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BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of)	
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CAR LINA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY)	Docket No. 50-400 OL
and NORTH CAROLINA EASTERN)	
MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY)	
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(Shearon Harris Nuclear Power)	
Plant))	

APPLICANTS' TESTIMONY OF MARGARETA A. SERBANESCU
IN RESPONSE TO EDDLEMAN CONTENTION 116
(FIRE PROTECTION)

1 Q.1 Please state your name, address, present occupation
2 and employer.

3 A.1 My name is Margareta A. Serbanescu. My business
4 address is Ebasco Services Incorporated, Two World Trade Cen-
5 ter, New York, NY 10048. I am employed by Ebasco Services In-
6 corporated as a Principal Mechanical Engineer responsible for
7 the supervision of the Ebasco Fire Protection Engineering
8 Group. My responsibilities include development of the fire
9 protection program for the Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant
10 (SHNPP) project. A copy of my professional experience and
11 qualifications is affixed hereto as Attachment A.

12 Q.2 State your educational background and professional
13 work experience.

14 A.2 I am a Principal Engineer with 18 years of mechanical
15 engineering experience, including 11 years of fire protection
16 engineering for both nuclear and fossil power generating sta-
17 tions. My work experience includes engineering and design of
18 various fire protection systems, using diversified suppression
19 agents such as water, carbon dioxide, halon, dry chemical, and
20 foam. My responsibilities have included conceptual design;
21 preparation of system design criteria, flow diagrams, procure-
22 ment specifications, bid evaluation, and purchase recommenda-
23 tions; vendor and Ebasco-generated drawing input, review and
24 drawing approval; supervision of installation; field verifica-
25 tion and support; and turnover of the systems to clients. I
26 have also been involved in negotiations with authorities having
27 jurisdiction over fire protection, such as governmental

1 authorities, local authorities, insurance underwriters and own-
2 ers. Some of my responsibilities have included preparation of
3 Safety Analysis Reports, Fire Hazards Analyses, and Safe Shut-
4 down Analyses in Case of Fire -- all performed in accordance
5 with various criteria issued by the Nuclear Regulatory Commis-
6 sion (NRC), industry standards, National Fire Protection Asso-
7 ciation (NFPA) standards and recommended practices. I have
8 provided technical assistance to a client during an NRC "walk-
9 down" of a nuclear power plant's fire protection systems.

10 Q.3 Describe the professional services that you have pro-
11 vided to Applicants for the operating license for the SHNPP and
12 the degree of involvement that you and your associates at
13 Ebasco have had in the development of the Harris fire protec-
14 tion program.

15 A.3 Ebasco was retained by Applicants, in conjunction
16 with providing architect-engineering services, to develop the
17 fire protection program for the SHNPP in accordance with NRC
18 regulatory requirements, insurance carrier's guidelines, indus-
19 try standards and local authorities' requirements. I was as-
20 signed as the Fire Protection Engineer for the SHNPP in
21 September 1978. I was involved in the preparation of the Plant
22 Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR) which included a detailed
23 Fire Hazards Analysis developed from the Preliminary Safety
24 Analysis Report. One year later I was assigned to be Fire Pro-
25 tection Lead Engineer for the SHNPP and was placed in charge of

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1 the Plant fire protection program within Ebasco's scope of
2 work. In January 1981 I was promoted to Supervisor of the
3 Ebasco Fire Protection Engineering Group, retaining responsi-
4 bility for the SHNPP fire protection activities. In this ca-
5 pacity I was involved in the supervision of the fire protection
6 effort within Ebasco's designated scope of work, which included
7 preparation of the Safe Shutdown Analysis in Case of Fire for
8 the SHNPP (SSA), coordination of the interdisciplinary reviews
9 and comment resolution (including Applicant's comments), provi-
10 sion of fire protection features or justifications of devia-
11 tions from separation criteria prescribed by the NRC, and the
12 complete final report preparation. FSAR Section 9.5.1 and Ap-
13 pendix 9.5A, which describe the SHNPP fire protection program,
14 are Applicants' Exhibit ___; a summary of the SSA is Appli-
15 cants' Exhibit ___.

16 Q.4 What is the purpose of your testimony?

17 A.4 The purpose of my testimony is to address the first
18 five allegations of Eddleman Contention 116, which can be stat-
19 ed as follows:

20 (1) "The fire hazard analysis of section
21 9.5A (Appendix) in the FSAR does not
22 address the availability of control and
23 power to the safety equipment."

24 (2) "In establishing fire resistance rat-
25 ings of fire barriers with respect to fires
26 in cable trays, Applicants have not estab-
lished that qualification tests represent
actual plant conditions or comparable con-
ditions."

1 (3) "Another vague statement is that barriers
2 are used 'where practical' without
3 defining practical or stating the criteria
4 to decide where a fire barrier is or is not
5 practical (and what type of fire barrier is
6 or is not practical). 9.5.1.1.1."

7 (4) "The 'analysis' of Appendix 9.5A does
8 not demonstrate, as 9.5.1.1.1 claims it
9 will, the adequacy of other fire protection
10 measures in all cases. Rather, it esti-
11 mates the BTU of combustible material,
12 smoke generation and removal rate from the
13 area, gives usually a qualitative descrip-
14 tion of some measures to mitigate or reduce
15 fire effects, and assumes that the fire
16 will be promptly detected (usually, no
17 analysis of location of detection instru-
18 ments, etc.) and the fire brigade will re-
19 spond rapidly and put out the fire, or the
20 automatic equipment will work. These as-
21 sertions are made despite the time it takes
22 to get people into the containment and to
23 the fire (not well analyzed). Further, the
24 'analysis;' of what happens if the fire
25 spreads is generally a rationalization that
26 it can't spread much, not an analysis.
See, e.g. 'Analysis of Effects of postu-
lated fires'."

(5) "The effect of a fire in a Fire Area or
Fire Zone with a combustible loading
greater than 240,000 BTU/sq. ft. doesn't
get dealt with in realistic terms."

My testimony demonstrates that these five aspects of the fire
protection program for the SHNPP, which have been questioned by
Eddleman Contention 116, meet NRC regulations and are consis-
tent with NRC regulatory guidance and NEPA and industry stan-
dards, and, therefore, that there is no merit to any of these
allegations.

Q.5 What NRC regulations and regulatory guidance are ap-
plicable to the fire protection program at the SNHPP?

1 A.5 The applicable NRC regulations and regulatory guid-
2 ance for the SHNPP fire protection program are: 10 C.F.R. Part
3 50 Appendix A, General Design Criteria 3 "Fire Protection"; 10
4 C.F.R. § 50.48 "Fire Protection"; 10 C.F.R. Part 50 Appendix R,
5 "Fire Protection Program For Nuclear Power Facilities Operating
6 Prior to January 1, 1979"; Regulatory Guide 1.70, "Standard
7 Format and Content of Safety Analysis Reports for Nuclear Power
8 Plants," Revision 3; NUREG-0800 "Standard Review Plan," Section
9 9.5-1 - Fire Protection; and Branch Technical Position (BTP) -
10 Chemical Engineering Branch (CMEB) 9.5-1, "Guidelines for Fire
11 Protection for Nuclear Power Plants," dated July 1981.

12 Q.6 Were all of these regulations and guidance in effect
13 at the time the Harris FSAR was filed with the NRC Staff?

14 A.6 No. On June 26, 1980 Applicants filed the SHNPP FSAR
15 with the NRC. 10 C.F.R. § 50.48 and Appendix R to Part 50
16 became effective in February 1981 and NUREG-0800, which includ-
17 ed BTP CMEB 9.5-1, was issued in July 1981.

18 Q.7 What major changes have been made to the SHNPP fire
19 protection program since the FSAR was first drafted?

20 A.7 Applicants performed an SSA which was submitted to
21 the NRC on July 22, 1983 and was subsequently revised
22 October 11, 1983, February 24, 1984, and June 12, 1984. Appli-
23 cants have reviewed the SHNPP fire protection program against
24 the requirements of Appendix R to 10 C.F.R. Part 50. As a re-
25 sult of the SSA and Applicants' review of their program against
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1 Appendix R, additional changes were made to the SHNPP design,
2 including the addition of suppression systems, fire barrier
3 wrap of cable tray and conduit and cable rerouting.

4 Q.8 Eddleman Contention 116 first alleges that the Fire
5 Hazard Analysis in FSAR Appendix 9.5A "does not address avail-
6 ability of control and power to safety equipment." How do you
7 respond to that allegation?

8 A.8 The Fire Hazards Analysis in FSAR Appendix 9.5A does
9 not directly address availability of control and power cables
10 to safety related equipment. This is done in FSAR Subsection
11 9.5.1.2.2, "Fire Protection of Cables and Circuitry," FSAR Sec-
12 tion 8.3, "Onsite Power Systems" and in Applicants' SSA.

13 Q.9 How do the above-referenced sections of the FSAR and
14 the SSA demonstrate the availability of control and power to
15 safety equipment necessary to shutdown the reactor in the event
16 of a fire?

17 A.9 As stated in FSAR Subsection 9.5.1.2.2, safety relat-
18 ed cable trays and circuits are isolated or protected from the
19 effects of fire through the use of physical isolation, spatial
20 separation, non-combustible covering, fire prevention through
21 provision of automatic sprinkler systems, or any combination of
22 these methods to ensure the integrity of essential electric
23 circuitry needed during the fire for safe shutdown of the plant
24 and for fire control. In this regard Applicants are complying
25 with the guidelines found in Appendix A to BTP APCSB 9.5-1 and
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1 10 C.F.R. Part 50, Appendix R (unless the NRC permits a devia-
2 tion from the requirements of Appendix R for a particular situ-
3 ation). Also, as discussed in FSAR Section 8.3, Regulatory
4 Guide 1.75, "Physical Independence of Electrical Systems," was
5 used in the plant design. This regulatory guide addresses
6 methods acceptable to the NRC to ensure physical independence
7 of circuits and electrical equipment which comprise or are as-
8 sociated with certain safety related power and protection sys-
9 tems.

10 Furthermore, in accordance with Section C.5.6 of BTP CMEB
11 9.5-1, Applicants performed an SSA, which verifies that fire
12 protection features for structures, systems and components im-
13 portant to safe shutdown, including control and power cables,
14 are protected so that one train of systems necessary to achieve
15 and maintain hot standby conditions from either the Control
16 Room or Emergency Control Station(s) is free of fire damage,
17 and that one train of systems necessary to achieve and maintain
18 cold shutdown within 72 hours from either the Control Room or
19 Emergency Control Station(s) is free of fire damage or can be
20 repaired.

21 Thus the information that Mr. Eddleman could not find in
22 FSAR Appendix 9.5A is described in other sections of the FSAR
23 and the SSA. It is my understanding that Mr. Eddleman has not
24 to this date identified any specific deficiency in the FSAR and
25 SSA analysis regarding the availability of control and power to
26 safety equipment.

1 Q.10 The second issue raised by Eddleman Contention 116
2 is an allegation that "in establishing fire resistance ratings
3 of fire barriers with respect to fires in cable trays, Appli-
4 cants have not established that qualification tests represent
5 actual plant conditions or comparable conditions." What fire
6 barriers are associated with a fire in a cable tray?

7 A.10 A fire barrier is a component of construction rated
8 by testing laboratories in hours of resistance to fire which is
9 used to prevent the spread of fire. Each Fire Area in the
10 SHNPP is enclosed with three-hour fire resistance rated barri-
11 ers. In addition, certain cable trays within a Fire Area are
12 protected by three-hour or one-hour fire resistance rated en-
13 closures (envelopes), as identified in the SSA at Table 9.5B-3.
14 Where a cable tray penetrates a fire barrier, penetration fire
15 seals, having a minimum fire resistance rating at least equiva-
16 lent to the rating of the fire barrier, are installed as de-
17 scribed in FSAR Subsection 9.5.1.2.2.

18 Q.11 What are the industry standards established for de-
19 termining the fire resistance rating of a fire barrier?

20 A.11 The test methods established for determining the
21 fire resistance rating of fire barriers are based on standard
22 fire tests performed in accordance with ASTM E-119, "Standard
23 Test Method for Fire Test of Building Construction and Materi-
24 als"; NFPA-251, "Standard Methods of Fire Tests of Building
25 Construction and Materials"; Nuclear Mutual Limited (NML),

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1 "Property Loss Prevention Standards for Nuclear Generating Sta-
2 tions," Appendix A-14; Underwriters Laboratories (UL) 263 "Fire
3 Tests of Building Construction and Materials"; and American Nu-
4 clear Insurers Bulletin No. 5 "Standard Fire Endurance Test
5 Method to Qualify a Protective Envelope for Class IE Electrical
6 Circuits." ASTM E-119 describes methods of measuring and
7 specifying fire resistive properties of materials and
8 assemblies with the exception of ceiling construction and pro-
9 tective combustible framing. Both NFPA-251 and UL 263 are sim-
10 ilar to ASTM E-119, but include testing and acceptance criteria
11 for ceiling construction and protective combustible framing.
12 NML Appendix A-14 is a modified IEEE-634 "Standard Cable Pene-
13 tration Fire Stop Qualification Test." This standard covers
14 tests of penetration fire seals when mounted in rated fire bar-
15 riers. ANI Bulletin No. 5 describes methods of measuring and
16 specifying fire resistive properties of materials and
17 assemblies used to establish a protective envelope for safety
18 circuits, including redundant safety circuits in the same Fire
19 Area exposed to a fire originating either outside of the cable
20 system or inside the protective envelope and subjected to me-
21 chanical impact damage (such as a fire hose stream).

22 Q.12 Describe the qualification tests associated with the
23 fire barriers with respect to fires in cable trays.

24 A.12 Tests for cable tray enclosures are described in ANI
25 Bulletin No. 5, excerpts of which are attached to this

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1 testimony as Attachment B. Penetration fire seals are tested
2 against the detailed testing requirements and acceptance
3 criteria set forth in NFPA-251, UL 263 and ASTM E-119, de-
4 scribed above.

5 Q.13 How has it been established that the test methods
6 for determining the fire resistance rating represent actual
7 conditions likely to be encountered in the maximum credible
8 fire in any given Fire Area or Fire Zone?

9 A.13 Test methods for determining the fire resistance
10 rating of a fire barrier are based on an exposure fire repre-
11 sented by the "standard time-temperature curve." The points on
12 the curve that determine its character are:

13 1000°F (538°C) at 5 min.
14 1300°F (704°C) at 10 min.
15 1550°F (843°C) at 30 min.
16 1700°F (927°C) at 1 hour
17 1850°F (1010°C) at 2 hours
18 1925°F (1053°C) at 3 hours
19 2000°F (1093°C) at 4 hours
20 2300°F (1260°C) at 8 hours
or over

21 It is not the intent of the tests to simulate actual plant con-
22 ditions likely to be encountered in the maximum credible fire
23 in any given Fire Area or Fire Zone, but rather, by the use of
24 the standard time-temperature curve, to exceed actual plant
25 conditions by use of the standard common "worst case" exposure
26 fire.

1 The standard time-temperature curve has been determined
2 empirically to represent a common "worst case" exposure fire.
3 Actual fire tests, conducted by the National Bureau of Stan-
4 dards by burning to destruction a five-story and a two-story
5 brick, wood-joisted building loaded with waste lumber, produced
6 overall results in approximation to the standard time-
7 temperature curve. Additional data were obtained by burning
8 various amounts of materials in two fire resistive buildings.
9 By analysis of the data, a relationship of fuel loading that
10 will produce an exposure equivalent to the standard time-
11 temperature curve for a specific duration has been approximated
12 and reported in Table 6-8A of the National Fire Protection As-
13 sociation's Fire Protection Handbook (14th Edition-1976). For
14 a three-hour period, a combustible load of 240,000 BTU/sq. ft.
15 yields a fire severity approximately equal to that indicative
16 of the standard time-temperature curve over a corresponding pe-
17 riod.

18 The Fire Hazards Analysis presents the combustible load
19 for each plant Fire Area. The combustible loading in all Fire
20 Areas in the SHNPP power block is less than 240,000 BTU/sq. ft.
21 Thus, a fire barrier tested to withstand a fire based on the
22 standard time-temperature curve will resist a fire from the
23 maximum calculated combustible loading in any Fire Area in the
24 SHNPP power block.

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1 Q.14 What independent tests are conducted to ensure that
2 the fire resistance rating of fire barriers for cable trays for
3 the SHNPP meets the established standards?

4 A.14 Test methods and acceptance criteria are standard-
5 ized and are detailed in documents such as ASTM E-119, NFPA-
6 251, UL 263, NML Appendix A-14, and ANI Bulletin No. 5 (all
7 mentioned earlier). For each fire barrier for cable trays that
8 will be used in the SHNPP, a qualification test -- in accor-
9 dance with the test methods and acceptance criteria referenced
10 above -- will be performed on a "generic assembly" of that fire
11 barrier by an independent laboratory. Tests are conducted by
12 independent laboratories such as Underwriters Laboratories, In-
13 dustrial Testing Laboratories, Southwest Research Institute,
14 and Portland Cement Association on various generic assemblies
15 in accordance with the applicable standards to establish fire
16 ratings. Installation of fire barriers at SHNPP will be in
17 accordance with the testing laboratory recommendations to en-
18 sure that the actual installed fire barrier conforms to the
19 configuration of the tested assembly.

20 Q.15 The third issue raised by Eddleman Contention 116 is
21 that FSAR Section 9.5.1.1.1 contains the "vague statement" that
22 "[fire] barriers are used 'where practical' without defining
23 'practical' or stating the criteria to decide where a fire bar-
24 rier is or is not practical (and what type of fire barrier
25 should be used)." How are fire barriers used in the Harris
26 fire protection program?

1 A.15 Fire barriers are used to separate Fire Areas to re-
2 duce the possibility of fire-related damage to redundant
3 safety-related trains of equipment and to isolate safety-
4 related systems from hazards in nonsafety-related areas.

5 Q.16 How is the determination made as to what the fire
6 resistance rating of each fire barrier should be?

7 A.16 Fire Areas are bounded by barriers with construction
8 that provide a minimum three-hour fire rating or equivalent,
9 regardless of the combustible loading. In 95% of the Plant
10 Fire Areas, the combustible loading is less than 240,000
11 BTU/sq. ft. Fire Zones within Fire Areas may be bounded en-
12 tirely or partially with barriers having a three-hour fire rat-
13 ing or less. As a generally accepted fire protection practice,
14 each combustible fire loading increment of 80,000 BTU's/sq.ft.
15 indicates the need for an additional one hour of fire rating
16 for the barrier. The use of fire barriers in the SHNPP is de-
17 scribed in detail in FSAR Section 9.5.1.2.2 and Appendix 9.5A.

18 Q.17 Are there any circumstances where it has been deter-
19 mined that defined Fire Areas could not "practically" be sepa-
20 rated by properly rated fire barriers at SHNPP?

21 A.17 In one instance a Fire Area is not bounded by a fire
22 barrier on all sides -- the emergency diesel generator rooms
23 have large intake openings required for diesel operation. With
24 that one exception all defined Fire Areas are separated by a
25 properly rated fire barrier.

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1 Q.18 The fourth issue raised by Eddleman Contention 116
2 is a generalized criticism of Appendix 9.5A of the FSAR,
3 claiming that Applicants have not demonstrated "the adequacy of
4 fire protection measures in all cases." Contention 116 finds
5 fault with the "estimates" of the BTU content of combustible
6 material, smoke generation and removal rates, measures to re-
7 duce or mitigate fire effects, detection capability and fire
8 brigade response and effectiveness. In this regard, please de-
9 scribe in general the Fire Hazards Analysis.

10 A.18 The SHNPP fire protection program has been designed
11 to allow the plant equipment to maintain the ability to perform
12 safe shutdown functions and to minimize radioactive releases to
13 the environment in the event of a fire. The effectiveness of
14 the fire protection program is verified through the Fire Haz-
15 ards Analysis by evaluation of fire hazards, postulation of re-
16 alistic potential fires, and assessment of effects of these
17 fires in Fire Areas throughout the plant. The Fire Hazards
18 Analysis is found at FSAR Appendix 9.5A.

19 The purpose of the Fire Hazards Analysis is to demonstrate
20 that fire protection measures, suitable for control of the area
21 hazards, have been provided. In performing the analysis, the
22 following considerations were addressed: spread of fire;
23 potential extent of damage to essential equipment, loss of
24 safety function, and/or radiological release to the environ-
25 ment; containment of the fire and its consequences within the

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1 considered Fire Area, and/or effect on other Fire Areas; provi-
2 sion of detectors to sense area fire or smoke conditions for
3 prompt fire control response; effective use of manual fire con-
4 trol equipment and backup systems; smoke removal to permit per-
5 sonnel to enter the Fire Area, assess the fire condition, and
6 use manual equipment; effects of smoke and heat damage from the
7 postulated fire on required operation of essential equipment in
8 the area; protection of redundant systems, equipment or trains,
9 if located in the same Fire Area, to maintain operability; and
10 separation or isolation of redundant equipment.

11 The Fire Hazards Analysis for the SHNPP demonstrates that
12 adequate fire protection measures are available in each Fire
13 Area or Fire Zone analyzed. I disagree with the fourth issue
14 raised by Eddleman Contention 116 because the combustible load-
15 ing for each Fire Area is estimated conservatively; the smoke
16 removal rates are based on NRC recommendations; the measures to
17 reduce or mitigate fire effects are described in considerable
18 detail and are of demonstrated effectiveness; and fire detec-
19 tors to be utilized are proven designs. As discussed in Appli-
20 cants' Testimony of David B. Waters, the fire brigade will be
21 well-trained, adequate in numbers and well-equipped to fight
22 fires.

23 Q.19 You have referred to Fire Areas a number of times in
24 your testimony. How are Fire Areas defined?

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1 A.19 The Fire Areas were established based on the nature
2 of occupancy of the plant space, the amount and distribution of
3 combustible materials within the area, and the location of
4 safety-related systems and equipment. Areas important to the
5 Plant's capability for safe shutdown, such as electrical pene-
6 tration areas, cable spreading rooms, diesel generator areas,
7 switchgear and battery rooms, were designated as Fire Areas.
8 Other Plant areas were designated as Fire Zones within the Fire
9 Areas to facilitate the Fire Hazards Analysis and to ensure
10 adequate fire protection features are distributed within a Fire
11 Area as required by potential hazards present in each Fire
12 Zone.

13 Each Fire Area is bounded by barriers with construction
14 that provide a minimum three-hour fire rating (with the one ex-
15 ception of the emergency diesel generator rooms, described pre-
16 viously).

17 For each designated Fire Area, the Fire Hazards Analysis
18 evaluates separately the occupancy, boundaries, combustible
19 loading, control of hazards, fire detection, access and initial
20 response, fire suppression systems, Fire Area fire fighting
21 equipment, and the effects of postulated fires.

22 Q.20 How is the combustible loading of a Fire Area deter-
23 mined?

24 A.20 The severity of fire that may develop and the damage
25 that may result in the most extreme case in a Fire Area is a
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1 function of the amount of combustibles present and the total
2 heat of combustion generated. As combustibles in an area are
3 not point-source concentrated, a more realistic measure of the
4 relative fire hazard or exposure to fire damage of an area is
5 determined by spreading this combustible loading over the floor
6 area of the space or, in the case of a localized concentration
7 of combustibles, over the floor area within the sphere of in-
8 fluence of the postulated fire.

9 The configuration of fire loading varies from area to
10 area. Some areas are devoid, or essentially so, of combustible
11 materials; other areas contain one or more localized fuel con-
12 centrations, spatially separated from each other. A localized
13 concentration of combustible material is delineated by finite
14 parameters beyond which the fire loading is sharply reduced.
15 Examples of local fuel concentrations considered include cable
16 insulation in Motor Control Center units or electrical cabi-
17 nets, charcoal beds in filter housings, oil in equipment reser-
18 voirs, waste materials in containers or on skids, and similar
19 items. Linear concentrations of combustibles are usually asso-
20 ciated with cable trays either solely within the Fire Area or
21 extending through several Fire Areas by penetration of inter-
22 vening fire barrier walls.

23 To simplify the calculation of area combustible loadings,
24 conservative calorific values, based on the Fire Protection
25 Handbook, were adopted for classes of combustible materials

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1 which were representative of heat values of specific materials
2 grouped within the class. These include:

3	Ordinary Combustibles	8,000 BTU/lb.
4	Combustible or Flammable Liquids	20,000 BTU/lb. (108,000 BTU/gal.)
5	Charcoal	10,000 BTU/lb.

6 (Combustible loading for minor amounts of grease, integral with
7 equipment, not exceeding one pound each, was not inventoried
8 since it does not create a significant fire hazard.) Using man-
9 ufacturer's data on cable construction of typical cables used
10 in SHNPP and the BTU content of the insulation materials, BTU
11 values were derived for each running foot (RF) of 24 in. wide
12 cable trays, as follows:

13	Power	180,000 BTU/RF
14	Control	157,000 BTU/RF
15	Instrumentation	95,000 BTU/RF

16 These values were adjusted proportionally for trays of differ-
17 ent widths. All cable trays were considered to be 40% loaded,
18 the maximum design loading of a cable tray.

19 The combustible loading for all cables routed in conduit,
20 cast concrete trenches, or contained within metallic cabinets
21 or consoles was not inventoried since they do not create a fire
22 hazard, as recognized by good fire protection engineering prac-
23 tice.

24 In addition to the combustibles normally present in an
25 area, an inventory of "transient" combustibles which might
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1 realistically be introduced into areas as a part of planned
2 operation was incorporated in the Fire Hazards Analysis for
3 each Fire Area and Fire Zone. In most cases, the introduction
4 of transient combustible materials into areas where such mate-
5 rial may expose safety-related equipment will coincide with
6 scheduled station maintenance. Combustible materials that may
7 be introduced in quantities sufficient to require special at-
8 tention include: construction materials, such as scaffolding,
9 shoring, forms, etc (although in the power block such materials
10 will be limited to fire retardant wood); resins in bulk quan-
11 tities and associated packaging materials; charcoal; combusti-
12 ble liquids, such as lubricating oils and paints; grease (oil
13 in solid state); plastic bags and protective sheeting;
14 packaging materials and containers, such as plastics, wood,
15 paper, etc; flammable liquids and gases, such as solvents and
16 volatile fuels; rags; and anti-contamination clothing.

17 The quantity, movement, use and handling of all such mate-
18 rials as well as the provision of supplemental fire protection
19 measures are administratively controlled in the plant through
20 written procedures. For this reason, the fire loss exposure
21 resulting from the addition of transient combustibles in an
22 area during these periods of increased plant surveillance,
23 strict procedural control and augmented area manning has been
24 considered as being no greater than that from the inventories
25 of nontransient combustibles normally present in each area,
26 except for the periods of major plant outages.

1 After the conservative inventory of all combustible mate-
2 rials in a Fire Area, total BTU and BTU per sq. ft. values were
3 calculated and then summed to indicate the total combustible
4 fire loading for the Fire Area. The calculated combustible
5 fire loading of a Fire Area was then used to compare the area
6 fire hazard relative to those of other Fire Areas, to judge the
7 adequacy of the area boundary fire barriers, and to verify the
8 proper selection of adequate fire control and suppression sys-
9 tems and equipment.

10 Q.21 What conservatisms are built into this analytical
11 process?

12 A.21 In determining the hourly rating of fire barriers in
13 the SHNPP power block, complete combustion of all combustibles
14 is assumed and no credit is taken for the lack of continuity of
15 combustibles. Nor is it assumed that automatic or manual fire
16 suppression systems will limit the extent of a fire. A fire
17 barrier hourly rating is selected for a combustible loading in
18 excess of that determined in the conservative calculation.

19 Q.22 Are smoke generation and removal rates "estimated"
20 in the Fire Hazards Analysis as alledged in Contention 116?

21 A.22 No. Smoke generation rate is not estimated; there
22 are too many variables to determine what an average or even
23 worse case smoke generation rate should be. Nor is smoke re-
24 moval rate "estimated." It is assumed to be 1.5 cfm/sq.ft. of
25 floor area for the most severe combustible loaded area in the

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1 power block (cable spreading area) based on the capability of
2 the HVAC system. This is consistent with BTP APCSB 9.5-1, Ap-
3 pendix A. Where less than the most severe combustible loading
4 is present, a minimum assumed smoke removal rate is obtained by
5 dividing the combustible load of the analyzed Fire Area by that
6 maximum loading and multiplying by 1.5 cfm/sq.ft. to obtain the
7 proportional cfm/sq.ft. required. This may be considerably
8 less than the actual capability of the HVAC system.

9 Q.23 What measures are incorporated into the fire protec-
10 tion program "to reduce or mitigate fire effects?"

11 A.23 A number of defense-in-depth passive and active fire
12 protection features/measures have been provided to reduce the
13 fire effects on the Plant safe shutdown in case of fire and
14 fire damage to all Plant areas. These measures include limita-
15 tion of the amount of transient combustible materials,
16 utilization of fire-resistive construction, provision of fire-
17 breaks and fire penetration seals in cable trays, utilization
18 of IEEE 383 cable (which has a low fire propagation rate), and
19 installation of fire detection systems and automatic fire ex-
20 tinguishing systems. These measures follow the fire protection
21 guidelines issued by NRC and are described in the Fire Hazards
22 Analysis and in the SSA in detail -- not just in a "qualita-
23 tive" manner as alleged in Contention 116. The Fire Hazard
24 Analysis constitutes a realistic and thorough assessment of the
25 nature of fires, the effects of fires and the ability to
26 control fire in the various Fire Areas of the SHNPP.

1 Q.24 What fire detection systems are provided for each
2 Fire Area?

3 A.24 Three different types of fire detectors will be used
4 in the SHNPP: ionization detectors, thermal detectors and ul-
5 traviolet flame detectors.

6 Ionization detectors utilize a small amount of radioactive
7 material which ionizes the air in a sensing chamber, thus ren-
8 dering it conductive and permitting a current flow through the
9 air between two charged electrodes. This gives the sensing
10 chamber an effective electrical conductance. When smoke parti-
11 cles enter the ionization area, the conductance of the air is
12 decreased because the smoke particles attach themselves to ions
13 causing a reduction in mobility. When the conductance is less
14 than a predetermined level, the detector responds.

15 Thermal detectors operate on the rate of rise/fixed tem-
16 perature principle. Thermal detectors respond when the temper-
17 ature rises at a rate exceeding a predetermined amount or
18 reaches a temperature set-point. Thermal detectors are an in-
19 tegral part of the fire suppression system and actuate sprin-
20 kler systems when a fire is detected.

21 Ultraviolet flame detectors use a Geiger-Mueller gas type
22 cathode tube designed to detect flame radiated rays at the ex-
23 treme low end of the radiation spectrum.

24 The Fire Hazards Analysis of each Fire Area discusses the
25 types of fire detectors in each area.

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1 Q.25 How were these detection systems selected?

2 A.25 The SHNPP detection systems were selected to
3 optimize early warning of a fire condition in its incipient
4 stage and thus to ensure timely fire brigade response. For
5 this reason ionization type smoke detectors were selected as
6 the principal detection system. These detectors respond to the
7 first traces of fire in the form of visible smoke or invisible
8 products of combustion. Heat or flame is not required to acti-
9 vate the detector.

10 In locations additionally protected with automatic water-
11 type suppression systems utilizing temperature actuated fusible
12 link sprinklers and dry piping (preaction and multi-cycle)
13 sprinkler systems, thermal detectors are used to initiate
14 actuation of the suppression system. These detectors have a
15 temperature set-point approximately 30°F above environmental
16 conditions to preclude inadvertent operation, but below the
17 temperature required to open the fusible link sprinklers.
18 Thus, the detectors will alarm and initiate suppression system
19 actuation, allowing water into the system piping before any
20 sprinklers open to discharge water on the fire.

21 For several specific applications such as the diesel gen-
22 erator building and the fuel oil pump area, ultraviolet flame
23 detectors are utilized. These detectors are used primarily
24 where anticipated fires will develop quickly with little or no
25 incipient or smoldering stage and where ignition is almost
26 instantaneous.

1 Q.26 What provisions are made for the SHNPP response to a
2 fire?

3 A.26 A trained fire brigade will be available on each
4 shift to respond to any fire event. A fire brigade response
5 time of approximately 5-15 minutes is expected for most fire
6 events within the power block. The SHNPP fire brigade, its ca-
7 pabilities and its training are described in Applicants' Testi-
8 mony of David B. Waters.

9 Q.27 What automatic fire suppression systems have been
10 provided in SHNPP?

11 A.27 Wet pipe sprinkler systems are the basic industrial
12 automatic water suppression systems. This type of system uti-
13 lizes water-filled piping with closed sprinkler nozzles which
14 open one at a time when subjected to a predetermined tempera-
15 ture through the use of fusible links. Where the area
16 protected by an automatic suppression system contains equipment
17 that could be damaged by inadvertent activation of sprinklers,
18 variations in the wet pipe sprinkler system have been developed
19 with applications in nuclear plants. The automatic suppression
20 systems that will be installed in the SHNPP include the follow-
21 ing:

22 1. Pre-Action Sprinkler Systems

23 The pre-action sprinkler system consists of the same pipe
24 and sprinkler arrangement as the wet pipe system, except that
25 normally the sprinkler pipes contain no water and an

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1 electro-mechanical valve is inserted in the water supply pipe
2 to the system. A two-step release mechanism is employed to
3 preclude inadvertent operation or water discharge due to me-
4 chanical damage to the piping system. Thus, under non-fire
5 conditions, mechanical damage to the piping system would not
6 result in water discharge since the electro-mechanical valve
7 would not have opened. * Under fire conditions, thermal fire de-
8 tectors sense the condition and electrically signal the
9 electro-mechanical valve to open. This permits water to pass
10 into the sprinkler piping before a temperature sufficient to
11 open the fusible link sprinklers is reached. The system, in
12 this mode, is now the basic wet pipe sprinkler system awaiting
13 a temperature increase from the developing fire to initiate
14 sprinkler water discharge.

15 This system will be installed in the areas shown in FSAR
16 Table 9.5.1-3, which are primarily cable loaded areas and ordi-
17 nary combustible loaded areas where general sprinkler coverage
18 on an area-wide basis is provided.

19 2. Multi-cycle Sprinkler Systems

20 The multi-cycle sprinkler system acts in the same fashion
21 as the pre-action system up to the point water is discharged
22 from sprinklers. After activation, when the thermal fire de-
23 tector senses a sufficient reduction in ambient temperature
24 indicating that the fire has been suppressed, a signal is
25 transmitted to shut the electro-mechanical valve and stop the

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1 flow of water. The system continues to function in an on/off
2 cyclical mode as dictated by high or reduced temperature sensed
3 by the detectors. This added feature results in a much reduced
4 overall discharge in volume of water as compared to the wet or
5 pre-action systems and is used primarily in areas where consid-
6 erations other than fire protection indicate an advantage to
7 reducing the overall quantity of water which must be disposed
8 of after fire suppression has occurred. Multi-cycle sprinkler
9 systems are installed in the areas shown in FSAR Table 9.5.1-4,
10 including containment, diesel generator day tank enclosures and
11 diesel oil pump rooms.

12 3. Water Spray Systems

13 The water spray system is designed and acts in a fashion
14 similar to the pre-action system, except that open spray noz-
15 zles or sprinklers are utilized in lieu of closed, fusible link
16 activated sprinklers. This provides for immediate water dis-
17 charge on the entire protected area when the system is acti-
18 vated by thermal detectors. This immediate deluge is
19 advantageous in quickly suppressing fires with a potential for
20 rapid spread or rapid development of high heat release. Water
21 spray systems are used to protect areas in the vicinity of cer-
22 tain equipment and transformers as detailed in FSAR Table
23 9.5.1-5.

24 Q.28 What design considerations went into the establish-
25 ment of the fire suppression systems?
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1 A.28 The type, coverage, actuation and supervision of
2 fire suppression systems provided in each Fire Area is de-
3 scribed in the Fire Hazards Analysis. The role of automatic
4 suppression is to ensure suppression and to extinguish a fire
5 condition, regardless of the fire brigade response, where con-
6 siderable combustible loading is present. The selection of the
7 particular fire suppression system, mode of operation and per-
8 formance criteria is based on the fire hazards found in the
9 area, the realistic fire expected and the overall fire control
10 approach utilized for containment of the fire.

11 Q.29 What additional fire fighting capability has been
12 provided for use by the fire brigade?

13 A.29 Each area of the SHNPP can be reached by at least
14 two fire hose streams. In addition, there will be a fire en-
15 gine on site ready to respond immediately to a fire event. The
16 capability of the fire brigade is discussed in more detail in
17 Applicants' Testimony of David B. Waters.

18 Q.30 In summary what does the Fire Hazards Analysis dem-
19 onstrate regarding the potential effects of a fire at the
20 SHNPP?

21 A.30 The Fire Hazards Analysis verifies the effectiveness
22 of the fire protection program by evaluation of fire hazards,
23 postulation of realistic potential fires, assessment of Plant
24 response to a fire and the effects of fires in Fire Areas
25 throughout the Plant. The Fire Hazards Analysis provides

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1 assurance that fire protection facilities, suitable for control
2 of the area hazards, have been provided. In summary, the Fire
3 Hazards Analysis demonstrates that the SHNPP can safely shut-
4 down the reactor, maintain it in a safe shutdown mode and mini-
5 mize radioactive releases to the environment even in the event
6 of a fire.

7 Q.31 The fifth issue raised by Eddleman Contention 116 is
8 an allegation that "the effect of a fire in a Fire Area or Fire
9 Zone with a combustible loading greater than 240,000 BTU/sq.
10 ft. doesn't get dealt with in realistic terms." Is there any
11 Fire Area or Fire Zone in the Harris Plant with a combustible
12 loading greater than 240,000 BTU/sq. ft?

13 A.31 Yes. Two Diesel Generator Fuel Oil Day Tank Enclo-
14 sures (Fire Areas 1-D-DTA and 1-D-DTB), each have a combustible
15 loading of 2,920,000 BTU/sq. ft. (assuming total combustion of
16 3,000 gallons of diesel oil); Diesel Fuel Oil Storage Tanks A
17 and B (Fire Areas 12-D-TA and 12-D-TB) each have a combustible
18 loading of 17,500,000 BTU/sq. ft. (assuming total combustion of
19 175,000 gallons of diesel oil). For this calculation No. 2
20 diesel fuel oil with a BTU/gal. value of 140,000 is assumed.

21 Q.32 What provisions are made to deal with a postulated
22 fire in the diesel fuel oil day tank enclosures?

23 A.32 The diesel fuel oil day tank enclosures are each
24 isolated from other Fire Areas by three hour rated concrete
25 fire walls. Although the calculated combustible loading of the

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1 enclosures are greater than 240,000 BTU/sq. ft., this calculat-
2 ed loading is extremely conservative since it is based on the
3 total volume of oil in the enclosure. The only realistic way
4 to postulate combustion of the volume of oil in the fuel oil
5 day tank is attendant to a rupture of the tank. The diesel
6 fuel oil day tank is a safety class 3, Seismic Category I com-
7 ponent which is designed to remain functional after a Safe
8 Shutdown Earthquake. NRC regulatory guidance in the Standard
9 Review Plan (NUREG-0800, Section 9.5.1 BTP CMEB 9.5-1 ¶ C.1.b)
10 provides that "worst case" fires need not be postulated to be
11 simultaneous with nonfire-related failures in safety systems,
12 plant accidents, or the most severe natural phenomena. Even in
13 the highly unlikely event of a rupture of the diesel fuel oil
14 day tank followed by combustion, only a thin layer of oil would
15 actually be ignited in a fire. Furthermore in the event of
16 fire, an automatic multi-cycle sprinkler system would be actu-
17 ated by thermal detectors to cool the oil below the ignition
18 point. If the thermal detectors or the valve automatic release
19 failed to operate, the sprinkler system could be actuated manu-
20 ally. Finally, automatic fusible link fire dampers are pro-
21 vided to the diesel fuel oil day tank enclosures to limit the
22 amount of air available to support continued combustion. All
23 of these design features in combination provide assurance that
24 in the highly unlikely event of a postulated fire in the diesel
25 fuel oil day tank enclosures, the fire will be quickly
26 contained.

1 Q.33 What provisions are made to deal with a postulated
2 fire in the diesel fuel oil storage tanks?

3 A.33 Diesel fuel oil storage tanks A and B are installed
4 underground in the yard area of the SHNPP, over 175 feet from
5 principal plant structures. The tanks are constructed of rein-
6 forced concrete designed to Seismic Category I requirements and
7 are lined with steel. The only access to the tanks is by a re-
8 inforced concrete hatch. Each tank vent is supplied with a
9 flame arrestor to prevent flash-back of a flame into the tank.
10 Yard hydrants are located adjacent to the area to fight a fire.
11 For the reasons discussed above with respect to the diesel fuel
12 oil day tanks, a fire in the diesel fuel oil storage tanks is
13 extremely remote. However, in the unlikely event of a fire,
14 the physical location of the tanks away from plant structures
15 preclude any potential impact to safety related systems. The
16 emergency diesel operation would not be impacted by a fire in
17 the diesel fuel oil storage tanks since the day tanks contain
18 enough diesel oil to operate the emergency diesels.

19 Q.34 In your professional opinion are these measures ade-
20 quate to protect the SHNPP in the event of a fire in the diesel
21 fuel oil day tank enclosure or diesel fuel oil storage tanks?

22 A.34 Yes.

23 Q.35 In conclusion, is the SHNPP fire protection program
24 adequate to protect the public health and safety?

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1 A.35 Yes.

2 Q.36 Please summarize the principal reasons for your con-
3 fidence in the efficacy of the Harris fire protection program.

4 A.36 I have confidence in the efficacy of the SHNPP fire
5 protection program because of the "defense in depth" concept
6 that has been used in the development of the program to ensure:

- 7 a) prevention of fire initiation through the control,
8 separation and guarding of sources of ignition;
- 9 b) prompt detection of fires or incipient fire condi-
10 tions in areas containing safety related equipment or in
11 areas of high combustible loading which may expose safety
12 related equipment;
- 13 c) effective suppression of fires to limit consequent
14 damage and to reduce exposure to safety related equipment;
- 15 d) confinement of fires to their areas of initiation by
16 provision of fire barriers, spatial separation and segre-
17 gation of combustibles; and
- 18 e) separation of redundant safety related equipment to
19 maintain operational capability under postulated fire con-
20 ditions.

21 A rigorous Fire Hazards Analysis was conducted to verify the
22 efficacy of the fire protection program. A SSA was subse-
23 quently performed using even more stringent criteria than the
24 Fire Hazards Analysis. The results of the Fire Hazards Analy-
25 sis and the SSA demonstrate that safe shutdown of the Plant is
26 assured even in the event of a fire. Applicants have adopted
administrative controls, fire fighting procedures, fire brigade
training and measures for fire protection that supplement the
fire protection design features and provide added confidence in
the SHNPP fire protection program.

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EXPERIENCE SUMMARY

Principal Mechanical Engineer with 19 years diversified experience in engineering and design of fire protection, plumbing, HVAC and waste treatment/water pollution control systems of fossil and nuclear fueled electric generating stations and industrial projects including administrative and/or technical supervision of fire protection engineers, mechanical and/or buildings engineering designers. Responsibilities included developing fire protection, plumbing and other mechanical water system designs and basic design criteria. Prepared system flow diagrams, calculations, input criteria for physical design drawings, economic analysis of equipment options, procurement specifications, purchase requisitions, bid evaluations, equipment selection studies and purchase recommendations. Supervised equipment installation, engineering coordination with other engineering disciplines, clients and authorities having jurisdiction. As senior engineer, was assigned as Lead Fire Protection Engineer and was responsible for the design of an entire nuclear power plant fire protection system/program including licensing support, manpower planning and coordination with other project areas. Prepared preliminary, final and special safety analysis reports for nuclear fueled electric generation stations.

As Principal Engineer continued as Lead Fire Protection Engineer responsible for nuclear plant fire protection systems and programs, and prepared company fire protection standards. In January of 1981 was assigned to supervise the Fire Protection Engineering group and was responsible for technical and administrative fire protection engineering operations. Supervised engineering, design and other activities on fire protection systems for all nuclear and fossil projects in Ebasco's corporate offices, responsible for the development of company fire protection technical standards and standard specifications. Ensured these activities were performed in an efficient and timely manner, in accordance with company procedures/guides to provide a high quality product.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Client	Project	Size	Fuel
Carolina Power & Light Company	Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant Westinghouse Pressurized Water Reactor Unit	900 MW	Nuclear
Louisiana Power & Light Company	Waterford SES Unit No. 3 Combustion Engineering Pressurized Water Reactor Unit	1165 MW	Nuclear

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REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE (Cont'd)

Client	Project	Size	Fuel
Washington Public Power Supply System	WPPSS Unit No. 3 Combustion Engineering Pressurized Water Reactor	1300 MW	Nuclear
Taiwan Power Company	Chin-Shan Unit Nos. 1 & 2 GE Boiling Water Reactor Units	600 MW ea	Nuclear
Carolina Power & Light Company	Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant Units 1 & 2 Westinghouse Pressurized Water Reactor Units	900 MW ea	Nuclear
Iowa Public Service Company	G Neal Unit No. 4	576 MW	Coal
Houston Lighting & Power Company	Allens Creek Nuclear Generating No. 1 General Electric Boiling Water Re- actor Unit	1200 MW	Nuclear
	Limestone Electric Generating Station Unit Nos. 1 & 2	750 MW ea	Lignite
Orange and Rockland Utilities Inc.	Lovett Station Coal Conversion Unit Nos. 4 & 5	200 MW ea	Coal
Florida Power & Light Co.	St Lucie Power Plant Unit No. 1 and St Lucie Power Plant Unit No. 2 Combustion Engi- neering Pressurized Water Reactors	890 MW 690 MW	Nuclear Nuclear

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REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE (Cont'd)

Client	Project	Size	Fuel
Comision Federal de Electricidad de Mexico	Laguna Verde Power Plant Unit Nos. 1 & 2 General Electric Boiling Water Reactor Reactor	675 MW ea	Nuclear
Consolidated Edison Company of New York	Arthur Kill Unit Nos. 2 & 3	200 MW/ 300 MW Respectively	Oil to Coal Re- conversion
Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory	Knolls Facilities Modification Program	-	Nuclear
Clark Oil and Refining Corp.	Feasibility Study of Producing Gasoline from Coal	-	Synthetic
Arkansas Power & Light Co.	Coal to Medium Btu Gas	-	Synthetic
HNG Synfuels Company, Texas Inc.	The River Plant Coal to Methanol	-	Synthetic
Virginia Electric and Power Co.	Surry Unit Nos. 3 & 4 Babcock & Wilcox Pressurized Water Reactor Units	950 MW ea	Nuclear
Power Authority of the State of New York	Astoria Unit No. 6	830 MW	Oil
	Greene County Nuclear Power Plant Babcock & Wilcox Pressurized Water Reactor Unit	1300 MW	Nuclear
Electra de Viesgo, SA Spain	Santillan Nuclear Power Plant	1100 MW	Nuclear

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REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE (Cont'd)

Client	Project	Size	Fuel
People's Republic of China	Shiheng Power Plant	300 MW	Coal
	Huai-Nan Power Plant	600 MW	Coal
Ebasco	Nuclear Standardization Programs GE Boiling Water Reactor Unit, Combustion Engineering Pressurized Water Reactor Unit, Westinghouse Pressurized Water Reactor Unit	1200 MW	Nuclear
Ebasco	Coal-Fired Reference Plants	400 MW	Coal
		600 MW	Coal
		800 MW	Coal

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Ebasco Services Incorporated, New York, NY; 1978-Present

- o Principal Engineer - Supervisory Function, 1/81-Present
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Stone and Webster Engineering Corporation, New York, NY; 1973-1978

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2.1 SCOPE & PURPOSE

- 2.1 The purpose of this test is to qualify for insurance purposes a Protective Envelope for Redundant Class 1E Cables in Nuclear Power Plants when located in the same fire area. (A fire area is defined as that portion of a building that is encompassed by rated fire walls, ceilings and floors.) The maintenance of circuit integrity in these Class 1E safety circuits during a postulated fire is of prime importance.
- 2.2 The intent of this Test Method is to establish a protective envelope that maintains circuit integrity for safety circuits when:
- Redundant safety circuits, located in the same fire area, are exposed to a fire outside of the cable system, or
 - Redundant safety circuits, located in the same fire area, are exposed by a fire originating in an adjacent "protected-in-place" cable system, or
 - Redundant safety circuits, located in the same fire area, are subjected to mechanical impact damage as simulated by a hose stream, or other impact test.

3.0 ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

ANI/MAERP Acceptance will be based on the completion and review of all of the following:

- 3.1 Successful passage of fire tests, as outlined in Section 3.4 of this test method, and submittal of necessary test documentation as prepared by a recognized testing laboratory or consultant.
- 3.2 A Quality Control/Quality Assurance Program for the system/design should be submitted for review. Complete details covering installation procedures, physical characteristics, identification methods, sample forms for third party sign-off, etc. should be included.
- The QC/QA Program is considered an integral part of the acceptance process and variations between the QC/QA Program for the test and the program developed for the actual installation will not be acceptable.
- 3.3 All materials and components in the completed system, with the exception of the cable, shall be rated as non-combustible i.e., Flame Spread, Fuel Contributed, and Smoke Developed ratings of 25 or less.

Materials or components that are combustible or hazardous during the installation phase, should have a material hazard analysis performed with procedures developed for quantities on hand, storage practices, and precautions to be taken during installation.

3.4 The Cable Protective Envelope shall be exposed to the following fire endurance and hose stream tests. Test configuration and details should be submitted for review and comment prior to test.

3.4.1 Test I - Exposure Fire - The Protective Envelope shall be exposed to the standard temperature-time curve found in ASTM E-119-76 (ANSI A2.1) for a minimum of one hour. Sketch # 1 outlines a suggested test configuration.

3.4.2 Hose Stream Test - Immediately following Test I, accessible surfaces of the Protective Envelope shall be subjected to one of the following hose stream tests. The hose stream shall be applied for a minimum of 2 1/2 minutes, without de-energizing the circuits. PROPER SAFETY PRECAUTIONS SHALL BE EXERCISED. One of the following tests shall be used:

1. The stream shall be delivered through a 2 1/2 inch national standard playpipe equipped with 1 1/8 inch tip, nozzle pressure of 30 psi, located 20 feet from the system.

or

2. The stream shall be delivered through a 1 1/2 inch nozzle set at a discharge angle of 30° with a nozzle pressure of 75 psi and a minimum discharge of 75 gpm with the tip of the nozzle a maximum of 5 ft. from the system.

or

3. The stream shall be delivered through a 1 1/2 inch nozzle set at a discharge angle of 15° with a nozzle pressure of 75 psi and a minimum discharge of 75 gpm with the tip of the nozzle a maximum of 10 ft. from the system.

NOTE: #1 is the preferred test.

3.4.3 Test II - Internal Fire - For systems/designs that require heat to activate the Protective Envelope, the system shall also be subjected to Test II - Internal Fire. Sketch #2 outlines a suggested test configuration.

3.4.4 Cable Construction & Test Details

3.4.4.1 Cables shall be energized for circuit monitoring during Test Method I. For the purpose of this test method, "energized" means sufficient current to monitor failure.

- 3.4.4.2 Cable constructions shall be representative of cable used at the site. Cable tray loadings shall be in accordance with suggested test layouts.
- 3.4.4.3 In both test methods, cable tray construction shall be representative of actual site conditions, where applicable.
- 3.4.4.4 Cable system supports shall be those currently found in nuclear power plants and follow accepted installation procedures. Care should be exercised in using only supports that are necessary for the test. Supports that are used for the Protective Envelope shall be part of the final installed design.
- 3.4.4.5 Thermocouples shall be located strategically on the surface and at one foot intervals in the cable system and temperatures recorded throughout the test.
- 3.4.4.6 Fire stops or breaks, if used, shall be acceptable to American Nuclear Insurers. Failure of the fire stop or break shall not necessarily constitute a failure of the the Protective Envelope.

3.5 The tests shall be constituted a failure if any of the following occur:

1. Circuits fail or fault during the fire test as required in Test I or fail during the hose stream test.
2. Cotton waste in Test II ignites during the test period.

3.6 The minimum fire endurance rating acceptable for Test I shall be one hour. If longer ratings are desired, they shall be in one hour increments, such as 2 hr. and 3 hr. ratings.

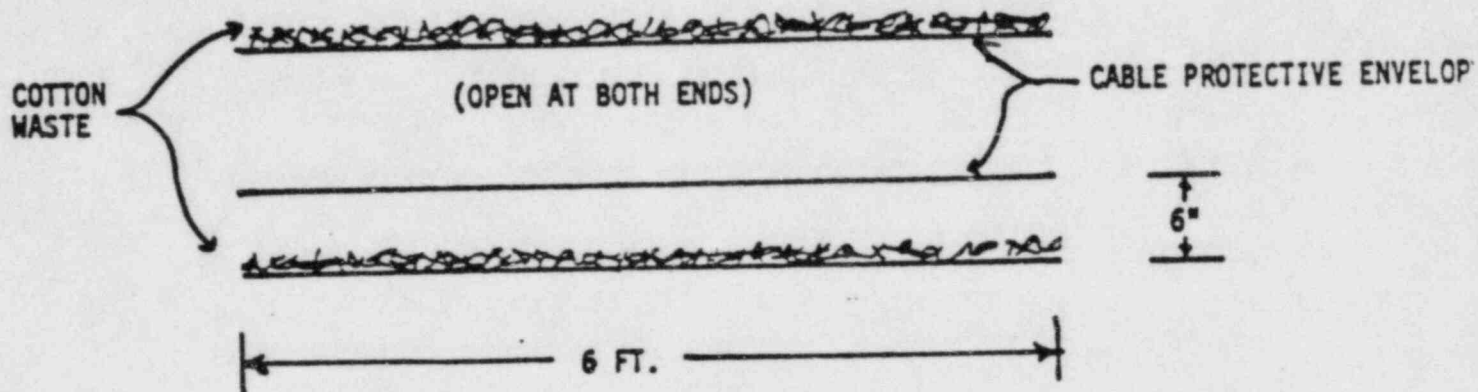
4.0 FINAL ACCEPTANCE

Prior to any installation at plants insured by American Nuclear Insurers, or Mutual Atomic Energy Reinsurance Pool, complete plans outlining system to be installed, location, etc. shall be submitted for review and acceptance.

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SUGGESTED TEST LAYOUT - TEST METHOD 2

INTERNAL FIRE TEST

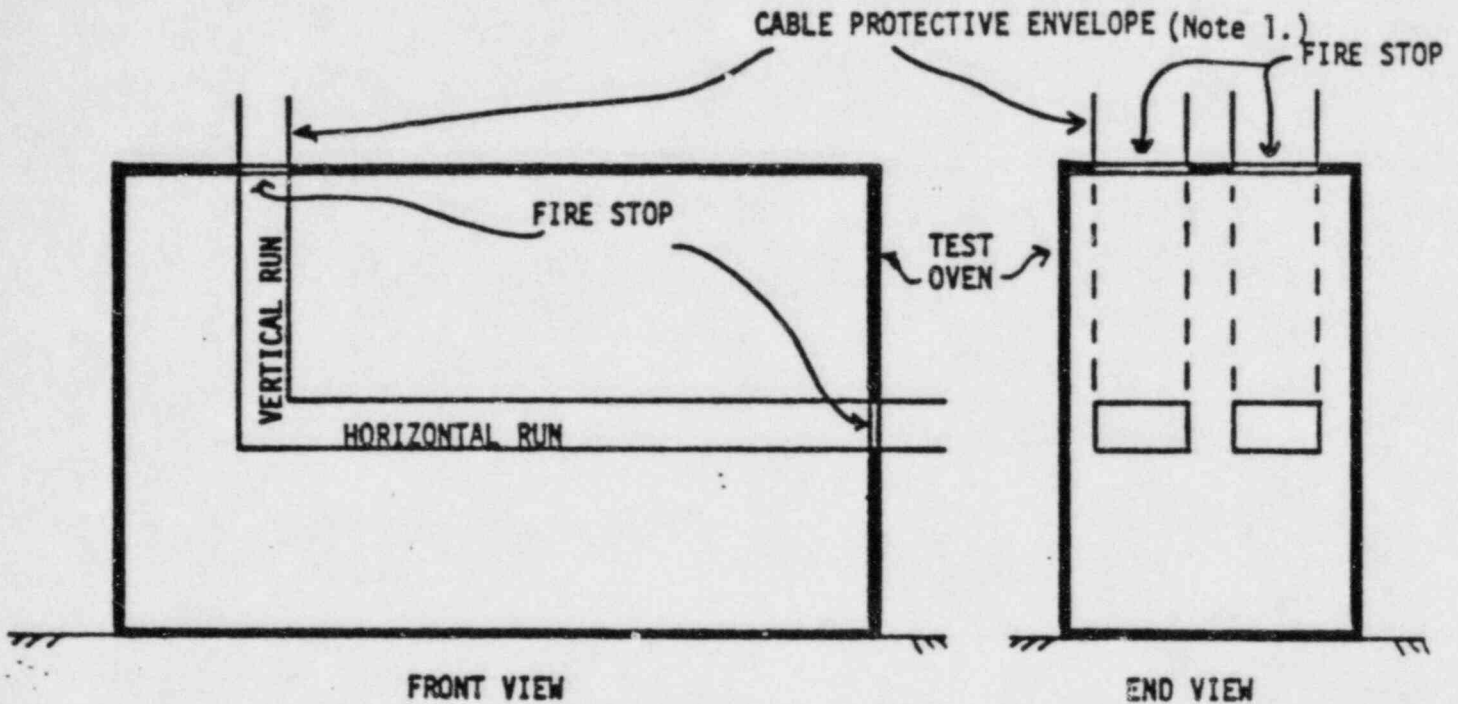


- NOTE 1: COTTON WASTE SHALL BE PLACED OVER THE ENTIRE TOP SURFACE OF THE TEST SYSTEM AND A SAMPLE SYSTEM 6 INCHES BELOW THE TEST SYSTEM.
- NOTE 2: THE CABLES USED IN THE TEST SHALL BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CABLE USED AT THE SITE. LOADINGS SHOULD BE 20% FILL WITH RANDOM LAY.

THE CABLES IN THE TRAY SHALL BE IGNITED USING THE "OIL SOAKED BURLAP" METHOD AS OUTLINED IN IEEE/ICC/WG 12-32, DATED 6/27/73, OR OTHER ACCEPTABLE "FLAME SOURCE", DEPENDING ON DESIGN AND OPERATING CONDITIONS OF THE COATING. THE FLAME SOURCE SHALL BE LOCATED AT THE MID-POINT OF THE CABLE SYSTEM. THE INTENT BEING TO PROVIDE AN IGNITION/FLAME SOURCE THAT IS DESIGNED TO LAST APPROXIMATELY 20 MINUTES AND ACTIVATE THE PROTECTIVE ENVELOPE.

OBSERVATIONS AND THERMOCOUPLE READINGS SHALL BE MAINTAINED FOR ONE HOUR FROM THE POINT OF IGNITION OF THE "FLAME SOURCE".

SUGGESTED TEST LAYOUT - TEST METHOD 1
EXPOSURE FIRE TEST



(NO SCALE)

NOTE 1: TWO PROTECTIVE ENVELOPES TO BE TESTED. ONE LOADED TO MAXIMUM (40%) DESIGN AND ONE LIGHTLY LOADED. (ONE LAYER).

SUFFICIENT CIRCUITS TO BE MONITORED TO DETECT FAILURE; CIRCUIT TO CIRCUIT, CIRCUIT TO SYSTEM, OR CIRCUIT TO GROUND.

VARIOUS TYPES OF CABLE; SUCH AS POWER, CONTROL AND INSTRUMENTATION.

CABLE SHOULD NOT EXTEND MORE THAN THREE FEET OUTSIDE THE TEST OVEN.

NOTE 2: DUE TO FURNACE DESIGN, IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO ENTER AND EXIT THE FURNACE ON THE TOP OR THE SIDE.