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**Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards
License Renewal Subcommittee**

**Safety Evaluation Report (SER)
with Open Items**

Limerick Generating Station, Units 1 and 2

Issued: July 31, 2012



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Presentation Outline

- Overview of Limerick license renewal review
- SER Section 2, Scoping and Screening review
- Region I License Renewal Onsite Inspection
- SER Section 3, Aging Management Programs and Aging Management Review Results
- SER Section 4, Time-Limited Aging Analyses

Facility Facts

- **License Renewal Application (LRA) submitted June 22, 2011**
 - Applicant: Exelon Generation Company, LLC (Exelon)
 - Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-39 and NPF-85
 - Docket Nos. 50-352 and 50-353
 - Current License Expiration Dates: October 26, 2024, and June 22, 2029
 - Requested renewal period of 20 years beyond the current license dates
- **Approximately 21 miles northwest of Philadelphia, PA**
- **BWRs (GE 4) with Mark II containment design**

Audits and Inspections

- Scoping and Screening Methodology Audit
 - September 19-23, 2011 (report December 9, 2011)
- Aging Management Program (AMP) Audit
 - October 3-14, 2011 (report February 28, 2012)
- Region I Inspection (Scoping and Screening & AMPs)
 - June 4-21, 2012 (report July 30, 2012)
- Environmental Review Audit
 - November 7-10, 2011

Overview (SER)

- Safety Evaluation Report (SER) with Open Items issued July 31, 2012
- SER contains 2 Open Items (OIs):
 - Suppression Pool Liner and Downcomer Corrosion
 - Operating Experience
- Final SER is tentatively expected to be completed in January 2013

SER Section 2 Summary

Structures and Components Subject to Aging Management Review

- Section 2.1, Scoping and Screening Methodology
- Section 2.2, Plant-Level Scoping Results
- Sections 2.3, 2.4, 2.5 Scoping and Screening Results

Overview

- Six inspectors over three weeks
- 10 CFR 54.4(a)(2) inspection
- 32 of 45 Aging Management Programs Reviewed

Walk-downs

- Systems in the Units 1 and 2 Reactor Enclosures
- Systems in the Units 1 and 2 Turbine Enclosures
- Essential Service Water pipe tunnel
- 2A Emergency Diesel Generator Room
- Battery Rooms
- Refueling Floor
- Control Room
- Unit 1 and 2 Spray Pond Structure
- Compressed Air System
- Turbine Building, Containment Building, Diesel Generator Building, and Intake Structures
- Metal Enclosed Buses

Inspection Conclusions

- Scoping of non-safety SSCs and application of the AMPs to those SSCs were acceptable.
- Inspection results support a conclusion that reasonable assurance exists that aging effects will be managed and intended functions maintained

Regional Inspections

All Region I Plants Inspected for Renewal

- Calvert Cliffs June 1998
- Peach Bottom May 2002
- Ginna June 2003
- Millstone July 2004
- Nine Mile February 2005
- Oyster Creek March 2006
- Pilgrim September 2006
- Vermont Yankee February 2007
- Fitzpatrick April 2007
- Indian Point January 2008
- Beaver Valley June 2008
- Susquehanna August 2008
- Three Mile Island December 2008
- Salem Hope Creek June 2010
- Seabrook April 2011
- Limerick June 2012

Section 3: Aging Management Review

- Section 3.0 – Use of the GALL Report
- Section 3.1 – Reactor Vessel & Internals
- Section 3.2 – Engineered Safety Features
- Section 3.3 – Auxiliary Systems
- Section 3.4 – Steam and Power Conversion System
- Section 3.5 – Containments, Structures and Component Supports
- Section 3.6 – Electrical and Instrumentation and Controls System

SER Section 3

- **3.0.3 – Aging Management Programs**
 - 45 Aging Management Programs (AMPs) presented by applicant and evaluated in the SER
 - No plant-specific AMPs



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SER Section 3 Open Items

- **Open Item 3.0.3.2.13-1 ASME Section XI, Subsection IWE**
- Corrosion in suppression pool carbon steel liner
 - General corrosion of liner up to 35 mils in depth, and affecting up to 72% of surface area in some liner panels
 - Pitting up to 122 mils deep
 - Method for augmented inspection to measure loss of liner material
- Degradation of liner coating
 - Existing coating is inorganic zinc material, 6-8 mils thick
 - Adequacy of criteria for selecting locations for recoating
 - Effective identification of degradation in liner plates underwater
- Identification of acceptance criterion for downcomer corrosion

Open Item 3.0.3.2.13-1

Proposed Enhancement to IWE AMP Concerning Suppression Pool Liner Plate Degradation

- Remove any accumulated sludge in suppression pool every refueling outage
- Examine submerged portion of suppression pool every ISI period
- Use results of examination to implement coating maintenance plan
 - Perform local recoating of areas with general corrosion that exhibit greater than 25 mils loss in plate thickness
 - Perform spot recoating of pitting greater than 50 mils deep
 - Recoat plates with greater than 25 percent coating depletion
- Coating Maintenance Plan will be implemented for the selected areas in a phased approach starting in 2012

Open Item 3.0.3.2.13-1

- **Corrosion of liner**
 - Pitting corrosion rates are much higher than general corrosion, are unpredictable, and could result in a leak in liner over time
 - Use of depth gage under water to measure pitting with extensive general corrosion present
 - Effective technique to measure remaining thickness of liner plates

- **Coating Degradation**
 - Managing aging effects due to corrosion and pitting by phased approach of selective recoating of corroded liner areas
 - Underwater liner plate coating beyond its service life
 - Basis for using 25% loss of coated area to classify affected area requiring augmented inspection



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SER Section 3.0.5 — Operating Experience for Aging Management Programs (OI 3.0.5-1)

- Applicant identified several areas where enhancements to operating experience review activities are necessary
- Applicant plans to implement these enhancements within two years of receipt of the renewed operating licenses
- Given this schedule, it is not clear whether operating experience related to aging management and age-related degradation will be adequately considered in the period between issuance of the renewed licenses and implementation of the enhancements

SER Section 4: TLAA

- 4.1 Introduction
- 4.2 Reactor Vessel Neutron Embrittlement
- 4.3 Metal Fatigue Analysis
- 4.4 Environmental Qualification of Electrical Equipment
- 4.5 Concrete Containment Tendon Prestress Analysis
- 4.6 Containment Liner Plate, Metal Containments, and Penetrations Fatigue Analysis
- 4.7 Other Plant-Specific TLAA's

Conclusion

On the basis of its review and pending satisfactory resolution of the open items, the staff will be able to determine that the requirements of 10 CFR 54.29(a) have been met for the license renewal of Limerick Generating Station