
RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

APR1400 Design Certification

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Requirement

10 CFR 52.47(a)(5) requires that the FSAR contain the kinds and quantities of radioactive materials expected to be produced in the operation and the means for controlling and limiting radioactive effluents and radiation exposures within the limits set forth in 10 CFR 20.

Issues

As a result of staff's review of the applicant's responses to draft audit questions from an August 2015 audit (ML15303A400, dated October 30, 2015), staff has the following questions:

1. SRP section 12.2 specifies that "the staff will review the description of airborne radioactive material sources in the plant considered in the design of the ventilation systems and used for the design of personnel protective measures and for dose assessment."

Regarding question 3 of the "Additional Follow up Questions from the August 12, 2015 teleconference" section of the document referenced above (on page 6), the staff requested that the applicant clarify in the FSAR that the ventilation flow rate values are minimum flow rates for the actual design of the ventilation system, instead of just flow rates assumed for calculation purposes. Initially, the applicant indicated that the values were assumed values, however, in the final response, the applicant updated the FSAR to remove the word "assumptions" in the FSAR. The final response to the question states that the minimum HVAC flow rates provided are the flow rates to maintain the DAC fractions less than 1.0 DAC, but does not specify if the HVAC system design will meet the flow rates specified. Therefore, it is still not clear if the plant ventilation system will actually be designed to meet the flow rates provided in FSAR Table 12.2-26. Please

specify if the ventilation flow rates provided in FSAR Table 12.2- 26 represent actual minimum flow rate requirements for the design of the ventilation system.

2. SRP 12.2 indicates that source descriptions should include the methods, models, and assumptions used as the bases for all values provided in SAR Section 12.2. The calculations for determining Auxiliary Building ventilation filter activity were not included as part of the source term audit.

In the response to question 4 of the “Additional Follow up Questions from the August 12, 2015 teleconference” section of the document referenced above (on page 6), the applicant indicates that the Auxiliary Building ventilation filter source term was calculated based on values from the PWR-GALE code which were then back calculated based on the Auxiliary Building flow rate and then adjusted to take into account the shielding design basis source term of 0.25% fuel defect. Since the PWR-GALE code is based on data from nuclear power plant operation with minimal fuel damage and also uses different assumptions than those used in the 0.25% source term calculations of airborne radioactive material, it is unclear to staff how the values of releases from the PWR-GALE code would be converted to the 0.25% fuel defect source term in the ventilation system. Please provide a detailed description and/ or calculations demonstrating the methodology used to convert GALE code results to Auxiliary Building ventilation system values based on 0.25% fuel defect.

Response

1. KHNP confirms that the room ventilation flows for HVAC design are higher than the HVAC flows in Table 12.2-26; and that the individual room HVAC flows in Table 12.2-26 are based on the minimum flow determined for individual room DAC fractions to be less than 1.0. Examples of the HVAC flow development are summarized in Table 1 to illustrate the basis for the HVAC ventilation flow design evolution.

Individual room HVAC flow is calculated for the corresponding room DAC. For example, CS pump and miniflow HX Room (Rooms 050-A01C and D) air flow is determined to be 32 SCFM for a corresponding DAC fraction of 0.1 [Calculation #1-035-N377-013, Revision 02]. In assigning the HVAC flow to Table 12.2-26, the air flow is rounded upward to 100 SCFM (converted to 170 m³/hour) to give margin. In the AB controlled area HVAC design, the actual flow for this cubicle is 1050 SCFM. HVAC design ventilation flows for other rooms follow the same approach.

A note is added to Table 12.2-26 to denote that the HVAC flows listed in this table are based on the minimum flow rates required for the ventilation for the corresponding rooms for DAC fraction less than 1.0.

Table 1 Examples of Determination of HVAC Flow in Controlled Area

Cubicle	Cubicle Number	Calculated minimum HVAC Flow ⁽¹⁾ scfm	Assigned HVAC Flow in Table 12.2-26			Actual HVAC flow scfm
			m ³ /h	scfm	DAC Fraction ⁽²⁾	
CS Pump and Minflow HX Rm	050-A01C, D	32	170	100	0.067	1050
SI Pump Rm	050-A02C, D/050-A03A,B	413	850	500	0.021	1050
Floor Drain Sump Pump Rm	055-A08C,D/055-A34A,B	360	680	400	0.881	500
Shutdown Cooling HX Rm	055-A30A,B	less than 1	170	100	0.016	500
Charging Pump Rm	055-A42A	361	850	500	0.729	1050
Charging Pump Miniflow HX Rm	055-A43A	20	170	100	0.201	1050
EDT Rm	055-A51B	31	170	100	0.038	600
RDT Pump Rm	055-A52B/53B	400	850	500	0.804	1050
Gas Stripper Rm	068-A06A	764	1444	850	0.902	1150
Filter and Demi. Valve Area	068-A10A	818	1529	900	0.865	900
VCT RM	100 -A25A	37	170	100	0.42	450

(1) The minimum flow rate to maintain the DAC less than 1.0.

(2) DAC fractions if the assigned flow rate is applied.

(3) The flow data are extracted from P&ID #1-606-M105-002 and #1-606-M105-003, Revision 0.

2. In the development of the source terms for the shielding design for AB HVAC HEPA filters and charcoal filters, the radionuclide concentrations from the PWR-GALE code calculation (summarized in DCD Table 11.3-1) are adjusted by the ratio of 0.25% fuel defect and 0.12% fuel defect to become the shielding design basis annual release rate (Bq). In this calculation, it is assumed that the concentrations calculated in the PWR-GALE code equate to the normal source terms representing 0.12% fuel defect. KHNP recognizes the statistical nature of the PWR-GALE code which was based on minimal fuel defects from operating plants. The following provides the methodology to demonstrate the conversion of the PWR-GALE code results to Auxiliary Building ventilation system shielding design values based on 0.25% fuel defect using I-131.

- i. Expected I-131 release rate = $2.59E+07$ (Bq/year) * 0.25 / 0.12 = $5.40E+07$ Bq/year, where $2.59E+07$ is the I-131 release rate from Table 11.3-1; and 0.25 and 0.12 represent the shielding basis fuel defect basis and the normal expected operation fuel defect basis;

- ii. The airborne activity concentration before the charcoal filter is then calculated as follows:

$$C_{0.25\%} = Q_{0.12\%} \times \frac{0.25}{0.12} \times U.C \times \frac{1}{F \times (1 - E)}$$

Where,

C = Airborne activity concentration [Bq/cc]

Q = Annual activity release rate [Bq/yr]

F = Total AB ACU exhaust flow [ft³/min]

E = Charcoal removal efficiency

U.C = Unit conversion

$$\left[\frac{1 \text{ year}}{365 \text{ days}} \times \frac{1 \text{ day}}{24 \text{ hours}} \times \frac{1 \text{ hour}}{60 \text{ mins}} \div \left(\frac{\text{ft}^3}{\text{min}} \times \frac{28,316.8 \text{ cc}}{\text{ft}^3} \right) \right] = 6.719\text{E-}11$$

$$C_{0.25\%} = 2.59\text{E+}07 \times \frac{0.25}{0.12} \times 6.719\text{E-}11 \times \frac{1}{100,400 \times (1 - 0.9)} = 3.61\text{E-}07 \text{ Bq/cc}$$

- iii. The buildup of radioactivity is then calculated as follows:

$$B = C_{0.25\%} \times F \times E \times U.C \times \frac{1 - \exp(-\lambda t)}{\lambda}$$

Where,

B = Buildup activity in filter [Bq]

C = Airborne activity concentration [Bq/cc]

F = AB ACU exhaust flow [ft³/min]

E = Charcoal removal efficiency

U.C = Unit conversion

$$\left[\frac{\text{Ci}}{\text{cc}} \times \frac{\text{ft}^3}{\text{min}} \times \frac{28,316.8 \text{ cc}}{\text{ft}^3} \div \left(\frac{1}{\text{sec}} \times \frac{60 \text{ sec}}{1 \text{ min}} \right) \right] = 4.719\text{E+}2$$

$$B = 3.61\text{E-}07 \times 32,950 \times 0.99 \times 4.719\text{E+}02 \times$$

$$\frac{1 - \exp(-9.976\text{E-}07 \times 31,536,000)}{9.976\text{E-}07} = 5.57\text{E+}06 \text{ Bq}$$

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- iv. The same approach is used for the calculation of buildup of particulate activities for HEPA filter in the AB ACU.
 - v. The AB ACU shielding calculation is documented in KHNP/KEPCO E&C calculation 1-328-N376-001, AUX BLDG E. 190'-0" Shielding Calculation, which has been provided as part of the shielding calculation audit.
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Impact on DCD

DCD Tier 2 Section 12.2, Table 12.2-26 will be updated as indicated in the Attachment.

Impact on PRA

There is no impact on the PRA.

Impact on Technical Specifications

There is no impact on the Technical Specifications.

Impact on Technical/Topical/Environmental Reports

There is no impact on any Technical, Topical or Environmental Report.

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Minimum Required Ventilation Flow

Table 12.2-26 (8 of 8)

Cubicle	Volume (m ³)	Leak Sources and Number of Sources ¹	Leak Rate (m ³ /min) ^L	Source Terms ^{(1), (2)}	HVAC Flow (m ³ /hr)	
Valve Rm (085-P15)	263	Valve 3" (2)	5.00E-07	← 1 PCA	510	5.00E-04
		Valve 6" (4)	4.01E-06	← (Except for NG)		5.00E-03
Valve Rm (085-P16)	269	Valve 4" (1)	6.66E-07	← 0.32 PCA	1,444	6.66E-04
		Valve 6" (2)	2.00E-06	← 0.32 PCA		2.00E-03
		Valve 6" (3)	3.00E-06	← 0.1 PCA		3.00E-03
		Valve 6" (1)	9.99E-07	← 0.44 PCA		9.99E-04
		Valve 4" (2)	1.33E-06	← 0.01 PCA		1.33E-03

(1) PCA: Fraction of primary coolant activity concentrations

(2) NG: Noble gases

(3) The HVAC flows listed in this table represent the actual minimum flow rates required for the ventilation for the corresponding rooms