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**SUBJECT: Annual Report for The Ohio State University Research Reactor,
License R-75, Docket 50-150**

Please find enclosed the annual report for The Ohio State University Research Reactor, Docket No. 50-150. This report is being submitted as required by our Technical Specifications, Section 6.6.1. If you have questions on the content of this report, please contact Mr. Andrew Kauffman, Associate Director of the Nuclear Reactor Laboratory, at 614-688-8220.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.
Executed on 11-Sep-2008.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas E. Blue".

Thomas Blue, Director
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THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
RESEARCH REACTOR

ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY 2007/2008

SEPTEMBER 2008

Introduction

As stated in The Ohio State University Research Reactor (OSURR) Technical Specifications, Section 6.6.1 Operating Reports, an annual report shall be made to the NRC by September 30 of each year. This report is to include the following seven sections.

1. A narrative summary of operating experience (including experiments performed) and of changes in facility design, performance characteristics, and operating procedures related to reactor safety occurring during the reporting period.
2. A tabulation showing the energy generated by the reactor (in kilowatt hours) and the number of hours the reactor was in use.
3. The results of safety-related maintenance and inspection. The reasons for corrective maintenance of safety-related items shall be included.
4. A table of unscheduled shutdowns and inadvertent scrams, including their reasons and the corrective actions taken.
5. A summary of changes to the facility or procedures, which affect reactor safety and performance of tests or experiments carried out under the conditions of sections 50.59 of 10CRF50.
6. A summary of the nature and amount of radioactive gaseous, liquids, and solid effluents released or discharged to the environs beyond the effective control of the licensee as measured or calculated at or prior to the point of such release or discharge.
7. A summary of radiation exposures received by facility personnel and visitors, including the dates and times of significant exposures.

These seven sections are discussed below. These are all for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, except as noted for exposure records.

1. Summary of Operating Experience and Changes

1.A. Experiments Performed

The staff of The OSU Research Reactor is generally involved in four types of experiments at the Nuclear Reactor Laboratory. Included are introductions to nuclear research, neutron activation analysis, material irradiations, and classes that measure various reactor parameters. Typically when we introduce students, faculty or other experimenters to nuclear research, we do the following:

- a. Discuss nuclear reactions and radiological safety.
- b. Operate the reactor at 10kW-100kW
- c. Have the individuals observe control room operations.
- d. Complete a tour and demonstrate irradiation techniques.

Neutron activation analysis experiments are routinely completed for students ranging from high school to graduate school. The facilities normally utilized are the "rabbit" (pneumatic tube) and the "CIF" (Central Irradiation Facility). Much of the NAA work is geological samples.

Material irradiations, other than for NAA, are in four basic areas: isotope production; detector, electronic component and fiber optic testing; boron neutron capture therapy (BNCT); and irradiation of biological samples. Isotope production has been done often for medical research. Detector and electronic component testing is done routinely. This testing is usually completed in the thermal column, or one of the beam ports, while fission chamber testing is in the Central Irradiation Facility. The reactor thermal column is also utilized for other BNCT studies. Typically it is the location for cell samples to determine their boron content.

Various nuclear engineering or physics classes throughout Ohio utilize the reactor for the following basic experiments:

- a. Approach to critical (using banked control rods rather than fuel loading).
- b. Control rod calibration by rod drop, positive period, and subcritical multiplication.
- c. Measurement of the reactor transfer function by noise analysis.
- d. Temperature coefficient measurements.
- e. Radiological surveys.

The reactor utilization for July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 is summarized in the following reports. Please note that the utilization hours listed below only reflect actual reactor operating time. The list does not include hours spent on tasks supporting this reactor utilization.

**The Ohio State University Nuclear Reactor Lab Reactor Utilization Report:
July 1 - December 31, 2007**

User (Affiliation)	Description	Hours¹
AFIT	Radiation damage in electronics	13.1
Kulisek, Stone, Blue (OSU)	Damage to SiC diodes	0.0
Chenkovich, Blue (OSU)	BNCT	5.2
GE Reuter-Stokes	Fission chamber testing	55.7
Goodenow (OSU)	Radiation effects on SiC pressure sensors	5.4
Larue (OSU)	NAA of milk	0.0
Lepper (NDSU)	NAA of geology samples	3.0
Lockheed Martin	Fission chambers demonstration	0.7
Luna Innovations	Sensor testing	237.8
NRL	Calibration, inspections, requal	9.4
Scintiprox	Sm production	0.8
Stone (OSU)	Material properties changes in 4H-SiC	0.0
Taylor (OSU)	Approach to Critical	1.5
Truesdale (OSU)	Radiation damage in electronics	0.5
UC (Glover)	Trace-element NAA	0.0
UC (Spitz)	NAA of air filters	0.0
Various	Tours	33.2

Total: 366.3

Notes:

1. The utilization hours listed above reflect actual reactor operating time. The list does not include hours spent on tasks supporting this reactor utilization (pre-start and post-shutdown checkout, experiment setup, etc.).
2. Does not include reactor utilization time when run as a secondary user concurrent with a primary user

**The Ohio State University Nuclear Reactor Lab Reactor Utilization Report:
January 1 - June 30, 2008**

User (Affiliation)	Description	Hours¹
Luna Innovations	Optical sensor evaluation	138.7
OSU NE	Classes and labs (NE 505, 742, 744, 793)	48.6
GE Reuter-Stokes	Fission chamber testing	61.1
Various	Tours(excluding NE 505)	22.0
Burgett (Ga Tech)	Neutron spectrum in rabbit	6.6
Glover (UC)	Silica discs	8.7
AFIT	Approach to critical, control rod cal	2.7
AFIT	Tin (Sn) production	0.9 ²
Blasy (AFIT)	Rad effects	1.1
Frasca	Rad effects on microcapacitors	4.0
Peilai (OSU NE)	Neutron spectrum in BP#1	1.4
Patten (UDRC)	Rad effects testing	2.3
Zhang, Blue (OSU NE)	Rad effects testing	10.0
Chenkovich, Blue (OSU)	Flux-wire activation	3.9
Stone, Blue (OSU NE)	SiC detectors	2.2 ²
Kulisek, Blue (OSU NE)	Rad effects testing	0.0 ²
Spitz (UC)	NAA of filter paper	5.9 ²
NRL	Map startup channel fission chamber	3.5
NRL	Licensing and requal	3.9
Larue	NAA of milk	0.0 ²
Lepper (NDSU)	NAA of geology samples	1.3
NRL	Decay gamma dose rate	1.8
Sherman (WSHS)	Rad effects	1.8

Total: 332.4

Notes:

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1.B. Changes in Facility Design

There were no facility design changes that required a change to the Technical Specifications. 10CFR50.59 changes are described in Section 5.A of this report.

1.C. Changes in Performance Characteristics

There have been no changes in performance characteristics related to reactor safety in the last year.

1.D. Changes in Operating Procedures

There were no changes in operating procedures related to reactor safety in the last year. 10CFR50.59 changes are described in Section 5.B of this report.

2. Energy Generated and Hours of Use

Kilowatt-Hours of Operation: 141064.7

Hours of Utilization: 698.7

3. Safety Related Maintenance

None

4. Unscheduled Shutdowns

From July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 there were 13 unplanned shutdowns. These are summarized below.

Reason		Corrective Action
Period Safety scram from noise on log channel	(11)	Replaced CIC used for log channel
Loss of building power	(1)	No corrective action required.
Shim Safety #1 would not stay engaged	(1)	Cleaned armature to which electromagnet engages

5. Changes in Facility and Procedures in Accordance with 10CFR50.59

5.A. Facility Modifications

During the period July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, three OSURR Modification Requests were completed by the reactor staff:

- a) Replacement of remote manual scram switches
- b) Replacement of startup-source drive system
- c) Replacement of fission-chamber drive system

5.B. Procedure changes

The following is a list of procedure changes made under 10CFR50.59 from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 in accordance with Administrative Procedure AP-05, entitled Format for Writing, Revising, and Approving Procedures.

Procedure Number	Procedure Title	Revision Date
IM-01	Scram Checks	07/13/2007
EP-01	Emergency Procedures	08/03/2007
IM-03	Pre-Start Checkout	10/10/2007
IM-04	Post-Shutdown Checkout	10/10/2007
OM-01	Reactor Power Changes	10/19/2007
AP-13	Personnel Required for Reactor Operation	03/19/2008

6. Radioactive Effluents

6.A. Gaseous Effluent

The only effluent measured is the release of Ar-41. For the period July 1 - Dec. 31, 2007, Ar-41 releases measured 1.13 % of the annual average concentration limit. From Jan. 1 - June 30, 2008, releases measured 1.05 % of the annual average concentration limit.

In accordance with the requirements of 10CFR20.1101(d), the COMPLY code was run using the total Ar-41 release for the period July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008 of 168 mCi. Using level 2 in the code, the effective dose equivalent rate at the facility fence was computed to be 0.1 mrem/yr. This is well below the 10 mrem/yr constraint specified in the regulation.

6.B. Liquid Releases

Hot sink releases are recorded and reported through the OSU Office of Radiation Safety. No releases were made to the sanitary sewer system during the period July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

6.C. Solid Releases

No releases of solid radioactive material were made to the uncontrolled environment.

7. Radiation Exposures

Since the firm that maintains records for The Ohio State University keeps a year to date record, it is easier to report this by the nearest completed calendar year. Therefore film badge exposures in this report are for the period January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007. Seven individuals were monitored as radiation workers for the entire year or a major part of it. These are tabulated below. They are consistent with the ALARA policy for The Ohio State University and represent a fraction of allowed limits. All doses are in mrem.

Individual	DDE	LDE	SDE, WB	SDE, ME
Visitors	0	0	0	N/A
1	45	273	557	640
2	8	7	15	1
3	128	174	260	470
4	63	87	116	80
5	36	39	50	780

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National Emission Standards
for Hazardous Air Pollutants

REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH
THE CLEAN AIR ACT LIMITS FOR RADIONUCLIDE EMISSIONS
FROM THE COMPLY CODE - V1.6.

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SCREENING LEVEL 2

DATA ENTERED:

Nuclide	Release Rate (curies/YEAR)
AR-41	1.680E-01

Release height 10 meters.

Building height 11 meters.

The source and receptor are not on the same building.

Distance from the source to the receptor is 15 meters.

Building width 25 meters.

Default mean wind speed used (2.0 m/sec).

NOTES:

Input parameters outside the "normal" range:

None.

RESULTS:

Effective dose equivalent: 0.1 mrem/yr.

*** Comply at level 2.

This facility is in COMPLIANCE.

It may or may not be EXEMPT from reporting to the EPA.

You may contact your regional EPA office for more information.

***** END OF COMPLIANCE REPORT *****