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ABBREVIATIONS

AFW	auxiliary feedwater
AMP	aging management program
AMR	aging management review
ANL	Argonne National Laboratory
ANSI	American National Standards Institute
ASME	American Society of Mechanical Engineers
ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials
ATWS	anticipated transients without scram
B&W	Babcock & Wilcox
BTP	branch technical position
BWR	boiling water reactor
BWRVIP	Boiling Water Reactor Vessel and Internals Project
CASS	cast austenitic stainless steel
CDF	core damage frequency
CE	Combustion Engineering
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CLB	current licensing basis
CRD	control rod drive
CUF	cumulative usage factor
DBA	design basis accident
DBE	design basis event
DG	Draft Regulatory Guide
DOR	Division of Operating Reactors
DRIP	Division of Regulatory Improvement Programs
ECCS	emergency core cooling system
ECT	eddy current testing
EDG	emergency diesel generator
EFPY	effective full power year
EPRI	Electric Power Research Institute
EPU	extended power uprate
FAC	flow-accelerated corrosion
FR	Federal Register
FSAR	Final Safety Analysis Report
GALL	Generic Aging Lessons Learned
GE	General Electric
GL	generic letter
GSI	generic safety issue
HAZ	heat-affected zone
HELB	high-energy line break
HPCI	high-pressure coolant injection
HVAC	heating, ventilation, and air conditioning

ABBREVIATIONS (continued)

I&C	instrumentation and control
IASCC	irradiation assisted stress corrosion cracking
IEEE	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
IGA	intergranular attack
IGSCC	intergranular stress corrosion cracking
IN	information notice
INPO	Institute of Nuclear Power Operations
IPA	integrated plant assessment
IPE	individual plant examination
IPEEE	individual plant examination of external events
IR	insulation resistance
ISI	inservice inspection
ITG	Issues Task Group
LCD	liquid crystal display
LED	light-emitting diode
LER	licensee event report
LOCA	loss of coolant accident
LRA	license renewal application
LTOP	low-temperature overpressure protection
MIC	microbiologically-influenced corrosion
MEAP	**m**aterial/**e**nvironment/**a**ging effect/**p**rogram as summarized on AMR line-items
MRV	minimum required value
NDE	nondestructive examination
NDT	nil-ductility temperature
NEI	Nuclear Energy Institute
NFPA	National Fire Protection Association
NPS	nominal pipe size
NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
NRR	NRC Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
NSAC	Nuclear Safety Analysis Center
NSR	non-safety related
NSSS	nuclear steam supply system
ODSCC	outside diameter stress corrosion cracking
OM	operation and maintenance
P&ID	piping and instrument diagrams
PLL	predicted lower limit
PRA	probabilistic risk analysis
PT	penetrant testing
P-T	pressure-temperature
PTS	pressurized thermal shock
PWR	pressurized water reactor
PWSCC	primary water stress corrosion cracking
QA	quality assurance

ABBREVIATIONS (continued)

RCIC	reactor core isolation cooling
RCPB	reactor coolant pressure boundary
RCS	reactor coolant system
RG	Regulatory Guide
RLEP	License Renewal & Environmental Impacts Program
RPV	reactor pressure vessel
RT	reference temperature
SBO	station blackout
SCC	stress corrosion cracking
SER	safety evaluation report
SG	steam generator
S/G	standards and guides
SOC	statements of consideration
SOER	significant operating experience report
SR	safety related
SRM	staff requirements memorandum
SRP	standard review plan
SRP-LR	standard review plan for license renewal
SS	stainless steel
SSC	systems, structures, and components
SSE	safe shutdown earthquake
TLAA	time-limited aging analysis
UFSAR	updated final safety analysis report
USI	unresolved safety issue
UT	ultrasonic testing
UV	ultraviolet
WSLR	within scope of license renewal

- Plant-specific AMPs

FSAR Supplement

- Each LRA AMP will provide an FSAR Supplement which defines changes to the FSAR that will be made as a condition of a renewed license. This FSAR Supplement defines the aging management programs the applicant is crediting to satisfy 10 CFR 54.21(a)(3).
- The FSAR Supplement should also contain a commitment to implement the LRA AMP enhancement prior to the period of extended operation.

3.0.2 Applications with approved Extended Power Uprates

Extended power uprates (EPU) are licensing actions that some licensees have recently requested the NRC staff to approve. This can affect aging management. In a NRC staff letter to the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, dated October 26, 2004, (ADAMS Accession ML042790085), the NRC Executive Director for Operation states that, "All license renewal applications with an approved EPU will be required to perform an operating experience review and its impact on [aging] management programs for structures, and components before entering the period of extended operation." One way for an applicant with an approved EPU to satisfy this criterion is to document its commitment to perform an operating experience review and its impact on aging management programs for systems, structures, and components (SSCs) before entering the period of extended operation as part of its license renewal application. Such licensee commitments should be documented in the NRC staff's SER written in support of issuing a renewed license. The staff expects to impose a license condition on any renewed license to ensure that the applicant will complete these activities no later than the committed date. EPU impact on SSCs should be part of the license renewal review. If necessary, the PM will assign a responsible group to address EPU.

3.1.2.2.9 Loss of Preload due to Stress Relaxation

Loss of preload due to stress relaxation could occur in stainless steel and nickel alloy PWR reactor vessel internals screws, bolts, tie rods, and hold-down springs exposed to reactor coolant. The GALL Report recommends no further aging management review if the applicant provides a commitment in the FSAR Supplement to (1) participate in the industry programs for investigating and managing aging effects on reactor internals; (2) evaluate and implement the results of the industry programs as applicable to the reactor internals; and (3) upon completion of these programs, but not less than 24 months before entering the period of extended operation, submit an inspection plan for reactor internals to the NRC for review and approval.

3.1.2.2.10 Loss of Material due to Erosion

Loss of material due to erosion could occur in steel steam generator feedwater impingement plates and supports exposed to secondary feedwater. The GALL Report recommends further evaluation of a plant-specific AMP to ensure that this aging effect is adequately managed. Acceptance criteria are described in Branch Technical Position RLSB-1 (Appendix A.1 of this SRP-LR).

3.1.2.2.11 Cracking due to Flow-Induced Vibration

Cracking due to flow-induced vibration could occur for the BWR stainless steel steam dryers exposed to reactor coolant. The GALL Report recommends further evaluation of a plant-specific AMP to ensure that this aging effect is adequately managed. Acceptance criteria are described in Branch Technical Position RLSB-1 (Appendix A.1 of this SRP-LR).

3.1.2.2.12 Cracking due to Stress Corrosion Cracking and Irradiation-Assisted Stress Corrosion Cracking (IASCC)

Cracking due to SCC and IASCC could occur in PWR stainless steel reactor internals exposed to reactor coolant. The existing program relies on control of water chemistry to mitigate these effects. The GALL Report recommends no further aging management review if the applicant provides a commitment in the FSAR Supplement to (1) participate in the industry programs for investigating and managing aging effects on reactor internals; (2) evaluate and implement the results of the industry programs as applicable to the reactor internals; and (3) upon completion of these programs, but not less than 24 months before entering the period of extended operation, submit an inspection plan for reactor internals to the NRC for review and approval.

3.1.2.2.13 Cracking due to Primary Water Stress Corrosion Cracking (PWSCC)

Cracking due to PWSCC could occur in PWR components made of nickel alloy and steel with nickel alloy cladding, including reactor coolant pressure boundary components and penetrations inside the RCS such as pressurizer heater sheathes and sleeves, nozzles, and other internal components. With the exception of reactor vessel upper head nozzles and penetrations, the GALL Report recommends ASME Section XI ISI (for Class 1 components) and control of water chemistry. For nickel alloy components, no further aging management review is necessary if the applicant complies with applicable NRC Orders and provides a commitment in the FSAR supplement to implement applicable (1) Bulletins and Generic Letters and (2) staff-accepted industry guidelines.

4.3 METAL FATIGUE ANALYSIS

Review Responsibilities

Primary- Branch responsible for the TLAA issues
Secondary - None

4.3.1 Areas of Review

A metal component subjected to cyclic loading at loads less than the static design load may fail because of fatigue. Metal fatigue of components may have been evaluated based on an assumed number of transients or cycles for the current operating term. The validity of such metal fatigue analysis is reviewed for the period of extended operation.

The metal fatigue analysis review includes, as appropriate, a review of in service flaw growth analyses, reactor vessel underclad cracking analysis, reactor vessel internals fatigue analysis, postulated high energy line break, leak-before-break, RCP flywheel, and metal bellows.

4.3.1.1 Time-Limited Aging Analysis

Metal components may be designed or analyzed based on requirements in the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code or the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) guidance. These codes contain explicit metal fatigue or cyclic considerations based on TLAAs.

4.3.1.1.1 ASME Section III, Class 1

ASME Class 1 components, which include core support structures, are analyzed for metal fatigue. ASME Section III (Ref. 1) requires a fatigue analysis for Class 1 components that considers all transient loads based on the anticipated number of transients. A Section III Class 1 fatigue analysis requires the calculation of the "cumulative usage factor" (CUF) based on the fatigue properties of the materials and the expected fatigue service of the component. The ASME Code limits the CUF to a value of less than or equal to one for acceptable fatigue design. The fatigue resistance of these components during the period of extended operation is an area of review.

4.3.1.1.2 ANSI B31.1

ANSI B31.1 (Ref. 2) applies only to piping. It does not call for an explicit fatigue analysis. It specifies allowable stress levels based on the number of anticipated thermal cycles. The specific allowable stress reductions due to thermal cycles are listed in Table 4.3-1. For example, the allowable stress would be reduced by a factor of 1.0, i.e., no reduction, for piping that is not expected to experience more than 7,000 thermal cycles during plant service, but would be reduced to half of the maximum allowable static stress for 100,000 or more thermal cycles. The fatigue resistance of these components during the period of extended operation is an area of review.

4.3.1.1.3 Other Evaluations Based on CUF

The codes also contain metal fatigue analysis criteria based on a CUF calculation [the 1969 edition of ANSI B31.7 (Ref. 3) for Class 1 piping, ASME NC-3200 vessels, ASME NE-3200

Class MC components, and metal bellows designed to ASME NC-3649.4(e)(3), ND-3649.4(e)(3), or NE-3366.2(e)(3)]. For these components, the discussion relating to ASME Section III, Class 1 in Subsection 4.3.1.1.1 of this review plan section applies.

4.3.1.1.4 ASME Section III, Class 2 and 3

ASME Section III, Class 2 and 3 piping cyclic design requirements are similar to the guidance in ANSI B31.1. The discussion relating to B31.1 in Subsection 4.3.1.1.2 of this review plan section applies.

4.3.1.2 Generic Safety Issue

The fatigue design criteria for nuclear power plant components have changed as the industry consensus codes and standards have developed. The fatigue design criteria for a specific component depend on the version of the design code that applied to that component, i.e., the code of record. There is a concern that the effects of the reactor coolant environment on the fatigue life of components were not adequately addressed by the code of record.

The NRC has decided that the adequacy of the code of record relating to metal fatigue is a potential safety issue to be addressed by the current regulatory process for operating reactors (Refs. 4 and 5). The effects of fatigue for the initial 40-year reactor license period were studied and resolved under Generic Safety Issue (GSI)-78, "Monitoring of Fatigue Transient Limits for reactor coolant system," and GSI-166, "Adequacy of Fatigue Life of Metal Components" (Ref. 6). GSI-78 addressed whether fatigue monitoring was necessary at operating plants. As part of the resolution of GSI-166, an assessment was made of the significance of the more recent fatigue test data on the fatigue life of a sample of components in plants where Code fatigue design analysis had been performed. The efforts on fatigue life estimation and ongoing issues under GSI-78 and GSI-166 for 40-year plant life were addressed separately under a staff generic task action plan (Refs. 7 and 8). The staff documented its completion of the fatigue action plan in SECY-95-245 (Ref. 9).

SECY-95-245 was based on a study described in NUREG/CR-6260, "Application of NUREG/CR-5999 Interim Fatigue Curves to Selected Nuclear Power Plant Components" (Ref. 10). In NUREG/CR-6260, sample locations with high fatigue usage were evaluated. Conservatisms in the original fatigue calculations, such as actual cycles versus assumed cycles, were removed, and the fatigue usage was recalculated using a fatigue curve considering the effects of the environment. The staff found that most of the locations would have a CUF of less than the ASME Code limit of 1.0 for 40 years. On the basis of the component assessments, supplemented by a 40-year risk study, the staff concluded that a backfit of the environmental fatigue data to operating plants could not be justified. However, because the staff was less certain that sufficient excessive conservatisms in the original fatigue calculations could be removed to account for an additional 20 years of operation for renewal, the staff recommended in SECY-95-245 that the samples in NUREG/CR-6260 should be evaluated considering environmental effects for license renewal. GSI-190, "Fatigue Evaluation of Metal Components for 60-year Plant Life," was established to address the residual concerns of GSI-78 and GSI-166 regarding the environmental effects on fatigue of pressure boundary components for 60 years of plant operation.

The scope of GSI-190 included design basis fatigue transients. It studied the probability of fatigue failure and its effect on core damage frequency (CDF) of selected metal components for 60-year plant life. The results showed that some components have cumulative probabilities of crack initiation and through-wall growth that approach one within the 40- to 60-year period. The maximum failure rate (through-wall cracks per year) was in the range of 10^{-2} per year, and those failures were generally associated with high cumulative usage factor locations and components with thinner walls, i.e., pipes more vulnerable to through-wall cracks. In most cases, the leakage from these through-wall cracks is small and not likely to lead to core damage. It was concluded that no generic regulatory action is necessary and that GSI-190 is resolved based on results of probabilistic analyses and sensitivity studies, interactions with the industry (NEI and EPRI), and different approaches available to licensees to manage the effects of aging (Refs. 11 and 12).

However, the calculations supporting resolution of this issue, which included consideration of environmental effects, indicate the potential for an increase in the frequency of pipe leaks as plants continue to operate. Thus, the staff concluded that licensees are to address the effects of coolant environment on component fatigue life as aging management programs are formulated in support of license renewal.

The applicant's consideration of the effects of coolant environment on component fatigue life for license renewal is an area of review.

4.3.1.3 FSAR Supplement

Detailed information on the evaluation of TLAAs is contained in the renewal application. A summary description of the evaluation of TLAAs for the period of extended operation is contained in the applicant's FSAR supplement. The FSAR supplement is an area of review.

4.3.2 Acceptance Criteria

The acceptance criteria for the areas of review described in Subsection 4.3.1 of this review plan section delineate acceptable methods for meeting the requirements of the NRC's regulations in 10 CFR 54.21(c)(1).

4.3.2.1 Time-Limited Aging Analysis

Pursuant to 10 CFR 54.21(c)(1)(i) - (iii), an applicant must demonstrate one of the following:

(i) the analyses remain valid for the period of extended operation,

(ii) the analyses have been projected to the end of the extended period of operation, or

(iii) the effects of aging on the intended function(s) will be adequately managed for the period of extended operation.

Specific acceptance criteria for metal fatigue are:

4.3.2.1.1 ASME Section III, Class 1

For components designed or analyzed to ASME Class 1 requirements, the acceptance criteria, depending on the applicant's choice of 10 CFR 54.21(c)(1)(i), (ii), or (iii), are:

4.3.2.1.1.1 10 CFR 54.21(c)(1)(i)

The existing CUF calculations remain valid because the number of assumed transients would not be exceeded during the period of extended operation.

4.3.2.1.1.2 10 CFR 54.21(c)(1)(ii)

The CUF calculations have been reevaluated based on an increased number of assumed transients to bound the period of extended operation. The resulting CUF remains less than or equal to unity for the period of extended operation.

4.3.2.1.1.3 10 CFR 54.21(c)(1)(iii)

In Chapter X of the GALL report (Ref. 13), the staff has evaluated a program for monitoring and tracking the number of critical thermal and pressure transients for the selected reactor coolant system components. The staff has determined that this program is an acceptable aging management program to address metal fatigue of the reactor coolant system components according to 10 CFR 54.21(c)(1)(iii). The GALL report may be referenced in a license renewal application and should be treated in the same manner as an approved topical report. In referencing the GALL report, the applicant should indicate that the material referenced is applicable to the specific plant involved and should provide the information necessary to adopt the finding of program acceptability as described and evaluated in the report. The applicant should also verify that the approvals set forth in the GALL report for the generic program apply to the applicant's program.

4.3.2.1.2 ANSI B31.1

For piping designed or analyzed to B31.1, the acceptance criteria, depending on the applicant's choice of 10 CFR 54.21(c)(1)(i), (ii), or (iii), are:

4.3.2.1.2.1 10 CFR 54.21(c)(1)(i)

The existing fatigue strength reduction factors remain valid because the number of cycles would not be exceeded during the period of extended operation.

4.3.2.1.2.2 10 CFR 54.21(c)(1)(ii)

The fatigue strength reduction factors have been reevaluated based on an increased number of assumed thermal cycles and the stress reduction factors (e.g., Table 4.3-1) given in the applicant's code of record to bound the period of extended operation. The adjusted fatigue strength reduction factors are such that the component design basis remains valid during the period of extended operation.

4.3.2.1.2.3 10 CFR 54.21(c)(1)(iii)

The effects of aging on the intended function(s) will be adequately managed for the period of extended operation. The component could be replaced and the allowable stresses for the replacement will be sufficient as specified by the code during the period of extended operation.

Alternative acceptance criteria under 10 CFR 54.21(c)(1)(iii) have yet to be developed. They will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis to ensure that the aging effects will be managed such that the intended functions(s) will be maintained during the period of extended operation.

4.3.2.1.3 Other Evaluations Based on CUF

The acceptance criteria in Subsection 4.3.2.1.1 of this review plan section apply.

4.3.2.1.4 ASME Section III, Class 2 and 3

The acceptance criteria in Subsection 4.3.2.1.2 of this review plan section apply.

4.3.2.2 Generic Safety Issue

The staff recommendation for the closure of GSI-190 is contained in a December 26, 1999 memorandum from Ashok Thadani to William Travers (Ref. 11). The staff recommended that licensees address the effects of the coolant environment on component fatigue life as aging management programs are formulated in support of license renewal. One method acceptable to the staff for satisfying this recommendation is to assess the impact of the reactor coolant environment on a sample of critical components. These critical components should include, as a minimum, those selected in NUREG/CR-6260 (Ref. 10). The sample of critical components can be evaluated by applying environmental correction factors to the existing ASME Code fatigue analyses. Formulas for calculating the environmental life correction factors for carbon and low-alloy steels are contained in NUREG/CR-6583 (Ref. 14) and those for austenitic SSs are contained in NUREG/CR-5704 (Ref. 15).

4.3.2.3 FSAR Supplement

The specific criterion for meeting 10 CFR 54.21(d) is:

> The summary description of the evaluation of TLAAs for the period of extended operation in the FSAR supplement is appropriate such that later changes can be controlled by 10 CFR 50.59. The description should contain information associated with the TLAAs regarding the basis for determining that the applicant has made the demonstration required by 10 CFR 54.21(c)(1).

4.3.3 Review Procedures

For each area of review described in Subsection 4.3.1, the following review procedures should be followed:

4.3.3.1 Time-Limited Aging Analysis

4.3.3.1.1 ASME Section III, Class 1

For components designed or analyzed to ASME Class 1 requirements, the review procedures, depending on the applicant's choice of 10 CFR 54.21(c)(1)(i), (ii), or (iii), are:

4.3.3.1.1.1 10 CFR 54.21(c)(1)(i)

The operating transient experience and a list of the assumed transients used in the existing CUF calculations for the current operating term are reviewed to ensure that the number of assumed transients would not be exceeded during the period of extended operation.

4.3.3.1.1.2 10 CFR 54.21(c)(1)(ii)

The operating transient experience and a list of the increased number of assumed transients projected to the end of the period of extended operation are reviewed to ensure that the transient projection is adequate. The revised CUF calculations based on the projected number of assumed transients are reviewed to ensure that the CUF remains less than or equal to one at the end of the period of extended operation.

The code of record should be used for the reevaluation, or the applicant may update to a later code edition pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a. In the latter case, the reviewer verifies that the requirements in 10 CFR 50.55a are met.

4.3.3.1.1.3 10 CFR 54.21(c)(1)(iii)

The applicant may reference the GALL report in its license renewal application, as appropriate. The review should verify that the applicant has stated that the report is applicable to its plant with respect to its program that monitors and tracks the number of critical thermal and pressure transients for the selected reactor coolant system components. The reviewer verifies that the applicant has identified the appropriate program as described and evaluated in the GALL report. The reviewer also ensures that the applicant has stated that its program contains the same program elements that the staff evaluated and relied upon in approving the corresponding generic program in the GALL report. No further staff evaluation is necessary.

4.3.3.1.2 ANSI B31.1

For piping designed or analyzed to ANSI B31.1 guidance, the review procedures, depending on the applicant's choice of 10 CFR 54.21(c)(1)(i), (ii), or (iii), are:

4.3.3.1.2.1 10 CFR 54.21(c)(1)(i)

The operating cyclic experience and a list of the assumed thermal cycles used in the existing allowable stress determination are reviewed to ensure that the number of assumed thermal cycles would not be exceeded during the period of extended operation.

4.3.3.1.2.2 10 CFR 54.21(c)(1)(ii)

The operating cyclic experience and a list of the increased number of assumed thermal cycles projected to the end of the period of extended operation are reviewed to ensure that the thermal cycle projection is adequate. The revised allowable stresses based on the projected number of assumed thermal cycles and the stress reduction factors given in the applicant's code of record are reviewed to ensure that they remain sufficient as specified by the code during the period of extended operation. Typical stress reduction factors based on thermal cycles are given in Table 4.3-1.

The code of record should be used for the reevaluation, or the applicant may use the criteria of 10 CFR 50.55a. In the latter case, the reviewer verifies that the requirements in 10 CFR 50.55a are met.

4.3.3.1.2.3 10 CFR 54.21(c)(1)(iii)

The applicant's proposed program to ensure that the effects of aging on the intended function(s) will be adequately managed for the period of extended operation is reviewed. If the applicant proposed a component replacement before it exceeds the assumed thermal cycles, the reviewer verifies that the allowable stresses for the replacement will remain sufficient as specified by the code during the period of extended operation. Other applicant-proposed programs will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

4.3.3.1.3 Other Evaluations Based on CUF

The review procedures in Subsection 4.3.3.1.1 of this review plan section apply.

4.3.3.1.4 ASME Section III, Class 2 and 3

The review procedures in Subsection 4.3.3.1.2 of this review plan section apply.

4.3.3.2 Generic Safety Issue

The reviewer verifies that the applicant has addressed the staff recommendation for the closure of GSI-190 contained in a December 26, 1999 memorandum from Ashok Thadani to William Travers (Ref. 11). The reviewer verifies that the applicant has addressed the effects of the coolant environment on component fatigue life as aging management programs are formulated in support of license renewal. If an applicant has chosen to assess the impact of the reactor coolant environment on a sample of critical components, the reviewer verifies the following:

1. The critical components include, as a minimum, those selected in NUREG/CR-6260 (Ref. 10).

2. The sample of critical components has been evaluated by applying environmental correction factors to the existing ASME Code fatigue analyses.

3. Formulas for calculating the environmental life correction factors are those contained in NUREG/CR–6583 (Ref. 14) for carbon and low-alloy steels, and in NUREG/CR-5704 (Ref. 15) for austenitic SSs, or an approved technical equivalent.

4.3.3.3 FSAR Supplement

The reviewer verifies that the applicant has provided information, to be included in the FSAR supplement that includes a summary description of the evaluation of the metal fatigue TLAA. Table 4.3-2 contains examples of acceptable FSAR supplement information for this TLAA. The reviewer verifies that the applicant has provided a FSAR supplement with information equivalent to that in Table 4.3-2.

The staff expects to impose a license condition on any renewed license to require the applicant to update its FSAR to include this FSAR supplement at the next update required pursuant to 10 CFR 50.71(e)(4). As part of the license condition, until the FSAR update is complete, the applicant may make changes to the programs described in its FSAR supplement without prior NRC approval, provided that the applicant evaluates each such change pursuant to the criteria set forth in 10 CFR 50.59. If the applicant updates the FSAR to include the final FSAR supplement before the license is renewed, no condition will be necessary.

As noted in Table 4.3-2, an applicant need not incorporate the implementation schedule into its FSAR. However, the reviewer should verify that the applicant has identified and committed in the license renewal application to any future aging management activities, including enhancements and commitments to be completed before the period of extended operation. The staff expects to impose a license condition on any renewed license to ensure that the applicant will complete these activities no later than the committed date.

4.3.4 Evaluation Findings

The reviewer determines whether the applicant has provided sufficient information to satisfy the provisions of this section and whether the staff's evaluation supports conclusions of the following type, depending on the applicant's choice of 10 CFR 54.21(c)(1)(i), (ii), or (iii), to be included in the staff's safety evaluation report:

> On the basis of its review, as discussed above, the staff concludes that the applicant has provided an acceptable demonstration, pursuant to 10 CFR 54.21(c)(1), that, for the metal fatigue TLAA, [choose which is appropriate] (i) the analyses remain valid for the period of extended operation, (ii) the analyses have been projected to the end of the period of extended operation, or (iii) the effects of aging on the intended function(s) will be adequately managed for the period of extended operation. The staff also concludes that the FSAR Supplement contains an appropriate summary description of the metal fatigue TLAA evaluation for the period of extended operation as reflected in the license condition.

4.3.5 Implementation

Except in those cases in which the applicant proposes an acceptable alternative method, the method described herein will be used by the staff in its evaluation of conformance with NRC regulations.

4.3.6 References

1. ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section III, "Rules for Construction of Nuclear Power Plant Components," American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

2. ANSI/ASME B31.1, "Power Piping," American National Standards Institute.

3. ANSI/ASME B31.7-1969, "Nuclear Power Piping," American National Standards Institute.

4. SECY-93-049, "Implementation of 10 CFR Part 54, 'Requirements for Renewal of Operating Licenses for Nuclear Power Plants,'" March 1, 1993.

5. Staff Requirements Memorandum from Samuel J. Chilk, dated June 28, 1993.

6. NUREG-0933, "A Prioritization of Generic Safety Issues," Supplement 20, July 1996.

7. Letter from William T. Russell of NRC to William Rasin of the Nuclear Management and Resources Council, dated July 30, 1993.

8. SECY-94-191, "Fatigue Design of Metal Components," July 26, 1994.

9. SECY-95-245, "Completion of The Fatigue Action Plan," September 25, 1995.

10. NUREG/CR-6260, "Application of NUREG/CR-5999 Interim Fatigue Curves to Selected Nuclear Power Plant Components," March 1995.

11. Letter from Ashok C. Thadani of the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research to William D. Travers, Executive Director of Operations, dated December 26, 1999.

12. NUREG/CR-6674, "Fatigue Analysis of Components for 60-Year Plant Life," June 2000.

13. NUREG-1801, "Generic Aging Lessons Learned (GALL)," U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, March 2001.

14. NUREG/CR-6583, "Effects of LWR Coolant Environments on Fatigue Design Curves of Carbon and Low–Alloy Steels," March 1998.

15. NUREG/CR-5704, "Effects of LWR Coolant Environments on Fatigue Design Curves of Austenitic Stainless Steels," April 1999.

Table 4.3-1. Stress Range Reduction Factors

Number of Equivalent Full Temperature Cycles	Stress Range Reduction Factor
7,000 and less	1.0
7,000 to 14,000	0.9
14,000 to 22,000	0.8
22,000 to 45,000	0.7
45,000 to 100,000	0.6
100,000 and over	0.5

Table 4.3-2. Example of FSAR Supplement for Metal Fatigue TLAA Evaluation

10 CFR 54.21(c)(1)(iii) Example

TLAA	Description of Evaluation	Implementation Schedule*
Metal fatigue	The aging management program monitors and tracks the number of critical thermal and pressure test transients, and monitors the cycles for the selected reactor coolant system components. The aging management program will address the effects of the coolant environment on component fatigue life by assessing the impact of the reactor coolant environment on a sample of critical components that include, as a minimum, those components selected in NUREG/CR-6260. The sample of critical components can be evaluated by applying environmental correction factors to the existing ASME Code fatigue analyses. Formulas for calculating the environmental life correction factors are contained in NUREG/CR-6583 for carbon and low-alloy steels and in NUREG/CR-5704 for austenitic SSs.	Evaluation should be completed before the period of extended operation

* An applicant need not incorporate the implementation schedule into its FSAR. However, the reviewer should verify that the applicant has identified and committed in the license renewal application to any future aging management activities to be completed before the period of extended operation. The staff expects to impose a license condition on any renewed license to ensure that the applicant will complete these activities no later than the committed date.