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U. S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
NON-POWER INITIAL REACTOR LICENSE EXAMINATION

FACILITY: University of Maryland

REACTOR TYPE: TRIGA

DATE ADMINISTERED: November 13, 2008

CANDIDATE:

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATE:

Answers are to be written on the answer sheet provided. Attach the answer sheets to the examination. Points for each question are indicated in parentheses for each question. A 70% in each section is required to pass the examination. Examinations will be picked up three (3) hours after the examination starts.

<u>CATEGORY VALUE</u>	<u>CANDIDATE'S SCORE</u>	<u>% OF CATEGORY VALUE</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>
<u>17.00</u>	_____	_____	A. REACTOR THEORY, THERMODYNAMICS AND FACILITY OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS
<u>17.00</u>	_____	_____	B. NORMAL AND EMERGENCY OPERATING PROCEDURES AND RADIOLOGICAL CONTROLS
<u>17.00</u>	_____	_____	C. FACILITY AND RADIATION MONITORING SYSTEMS
<u>71.00</u>	_____	_____	% TOTALS
	FINAL GRADE		

All work done on this examination is my own. I have neither given nor received aid.

Candidate's Signature

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If you change your answer, write your selection in the blank.

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B. NORMAL/EMERG PROCEDURES & RAD CON

**ANSWER SHEET**

Multiple Choice (Circle or X your choice)

If you change your answer, write your selection in the blank.

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C. PLANT AND RAD MONITORING SYSTEMS

**ANSWER SHEET**

Multiple Choice (Circle or X your choice)

If you change your answer, write your selection in the blank.

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(\*\*\*\* END OF CATEGORY C \*\*\*\*)  
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## EQUATION SHEET

$Q = m c_p \Delta T$	$P_{\max} = \frac{(\rho - \beta)^2}{2\alpha(k)\ell}$
$Q = m \Delta h$	$\text{SCR} = S/(1-\text{Keff})$
$Q = UA \Delta T$	$\text{CR}_1 (1-\text{Keff})_1 = \text{CR}_2 (1-\text{Keff})_2$
$\text{SUR} = \frac{26.06 (\lambda_{\text{eff}}\rho)}{(\beta - \rho)}$	$M = \frac{(1-\text{Keff})_0}{(1-\text{Keff})_1}$
$\text{SUR} = 26.06/\tau$	$M = 1/(1-\text{Keff}) = \text{CR}_1/\text{CR}_0$
$P = P_0 10^{\text{SUR}(t)}$	$\text{SDM} = (1-\text{Keff})/\text{Keff}$
$P = P_0 e^{(t/\tau)}$	$\text{Pwr} = W_f m$
$P = \frac{\beta(1-\rho)}{\beta-\rho} P_0$	$\ell^* = 1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ seconds}$
$\tau = (\ell^*/\rho) + [(\bar{\beta}-\rho)/\lambda_{\text{eff}}\rho]$	$\tau = \ell^*/(\rho-\bar{\beta})$
$\rho = (\text{Keff}-1)/\text{Keff}$	$\lambda_{\text{eff}} = 0.1 \text{ seconds}^{-1}$
$\rho = \Delta\text{Keff}/\text{Keff}$	$T_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{\lambda}$
$\bar{\beta} = 0.0070$	$\text{DR} = \text{DR}_0 e^{-\lambda t}$
$\text{DR}_1 D_1^2 = \text{DR}_2 D_2^2$	$\text{DR} \equiv \text{R/hr}, \text{ Ci} \equiv \text{Curies}, \text{ E} \equiv \text{Mev}, \text{ R} \equiv \text{feet}$
$\text{DR} = \frac{6\text{CiE}(n)}{\text{R}^2}$	
$1 \text{ Curie} = 3.7 \times 10^{10} \text{ dps}$	$1 \text{ kg} = 2.21 \text{ lbm}$
$1 \text{ hp} = 2.54 \times 10^3 \text{ BTU/hr}$	$1 \text{ Mw} = 3.41 \times 10^6 \text{ BTU/hr}$
$1 \text{ BTU} = 778 \text{ ft-lbf}$	$^{\circ}\text{F} = 9/5^{\circ}\text{C} + 32$
$1 \text{ gal H}_2\text{O} \approx 8 \text{ lbm}$	$^{\circ}\text{C} = 5/9 (^{\circ}\text{F} - 32)$

## QUESTION A.1 [2.0 points, 0.5 each]

Match each term in column A with the correct definition in column B.

- | <u>Column A</u>    | <u>Column B</u>  |
|--------------------|--|
| a. Prompt Neutron  | 1. a neutron in equilibrium with its surroundings.             |
| b. Fast Neutron    | 2. a neutron born directly from fission.                       |
| c. Thermal Neutron | 3. a neutron born due to decay of a fission product.           |
| d. Delayed Neutron | 4. a neutron at an energy level greater than its surroundings. |

## QUESTION A.2 [1.0 point]

You enter the control room and note that all nuclear instrumentation show a steady neutron level, and no rods are in motion. Which one of the following conditions **CANNOT** be true?

- The reactor is critical.
- The reactor is subcritical.
- The reactor is supercritical.
- The neutron source has been removed from the core.

## QUESTION A.3 [1.0 point]

Which one of the following describes the **MAJOR** contributor to the production and depletion of Xenon respectively in a **STEADY-STATE OPERATING** reactor?

- | <u>Production</u>              | <u>Depletion</u>   |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| a. Radioactive decay of Iodine | Radioactive Decay  |
| b. Radioactive decay of Iodine | Neutron Absorption |
| c. Directly from fission       | Radioactive Decay  |
| d. Directly from fission       | Neutron Absorption |

## QUESTION A.4 [1.0 point]

Which factor of the Six Factor formula is most easily varied by the reactor operator?

- Thermal Utilization Factor ( $f$ )
- Reproduction Factor ( $\eta$ )
- Fast Fission Factor ( $\epsilon$ )
- Fast Non-Leakage Factor ( $L_f$ )

## QUESTION A.5 [1.0 point]

You perform two initial startups a week apart. Each of the startups has the same starting conditions, (core burnup, pool and fuel temperature, and count rate are the same). The only difference between the two startups is that during the **SECOND** one you stop for 10 minutes to answer the phone while the reactor is still subcritical. For the second startup, compare the critical rod height and count rate to the first startup.

	<u>Rod Height</u>	<u>Count Rate</u>
a.	Higher	Same
b.	Lower	Same
c.	Same	Lower
d.	Same	Higher

## QUESTION A.6 [1.0 point]

Reactor power decreases on a stable negative period after a reactor scram, following an initial prompt drop. Which ONE (1) of the following is the reason for this?

- This rate of power change is dependent on the **MEAN** lifetime of the longest lived delayed neutron precursor.
- This rate of power change is dependent on the **MEAN** lifetime of the shortest lived delayed neutron precursor.
- All prompt neutrons decay during the prompt drop, and the subsequent rate of power change is dependent **ONLY** on the half-life of the longest lived prompt gamma emitter.
- This rate of power change is dependent on the **CONSTANT** decay rate of prompt neutrons following a scram.

## QUESTION A.7 [1.0 point]

Which one of the following atoms will cause a neutron to lose the most energy in an elastic collision?

- Uranium<sup>238</sup>
- Carbon<sup>12</sup>
- Hydrogen<sup>2</sup>
- Hydrogen<sup>1</sup>

## QUESTION A.8 [1.0 point]

$K_{\text{eff}}$  for the reactor is 0.98. If you place an experiment worth **+\$1.00** into the core, what will the new  $K_{\text{eff}}$  be?

- a. 0.982
- b. 0.987
- c. 1.013
- d. 1.018

## QUESTION A.9 [1.0 point]

About two minutes following a reactor scram, period has stabilized, and is decreasing at a CONSTANT rate. If reactor power is  $10^{-5}$  % full power what will the power be in three minutes.

- a.  $5 \times 10^{-8}$  % full power
- b.  $2 \times 10^{-9}$  % full power
- c.  $1 \times 10^{-6}$  % full power
- d.  $5 \times 10^{-7}$  % full power

## QUESTION A.10 [1.0 point]

A reactor contains three safety blades and a regulating blade. Which one of the following would result in a determination of the excess reactivity of this reactor?

- a. The reactor is critical at a low power level, with all safety blades full out and the regulating blade at some position. The reactivity remaining in the regulating blade (i.e. its worth from its present position to full out) is the excess reactivity.
- b. The reactor is shutdown. Two safety blades are withdrawn until the reactor becomes critical. The total blade worth withdrawn is the excess reactivity.
- c. The reactor is at full power. The total worth of all blades withdrawn is the excess reactivity.
- d. The reactor is at full power. The total worth remaining in all the safety blades and the regulating blade (i.e. their worth from their present positions to full out) is the excess reactivity.

QUESTION A.11 [1.0 point]

**INELASTIC SCATTERING** is the process by which a neutron collides with a nucleus and ...

- a. recoils with the same kinetic energy it had prior to the collision.
- b. is absorbed, with the nucleus emitting a gamma ray, and the neutron with a lower kinetic energy.
- c. is absorbed, with the nucleus emitting a gamma ray.
- d. recoils with a higher kinetic energy than it had prior to the collision with the nucleus emitting a gamma ray.

QUESTION A.12 [1.0 point]

Which one of the following conditions would **INCREASE** the shutdown margin of a reactor?

- a. Inserting an experiment adding positive reactivity.
- b. Lowering moderator temperature if the moderator temperature coefficient is negative.
- c. Depletion of a burnable poison.
- d. Depletion of uranium fuel.

QUESTION A.13 [1.0 point]

Which one of the following is the **MAJOR** source of energy released during fission?

- a. Kinetic energy of the fission neutrons.
- b. Kinetic energy of the fission fragments.
- c. Decay of the fission fragments.
- d. Prompt gamma rays.

QUESTION A.14 [1.0 point]

As primary coolant temperature increases, rod worth:

- a. increases due to higher reflector efficiency.
- b. decreases due to higher neutron absorption in the moderator.
- c. increases due to the increase in thermal diffusion length.
- d. remains the same due to constant poison cross-section of the control rods.

QUESTION A.15 [1.0 point]

The term **PROMPT JUMP** refers to ...

- a. the instantaneous change in power due to withdrawal of a control rod.
- b. a reactor which has attained criticality on prompt neutrons alone.
- c. a reactor which is critical on both prompt and delayed neutrons.
- d. a negative reactivity insertion which is less than  $\beta_{\text{eff}}$ .

QUESTION A.16 [1.0 point]

Which one of the following is the correct reason that delayed neutrons enhance control of the reactor?

- a. There are more delayed neutrons than prompt neutrons.
- b. Delayed neutrons increase the average neutron generation time.
- c. Delayed neutrons are born at higher energies than prompt neutrons and therefore have a greater effect.
- d. Delayed neutrons take longer to reach thermal equilibrium.

Question B.1 [1.0 point]

In order to ensure the health and safety of the public, in an emergency, 10CFR50 allows the operator to deviate from Technical Specifications. What is the minimum level of authorization needed to deviate from Tech. Specs?

- a. USNRC
- b. Reactor Supervisor
- c. Licensed Senior Reactor Operator.
- d. Licensed Reactor Operator.

Question B.2 [1.0 point]

“The instrumented fuel element temperature shall not exceed 400°C” This is an example of a:

- a. safety limit.
- b. limiting safety system setting.
- c. limiting condition for operation.
- d. surveillance requirement.

Question B.3 [1.0 point]

Which one of the following statements defines the Technical Specifications term "Channel Test?"

- a. The adjustment of a channel such that its output corresponds with acceptable accuracy to known values of the parameter which the channel measures
- b. The qualitative verification of acceptable performance by observation of channel behavior
- c. The introduction of a signal into a channel for verification of the operability of the channel
- d. The combination of sensors, electronic circuits and output devices connected to measure and display the value of a parameter

Question B.4 [1.0 point]

Per Technical Specifications, for a period of time not to exceed \_\_\_\_\_, the Exhaust Radiation Monitor may be taken out of service for maintenance if it is replaced with a portable gamma sensitive instrument observable by the reactor operator.

- a. 8 hours
- b. 24 hours
- c. 48 hours
- d. 7 days

Question B.5 [2.0 points, 0.5 each]

Match the radiation reading from column A with its corresponding radiation area classification (per 10 CFR 20) listed in column B.

COLUMN A

COLUMN B

- |                |                             |
|----------------|-----------------------------|
| a. 10 mRem/hr  | 1. Unrestricted Area        |
| b. 150 mRem/hr | 2. Radiation Area           |
| c. 10 Rem/hr   | 3. High Radiation Area      |
| d. 550 Rem/hr  | 4. Very High Radiation Area |

Question B.6 [1.0 point]

A radioactive source generates a dose of 100 mr/hr at 10 feet. Using a two inch thick sheet of lead for shielding the reading drops to 50 mr/hr at 10 feet. What is the minimum number of sheets of the same lead shielding needed to drop the reading to less than 5 mr/hr at a distance of 10 ft?

- a. 1
- b. 3
- c. 5
- d. 7

Question B.7 [1.0 point]

Which one of the following is the 10 CFR 20 definition of **TOTAL EFFECTIVE DOSE EQUIVALENT (TEDE)**?

- a. The sum of the deep dose equivalent and the committed effective dose equivalent.
- b. The dose that your whole body receives from sources outside the body.
- c. The sum of the external deep dose and the organ dose.
- d. The dose to a specific organ or tissue resulting from an intake of radioactive material

Question B.8 [1.0 point]

A room contains a source which, when exposed, results in a general area dose rate of 175 mr/hr. This source is scheduled to be exposed continuously for 25 days. Select an acceptable method for controlling radiation exposure from the source within this room.

- a. Post the area with words "Danger-Radiation Area".
- b. Equip the room with a device to visually display the current dose rate within the room.
- c. Equip the room with a motion detector that will alarm in the control room.
- d. Lock the room to prevent inadvertent entry into the room.

Question B.9 [2.0 points, 0.5 each]

Match the requirements (10 CFR 55) for maintaining an active operator license in column A with the correct time period from column B. (NOTE: Some time frame may be used more than once or not at all.)

<u>Column A</u>	<u>Column B</u>
1. Renewal of license	a. 4 months
2. Medical examination	b. 1 year
3. Console manipulation evaluation	c. 2 years
4. Requalification exam (written)	d. 6 years

Question B.10 [1.0 point]

Which one of the following is a Reportable Occurrence per Technical Specifications?

- a. The reactor protection system is set to scram the reactor at 310 KW.
- b. The interlock for the Beam Port is disabled by the Senior Reactor Operator while the reactor is at power.
- c. One of the Bridge Radiation Monitor is inoperable while the reactor is a power.
- d. An unexpected reactivity change of \$0.75

Question B.11 [1.0 point]

Which ONE of the following events is designated as the Maximum Hypothetical Accident (MHA) for the University of Maryland reactor?

- a. Fuel handling mishap resulting in fuel element failure outside the reactor.
- b. Malfunction of an experiment or an experimental apparatus.
- c. Loss of Coolant Accident.
- d. Control Rod ejection accident.

Question B.12 [1.0 point]

The total reactivity worth of in-core experiments is 1.50 dollars.  
What is the maximum excess reactivity allowed relative to cold critical conditions?

- a. 3.50 dollars
- b. 2.00 dollars
- c. 1.50 dollars
- d. 0.50 dollars

Question B.13 [1.0 point]

Which one of the following does NOT require NRC approval for changes?

- a. Facility License
- b. Requalification plan
- c. Emergency Implementation Procedures
- d. Emergency Plan

Question B.14 [1.0 point]

The reactor is operating with the following power indications:

- Safety Channel I = 75 %
- Safety Channel II = 80 %
- Linear Power Chart Recorder (Red Pen) = 63% with range switch on 30KW
- Log-Power Channel = 83 %

Which one of the indications should be used as true power level?

- a. Safety Channel I
- b. Safety Channel II
- c. Linear Power Chart Recorder
- d. Log-Power Channel

Question B.15 [1.0 point]

It is April 1, 2008. You have stood watch for the following hours during the last quarter:

Jan. 11, 2008	0.5 hours
Feb. 24, 2008	1.5 hours
Mar. 16, 2008	1.0 hours

What requirements must you meet in order to stand an RO watch today?

- a. None. You've met the minimum requirements of 10 CFR 55.
- b. You must perform 4 hours of shift functions under the direction of a licensed operator or licensed senior operator as appropriate.
- c. You must perform 6 hours of shift functions under the direction of a licensed operator or licensed senior operator as appropriate.
- d. You must submit a new application form to the NRC requesting a waiver to reactivate your license.

(\*\* End of Section B \*\*)

QUESTION C.1 [1.0 point]

Which ONE of the following describes the action of the rod control system to drive the magnet draw tube down after a dropped rod?

- a. Deenergizing the rod magnet initiates the down motion of the draw tube.
- b. MAGNET DOWN limit switch OFF initiates the down motion of the draw tube.
- c. ROD DOWN limit switch ON initiates the down motion of the draw tube.
- d. MAGNET DOWN limit switch OFF and ROD DOWN limit switch ON initiates the down motion of the draw tube.

QUESTION C.2 [1.0 point]

A break has occurred in the reactor coolant system on the pool inlet line to the pool. The break is outside of the pool. Select the level that the pool will drain to and why?

- a. The top of the core because all reactor coolant piping external to the core is above the top of the core.
- b. Two feet above the top of the core because this is the discharge point of the pool inlet line.
- c. Approximately to the height of the elbow located on the pool inlet pipe.
- d. Two feet below the top of the reactor pool due to the siphon break located on the pool water outlet pipe.

QUESTION C.3 [1.0 point]

The MUTR coolant system consists of 1) primary coolant pump, 2) outlet temperature probe, 3) micro filter, and 4) heat exchanger number 1.

Which one of the following orders describes the correct flow of the primary water system (assume that the water flow will begin at the reactor pool)?

- a. 1,2,3,4
- b. 1,4,2,3
- c. 4,3,2,1
- d. 1,3,4,2

QUESTION C.4 [1.0 point]

Which one of the following gases is the driving force for the pneumatic transfer system (rabbit) system?

- a. CO<sub>2</sub>
- b. Air
- c. H<sub>2</sub>
- d. O<sub>2</sub>

QUESTION C.5 [1.0 point]

The ion chamber power indications are correlated to the heat balance calculated thermal power by:

- a. adjusting the detector high voltage.
- b. adjusting the circuit comparator voltage.
- c. moving the graphite reflectors to change the neutron flux near the detectors.
- d. physically adjusting the height of the detectors in the support assembly.

QUESTION C.6 [1.0 point]

What is achieved by use of the diffuser above the core during operation?

- a. Better distribution of heat throughout the pool.
- b. Better heat transfer across all fuel elements in the core.
- c. Reduced dose rate at the pool surface.
- d. Consistent water chemistry in the core.

QUESTION C.7 [1.0 point]

Which one of the following is the PRIMARY function of graphite slugs at the top and bottom of the fuel element?

- a. Reflector
- b. Moderator
- c. Absorber
- d. Scatter

QUESTION C.8 [1.0 point]

When adding water to the pool, overflow from the pool will go:

- a. into the holdup tank in the water handling room sump through the pool overflow piping.
- b. directly into the water handling room sump through the pool overflow piping.
- c. directly into the water handling room sump through the floor drain gratings around the base of the reactor.
- d. directly into the sewer system through the floor drain gratings around the base of the reactor.

QUESTION C.9 [1.0 point]

The poison section of the MUTR control rods consist of:

- a. Boron-Aluminum alloy (Boral)
- b. powdered borated graphite
- c. Boron Carbide mixed with Zirconium Hydride
- d. compacted and sintered Boron Carbide



QUESTION C.13 [1 point]

Which one of the following is allowed per the T.Ss?

- a. A non-secured experiment with a reactivity worth of \$1.0
- b. A single experiment with a reactivity worth of \$1.10
- c. Total reactivity worth of \$2.5 in core experiment
- d. 30 mg of gunpowder

QUESTION C.14 [1 point]

The output of the Uncompensated Ion Chamber provides the signal:

- a. for the period circuit
- b. for Safety Channel #1
- c. to the % Demand Controller
- d. for Safety Channel #2

QUESTION C.15 [1 point]

The thermocouples in the instrumented fuel bundle measure temperature at the:

- a. interior surface of the cladding
- b. center of the zirconium rod
- c. outer surface of the fuel
- d. interior of the fuel

(\*\* End of Examination \*\*)

A.1 a, 2; b, 4; c, 1; d, 3

REF: Burn, R., *Introduction to Nuclear Reactor Operations*, © 1982, § 2.5, p. 2-36.

A.2 c

REF: Standard NRC question

A.3 b

REF: Burn, R., *Introduction to Nuclear Reactor Operations*, © 1988, §§ 8.1 —8.4, pp. 8-3 — 8-14.

A.4 a

REF: Burn, R., *Introduction to Nuclear Reactor Operations*, © 1982, § 3.2, pp. 3-13 — 3-18.

A.5 d

REF: Burn, R., *Introduction to Nuclear Reactor Operations*, © 1982, § 5.7, pp. 5-28 — 5-38.

A.6 a

REF: Burn, R., *Introduction to Nuclear Reactor Operations*, © 1982, § 4.7, p. 4-21.

A.7 d

REF: Burn, R., *Introduction to Nuclear Reactor Operations*, © 1988, § 2.5.3 p. 2-45.

A.8 b

REF:  $SDM = (1 - k_{eff}) / k_{eff} = (1 - 0.98) / 0.98 = 0.02 / 0.98 = 0.02041$  or  $0.02041 / .0075 = \$2.72$ , or a reactivity worth ( $\rho$ ) of  $-\$2.72$ . Adding  $+\$1.00$  reactivity will result in a SDM of  $\$2.72 - \$1.00 = \$1.72$ , or  $.0129081 \Delta K/K$   
 $K_{eff} = 1 / (1 + SDM) = 1 / (1 + 0.0129081) = 0.987$

A.9 c

REF:  $P = P_0 e^{-T/\tau} = 10^{-5} \times e^{(-180\text{sec}/80\text{sec})} = 10^{-5} \times e^{-2.25} = 0.1054 \times 10^{-5} = 1.054 \times 10^{-6}$

A.10 a

REF: Burn, R., *Introduction to Nuclear Reactor Operations*, © 1988, §§ 6.2.1, pp. 6-2.

A.11 b

REF: Burn, R., *Introduction to Nuclear Reactor Operations*, © 1982, § 2.4.5 p. 2-28.

A.12 d

REF: Burn, R., *Introduction to Nuclear Reactor Operations*, © 1988, § 6.2.3, p. 6-4.

A.13 b

REF: Burn, R., *Introduction to Nuclear Reactor Operations*, © 1982, § 3.2.1, p. 3-4.

A.14 c

REF: Burn, R., *Introduction to Nuclear Reactor Operations*, © 1982, § 3.3.2, p. 3-18

A.15 a

REF: Burn, R., *Introduction to Nuclear Reactor Operations*, © 1988, § 4.7, p. 4-21

A.16 b

REF: Burn, R., *Introduction to Nuclear Reactor Operations*, © 1982, § 3.2.4, p. 3-12.

- B.1 c  
REF: 10CFR50.54(y)
- B.2 b  
REF: TS 2.2
- B.3 c  
REF: TS 1.0
- B.4 c  
REF: TS 3.4
- B.5 a – 2; b – 3; c – 3; d – 4  
REF: 10 CFR 20.1003, Definitions
- B.6 c  
REF: Two inches = one-half thickness ( $T_{1/2}$ ). Using 5 half-thickness will drop the dose by a factor of  $(1/2)^5 = 1/32$  □  $100/32 = 3.13$
- B.7 a  
REF: 10 CFR 20.1003 *Definitions*
- B.8 d  
REF: 10 CFR 20.1601
- B.9 1 d 2 c 3 b 4 c  
REF: 10CFR55
- B.10 a  
REF: Technical Specifications 1.21, "Definitions"  
Technical Specifications 3.0
- B.11 a  
REF: FNR Safety Analysis, Section 13.0
- B.12 a  
REF: TS 3.1
- B.13 c  
REF: 10 CFR 50.54 q; 10 CFR 50.59; 10 CFR 55.59
- B.14 b  
REF: OP-104, Reactor Operations, Step 3.6
- B.15 c  
REF: 10CFR55.53(e) & (f)

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- C.1 d  
REF ENNU 320 MANUAL VOL. 2, Page 6-7
- C.2 c  
REF FSAR section 4.1
- C.3 d  
REF SAR Figure 5-1
- C.4 a  
REF SAR Section 10.2.4
- C.5 d  
REF ENNU 320, Vol. 2, Sect. 7.3; SP-202, Step 5.6
- C.6 c  
REF FSAR section 8.3
- C.7 a  
REF SAR Section 4.2.1.1
- C.8 a  
REF ENNU 320, Vol.2, Sect. 8.1
- C.9 b  
REF FSAR Section 3.2.1
- C.10 a (3), b (2), c (2), d (1)  
REF: Lecture notes
- C.11 a (2), b (2), c (1), d (2)  
REF TS Section 3.2
- C.12 b  
REF: TS Section 3.3
- C.13 c  
REF TS Section 3.5
- C.14 d  
REF ENNU 320 MANUAL VOL. 2, Page 6-2
- C.15 d  
REF ENNU 320 MANUAL VOL. 2, Page 3-1

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