

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

March 1, 1994

Docket No. 52-003

Mr. Nicholas J. Liparulo Nuclear Safety and Regulatory Activities Westinghouse Electric Corporation P.O. Box 355 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15230

Dear Mr. Liparulo:

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR MEETING TO SUPPORT CONFIRMATORY TESTING IN THE ROSA/AP600 TEST FACILITY

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is conducting a series of confirmatory AP600 safety system tests in the ROSA/AP600 test facility. The NRC would like to perform counterpart tests among the SPES-2, OSU, and ROSA/AP600 test facilities because the results from three differently scaled facilities will provide greater insights into the AP600 design. Enclosure 1 is a list of those tests.

In order for these tests to be useful, it is critical to set up consistent test conditions between the counterpart test facilities. Therefore, the staff has developed requests for additional information (RAIs) on the Westinghouse test facilities to help define these conditions for the ROSA/AP600 facility. Enclosure 2 is a list of those RAIs (Q952.50-Q952.64), which, in conjunction with the February 24, 1994, RAI, will serve to define these test conditions. In order to resolve these questions expeditiously, we propose to meet with your staff during the week of March 7, 1994, using these questions as the basis for the agenda. During this meeting, we would like to discuss conditions for all future counterpart tests. However, in case some of these conditions have not been defined, we would like to develop a procedure to obtain future counterpart test information.

You have requested that portions of the information submitted in the June 1992, application for design certification be exempt from mandatory public disclosure. While the staff has not completed its review of your request in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.790, that portion of the submitted information is being withheld from public disclosure pending the staff's final determination. The staff concludes that this request for additional information does not contain those portions of the information for which exemption is sought. However, the staff will withhold this letter from public disclosure for 30 c lendar days from the date of this letter to allow Westinghouse the opportunity to verify the staff's conclusions. If, after that time, you do not request that all or portions of the information in the enclosures be withheld frum public disclosure in accordance with 10 CFR 2.790, this letter will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room.

The numbers in parentheses designate the tracking numbers assigned to the questions.

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Mr. Nicholas J. Liparulo

This request for additional information affects nine or fewer respondents, and therefore, is not subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget under P.L. 96-511.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, you can contact me at (301) 504-1118.

Sincerely,

(Original signed by)

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Enclosure: As stated

cc w/enclosure: See next page

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COUNTERPART TESTS

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Tests Common to All Three (ROSA/AP600, SPES-2, OSU)

- I-Inch Cold Leg Break
- DEGB Direct Vessel Injection Line
- 2-Inch Cold Leg Pressure Balance Line Break

Tests Common to ROSA/AP600 and OSU

- No Break, Inadvertent ADS Stage 1 Valve Opening

Tests Common to ROSA/AP600 and SPES-2

- 2-Inch Cold Leg Break; CVCS, NRHR, SFW on
- Single SGTR
- Main Steam Line Break

Enclosure 1

REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON AP600 TEST FACILITIES

QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE FIRST SPES-2 EXPERIMENT

- 952.50 What basis was used for determining the quality of fuel rod stored heat used to program the SPES-2 heater rods? Provide the quantity and distribution of AP600 fuel rod stored heat that was simulated.
- 952.51 How much mass was simulated in the SPES-2 secondary?
- 952.52 Define the basis for determining the pressurizer water level.
- 952.53 How were the secondary conditions determined for the first SPES-2 test?
- 952.54 Provide the scaling rationales for designing the experiment and the SPES-2 facility so that a similar scaling rationale can be used to define the ROSA/AP600 experiments.
- 952.55 How is healing by delayed neutrons simulated in the SPES-2 power decay?
- 952.56 What is the basis for the heat loss compensation programmed into the SPES-2 heater rods? What is the relationship between the heat loss compensation assigned to the SPES-2 heater rods and the heat loss compensation from the trace heaters?
- 952.57 What are the closing setpoints for the secondary safety relief valves (SRVs) and pilot-operated relief valves (PORVs)?
- 952.58 How is the pump speed ramped to zero rpm?
- 952.59 Are the pressurizer heater rods used to compensate for heat loss from the SPES-2 pressurizer?

QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE AUTOMATIC DEPRESSURIZATION SYSTEM (ADS)

- 952.60 Provide the nominal control valve inlet conditions [Pressure (P), temperature (T), and flow quality (x,)] for ADS Stages 1 through 4.
- 952.61 Provide the nominal control valve area (A_{Nominal}) for ADS Stages 1 through 4.
- 952.62 Provide the nominal control valve mass flow rate or nominal control valve discharge coefficient (C_{D, Nominal}) for ADS Stages 1 through 4 that accounts for vena contracta and downstream expansion effects.

The nominal control valve discharge coefficient would be used to determine nominal control valve mass flow rate from the calculation:

M_{Nominal} = C_{D, Nominal}A_{Nominal}G_{Critical};

where $G_{critical} = critical mass flux = f(P,T,x_f)$

- 952.63 Provide the valve train piping dimensions (nominal pipe sizes and schedule numbers and piping lengths) for ADS Stage 4.
- 952.64 Provide the valve train piping geometry (location and dimensions of bends, elbows, tees, etc.) for ADS Stage 4.