

AN INCONSISTENCY IN THE UNIT 1 ECCS LOCA ANALYSIS WAS NOTED BY AEPSC NUCLEAR ENGINEERING DIVISION PERSONNEL ON SEPTEMBER 22, 1982. WHILE REVIEWING THE WESTINGHOUSE LOCA PARAMETERS THAT ARE TO BE USED IN UNIT 1, CYCLE 3 LOCA ANALYSIS, IT WAS FOUND OUT THAT THE INITIAL CONTAINMENT SPRAY WATER TEMPERATURE TO BE USED WAS 80⁰F. THIS WAS CONSISTENT WITH THE TEMPERATURE REPORTED IN THE ORIGINAL FSAR APPENDIX P BUT WAS DIFFERENT FROM THE VALUE GIVEN IN THE UNIT 1 TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS.

THE UNIT 1 TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION 3.5.5 WAS CHANGED TO REFLECT THE ECCS REANALYSIS PERFORMED BY EXXON NUCLEAR COMPANY (ENC) AND WAS BASED ON ENC LETTER SEJ-79-4 DATED JANUARY 26, 1979. FURTHER REVIEW OF ENC'S ECCS REANALYSIS SHOWED THAT THE TEMPERATURE OF THE S.I. WATER WAS INDEED 70⁰F BUT THE INPUT TO THE ICECON MODEL, WHICH CALCULATES THE CONTAINMENT BACK PRESSURE WAS NOT CHANGED TO REFLECT THE 10⁰F DROP IN THE RWST WATER TEMPERATURE. THIS TEMPERATURE VALUE OF THE RWST WATER DETERMINES THAT OF THE SPRAY WATER INITIALLY DELIVERED TO THE CONTAINMENT FOLLOWING LOCA. IT IS ONE OF THE FACTORS WHICH DETERMINES THE CONTAINMENT BACK-PRESSURE IN THE ECCS ANALYSES. TABLE A1.1 IN ENC REPORT XN-NF-CC-39A, REVISION 1 LISTS THE INITIAL SPRAY WATER TEMPERATURE AS 80⁰F. ENC CONFIRMED THIS VIA LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 24, 1982 AND ALSO CONFIRMED THAT THE INCONSISTENCY OF USING 70⁰F FOR S.I. WATER TEMPERATURE AND 80⁰F FOR INITIAL CONTAINMENT SPRAY WATER TEMPERATURE WAS NONCONSERVATIVE WITH REGARD TO LOCA ECCS

ANALYSIS. THE ENC LETTER ALSO NOTED THAT, RAISING THE S.I. TEMPERATURE TO 80°F WOULD BE CONSERVATIVE WITH RESPECT TO ECCS ANALYSIS, INCREASING THE S.I. WATER TEMPERATURE HAS THE FOLLOWING EFFECTS:

- 1) INCREASED TEMPERATURE OF THE S.I. WATER FLOWING OUT OF THE BREAK (COLD LEG) WILL CONDENSE LESS STEAM IN THE CONTAINMENT AND THEREFORE INCREASE THE BACK PRESSURE.
- 2) INCREASED TEMPERATURE OF THE S.I. WATER WILL CONDENSE LESS STEAM IN THE INTACT LOOP (HOT LEG) AND THEREFORE WILL INCREASE THE STEAM PRESSURE IN THE UPPER PLENUM.
- 3) INCREASED S.I. WATER TEMPERATURE WILL EXTRACT LESS HEAT FROM THE FUEL.

THE COMBINED EFFECT OF THE FIRST TWO IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE THIRD IN THE TIME PERIOD OF INTEREST. THEREFORE, INCREASING THE S.I. WATER TEMPERATURE FROM THE ANALYZED VALUE OF 70°F TO 80°F WOULD BE CONSERVATIVE.

THE RWST TEMPERATURE WOULD BE KEPT AT A MINIMUM OF 80°F WITH HEAT TRACING AND/OR INSTALLING RWST HEATERS.

PREVENTIVE ACTION

AEPSC HAS INFORMED ENC OF THIS PROBLEM. AEPSC WILL FURTHER REQUEST ENC TO RESPOND TO OUR CONCERN AND TELL US WHAT ACTIONS THEY PLAN TO IMPLEMENT SO THAT THIS WILL NOT OCCUR AGAIN.