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**ECONOMIC SIMPLIFIED BOILING WATER REACTOR DESIGN CERTIFICATION
SEISMIC ANALYSIS OF FUEL IN SPENT FUEL AND BUFFER POOLS
AUDIT PLAN**

A. Background

The staff concluded in the safety evaluation report (SER) for Licensing Topical Report NEDO-33373 that the Economic Simplified Boiling Water Reactor (ESBWR) fuel storage racks meet the relevant requirements of General Design Criteria (GDC) 2 and that the fuel storage racks are designed to withstand the most severe earthquake that has been established for the ESBWR certified design. The purpose of this audit is for the staff to review the supporting ESBWR spent fuel pool and buffer pool documentation to ensure that the consequent loads on the fuel assembly during a seismic event do not lead to fuel damage. This is a follow-up to the audit performed on the same subject on August 5, 2011.

B. Regulatory Audit Bases

This regulatory audit is based on the following:

- GDC 2
- Standard Review Plan 3.8.4, Appendix D

C. Regulatory Audit Scope or Methodology

- The area of focus for the audit is the ESBWR documentation providing the loads on the fuel in the spent fuel and buffer pools during a seismic event and determination of corresponding acceptable loads on the fuel considering temperature effects.

D. Information and Other Material Necessary for the Regulatory Audit

- NEDE 21175
- NEDO-33373

E. Audit Team

The following are the audit team members:

Jim Xu, NRC Audit Team Lead, Structural Engineering Branch
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F. Logistics

Date: September 8, 2011
Time: 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
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G. Deliverables

The audit team will issue a regulatory audit summary within 90 days after completing the audit. The audit summary will cover both the August 5, 2011 audit and the follow-up audit on September 8, 2011.