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Attached please find NRC staff's request for additional information concerning review of the NuScale Design Certification Application.

Please submit your response within 60 days of the date of this RAI to the NRC Document Control Desk.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thank you.

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Application Section: 5.2

QUESTIONS

05.02.05-4

10 CFR 52.47(a)(2) requires that a standard design certification applicant provide a description and analysis of the structures, systems, and components (SSCs) of the facility, with emphasis upon performance requirements, the bases, with technical justification therefor, upon which these requirements have been established, and the evaluations required to show that safety functions will be accomplished.

RG 1.45, Regulatory Position C.4.1 provides guidance on the content of technical specifications addressing reactor coolant pressure boundary (RCPB) leakage by stating:

“Plant technical specifications should include the limiting conditions for identified, unidentified, RCPB, and intersystem leakage, and they should address the availability of various types of instruments to ensure adequate coverage during all phases of plant operation (not including cold shutdown and refueling modes of operation).”

FSAR Tier 2, Section 9.3.6.2.3 indicates that the leak-detection methods of containment vessel (CNV) pressure monitoring, containment evacuation system (CES) sample tank level change monitoring, and CES vacuum discharge radiation monitoring are used for leak-before-break (LBB) leakage monitoring. NuScale applies LBB for main steam and feedwater piping within the CNV, as described in FSAR Tier 2, Section 3.6.3.5.

Leak-detection methods are specified under plant technical specifications LCO 3.4.5, “RCS Operational Leakage,” and LCO 3.4.7, “RCS Leakage Detection Instrumentation” for RCS leakage. While reviewing LCO 3.4.5 and LCO 3.4.7 for conformance with RG 1.45, Regulatory Position C.4.1, the staff could not confirm whether these two LCOs are also applicable for main steam and feedwater piping leakage.

The applicant is requested to:

- a) Clarify whether LCOs 3.4.5 and 3.4.7 are applicable for main steam and feedwater piping or provide equivalent LCOs for main steam and feedwater piping LBB. The FSAR should be revised accordingly.
- b) Otherwise, justify its position for not having LCOs for main steam and feedwater to support the LBB application.