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Dear Mr. Maier:

SUBJECT: SEP TOPIC IX-1, FUEL STORAGE (R. E. GINNA)

Enclosed is our final evaluation of SEP Topic IX-1, "Fuel Storage" for the R. E. Ginna facility. This evaluation supersedes our letter sent to you on November 24, 1981 and includes those comments provided in your letter dated December 23, 1981.

Your comment regarding the structural capability of the spent fuel pool as being reviewed in Amendment 11 has not been included. As a result of the SEP program the structural capability of the Ginna plant was reviewed as part of SEP Topic III-6, "Seismic Design Considerations." This review supersedes that done in conjunction with the review provided in Amendment 11. Therefore, we feel our comment referring to the current seismic review is appropriate for determining the structural response of the spent fuel pool.

This evaluation will be a basic input to the integrated safety assessment for your facility unless you identify changes needed to reflect the as-built conditions at your facility. This assessment may be revised in the future if your facility design is changed or if NRC criteria relating to this subject are modified before the integrated assessment is completed.

Sincerely,

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SYSTEMATIC EVALUATION PROGRAM
TOPIC IX-1

GINNA

TOPIC IX-1, FUEL STORAGE

I. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of SEP Topic IX-1 is to review the storage facility for new and irradiated fuel, including the cooling capability and seismic classification of the fuel pool cooling system of the spent fuel storage pool in order to assure that new and irradiated fuel are stored safely with respect to criticality, cooling capability shielding, and structural capability.

II. REVIEW CRITERIA

The plant design was reviewed with regard to Section VI, "Fuel and Radioactivity Control of Appendix A to 10 CFR Part 50, General Design Criteria for Nuclear Power Plants" which requires that the fuel storage systems shall be designed to assure adequate safety under normal and postulated accident conditions.

III. RELATED SAFETY TOPICS

SEP Topic II-3.B, "Flooding Potential and Protection Requirements" identifies the design basis flood for which the plant must be adequately designed for.

SEP Topic III-1, "Classification of Structures, Components and Systems (Seismic and Quality)" is intended to assure that structures, systems and components important to safety are of the quality level commensurate with their safety function.

SEP Topic III-4.A, "Tornado Missiles" covers tornado missile protection of a number of structures and systems including fuel storage areas and support systems.

SEP Topic III-6, "Seismic Design Considerations" will ensure the capability of the plant to withstand the effects of earthquakes.

SEP Topic IX-2, "Overhead Handling Systems-Cranes" covers the potential for dropping heavy objects onto spent fuel. This topic has been deleted since the review criteria is identical to that of Unresolved Safety Issue A-36, "Control of Heavy Loads Near Spent Fuel."

SEP Topic IX-5, "Ventilation Systems" assures that the ventilation systems have the capability to provide a safe environment for plant personnel and engineered safety features equipment.

IV. REVIEW GUIDELINES

Current guidance for the review of spent fuel storage is provided in Standard Review Plan Section 9.1.1 New Fuel Storage, Section 9.1.2 Spent Fuel Storage, Section 9.1.3 Spent Fuel Pool Cooling and Cleanup System, Section 9.1.4 Fuel Handling System and Regulatory Guides 1.29 Seismic Design Classification, 1.13 Fuel Storage Facility Design Basis, 1.26 Quality Group Classification and Standards for Water-Steam and Radioactive Waste-Containing Components of Nuclear Power Plants as well as the guidance contained in the April 14, 1978 generic letter - OT Position for Review and Acceptance of Spent Fuel Storage and Handling Applications (i.e., DOR Technical Activities Category A item 27, Increase in Spent Fuel Storage Capacity).

Those portions of the topic which have been previously reviewed to current criteria have not been reevaluated.

V. EVALUATION

We have reviewed the spent fuel pool modifications as described in Amendment 11 to Provisional Operating License DPR-18 issued November 15, 1976. We have determined that the Safety Evaluation supporting the Amendment was performed in accordance with current licensing criteria. This review satisfies the aspects of Topic IX-1 relating to criticality and the structural capability of the storage racks.

By letter dated November 3, 1981 the staff issued a Safety Evaluation (SE) regarding the proposed Spent Fuel Pool Cooling System (SFPCS) modifications. The evaluation concluded that the proposed SFPCS modification and the existing backup systems were found to be acceptable. That SE also resolved the concerns identified in Questions 1 and 2 of our March 31, 1981 request for additional information regarding SEP Topic IX-1. Therefore, we have determined that the November 3, 1981 SE satisfies the aspect of Topic IX-1 with regard to cooling capability.

Question 3 of our March 31, 1981 request for information pertained to the handling and consequences of dropping heavy loads over the spent fuel pool. Control of heavy loads is being reviewed as an Unresolved Safety Issue (USI A-36, Control of Heavy Loads Near Spent Fuel, NUREG-0649) and as such, is independent of the SEP program.

The structural response of the R. E. Ginna plant with respect to seismic capability has been reviewed and presented in NUREG/CR-1821, "Seismic Review of the Robert E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant as Part of the Systematic Evaluation Program." Although the seismic review did not specifically evaluate the spent fuel pool structure, the overall conclusions was that the Ginna plant structures and structural elements are adequately designed to withstand the postulated earthquake.

Regarding new fuel storage, the new fuel storage area is located in the auxiliary building. New fuel is stored dry in the fuel storage area. The primary concern would be flooding of the storage area with the potential for inadvertent criticality.

The new fuel storage facility is designed to provide center-to-center spacing of 21 inches which would maintain K_{eff} <0.90 even if the facility were filled with unborated water. In addition, the new fuel storage area is covered with locked steel plates which would prevent sudden flooding of the area. Leakage through the steel plates would be removed via a drain in the new fuel enclosure.

Based on the above we conclude that the new fuel storage facility meets the guidance of Standard Review Plan 9.1.1.

VI. CONCLUSIONS

Based on the above considerations, we conclude that the Ginna fuel storage systems meet current acceptance criteria. We further conclude that SEP Topic IX-1 is complete.

TOPIC IX-2

SEE TOPIC II-2.B

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Dear Mr. Maier:

SUBJECT: SEP TOPIC IX-3, STATION SERVICE AND COOLING WATER SYSTEMS, GINNA

REFERENCE: Letter, J. Maier to D. Crutchfield, Same Subject, Dated August 21, 1981

Enclosed is a copy of our Final Evaluation of Systematic Evaluation Program Topic IX-3, Station Service and Cooling Water Systems.

This assessment compares your facility as described in Docket No. 50-244 with the criteria currently used by the Regulatory Staff for licensing new facilities. Your comments on our draft evaluation have been incorporated as we deemed appropriate. Our comments regarding your submittal are as follows:

1) Comments 1, 3, 4, 7, 9 and 10-General
These comments were accepted and are reflected in our final evaluation

2) Comment 5--Seismic design of CCW makeup supply. While we did not agree with your comment we did reword our concern for the purpose of clarification.

3) Comments 2, 6 and 8 SWS requirements. Based on your comments we have re-examined the SWS pumping requirements and have determined that the present SWS technical specifications do not ensure that the specified required SW flow would be available, assuming loss of one diesel generator. Our evaluation has been modified to reflect this finding.

This evaluation will be a basic input to the integrated safety assessment for your facility. This topic assessment may be changed in the future if your facility design is changed or if NRC criteria relating to this topic are modified before the integrated assessment is completed.

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SEP REVIEW

OF

STATION SERVICE AND COOLING

WATER SYSTEMS

TOPIC IX-3

FOR THE

R. E. GINNA NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

I. INTRODUCTION

The safety objective of Topic IX-3 is to assure that the cooling water systems have the capability, with adequate margin, to meet the design objectives and, in particular, to assure that:

a. systems are provided with adequate physical separation such that there are no adverse interactions among those systems under any mode of operation;

b. sufficient cooling water inventory has been provided or that adequate provisions for makeup are available;

c. tank overflow cannot be released to the environment without monitoring and unless the level of radioactivity is within acceptable limits;

d. vital equipment necessary for achieving a controlled and safe shutdown is not flooded due to the failure of the main condenser circulating water system.

II. REVIEW CRITERIA

The current criteria and guidelines used to determine if the plant systems meet the topic safety objectives are those provided in Standard Review Plan (SRP) Sections 9.2.1, "Station Service Water System", and 9.2.2, "Reactor Auxiliary Cooling Water Systems."

III. RELATED SAFETY TOPICS AND INTERFACES

The scope of review for this topic was limited to avoid duplication of effort since some aspects of the review were performed under related topics. The related topics and the subject matter are identified below. Each of the related topic reports contains the acceptance criteria and review guidance for its subject matter.

- II-2.A - Severe Weather Phenomena
- II-3.B.1 - Flooding of Equipment
- III-3.B - Flooding of Equipment (Failure of Underdrain System)
- VI-7.D - Flooding of Equipment (Long Term Passive Failures)
- III-3.C - Inservice Inspection of Water Control Structures
- III-4.C - Internally Generated Missiles
- III-5 - Mass and Energy Releases (High Energy Line Break)
- VI-2.D - Mass and Energy Releases
- III-6 - Seismic Qualification

III-12 - Environmental Qualification

VI-7.C.1 - Independence of Onsite Power

VII-3 - Systems Required for Safe Shutdown

VIII-2 - Diesel Generators

IX-1 - Fuel Storage

IX-6 - Fire Protection

The following topics are dependent on the present topic information for completion:

VI-3 - Containment Pressure and Heat Removal Capability

IX-5 - Ventilation Systems

XV-7 - Reactor Coolant Pump Rotor Seizure

IV. REVIEW GUIDELINES

In addition to the guidelines of SRP Sections 9.2.1 and 9.2.2, in determining which systems to evaluate under this topic the staff used the definition of "systems important to safety" provided in Reference 1. The definition states systems important to safety are those necessary to ensure (1) the integrity of the reactor coolant pressure boundary*, (2) the capability to shutdown the reactor and maintain it in a safe condition, or (3) the capability to prevent, or mitigate the consequences of, accidents that could result in potential offsite exposures comparable to the guidelines of 10 CFR Part 100, "Reactor Site Criteria." Since we consider essential systems as systems or portions of systems important to safety we used the definition to identify the essential systems. It should be noted that this topic will be updated if future SEP reviews identify additional cooling water systems that are important to safety.

V. EVALUATION

In the course of this topic review, the staff considered the need to evaluate the Air Conditioning Chilled Water System and the Reactor Makeup Water System. The Air Conditioning Chilled Water System, which supplies water to ventilation coolers in the Control Room and Service Building, may be an essential system (for Control Room cooling); however, it will not be evaluated under this topic until the completion of SEP Topic IX-5, "Ventilation Systems" for Ginna at which time the safety significance of the system will be ascertained. The Reactor Water Makeup System was

*Reactor Coolant Pressure Boundary is defined in 10 CFR Part 50 §50.2(v).

considered for its function of supplying water to the reactor coolant pump (RCP) standpipes. Reactor makeup water is supplied to the RCP standpipes on an intermittent basis, when the standpipe loses volume due to evaporation. Its purpose is to supply pressure downstream of the second stage RCP seal and thus force some minor amount of water up through the third stage RCP seal. This function is not considered important to safety.

The systems which were reviewed under this topic are the Component Cooling Water System and the Service Water System. The Spent Fuel Pool Cooling System is discussed in the SEP review of Topic IX-1, "Fuel Storage."

V-1. Component Cooling Water System

The Component Cooling Water (CCW) system removes heat from various plant systems and components and transfers this heat to the Service Water System. The heat loads on the system are:

1. Residual Heat Removal (RHR) heat exchangers
2. Emergency Core Cooling System (ECCS) pumps
   a. Residual Heat Removal pumps
   b. High Pressure Safety Injection pumps
   c. Containment Spray pumps
3. Reactor Coolant Pumps
4. Non-regenerative heat exchanger
5. Excess letdown heat exchanger
6. Reactor-support cooling pads
7. Seal Water heat exchanger
8. Sample heat exchanger
9. Boric Acid evaporator
10. Waste gas compressors
11. Waste evaporator

During normal plant operation, one CCW pump and one CCW heat exchanger are in operation, and they can accommodate the heat removal load on the system. Both pumps and heat exchangers are normally used for a plant cooldown; however, if one pump or one heat exchanger is not operable, safe operation of the plant is not affected, but the time to cool the plant is extended (Reference 2). CCW pump A and B receive electrical power from 480 V buses 14 and 16, respectively.

The staff reviewed the heat removal requirements of the CCW systems during post-accident conditions. The accidents considered were the Loss of Coolant Accident (LOCA) and the Main Steam Line Break (MSLB) inside containment because these events result in the greatest potential accident heat loads on the CCW system. The Containment Fan Coolers are also discussed here because they complement the CCW system in the post-accident containment heat removal function. Section 14.3.4 of Reference 3 provides an analysis of containment integrity following a LOCA. Some part of the energy available for release to the containment must be removed to prevent exceeding the containment design pressure limit.* Energy is removed by the fan coolers and the Containment Spray (CS) system. The fan coolers transfer heat from the containment atmosphere to the Service Water System. The CS system removes heat from the containment by spraying cool water directly into the containment atmosphere. This water, now heated, drains to the containment sump. The heat is then transferred to the CCW system through the Residual Heat Removal (RHR) heat exchangers when the containment sump fluid is pumped, by the RHR system, back to the CS system during the post-accident recirculation mode of ECCS operation. Two fan coolers and one CS pump are supplied power from separate 480 V emergency buses. The minimum combina- of containment cooling systems occurs after a postulated loss of offsite power and the failure of one of the two emergency diesel generators. This minimum combination (1 CS pump and 2 fan coolers) was the combination analyzed in Reference 3. Using the design parameters of the CS, CCW, and SWS, shown in Table 1, the containment analysis of Reference 3 concluded that the heat load which must be removed from containment can be accommodated by the CS and fan coolers given the assumed failure of either diesel generator.

During the initial period of energy release to the containment, the heat is absorbed in various passive heat sinks inside containment. When the containment heat removal systems are initiated, the SWS is the first cooling water system to assume a heat load since the fan coolers start to remove heat directly from the containment atmosphere. At the design heat removal rate of the fan coolers (Table 1), the SWS temperature at the cooler exit is 174°F which is well below the design temperature limit of 200°F. The heat removed from the containment by the CS system is collected in the containment sump until the recirculation phase of the accident commences. During recirculation, the sump fluid is recycled via the RHR system (and the RHR heat exchangers) back to the CS pumps for reuse.

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*The SEP will reevaluate the post-accident energy balance in containment under Topic VI-2.D, "Mass and Energy Release for Postulated Pipe Breaks Inside Containment."

For the MSLB inside containment event, the amount of energy added to the containment should be no greater than that added for the LOCA case. (Ongoing SEP reviews will verify that the assumptions used to determine the magnitude of energy addition to the containment are acceptable.) Because the safety injection flow to the reactor coolant system would not be available as a heat sink inside containment following a MSLB, the containment sump would be filled by condensed superheated steam from the MSLB and CS water and a higher sump fluid temperature would be achieved earlier in the MSLB case than in the post-LOCA case. This would not affect the heat load on the CCW system, however because, if recirculation of the containment sump fluid were necessary, it would not be initiated by the operator until much later into the MSLB accident sequence when containment sump level would be approximately equivalent to the level when recirculation would be initiated following a LOCA. Given the smaller heat release to containment following a MSLB and approximately equal sump levels at the start of recirculation following both the MSLB and LOCA, the heat load on the CCW system is expected to be no greater than the heat load following a LOCA.

In the post-accident case, the potentially most limiting single failure from the standpoint of CCW high temperature would be the failure in the open position of the motor operated CCW supply valve to an idle RHR heat exchanger. With half of the CCW flow diverted to an idle heat exchanger, the temperature of the CCW at the exit of the active heat exchanger could exceed 200°F. This condition can be remedied by the control room operator by increasing RHR heat exchanger by-pass flow and thus reducing the energy removal rate of the active RHR heat exchanger. The fan coolers have the capacity and would pick up the additional heat load from containment.

No post-accident realignment of the CCW system is performed by the operator except for the opening of a CCW supply valve to one RHR heat exchanger at the start of recirculation and closing, or verifying the automatic closure of, the isolation valves to the service inside containment. These actions can be performed from the control room.

The RHR, CS, CCW and SWS pumps and valves are powered from the appropriate emergency buses such that a failure of one bus would not prevent the operation of the systems as analyzed in the post-accident condition.

During normal CCW system operation, single active failure could prevent flow to the services inside containment (Reactor Coolant Pumps, Excess Letdown Heat Exchanger, and Reactor Support Cooling). Loss of flow to the containment services requires prompt operator action to prevent damage to the Reactor Coolant Pumps (RCP). Damage to an RCP from loss of cooling flow could result in pump seizure and cause a loss of flow accident. (The consequences of a postulated RCP seizure are evaluated as an SEP Design Basis Event.) Plant procedures require (Ref-10) the operator to trip the reactor and then the RCPs within two minutes following a loss of CCW flow to the pumps or before RCP motor bearing temperature reaches 200°F. Plant shutdown following reactor trip is in accordance with established emergency procedures. Loss of CCW flow to the excess

letdown heat exchanger or reactor supports does not require immediate operator action, but, if CCW flow cannot be restored to these components, the reactor plant must eventually be shut down.

Isolation of individual leaking components is accomplished, with the exception of components inside containment, by manual valves. Also, although the CCW pumps and heat exchangers are redundant, they are connected by single pipe headers whose failure could disable the system. However, at the operating pressure and temperature of the system (100 psig, 200°F) (see Ref 11) a passive failure would most probably result in a leak rate which the staff estimates to be 210 gpm using the methods of Reference 5 for a 10" pipe. The normal volume of water in the surge tank (1000 gal.) would provide the operators with about 5 minutes at a leak rate of 210 gpm to stop a leak from the system. It is improbable that the operator could act within this time period, and it is possible that the leak may be in an unisolable portion of the system. If a loss of the CCW systems occurs during normal plant operation, the licensee has an operating procedure that directs the operator to shutdown the reactor and commence decay heat removal using the steam generators with natural circulation of the reactor coolant system. If CCW cannot be readily restored, a plant cooldown would be commenced. For a cooldown with no CCW, the cooldown method and system described in Reference 6 (with the exception of the CCW and RHR systems) would be available, and the licensee has proposed a method to achieve cold shutdown conditions independent of the CCW and RHR systems using the steam generators (Ref. 9).

Loss of the CCW system during post-accident operation was considered in the Provisional Operating License review of Ginna, and it was concluded that the RHR pumps could continue to operate to recirculate containment sump water with decay heat being removed by the containment fan coolers. However, because the CCW system cools the bearings and lubricating oil coolers for the RHR (and other ECCS) pumps, these pumps would not be available to recirculate the sump water. Current criteria for piping system passive failures do not require the assumed passive failures of moderate energy systems (like the CCW) under post-accident conditions, although system leaks are assumed (Ref. 7). Therefore, the CCW system makeup capability should be capable to cope with normal system leakage in post-accident operation.

We also considered the effects of such a loss of CCW during a cooldown of the plant with the RHR system operating. In this case, with the reactor vessel head installed, the RCS temperature would rise to greater than 200°F and decay heat could continue to be removed via the steam generator atmosphere relief valves using natural circulation. Steam generator feed would be accomplished by the Auxiliary Feed System (AFS). The plant could remain in this condition while CCW repairs were made. For normal decay heat removal when the reactor vessel head is removed, adequate cooling can be provided by keeping the core flooded (using various systems such as RHR and CVCS) while repairs are made to the CCW piping. The CCW system is accessible for repairs and can be filled with water in less than two hours after the repairs are completed starting

with a completely drained system (Reference 3, page 9.3-18).

During normal and post-accident operation, thermal expansion and contraction of the CCW system liquid is accommodated by the CCW surge tank, and leakage into or out of the system can be detected by surge tank level changes. High and low surge tank levels are alarmed in the control room, and a radiation monitor and alarm alerts the control room operator to the leakage of radioactive fluid into the CCW system from components which contain reactor coolant. The surge tank also maintains a positive suction head on the CCW pumps during normal and post accident operation. Makeup water to the CCW system is supplied by either the demineralized water system or the reactor makeup water system via local manual valves in the auxiliary building. The makeup rate is sufficient to accommodate system leakage however, the seismic classification of the CCW makeup supply system is not sufficient to assure the availability of makeup water following a seismic event. The licensee may be required to provide assurance that adequate CCW makeup can be supplied following an earthquake.

Based on our review of the CCW system, the safety related functions are to provide cooling for the RHR heat exchangers, ECCS pumps, RCPs, and reactor support cooling pads. Of these functions only RHR heat exchanger and ECCS pump cooling are considered to be essential functions. Plant procedures provide adequate protection from the effects of losing the other safety related functions.

2 Service Water System

The Service Water System (SWS) circulates water from the screen house on Lake Ontario to various heat exchangers and systems in the containment, auxiliary and turbine buildings. These buildings are Class I structures except for the turbine building. The system has four pumps, three of which are in operation during normal operating conditions. As described in the previous CCW section, two SWS pumps are required to remove heat from components under post-accident conditions.

The SWS piping is arranged so that there are two flow paths to the redundant "critical"* loads identified in Table 2. Another header supplies various "non-critical" loads (see Table 3). The "non-critical" loads are automatically isolated from the "critical" headers by redundant motor operated valves when a reactor safeguards actuation signal occurs. Redundant motor operated isolation valves also automatically secure SWS flow to the air conditioning chill water system, circulating water pumps, and screen wash supply on a safeguards actuation signal.

During normal plant operation, the SWS supplies flow to all loads except the standby auxiliary feed systems. During RHR operation for a normal plant cooldown, almost all "non-critical" loads may be removed from the SWS, if necessary. Following a safeguards actuation signal, the SWS supplies all "critical" loads except the backup feedwater supply to the auxiliary and standby auxiliary feed systems, which require operator action to receive SWS flow.

To overcome single failures in the system each "critical" load has a redundant counterpart cooled by the other "critical" SWS header. If necessary, an operator could cross-connect the "critical" headers by means of manual valves to achieve added system flexibility. In the normal system alignment, no single active or passive failure could result in the loss of SWS flow to redundant "critical" loads except for the reactor vessel cavity coolers which could both be disabled by a single passive failure. Since the SWS is a moderate energy system, a passive pipe failure would probably result in a leak rather than a complete pipe rupture. Using the method described in Reference 5, the estimated leakage for a SWS header is 585 gpm for a 20" header at 75 psig. Although this leak may pose a flooding problem, the supply function of the affected header would not be significantly impaired.** A leak from the 2.5" supply line to the reactor cavity coolers would result in the loss of about 25 gpm. This leak rate would not completely disable the coolers which normally receive about 45 gpm of SWS flow.

Leak detection for the SWS is provided by header pressure switches and by sump level alarms in the buildings which house the SWS (see the SEP review of Topic III-5.B). Isolation of leaking components is accomplished by closing manual valves, in general; however, remotely operated valves can secure SWS flow to "non-critical" loads, each CCW heat exchanger, and the spent fuel pool cooling system.

Electrical power for the SWS pumps is provided by 480 V buses 17 and 18. One SWS pump is started on each diesel generator during post-accident generator load sequencing.

Short term post accident heat loads can be accommodated by one SWS pump. Long term cooling, based on the licensee's Final Facility Description and Safety Analysis Report, requires two SWS pumps. The additional pump is to accommodate the component cooling load requirements. The present technical specifications (See Section 3.3.4.1) requires that two of the four SWS pumps and one SWS loop be operational for plant operation. However, if this plant were operating with the minimum number of required SWS pumps and an accident occurred the possibility exists that only one SWS pump would be available. This is based on the assumption that one of

*"Critical" refers to a heat load that the licensee has designated as safety related.

**The effects of flooding from pipe leaks have been reviewed under SEP Topic III-5.B, "Pipe Breaks Outside Containment." June 24, 1980

the two emergency diesel generators fails to start. This is the normal assumption for evaluating post accident systems performance. The licensee should address this apparent inconsistency between what is required for long term cooling and what is available. This could be accomplished by analyses and/or technical specification modifications. In addition to the above, the present technical specifications should be made more explicit to preclude the possibility that, during periods when the SWS is in the minimum mode of operation, the two operating SWS pumps are not serviced by the same emergency diesel generator.

A review of Licensee Event Reports shows no recurring problems with operation or maintenance of the SWS (or CCW system).

Based on our review of the SWS, we consider the components supplied by the "critical" supply headers (Table 2) to be the essential loads on the system.

VII. CONCLUSION

Based on our review of the service and cooling water systems for Ginna, we have concluded that the essential systems and functions are:

Component Cooling Water: RHR heat exchanger cooling and ECCS pump cooling.

Service Water Systems: All components supplied by the "critical" supply headers (Table 2)

We have determined that the design of the above systems is in conformance with current regulatory guidelines and with General Design Criterion (GDC) 44 regarding capability and redundancy of the essential functions of the systems, except for the apparent SWS technical specification inadequacy. The systems also meet the requirements of GDC 45 and 46 regarding system design to permit periodic inspection and testing.

With respect to the seismic design of the CCW makeup supply systems the licensee may be required to provide assurance that CCW makeup can be supplied following an earthquake. This will be determined in the integrated safety assessment for the facility.

As was indicated in Section III of this evaluation, the spent fuel pool cooling system is being reviewed in SEP Topic IX-1. That review will also address the proposed modifications to the spent fuel pool cooling system. If the findings of Topic IX-1 necessitate any additional review of the SWS, it will be addressed in the integrated safety assessment for the facility.

TABLE 1. SYSTEM DESIGN PARAMETERS

System/Reference	Parameters
Containment Spray (Ref. 3, Section 6.4)	2 pumps - 1250 gpm each 2 RHR heat exchangers - 24.15E6 BTU/hr each (with 1525 gpm RHR @ 160°F and 2780 gpm CCW @ 100°F)
Component Cooling (Ref. 3, Section 9.3)	2 pumps - 2980 gpm each 2 CCW heat exchangers - 24.15E6 BTU/hr each (with 2950 gpm CCW @ 117° and 5055 gpm SWS @ 80°F)
Service Water (Ref. 3, Section 9.6)	4 pumps - 5300 gpm each
Containment Fan Coolers (Ref. 3, Section 5.3, 6.3, and 9.6)	4 Units - 13,900 BTU/sec each* (at 60 psig, 286°F and 4248 gpm SWS)

*Evaluated in Reference 4.

TABLE 2. "CRITICAL" SWS LOADS

1. Safety injection pump bearings
2. ECCS and charging pump ventilation coolers
3. Component Cooling Water heat exchangers
4. Containment Fan Coolers (and motors)
5. Diesel generators
6. Auxiliary Feed System (feedwater supply and pump cooling)
7. Standby Fuel Pool Cooling

TABLE 3. "NON-CRITICAL" SWS LOADS

1. Plant air compressors
2. Condensate and heater drain pumps
3. Relay room air conditioning
4. Turbine exciter
5. Bus duct coolers
6. Seal oil unit
7. Blowdown tank
8. Sample coolers
9. Electro-hydraulic control system
10. Turbine oil coolers
11. Feed pump oil coolers
12. Containment pressure testing air cooler
13. Vacuum pumps

14. Fire booster pump supply

15. Circulating Water pumps

16. Screen wash supply

17. Air conditioning chill water coolers

18. Reactor Vessel Cavity Coolers

19. Containment Penetration Cooling

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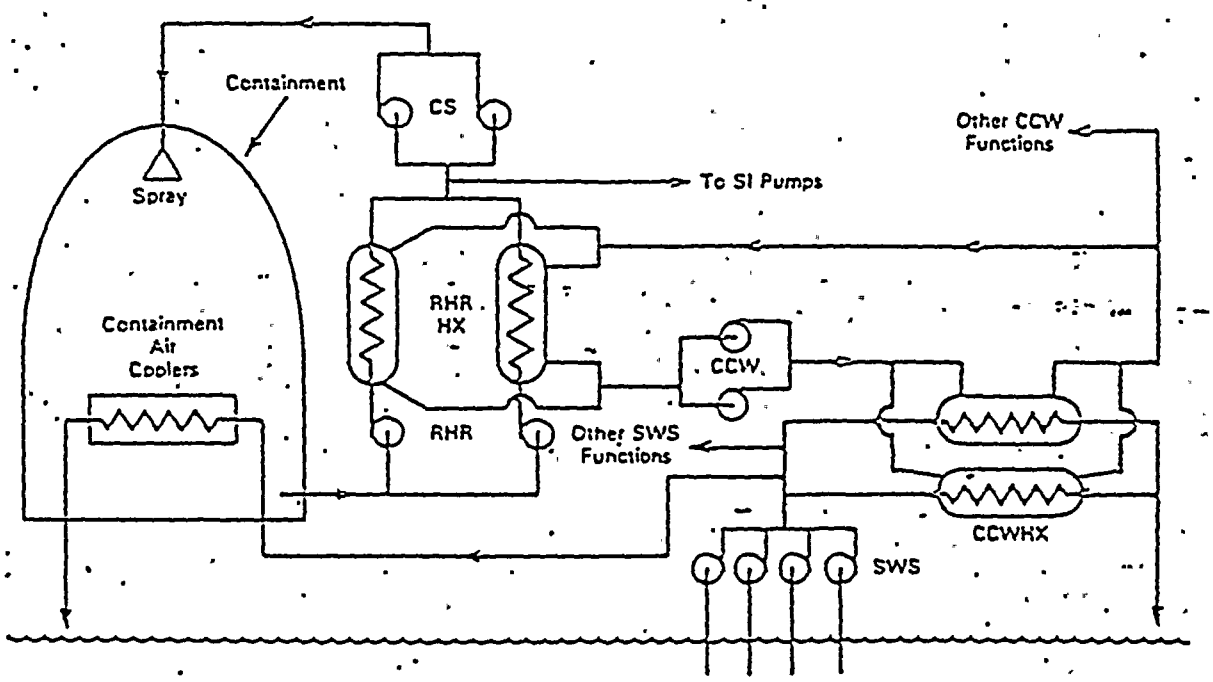
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FIGURE 1

3.0 REFERENCES

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R. E. GINNA

Enclosed is a copy of our final evaluation of SEP Topic IX-4. This evaluation incorporates comments provided to us by your letter dated August 6, 1981. We now consider this evaluation to be final.

This evaluation will be a basic input to the integrated safety assessment for your facility unless you identify changes needed to reflect the as-built conditions at your facility. This topic assessment may be revised in the future if your facility design is changed or if the NRC criteria relating to this topic are modified before the integrated assessment is completed.

Sincerely,

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SYSTEMATIC EVALUATION PROGRAM BRANCH
TOPIC IX-4, BORON ADDITION SYSTEM

R. E. GINNA PLANT

I. INTRODUCTION

Following a LOCA, boric acid solution is introduced into the reactor vessel by two modes of injection. In the initial injection mode, borated water is provided from the boric acid tanks, the refueling water storage tank and the accumulators. After this initial period, which will last at least 20 minutes for a large break LOCA, and longer for smaller breaks, the Emergency Core Cooling System (ECCS) is realigned for the recirculation mode. In this mode borated water is recirculated from the containment sump to the reactor vessel and back to the sump through the break. A portion of the water introduced into the reactor vessel is converted into steam by the decay heat generated in the core. Since the steam contains virtually no impurities, the boric acid content in the water that was vaporized remains in the vessel. The concentration of boric acid in the core region will therefore continuously increase, unless a dilution flow is provided through the core. Without the dilution flow the concentration of boric acid will eventually reach the saturation limit and any further increase in boric acid inventory will cause its precipitation. Boric acid deposited in the core may clog flow passages and seriously compromise the performance of the ECCS. Topic IX-4 is intended to review the boron addition system, in particular with respect to boron precipitation during the long term cooling mode of operation following a loss of coolant accident, to assure that the ECCS is designed and operated in such a manner that a sufficient throughflow is provided before the concentration of boric acid will reach its saturation limit.

II. REVIEW CRITERIA

The plant design was reviewed with regard to Appendix A, 10CFR Part 50, General Design Criteria - 35, "Emergency Core Cooling", which requires that a system to supply abundant emergency core cooling shall be provided. In addition, the plant design was reviewed with regard to 10CFR 50.46, "Acceptance Criteria for Light Water Nuclear Power Reactors", and Appendix K to 10CFR Part 50 "ECCS Evaluation Models", which set forth the requirements to maintain coolable core geometry and to provide long-term core cooling; the basis for the boron precipitation reviews.

III. RELATED SAFETY TOPICS

Topic VI-7.A.3 reviews the ECCS actuation system with respect to the testing for operation and design performance of each component of the system. Topic VI-7.B reviews the procedures for ESF switchover from injection to recirculation mode.

IV. REVIEW GUIDELINES

There are no unique SRP sections that deal with this issue. The primary criterion used for review of this system was discussed in a memo dated January 21, 1976 entitled, "Concentration of Boric Acid in Reactor Vessel During Long Term Cooling - Method for Reviewing Appendix K Submittals."

V. EVALUATION

The guidelines for this review are contained in Reference 1, which is a memo describing the methods used to review boric acid buildup during post-LOCA long-term cooling. There is no SRP section covering this topic.

The Ginna reactor is different than current Westinghouse designs in two areas that affect boron precipitation. One is that the residual heat removal (RHR) injection feeds directly into the upper plenum rather than into the cold or hot legs. This means that a switchover from cold leg to hot leg injection cannot be used to dilute boron in the RHR system. The second area of difference is that several valves may be flooded following a LOCA. Once flooded, the valves may not work and no credit is given for operation of flooded valves. The valve lineup on the Ginna high head injection system is set for cold leg injection with power removed to prevent spurious operation of the flooded valves. This means that switchover from cold to hot leg injection cannot be used to prevent boron precipitation in the high head injection system.

To prevent boron precipitation, the Ginna plant utilizes simultaneous injection from the RHR and high head systems. The simultaneous injection takes place within 20 hours following the LOCA, and requires the primary system to be cooled to RHR conditions. However, even if the system is not cooled to RHR conditions, it is unlikely that boron precipitation would occur since the solubility is greater at higher temperatures. Furthermore, cooldown to RHR operating conditions will not be a problem with a large break LOCA.

VI. CONCLUSION

The Ginna method of preventing boron precipitation is to simultaneously inject into the cold legs (high head system) and upper plenum (RHR system). This will provide sufficient dilution flow for both hot and cold leg breaks. Based on our review and using staff criteria referenced earlier, we conclude that the Ginna method for prevention of boron precipitation is acceptable.

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