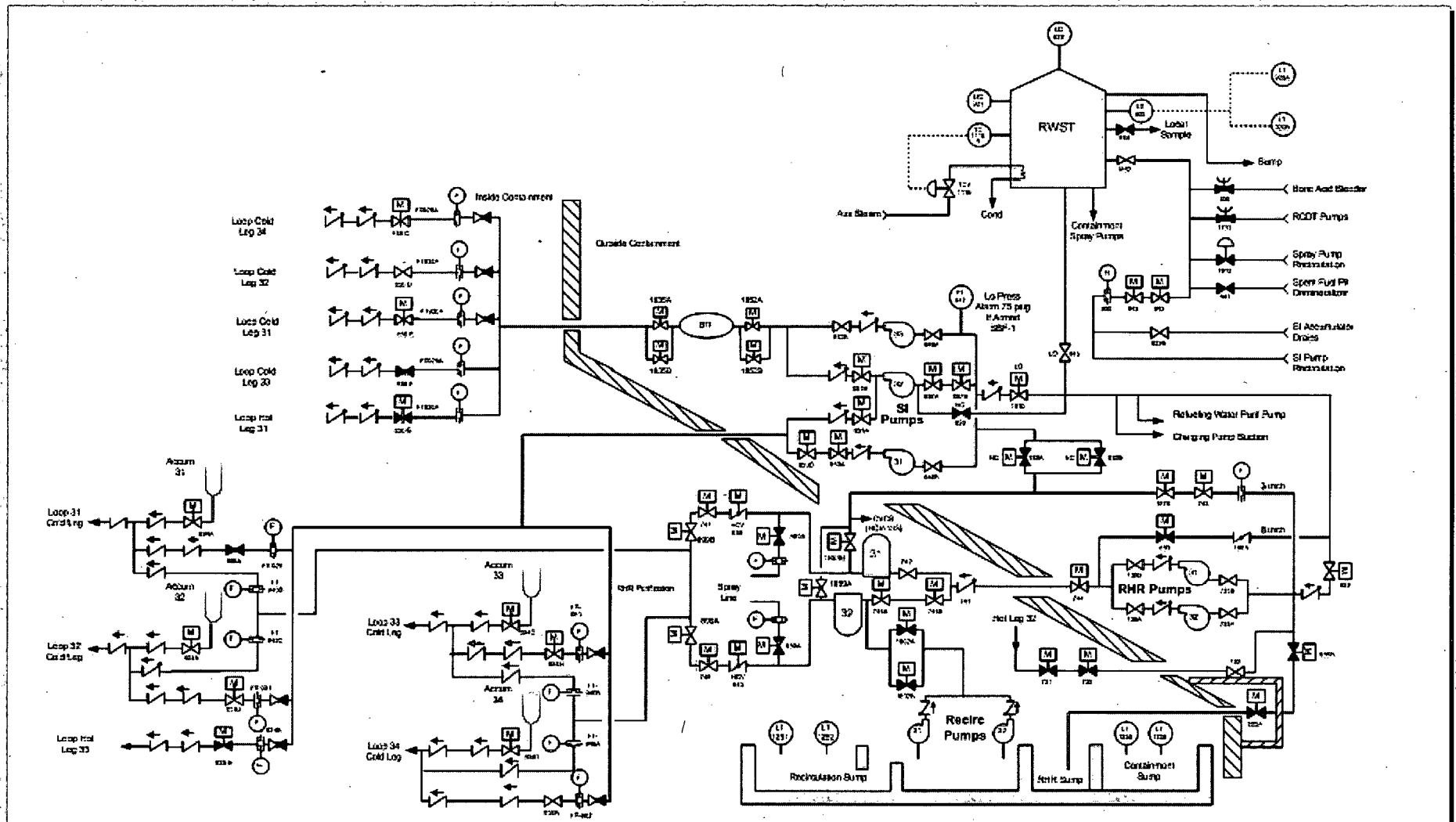
- Summary of physical changes completed
  - IR sump increased from 48 sq ft to 3200 sq ft
  - VC sump increased from 14 sq ft to 440 sq ft
  - Flow barriers over the incore tunnel
  - Gates at personnel entrances through crane wall
- Summary of physical changes to be completed in Spring 2008 refueling outage
  - Screens on crane wall penetrations
  - VC Sump increased from 440 sq ft to 1200 sq ft
  - Buffer change out
- At the completion of the Spring 2008 refueling outage, all physical changes to the plant for GSI-191 resolution will be in place.

# Indian Point Energy Center – GL-2004-02

## • **Current Status of Physical Activities – Unit 3**

- Summary of physical changes completed
  - IR sump increased from 48 sq ft to 3200 sq ft
  - VC sump increased from 36 sq ft to 1000 sq ft
  - Flow barriers over the incore tunnel
  - Gates at personal entrances through the crane wall
  - Screens on crane wall penetrations
  - New internal recirculation pumps
- Summary of physical changes remaining to be completed
  - Buffer change out
- By June 30, 2008, all physical changes to the plant for GSI-191 resolution will be in place.

# Indian Point Energy Center – GL-2004-02



## ● IPEC Containment Sump Design

- Primary: Internal Recirculation (IR) sump feeding two internal (low head) recirculation pumps.
- Backup: Internal Vapor Containment (VC) sump feeding two external (low head) RHR pumps.
- Both capable of providing post-LOCA recirculation with original deterministic design assumption of 50% sump screen blockage.
- External VC sump system credited for alternative recirculation flow path in the event of an assumed single passive failure in ECCS or support cooling systems.

# Indian Point Energy Center – GL-2004-02

## ● Impact of GL-2004-02

- New mechanistic treatment of post-LOCA plant specific debris, transport and loading.
- Postulated large break LOCA combined with an assumed single passive failure upon completion of the switchover from injection to recirculation could challenge the smaller backup VC sump capability.
- For smaller postulated break scenarios, debris amounts and/or transport are not expected to challenge the VC sump capability.

# Indian Point Energy Center – GL-2004-02

- **Possible Approaches to Address VC Sump Loading**
  - Revise the current licensing basis for single passive failure assumptions (i.e., timing of passive failure, nature of passive failure).
  - Employ the alternative break methodology option permitted under GL-2004-02.



# Indian Point Energy Center – GL-2004-02

- **Preferred Option**

- Revise the assumed timing of a postulated single passive failure until at least 24 hours after event initiation.
  - No change proposed for the types of single passive failures considered in current licensing basis
  - Only a change in timeframe for postulating a single passive failure is being proposed (i.e., 24 hours) consistent with the NRC guidance (SECY-77-439) for the following piping systems:
    - Unit 2 and Unit 3 Emergency Core Cooling system
    - Unit 2 Component Cooling Water System
- Used in lieu of applying alternative break methodology.
- Does not require a regulatory exemption

# Indian Point Energy Center – GL-2004-02

- **Status of Licensing Activities**

- Buffering change out – License amendment request
  - Unit 2 - Approved by NRC - February 7, 2008
  - Unit 3 - Target date to NRC - March 7, 2008
- Supplemental Response to Generic Letter 2004-02 - To be submitted by February 29, 2008
- License Basis Change Request (LAR) for Single Passive Failure Assumptions – Target date to NRC - March 7, 2008.

# Indian Point Energy Center – GL-2004-02

- Challenges to project completion
  - License amendment request and physical changes for buffer change out – Unit 3
  - License basis change request for passive failure/sump redundancy review
  - Completion of ongoing analytical studies
  - Updating of report and submission of final letter

# Indian Point Energy Center – GL-2004-02

- **Discussion**