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NRC Overview on Hazard Reviews for ESP/COL sites

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Current Hydrologic Safety Review Sections

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Section	Topic
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2.4.9	Channel Diversion
2.4.10	Flood Protection
2.4.11	NA for 50.54(f)
2.4.12	NA for 50.54(f)
2.4.13	NA for 50.54(f)
2.4.14	Tech Specs

2.4.1 Hydrologic Description

- ✦ SER section 2.4.1 describes the hydrologic setting of the site and surrounding area.
- ✦ Emphasis should be on changes to the hydrologic setting

2.4.1 Hydrologic Description (cont)

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| 1 | Interface of the Plant with the Hydrosphere |
| 2 | Hydrological Causal Mechanisms |
| 3 | Surface & Groundwater Uses |
| 4 | Data (spatial & temporal, site relevant) |
| 5 | Alternate Conceptual Models |
| 6 | Other Site-Related Evaluation Criteria |
| 7 | Additional Info for 10 CFR 52 Applications |

2.4.2 Floods

- ✧ Flood history at the site
- ✧ Identification of potential mechanisms for flooding at the site
- ✧ Computation of local-intense precipitation
- ✧ Local Flooding & Drainage Design
- ✧ Stream Flooding
- ✧ Surges and Seiches
- ✧ Tsunami

2.4.2 Floods (cont)

- ✧ Seismically Induced Dam Failure
- ✧ Flooding from Landslides
- ✧ Effects of Ice Formation
 - ✧ Anchor or frazil ice on intakes, ice dams
- ✧ Combined Events Criteria
 - ✧ PMP with dam break, hurricane w/dam break
- ✧ Other Site-Related Evaluation Criteria
- ✧ Additional Info for 10CFR52 Applications

2.4.3 Probable Maximum Flood

1. Design Bases for Flooding in Streams & Rivers

- ✦ Computation of the PMP over the watershed
- ✦ Computation of the PMF maximum water level at the site in combination with other effects (wind wave, surge, etc).

2. Design Bases for Site Drainage

- ✦ Produced by 2.4.2 local-intense precipitation
- ✦ Potential effects of erosion and sedimentation
- ✦ Rainfall-runoff processes are modeled to estimate flooding conditions at the site.

3. Other Site-Related Evaluation Criteria

4. Additional Info for 10 CFR 52 Applications

2.4.4 Potential Dam Failures

- ✦ Severe Breaching of an Upstream Dam
- ✦ Domino Type or Cascading Dam Failures
- ✦ Dynamic Effects on Structures
- ✦ Loss of Water Supply due to Failure of Downstream Dam.
- ✦ Effects of Erosion and Sedimentation
- ✦ Failure of On-Site Water Control or Storage Structure

2.4.5 and 2.4.6 Storm Surge, Seiche and Tsunami

2.4.5 Probable Maximum Surge and Seiche Flooding

- ✦ Meteorological Parameters (wind speed & direction, fetch, storm tracks, historical storm events)
- ✦ Bathymetry and Hydrographic Characteristics
- ✦ Surge and Seiche Water levels
- ✦ Wave Action
- ✦ Resonance
- ✦ Protective Structures

2.4.6 Probable Maximum Tsunami Hazards

- ✦ Probable Maximum Tsunami
- ✦ Historical Tsunami Record
- ✦ Source Generator Characteristics
- ✦ Tsunami Analysis
- ✦ Tsunami Water Levels
- ✦ Hydrographic and Harbor or Breakwater Influences
- ✦ Effects on Safety-Related Facilities

2.4.7 Ice Effects

- ✧ Review areas include:
 - ✧ Historical ice
 - ✧ High & low water levels
 - ✧ Ice forces and blockage
 - ✧ Consecutive degree days below freezing
 - ✧ Develop design basis conditions for site
 - ✧ Ensure that safety-related SSCs and water supply are not affected by ice-induced hazards

2.4.8 Cooling Water Canals and Reservoirs

- ✦ The review area includes canals and reservoirs used to transport and impound water supplied to SSCs important to safety.
- ✦ The review also includes stream channel diversions toward the site, which may lead to flooding.
- ✦ Many of the new designs (AP1000, ESBWR) employ passive cooling technologies thus minimizing the COL review burden.

2.4.9 Channel Diversions

- ✦ Review of stream channel diversions away from the site, which may lead to loss of safety-related water.
- ✦ Review of stream channel diversions toward the site which may lead to flooding.

2.4.10 Flooding Protection Requirements

✧ Review safety-related SSCs

- ✧ Review type of flood protection

- ✧ Review emergency procedures

- ✧ Only applies if the site is 'wet'

 - ✧ If the design basis flood exceeds the prescribed maximum flood level, site is wet

 - ✧ In the event that the site is wet, staff will review design information on flooding protection



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