REVISED RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

APR1400 Design Certification

Korea Electric Power Corporation / Korea Hydro & Nuclear Power Co., LTD

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RAI No.:	**334-8373**
SRP Section:	**03.12 - ASME Code Class 1, 2, and 3 Piping Systems and Piping Components and Their Associated Supports**
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Question No. 03.12-16

According to SRP Sections 3.12 and 3.9.3, appropriate loads and load combinations should be included in the evaluation of pipe supports. The loading category termed “Dynamic system loadings” included in the loading columns of DCD Tier 2, Tables 3.9-10 and 3.12-1 and 3.12-2 is explained in the notes of these tables as “Dynamic system loadings associated with the emergency condition.” Additional information is needed by the staff to understand the definition of this loading category and determine whether the loading conditions for pipe supports is consistent with the relevant SRP guidance. The applicant is requested to:

1. Identify the loads in category termed “Dynamic system loads”
2. Describe how loads caused by design basis pipe breaks and LOCAs are included in the loads presented in DCD Tier 2, Table 3.9-10, Table 3.12-2 and other related tables or DCD descriptions
3. Revise DCD Tier 2, Section 3.12.6.3 to clarify the how the loading combinations for piping supports are addressed. DCD Tier 2, Section 3.12.6.3 states that loading combinations for piping supports are shown in DCD Section 3.12.5.3. The load combinations discussed in DCD Section 3.12.5.3 are discussed in the context of the pipe stress evaluation and not for pipe support design.

The content of this question also relates to RAI 8360, Question 28501 on Section 3.9.3, so the responses to these questions should be coordinated.

Response – (Rev. 1)

1. SRP 3.9.3 defines the design basis pipe break (DBPB) as those postulated pipe breaks other than a LOCA or MS/FWPB and the DBPB is identified as an emergency condition. This includes postulated pipe breaks in Class 1, 2 and 3 branch lines that

result in the loss of reactor coolant at a rate less than or equal to the capability of the reactor coolant makeup system.

For the APR1400 DC, make-up flow can compensate for the loss of coolant from a break with a 5.56 mm (7/32 in.) internal diameter as described in Subsection 9.3.4. In accordance with the guidance in SRP 3.6.2, postulated breaks in one-inch nominal diameter piping and smaller piping do not require the analysis of the dynamic system loading from a ruptured pipe on components, component supports or core support structures. The DBPB condition also results in RCS temperature and pressure transient conditions and is thus conservatively included as a Level B service condition in the RCS design transients given in Table 3.9-1. Therefore, Level C service loadings including dynamic system loads are not used in any APR1400 analyses.

Postulated breaks in lines larger than 25.4 mm (1 in.) nominal diameter are considered in the pipe break analysis as described in Subsection 3.6.2, and are included in the scope of the branch line pipe break (BLPB), which are treated as a Level D condition. The BLPB scope includes those postulated pipe breaks in lines connected to the RCS that are not eliminated by LBB and that result in the loss of the reactor coolant at a rate in excess of the capability of the reactor coolant makeup system, up to and including a break equivalent in size to the double-ended rupture of the largest pipe of the RCS except those eliminated by LBB. The BLPB scope also includes main steam and main feedwater pipe breaks (MS/FWPB)..

Based on the above, the DCD Tier 2 will be revised to delete Service Level C loads including the dynamic system loads.

2. As mentioned above, the loads due to DBPB are not considered in load combinations because the loads are not required in the analysis of dynamic system loads in accordance with SRP 3.6.2. Loads caused by LOCAs except for DBPBs from all potential BLPB conditions are included only in the Service Level D load combination, and are indicated as pipe break loads in Tables 3.9-10, 3.12-2 and other related tables or DCD description. The statement “pipe break loads include loads due to LOCA” will be added as a note in the associated tables.

3. Loading conditions and load combinations for piping supports are defined in Table 3.9-10. Load combinations for piping support design used for Service Levels A, B, C and D always include piping reaction loads calculated for load combinations given in Table 3.12-1 and Table 3.12-2. The dead weight of the support itself for Service Levels A, B, C and D, friction loads (Subsection 3.12.6.10) for Service Level A, Seismic self-weight excitations (Subsection 3.12.6.8) for Service Level D are considered in addition to piping reaction loads.

   WRC Bulletin 353 defines that friction forces are generated by the movement of piping during the heat up and cool-down cycles of plant operation. This gradual movement of the pipe causes a force to develop between the pipe and some support configurations. For this reason, the force due to friction of the piping on the supports is considered under combined deadweight and thermal loading for normal operating condition only. For Service Level A at normal operation, friction loads are considered in the piping support design. Piping reaction loads for Service Levels B, C and D also include

thermal load. However, friction loads are not considered in the piping support design for Service Levels B, C and D since pipe movement due to thermal expansion is only included at Service Level A. DCD Tier 2 Subsection 3.12.6.3 will be revised to clarify loading combinations for piping supports.

Impact on DCD

DCD Tier 2, Subsections 3.9.3.1, 3.9.4.3, 3.9.5.2, and 3.9.5.2.4, Tables 3.9-2, 3.9-6, 3.9-7, 3.9-10 through 12, 3.12-1, and 3.12-2 will be revised in response to RAI 319-8360 Question 03.09.03-2.

DCD Tier 2, Subsection 3.12.6.3 will be revised 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.

Standard component supports are designed, manufactured, installed, and tested pursuant to Subsection NF of ASME Section III.

For non-seismic category pipe supports supporting piping analyzed to ASME B31.1, the requirements of ASME B31.1 for supports (Sections 120 and 121) are met, where applicable. In addition, the structural elements are designed using guidance from the AISC 360-05 (Reference 14).

In addition to the pipe support design codes mentioned above, expansion anchors and other steel embedments in concrete are designed in accordance with Subsection 3.12.6.4.

3.12.6.2 Jurisdictional Boundaries

The jurisdictional boundary between the pipe and its support structure follows the guidance of NB-1132, NC-1132, or ND-1132, as appropriate for the ASME Section III Class of piping involved.

The jurisdictional boundary between the pipe support and the building structure follows the guidance of ASME Section III, NF-1130. In general, for attachments to building steel, the boundary is taken at the interface with the building steel, with the weld being designed to the rules of NF. For attachments to concrete building structures, the boundary is generally at the weld of the support member to a baseplate or embedded plate, with the weld again being designed to the rules of NF.

3.12.6.3 Loads and Load Combinations

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~~Subsection 3.12.5.3 describes loads, loading combinations including system operating transients, and stress criteria for piping supports, including margins of safety.~~

~~Seismic self-weight excitations (Subsection 3.12.6.8) for Service Level D and friction loads (Subsection 3.12.6.10) for Service Level A are considered in addition to the above-mentioned guidances. Table 3.9-10 is also referenced.~~

The stress limits for pipe support designs meet the criteria of ASME Section III, Subsection NF.

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