

Module Assembly and Equipment Handling



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Background

- NuScale design incorporates nuclear refueling and reactor heavy load handling processes that are different than existing reactors.
- NuScale Reactor Module, including the core, is moved for initial installation and again for each refueling.
- The entire assembly and disassembly operation takes place in a separate refueling segment of the reactor building pool.
- NuScale design program includes development of a physical replica of module assembly equipment.

Issues

- Current guidance and application content for heavy load handling and refueling do not fully reflect the NuScale design for module refueling and movement.
 - Movement of a reactor module with fuel
 - Co-located operating modules
 - Bolting of a reactor module
 - Core monitoring during 'loaded' movement

Pre-Application Outcomes

- Familiarize the NRC with Nuclear Handling operations and the associated equipment.
- Agree on applicability of requirements and guidance.
- Agree on DCA content regarding Nuclear Handling.

Pre-Application Engagement

- Presentation covering
 - Design description
 - Applicability of requirements
 - DCA content outline
- Feedback on changes to Chapter 9 sections in DCA content outline