

Safety Evaluation Report
Minimum Containment Pressure Setpoint
(Item II.E.4.2(5) of NUREG-0737)
Rancho Seco Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No: 50-312

1.0 Introduction

As a consequence of the accident at TMI-2, implementation of a number of new requirements has been recommended for operating reactors. These new requirements are described in NUREG-0660, "NRC Action Plan Developed as a Result of the TMI-2 Accident," May 1980, and NUREG-0737, "Clarification of TMI Action Plan Requirements," November 1980. The NRC staff has also requested licensees to submit information sufficient to permit an independent evaluation of their response to these new requirements. This report provides an evaluation of the response to Action Plan Item II.E.4.2, position 5, by the designated licensee.

2.0 Evaluation

Our consultant, the EG&G Energy Measurements Group (a subcontractor to Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, which has the TMI Action Plan contract) has reviewed the licensee's submittals and prepared the attached technical evaluation report of the licensee's containment pressure setpoint used to isolate nonessential containment penetrations. We have reviewed this evaluation and concur in its basis and findings.

3.0 Conclusions

The information submitted by the licensee provided sufficient details of the licensee's containment isolation pressure for the staff to conclude that the requirements of Item II.E.4.2(5) of NUREG-0737, with the additional guidelines developed by the staff, have been met.