

QUESTION 6

Edison has said there is no safety problem even if the heat shield came loose and fell, because a "shelf" would catch it, and it would fall only 11 inches. Isn't there a danger that if a 24-ton steel cyclinder fell 11 inches that other bolts, supports or other material might cause blockage of coolant and possibly cause uneven or inhibited cooling?

ANSWER

These matters are discussed in the NRC staff's Safety Evaluation attached to License Amendment No. 127 (attached to Question 3).