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1. I feel the demand for more full-scale DBA tests is not justified. The net gain in information will be marginal, particularly in the context of the low probability of a DBA;
2. I believe there is sufficient information available to permit acceptable conservative engineering designs to be developed as fixes for the known problems;
3. I am more concerned with regard to our state of knowledge of long term effects of continuing blowdowns of the safety relief valves into the torus. I am not suggesting a discontinuation of these blowdowns; merely, the collection and analysis of information to see if the torus boundary is undergoing any degradation;
4. Chugging does not appear to be a significant problem based upon available data;
5. I would suggest some procedure for the early review of suggested fixes so that major expenditures for hardware not be negated by decisions to add further conservatism;
6. Accidents smaller than the DBA do not appear to be major contributors to torus loads;
7. I would like to reiterate my plea for a definition of terminology. It would be generally beneficial.

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