Atrium 10A Fuel Bundle Design Description Report for

New York Power Authority

James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant

Reload 11/Cycle 12

(Non-Proprietary Version)

James A. Fitzpatrick ATRIUM-10A Design Description

The ATRIUM-10A fuel assembly consists of a lower tie plate and upper tie plate, 91 fuel rods, spacer grids, a central water channel, and miscellaneous assembly hardware. The structural members of the fuel assembly include the tie plates, spacer grids, water channel and connecting hardware. The ATRIUM-10A has a 10x10 fuel rod array with a total of 91 fuel rods. A central, square water channel occupies the equivalent of nine fuel rod positions in the array.

The fuel rods are fabricated with cladding which has an internal zirconium liner.

of the 91 fuel rods are part-length fuel rods which have a length of approximately of a full-length rod. The spacer grids are of the ULTRAFLOW** configuration.

Table 1 summarizes the features of the fuel assembly. Figure 1 shows the fuel assembly design features. Figure 2 presents the axial zoning scheme for the assembly U235 enrichment and Figures 3, 4, 5 and 6 show the individual pin enrichments for each nuclear lattice type.

All of the design features of the James A. FitzPatrick ATRIUM-10A LFAs have been under irradiation on reload or lead assemblies at other reactors.

There are three design features on the James A. FitzPatrick LFAs which have not previously appeared on SPO fuel assemblies irradiated in the U.S.; these are:

- 10x10 fuel rod lattice configuration
- Partial length fuel rods

10x10 fuel rod lattice configuration: The ATRIUM-10A has a 10x10 fuel rod array with a total of 91 fuel rods. A central, square water channel occupies the equivalent of nine fuel rod positions in the array. The 10x10 array allows for operation at lower average linear heat generation rates, and thus results in less fission gas release, as compared to 8x8 and 9x9 lattice arrays.

Partial jength fuel rods: of the 91 fuel rods are part-length fuel rods which have a length of approximately of a full-length rod. The partial length rods reduce the total and two-phase pressure drop in the ATRIUM-10A assembly, thus improving the stability performance.

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Table 1

Fuel Assembly Characteristics

Characteristic Material

Value

Fuel Assembly

Array
Number of fuel rods
Full-length rods
Part-length rods
Number of inert rods
Overall length, inches (mm)
Number of spacers
Fuel rod pitch, inch (mm)
Fuel rod to fuel rod spacing, inch (mm)

Spacer Grid

Envelope, inch (mm) Height, inch (mm)

Water Channel

Outside dimension, inch (mm)
Channel wall thickness, inch (mm)
Channel length, inch (mm)

Lower Tie Plate

Envelope, inch (mm) Height, inch (mm) Seal spring thickness, inch (mm)

Upper Tie Plate

Envelope, inch (mm) Height, inch (mm)

Upper Tie Plate Locking Hardware

Bayonet bolt

Table 1

Fuel Assembly Characteristics (Continued)

Characteristic Material

Value

Fuel Rod Cladding

Cladding outside diameter, inch (mm)
Cladding inside diameter, inch (mm)
Overall length (from lower tie plate), inch (mm)
Full-length rod
Part-length rod

Fuel column

Pellet outside diameter, inch (mm)

Active length, inch (mm)

Full-length rod

Part-length rod

Lower natural enrichment length, inch (mm)

Full-length rod

Part-length rod

Upper natural enrichment length, inch (mm)

Full-length rod

Part-length rod

Part-length rod

Part-length rod

Part-length rod

Percent theoretical density

Fill gas pressure, psia (kPa)

Plenum spring

Fuel Channel

Inside dimension, inch (mm)
Wall thickness (variable), inch (mm)
Corners
Mid-wall at bottom
Mid-wall at top
Inside corner radius, inch (mm)
Overall length, inch (mm)

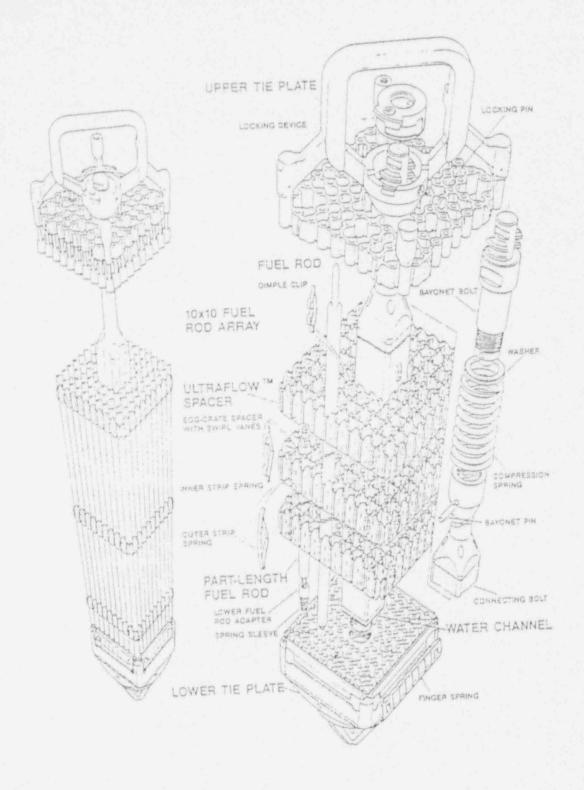


Figure 1

ATRIUM™ 10A Fuel Assembly for Boiling Water Reactors