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Docket No. 52-042

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Docket No. 52-042
SRP Section: 02.02.03 - Evaluation of Potential Accidents
Application Section: 2.2.3

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RS-002 and RG 1.206 provide guidance regarding the information that is needed to ensure potential hazards in the site vicinity are identified and evaluated in order to meet the siting criteria in 10 CFR 100.20 and 10 CFR 100.21. Flammable Vapor Clouds (Delayed Ignition) due to pipeline transmission is addressed in SSAR Section 2.2.3.1.2.1. However, the section does not provide sufficient information to enable the NRC staff to independently evaluate the total hazard frequency determined by the applicant as follows:

- 1). It is not clear whether the pipelines for the transport of ethylene/cyclohexane and gasoline are also considered in the probability evaluation.
- 2). It is not clear what model has been used in performing the deterministic analysis to calculate the frequency of the acceptable/unacceptable impacts.
- 3). It is not clear how the onsite and offsite failure rates are used in the determination of the total event probability of 3.67×10^{-7} events/yr.

In regards to the three items above, the NRC staff requests for the applicant to clarify the methodology and models used to determine the total hazard frequency for flammable vapor clouds, including clarification of the assumptions, specific pipelines and materials considered, and pertinent data used in the analysis.

02.02.03-3

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02.02.03-4

RS-002 and RG 1.206 provide guidance regarding the information that is needed to ensure potential hazards in the site vicinity are identified and evaluated in order to meet the siting criteria in 10CFR 100.20 and 10 CFR 100.21. In SSAR Section 2.2.2.3.4, the applicant stated that the potential hazards from the gas/oil wells are bounded by the analysis of the natural gas transmission lines (pipelines). In SSAR Section 2.2.3.1.1.1, the applicant stated that a natural gas pipeline explosion at the release point is unconfined and concluded based on ALOHA model results the overpressure near the release point would not exceed 1 psi overpressure. In SSAR Section 2.2.3.1.2.1, the applicant performed deterministic analyses for the flammable vapor clouds (delayed ignition) and concluded that large rupture of any of the pipelines could lead to unacceptable flammable vapor concentrations. Therefore, a probabilistic analysis was performed to demonstrate the acceptability of the natural gas pipelines. The NRC staff finds that it is not clear how the gas/oil wells hazard is bounded by the pipelines analyses for the flammable vapor clouds. Therefore, the NRC staff requests the applicant clarify and address this issue accordingly.