



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

SECTION 3.5.2

STRUCTURES, SYSTEMS, AND COMPONENTS TO BE PROTECTED FROM  
EXTERNALLY GENERATED MISSILESREVIEW RESPONSIBILITIES

Primary - Auxiliary and Power Conversion Systems Branch (APCSB)

Secondary - None

I. AREAS OF REVIEW

The APCSB review of the structures, systems, and components (SSC) to be protected from externally generated missiles includes all safety-related SSC on the plant site that have been provided to support the reactor facility. These include such elements as service water intakes, buried components (e.g., service water piping, storage tanks), and access openings and penetrations in structures. The intent of the review is to verify that the applicant's list of SSC requiring protection against externally generated missiles is complete.

The APCSB reviews the functional operations or performance requirements for structures, systems, and components and identifies which of these are necessary for the safety of the reactor during all operating conditions including normal operations and operational transients, and during accidents. Safety-related SSC are so designated if their function is required for attaining and maintaining a safe shutdown condition during normal or accident conditions, mitigating the consequences of an accident, or preventing the occurrence of an accident.

Based on their relation to safety, structures or areas of structures, systems or portions of systems, and components are identified as requiring protection from externally generated missiles if a missile could prevent the intended safety function.

II. ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

Acceptability of the list of structures, systems, and components to be protected against externally generated missiles, presented in the applicant's safety analysis report (SAR), is based on specific general design criteria and regulatory guides. An additional basis for the acceptability of the listing of structures, systems, and components that require missile protection will be the similarity of the design with those of previously approved plants.

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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. 20545.

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The identification of structures, systems, and components to be protected against externally generated missiles is acceptable if it is in accordance with the following criteria:

1. General Design Criterion 4, with respect to protection of structures, systems, and components against the effects of externally generated missiles to maintain their essential safety functions.
2. Regulatory Guide 1.13, as related to the spent fuel pool systems and structures being capable of withstanding the effects of externally generated missiles and preventing missiles from contacting stored fuel assemblies.
3. Regulatory Guide 1.27, as related to the ultimate heat sink and connecting conduits being capable of withstanding the effects of externally generated missiles.

### III. REVIEW PROCEDURES

The procedures below are used during the construction permit (CP) review to determine that the applicant's list of SSC that require protection from externally generated missiles is complete and meets the acceptance criteria given in Section II of this plan. For operating license (OL) applications, the procedures are used to verify that the CP-stage list continues to be applicable and complete, or has been supplemented as appropriate. The reviewer will select and emphasize material from the paragraphs below, as may be appropriate for a particular case.

The first step in the review under this plan is to determine the safety-related SSC. Some structures and systems are considered safety-related in their entirety, others have only portions that are safety-related, and others are classified as non-safety-related. In order to determine the safety category of the SSC, the APCS evaluates the SSC of the facility with respect to their necessity for achieving and maintaining safe reactor shut-down, or for performing accident prevention or mitigation functions. The information provided in the SAR pertaining to SSC design bases, design criteria, and descriptions and safety evaluations, together with the system and component characteristics tables and safety classification tables are reviewed to identify safety functions performed during all operating conditions. The safety functions to be performed by the SSC in various designs remain essentially the same. However, the location of the SSC and the methods used vary from plant to plant depending upon the individual designer. The reviewer identifies variations in designs and evaluates them on a case-by-case basis.

The second step in the review is to determine the SSC, or portions of SSC, that require protection against externally generated missiles. The reviewer uses engineering judgment and the results of failure modes and effects analyses in conjunction with the results of reviews under other plans of specific SSC in determining the need for missile protection. Most safety-related systems are located within structures that are resistant to external missiles by virtue of design for other purposes (e.g., primary containment), or because the structures are constructed specifically to withstand missiles. Systems and components located within such structures are considered adequately protected. The reviewer concentrates

*Read* { his attention on safety-related SSC located outside such structures and on penetrations and access openings in the structures. Essential service water piping and components, storage tanks, and ultimate heat sink components are examples of SSC typically located outside missile-resistant structures. Depending on the nature and source of the externally generated missiles, protection may be provided by missile barriers or by suitable separation of independent redundant systems. Specific missile sources and the protection needed are considered in other standard review plans in the 3.5.1 series.

The reviewer compares his evaluation of SSC to be protected against externally generated missiles with the applicant's list of such SSC.

#### IV. EVALUATION FINDINGS

The reviewer verifies that sufficient information has been provided and his review supports conclusions of the following type, to be included in the staff's safety evaluation report:

"The review of the structures, systems, and components to be protected from externally generated missiles included all safety-related structures, systems, and components provided to support the reactor facility. The scope of review of the structure, systems, and components to be protected from externally generated missiles for the \_\_\_\_\_ plant included layout drawings, piping and instrumentation diagrams, and descriptive information for all structures, systems, and components that are essential to the safe operation and safe shutdown of the plant. The review has included the applicant's proposed design criteria, design bases, and safety classifications for all systems, structures, and components.

"The basis for acceptance of the list of structures, systems, and components to be protected from externally generated missiles has been conformance of the applicant's designs, design criteria, and design bases for structures, systems, and components to the Commission's regulations as set forth in General Design Criterion 4, and to applicable regulatory guides, staff technical positions, and industry standards.

"The staff concludes that the designation of structures, systems, and components requiring external missile protection conforms to all applicable regulations, guides, staff positions, and industry standards, and is acceptable."

#### V. REFERENCES

10 CFR Part 50, Appendix A, General Design Criterion 4, "Environmental and Missile Design Bases."

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