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FROM:

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SUBJECT:

SUMMARY OF MEETING WITH LRG I AND LRG II ON OCTOBER 29, 1981

On October 29, 1981, a meeting was held in Bethesda, Maryland, between the NRC staff and representatives of LRG I, LRG II and their consultants to discuss in-core thermocouples for BWR's. General Electric Co., as contractor to the LRG groups, discussed and presented results of a risk assessment study utilizing in-core thermocouples. An attendance list is provided as Enclosure 1.

A copy of the view graphs highlighting the GE presentation is provided as Enclosure 2. The conclusions of the risk assessment study performed by GE re:

'It will cost a minimum of \$600,000 and 100 manrem per plant (assuming installation after power operation) to install in-core thermocouples. Subsequent maintenance will require about 15 manrem per year.

There is minimal benefit arising from the negligible reduction in core melt probability and the negligible reduction in radiation exposure to the public for incorporating in-core thermocouples.

'Utilizing the safety goal cost-benefit criterion thatiss currently being advocated by the ACRS, the cost-benefit consideration does not justify the use of in-core thermocouples in BWR's.

The staff indicated that they would like to receive a formal submittal including details and results of this study. LRG indicated that this could be provided in about 1 month. Additionally, LRG stated that the more general study of utilizing in-core thermocouples in BWR's, that is being performed by S. Levy Associates, will be provided to the staff in about 1 month.

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Mr. Rubenstein indicated that there is a draft letter to applicants currently before the Commission for review requesting them to analyze numbers, location, etc., for placement of in-core thermocouples. He indicated that the industry will have an opportunity to present their case on this subject to the ACRS.

Currently, SER's are being written for BWR/4, /5 and /6 plants with a license condition to incorporate in-core thermocouples into the ICC monitoring system prior to June 1983. LaSalle and Grand Gulf are the first plants of the BWR near term OLs scheduled for fuel loading. Both plants anticipate fuel loading early in 1982.

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2. Risk Analysis@BWR In-core Thermocouples

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RISK ANALYSIS

BWR CORE THERMOCOUPLES

# OUTLINE

- O BACKGROUND
- O RISK ASSESSMENT
  - METHODOLOGY
  - QUANTIFICATION
  - RESULTS
- O COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS
- o CONCLUSION

#### BACKGROUND

- o TMI
- o NUREG 0737/R.G. 1.97
- O LRG AND BWROG
- O LRG APPEAL MEETING
- O ACRS MEETINGS
- O NRC LETTER
- O ACRS LETTER
- O GE RISK ANALYSIS

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#### THERMOCOUPLE RISK ASSESSMENT

- PURPOSE: (1) DETERMINE THE OVERALL BENEFIT DERIVED FROM
  THERMOCOUPLES AS INDICATED BY ANY REDUCTION
  IN RISK TO THE PUBLIC WHICH CAN BE ATTRIBUTED
  TO THERMOCOUPLE OPERATION.
  - (2) DETERMINE THE COST EFFECTIVENESS OF THERMOCOUPLES
    BY COMPARING THEIR OVERALL COST WITH THEIR
    EVALUATED BENEFIT

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### BWR PROBABILISTIC RISK ASSESSMENT

- O TYPICAL BWR/4 MK II PRA
- o ACCIDENT SEQUENCE PROBABILITIES
  - EVENT TREES (ET) TOOL TO DISPLAY ACCIDENT SEQUENCES TO ESTIMATE PROBABILITIES
  - FAULT TREES (FT) DIAGRAMS TO SHOW OPERATOR
    AND EQUIPMENT FAULTS TO ESTIMATE SYSTEM FAILURE
    PROBABILITY
  - CORE MELT PROBABILITY
- O ACCIDENT SEQUENCE CONSEQUENCES
  - CATEGORIZE ACCORDING TO CORE MELT/CONTAINMENT FAILURE SEQUENCES
  - EARLY/LATENT DEATHS
- o RISK TO PUBLIC
  - PROBABILITY OF ACCIDENT X CONSEQUENCE OF ACCIDENT

#### METHODOLOGY

- O DETERMINED BENEFIT
  - EVALUATED ALL SEQUENCES INVOLVING OPERATOR ACTION
  - QUANTIFIED CHANGE IN OPERATOR ERROR INPUT PROBABILITIES
  - TAKES CREDIT FOR IMPROVED PERFORMANCE DUE TO THERMOCOUPLE INDICATION
  - CALCULATED RESULTS OF CHANGE
  - COMPARED TO TYPICAL BWR PRA RESULTS
- O DETERMINED COST
  - INITIAL INSTALLATION
  - SUBSEQUENT TO INSTALLATION
- O COMPARED TO SAFETY GOAL CRITERION

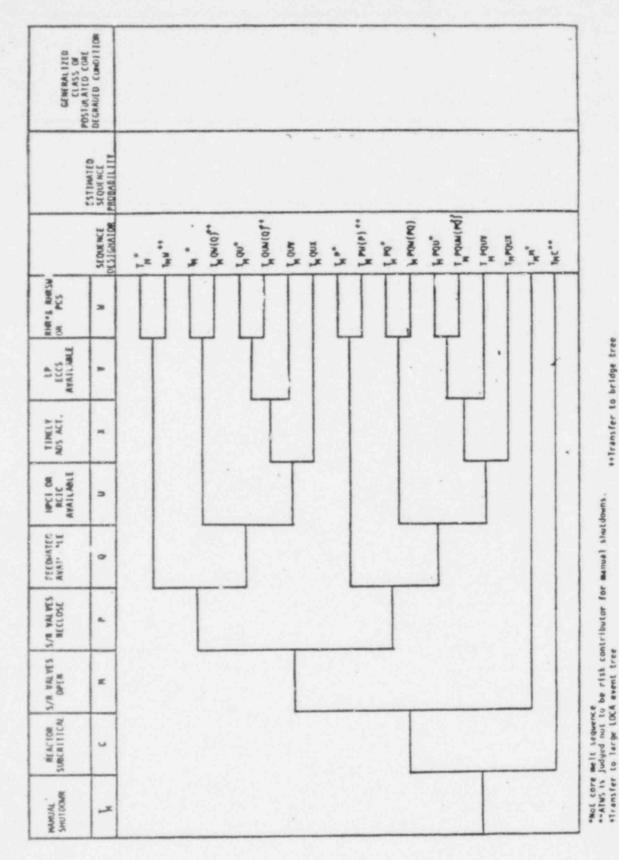
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#### QUANTIFICATION

- O SINGLE FAILURE EVENTS (ECCS SYSTEMS)
  - CONTRADICTORY OR CONFUSING SIGNALS  $1.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ CHANGED TO } 2.0 \times 10^{-4}$
  - OPERATOR INATTENTION  $5.0 \times 10^{-2}$  CHANGED TO  $1.0 \times 10^{-3}$
  - FAILURE TO FOLLOW PROCEDURE  $5.0 \times 10^{-2}$  STAYS  $5.0 \times 10^{-2}$
- O ADS (MANUAL INITIATION)
  - OPERATOR FAILS TO INITIATE  $2 \times 10^{-3}$  CHANGED TO  $1 \times 10^{-3}$
- O COMMON MODE FAILURE EVENTS
  - MISCALIBRATION OF WATER LEVEL INSTRUMENTATION MODERATE  $2 \times 10^{-5}$  CHANGED TO  $2 \times 10^{-6}$  SMALL  $2 \times 10^{-3}$  STAYS  $2 \times 10^{-3}$

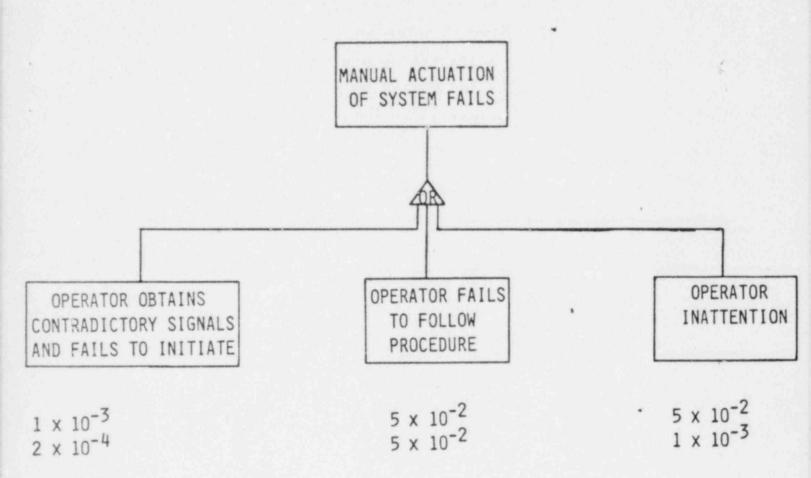
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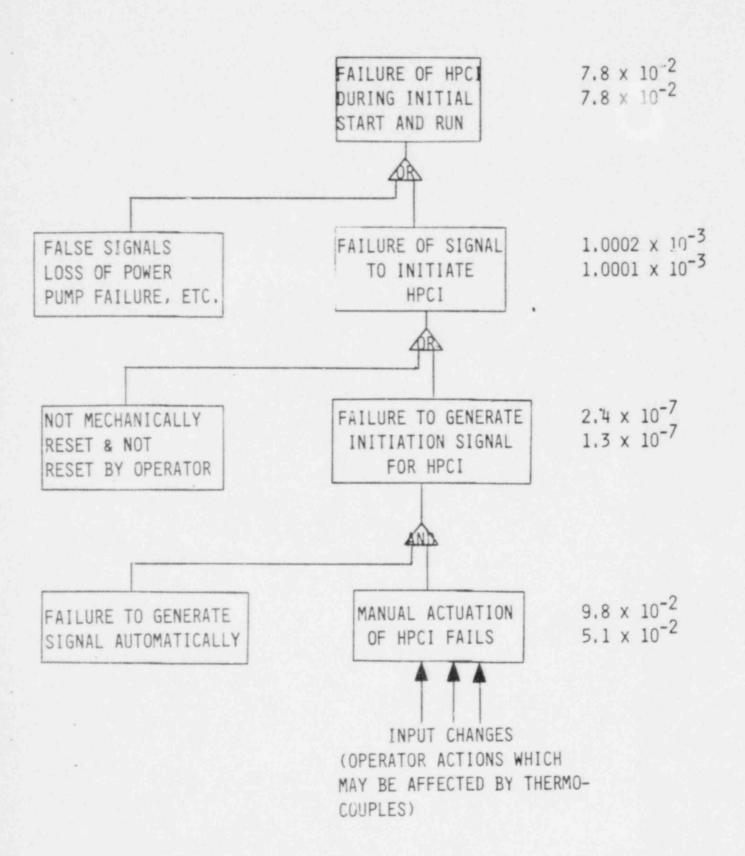
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# EXAMPLE OF INPUT TO FAULT TREE



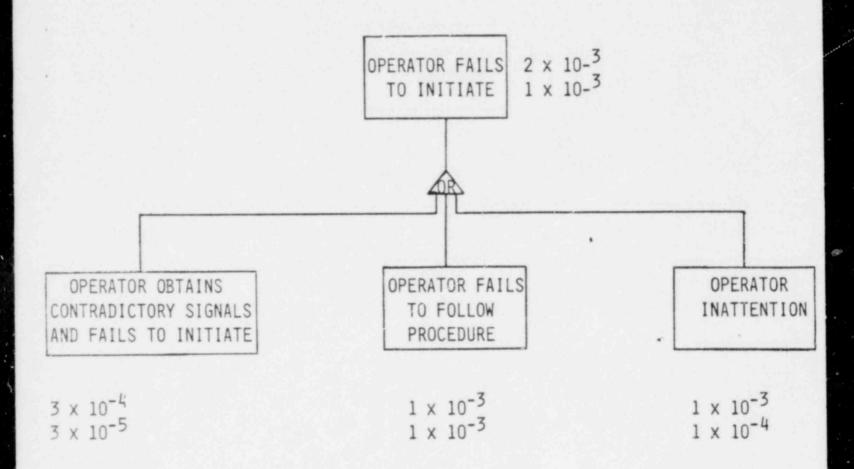
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#### SIMPLIFIED FAULT TREE SHOWING THERMOCOUPLE EFFECT (HPCI)

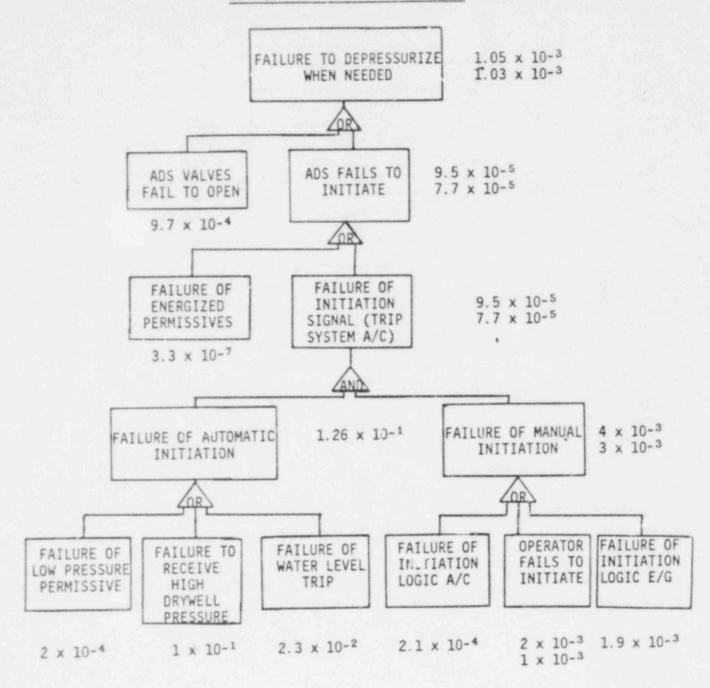


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## INPUT TO ADS TREE



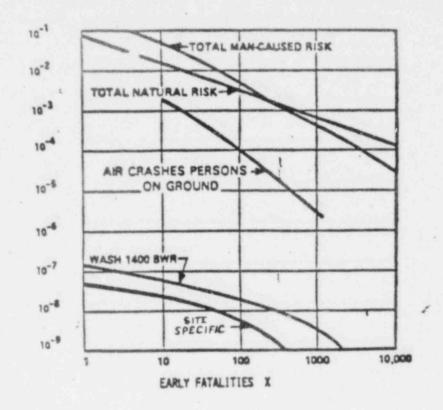
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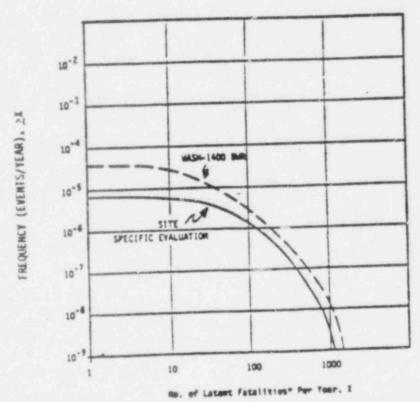


#### RESULTS

- O EVALUATED ALL PRA SEQUENCES WITH OPERATOR ACTION
  - NEGLIGIBLE OR NO EFFECT AT SYSTEM LEVEL
- O HARDWARE FAILURE PATHWAYS MOST LIMITING
  - OPERATOR IS BACKUP TO AUTOMATIC FUNCTIONS
  - OPERATOR RELIABILITY IMPROVED THROUGH TRAINING
    AND EMERGENCY PROCEDURE GUIDELINES
- O NEGLIGIBLE EFFECT ON FINAL CORE MELT PROBABILITY
  - 9.5 x 10-6 WITHOUT THERMOCOUPLES
  - 9.3 x 10-6 WITH THERMOCOUPLES
- O NEGLIGIBLE EFFECT ON RADIATION EXPOSURE TO PUBLIC
  - NO EFFECT ON EARLY FATALITIES
  - 2% DECREASE IN LATENT FATALITIES ( .01 LIFE)







\* Latent Fatalities due to Come Reit Accident Sequences

#### CONCLUSIONS

- O BWR THERMOCOUPLES COST
  - INITIAL (GE MINIMUM ESTIMATES) \$600K 100 MANREM
  - SUBSEQUENT
    MAINTENANCE
    FORCED OUTAGES
    15 MANREM/YEAR
- O BWR THERMOCOUPLE BENEFIT
  - NEGLIGIBLE EFFECT ON CORE MELT PROBABILITY
  - NEGLIGIBLE EFFECT ON RADIATION EXPOSURE TO PUBLIC
- O SAFETY GOAL COST BENEFIT CRITERION
  - ACRS \$5 MILLION PER EARLY DEATH AVERTED
     \$1 MILLION PER LATENT DEATH AVERTED
- O COMPARISON
  - EARLY \$600K COST WITH NO BENEFIT
  - LATENT \$600K COST WITH LESS THAN .01 LIFE SAVED

COST BENEFIT DOES NOT JUSTIFY THERMOCOUPLES IN BWR

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