



U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
STANDARD REVIEW PLAN
OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION

SECTION 2.4.7

ICE EFFECTS

REVIEW RESPONSIBILITIES

Primary - Site Analysis Branch (SAB)

Secondary - None

I. AREAS OF REVIEW

The hydrometeorologic design basis is developed in this section of the safety analysis report (SAR) to assure that safety-related facilities and water supply are not affected by ice flooding or blockage. The areas of review include:

1. The regional history and types of historical ice accumulations (i.e., ice jams, wind-driven ice ridges, floes, etc.).
2. The potential for ice-produced forces on, or blockage of, safety-related facilities.
3. The potential effects of ice-induced high or low flow levels on safety-related facilities and water supplies.

II. ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

Publications of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the United States Geologic Survey (USGS), the Corps of Engineers, and other sources are used to identify the history and potential for ice formation in the region. Historical maximum depths of icing should be noted, as well as mass and velocity of any large floating ice bodies. The phrase "historical low water ice affected," or similar phrases in streamflow records (USGS and state publications) will alert the reviewer to the potential for ice effects. The following items must be considered and evaluated, if found necessary, in the design of protection of safety-related facilities and water supplies.

1. The regional ice and ice jam formation history must be described to enable an independent determination of the need for including ice effects in the design basis.
2. If icing has not been severe, based on regional icing history, design considerations must be presented (e.g., return of a portion of low-grade heat to the intake) to assure that icing or ice blockage of intake screens and pumps will not adversely affect safety-related facilities and water supplies.
3. If the potential for icing is severe, based on regional icing history, it must be shown that water supplies capable of meeting safety-related requirements are available from under the ice formations postulated and that safety-related equipment is protected from

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Published standard review plans will be revised periodically, as appropriate, to accommodate comments and to reflect new information and experience.

Comments and suggestions for improvement will be considered and should be sent to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Washington, D.C. 20546.

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icing as in 2., above. If not, it must be demonstrated that alternate sources of water are available, that they are protected from freezing, and that the alternate source is capable of meeting safety-related requirements in such situations. Ice loading must have been included in the structural design basis, if severe icing is possible.

4. If floating ice is prevalent, based on regional icing history, consideration of impact forces on the safety-related intakes must be a consideration in the design basis. The dynamic loading caused by floating ice must be included in the structural design basis.
5. If ice blockage of the river or estuary is possible, it must be demonstrated that the resulting water level in the vicinity of the site has been considered in establishing the flood and water supply design bases. If this water level would adversely affect the intake structure, or other safety-related facilities, it must be demonstrated that an alternate safety-related water supply will not also be adversely affected.

III. REVIEW PROCEDURES

Applicable literature describing historical occurrences of icing in the region is reviewed to determine if icing protection should be considered in the design of safety-related facilities. If so, the most likely types of icing conditions (floating ice, river blockage by ice buildup, frazil, etc.) are listed, and the impact on plant design of each type is identified. Criteria of the Corps of Engineers and others provide a means of assessing icing impact and methods of mitigating adverse effects. For each type of icing condition, independent estimates of the "worst case" will be made by either statistical or deterministic techniques. Evidence, if any, of potential structural effects will be furnished the Structural Engineering Branch (SEB); similarly, mechanical impairment potential will be furnished the Auxiliary and Power Conversion Systems Branch (A&PCSB) or the Mechanical Engineering Branch (MEB).

The above reviews are performed only when applicable to the site or site regions. Some items of review may be done on a generic basis.

IV. EVALUATION FINDINGS

For construction permit (CP) reviews, the findings will consist of a statement of the applicant and staff estimates of the potential for ice flooding. If applicable, the minimum low water levels (from upstream ice blockage) will be included. If the estimates are similar, staff concurrence with the applicant's estimate will be stated. If the staff predicts substantially higher or lower controlling water levels, or blockage of the intake, and if the proposed plant may be adversely affected, a statement of the staff bases will be made. If the icing conditions do not constitute a design basis, the statement will so indicate.

For operating license (OL) reviews of plants for which detailed icing reviews were made at the CP stage, the CP conclusions will be referenced. However, a review will be made to assure that the design basis established in the CP review has been implemented properly. In addition, a review of icing records since the CP review will be made. If no CP review was undertaken (of the scope indicated), this fact will be noted in the OL findings.

A sample CP statement follows:

Ice Flooding, which is common on the A River at the makeup intake structure, could only affect the river intake structure which would not result in any adverse effects to the plant's safety-related facilities. The applicant states that ice flooding may possibly raise the water surface near the A River intake to a maximum elevation of about 555 feet MSL. The applicant further states that ice and ice flooding on the A River tributaries outside the cooling lake will not affect the plant facilities. The major tributary nearest the plant is the B Creek with the closest point located about one mile to the southeast of the site. The applicant concludes that, because of the distance from the proposed site and the wide floodplain of the river, there will be no adverse effects at the plant site due to ice in the river and consequent flooding. We concur with this conclusion.

"The safety-related pumps from the cooling lake are to be protected from ice blockage by means of traveling screens, stop logs, and trash racks located at the front of the lake greenhouse. In addition, the applicant proposes a warm-up line from the circulating water discharge which will keep the inlet water temperature 40° F. during winter operation. An essential cooling water screen bypass pipe is also available. We concur with the applicant that icing or ice flooding should not adversely affect the plant's safety-related facilities."

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