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12	The Subcommittee met via Teleconference,
13	at 1:00 p.m. EST, Walter L. Kirchner, Chair,
14	presiding.
15	COMMITTEE MEMBERS:
16	WALTER L. KIRCHNER, Chair
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2	1:00 p.m.
3	CHAIR KIRCHNER: Okay, let's begin, then.
4	This meeting will now come to order. This is a
5	meeting of the Advisory Committee on Reactor
6	Safeguards, NuScale Design-Centered Subcommittee.
7	I am Walt Kirchner, the Chair or lead
8	member for this meeting. Members in attendance today
9	are Ron Ballinger, Vicki Bier, Charles Brown, Vesna
10	Dimitrijevic, Greg Halnon, Jose March-Leuba, David
11	Petti, Joy Rempe, and Matt Sunseri. We also have our
12	consultants, Dennis Bley and Stephen Schultz, with us.
13	Mike Snodderly is the Designated Federal Official for
14	this meeting.
15	The Subcommittee will discuss NuScale's
16	standard design approval application for its updated
17	small modular reactor.
18	The ACRS was established by statute and is
19	governed by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, FACA.
20	The NRC implements FACA in accordance with its
21	regulations found in Title X of the Code of Federal
22	Regulations, Part 7.
23	The Committee can only speak through its
24	published letter reports. We hold meetings to gather
25	information and perform preparatory work that will

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1	support our deliberations at a full Committee meeting.
2	The rules for participation in all ACRS
3	meetings were announced in the Federal Register on
4	June 13, 2019. The ACRS section of the U.S. NRC
5	public website provides our charter, bylaws, agendas,
6	letter reports, and full transcripts of all full and
7	Subcommittee meetings, including slides presented
8	there. The agenda for this meeting was posted there.
9	A portion of this meeting will be closed
10	to protect NuScale proprietary and export controlled
11	information to pursuant to 5 USC 552BC4.
12	As stated in the Federal Register notice
13	and in the public meeting notice posted to the
14	website, members of the public who desire to provide
15	written or oral input to the Subcommittee may do so,
16	and should contact the Designated Federal Official
17	five days prior to the meeting, as practicable.
18	The communications channel has been opened
19	to allow members of the public to monitor the open
20	portions of this meeting. The ACRS is now inviting
21	members of the public to use the MST link Teams
22	link to view slides and other discussion materials
23	during these open sessions. The MS Teams link
24	information was placed in the agenda on the ACRS
25	public website.

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1	We received no written comments or
2	requests to make oral statements from members of the
3	public regarding today's session. Written comments
4	may be forwarded to Mike Snodderly, today's DFO.
5	There will be an opportunity for public
6	comment, and we have set aside 15 minutes on the
7	agenda after our open session for comments from
8	members of the public listening to this meeting.
9	A transcript of the open portions of the
10	meeting is being kept, and it is requested that
11	speakers identify themselves and speak with sufficient
12	clarity and volume so that they can be readily heard.
13	Additionally, participants should mute themselves when
14	not speaking.
15	And I see that we have a number of people
16	on the line. Please mute your phones if you're not
17	speaking.
18	We'll now proceed with the meeting, and I
19	call upon Tom Griffith of NuScale to begin today's
20	presentations.
21	And, Tom, before you begin, I just want to
22	say thank you to NuScale for this informational
23	briefing. And the floor is yours.
24	MR. GRIFFITH: Thank you. This is Thomas
25	Griffith from NuScale Power. I'm the acting licensing
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1	manager for SDAA. I have with me Kristopher Cummings,
2	who is a licensing engineer 5 for NuScale, as well as
3	Brian Meadors, our chief licensing engineer.
4	Thank you for having us. This is an
5	opportunity for NuScale to provide an overview of the
6	submitted US460 standard design. In essence, this
7	presentation is a continuation of our June 22, 2022
8	meeting. And with that, I'll turn over the floor to
9	Kris Cummings to start the presentation.
10	PARTICIPANT: You need to turn your volume
11	down. Okay.
12	MR. CUMMINGS: Can you hear me?
13	CHAIR KIRCHNER: Yes.
14	MR. CUMMINGS: Great, thank you. And now
15	you can see me. Thank you.
16	So it's good to be here again in front of
17	the ACRS. And like Tom said, we're here to provide
18	additional details on the application that's been
19	submitted to the NRC for approval of the US460 design.
20	We gave you much information about the
21	design enhancements and improvements and additions
22	back in the June meeting. We are going to have a very
23	brief recap of that here in the open meeting, touch on
24	the technical and topical reports, and then we'll go
25	into more detail in the closed session about the

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technical and topical reports and various other areas.

I do want to recognize the support for the Department of Energy for this particular project, both the design certification and also the standard design application. And also there's support for the UAMPS project in Idaho for the building of the first NuScale SMR. Next slide.

8 Before I get into the content, I also want 9 to acknowledge the participation in this meeting of 10 our customers. We have individuals from UAMPS, CFPP, 11 and our parent company, Fluor. For the purposes of 12 this meeting, they're basically observers for this 13 particular meeting, because we are focused on the 14 NuScale submittal of the US460. Next slide.

And, Mike, could you work to admit additional NuScale people to the -- to the meeting, please? That would be appreciated.

MR. SNODDERLY: Understood.

MR. CUMMINGS: So why are we here? And we had a very similar slide in our --- in our meeting in June. Again, we've gone through an optimization of the NuScale design that was submitted and approved in the DCA that will become effective here in about a week that will allow for better -- better customer use and deployment.

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1	We pretty much maintained the approved
2	technical and licensing basis from the DCA while
3	maintaining the overall safety and risk profile.
4	From a high-level perspective, the design
5	changes were a redesign of the site layout for the
6	for the six-module configuration in increased power
7	output on a per-module basis, with additional
8	optimization to ease manufacturing, maintenance, and
9	operation. Again, maintaining similar or improved
10	safety margins from what was in the DCA.
11	Just to go back to the DCA, the steam
12	generator was over-designed for the 160 megawatt
13	application. And really, we've taken another look at
14	that and determined ways that we can allow for
15	increased power output while maintaining the same
16	design limits.
17	We have performed additional testing and
18	we will get into some of that in the closed portion,
19	that has helped to validate the performance of the
20	increased power and design feature enhancements of the
21	NPM at that increased power level.
22	And then there were additional safety
23	features added. We touched on a lot of that in June,
24	and we will certainly touch on that in this
25	presentation today.
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9 1 And, finally, we didn't talk about much 2 about PRA in June, but we will today in the closed portion. But overall, we've reassessed the PRA within 3 4 the application and have been able to conclude that it 5 doesn't significantly alter the PRA risk insights from the DCA, the design in the SPA doesn't significantly 6 7 impact that. Kris, this is Joy. 8 MEMBER REMPE: 9 MR. CUMMINGS: Yes. 10 MEMBER REMPE: In the open session, can you state whether you went through and not only 11 12 reassessed the frequency part of the PRA, but also the consequence part where appropriate. And you actually 13 14 went through and, for example, ran another MELCOR run to look at in-vessel retention? 15 MR. CUMMINGS: Yeah, Joy, we've got all of 16 17 the PRA discussion in the closed portion for today's 18 meeting. 19 Okay, but in the open MEMBER REMPE: session, can you say that you did reassess 20 the 21 consequence? Or you can't even say that in the open 22 session? 23 MR. CUMMINGS: Yeah, we've really tried to 24 preserve the PRA discussion for the closed session 25 today.

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1	MEMBER REMPE: Thank you.
2	MR. CUMMINGS: All right, next slide. So
3	I want to talk a little bit about the application
4	content. We talked about this in June, but I think
5	it's again important to reiterate, you know, what is
6	part of the scope of the SDA. Next slide.
7	So what we've done is basically
8	consolidated a bunch of the slides that we presented
9	in June to illustrate here with the gold and the green
10	one, differences from the DCA. So in particular, what
11	is and isn't required by the regulations to be part of
12	a standard design application versus a design
13	certification application.
14	And so for instance, in particular Part
15	Two, which is the tier one information, and Part
16	Three, the Environmental Report, while required by a
17	design certification, are not required as part of a
18	standard design approval, or standard design
19	application, excuse me. And so those are not included
20	as part of the SDAA that was submitted on December 31.
21	The green rows are essentially information
22	that while not required by a standard design
23	application, per the regulation subpart 10 CFR 52,
24	Subpart E, we have included this information for the
25	conveniences of future customers and applicants. In
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1	particular, combined operating licensed applicants if
2	they chose to use the SDAA in their application.
3	And those two particular areas are the
4	technical specifications and then the license
5	conditions in ITAAC. And a lot of that is, well,
6	we've put them together for DCA and we could we
7	could leverage that work and provide that additional
8	information as part of the SDAA.
9	Any questions on that? All right, next
10	slide.
11	So, again, as I mentioned previously,
12	we're going to provide a brief overview of the design
13	changes, not to the same level of detail that we did
14	in June, but certainly just to familiarize everybody
15	with the overall design changes. So next slide.
16	As mentioned before, the big change here
17	is the change from a 12-module to a 6-module. And so
18	that needs to accommodate various design changes. In
19	particular, a smaller footprint. You've got less
20	modules so you've got less support. Information like
21	turbine generators needed. So that allows for us to
22	accommodate a reduced footprint with the overall plant
23	site.
24	One other change that we've that we've
25	included that we discussed back in June was the
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1	introduction of dry cooling via air-cooled condensers.
2	That is part of the standard plant design, that is
3	part of the SDA.
4	And, now, as you can see on the figure, we
5	have a single one-by-six turbine building that is to
6	the east of the reactor building. In the DCA we had
7	two turbine buildings, one to the north and one to the
8	south. So that's allowed, again, a consolidation of
9	the site.
10	And then there's various other conforming
11	site layouts, site layout changes that we that we
12	decided to implement to accommodate that reduced
13	footprint. Next slide.
14	All right, we've shown this again before
15	in June, but again, this is the reactor building
16	design changes. You can see it's a much more compact
17	reactor building, in large part because of the reduced
18	number of modules from 12 to 6. We have reclassified
19	the seismic classification of parts of the reactor
20	building. Some of the roof and floor slabs are SC2.
21	The details of that were provided in June in the
22	closed session.
23	We've also transitioned to a steel plate
24	composite wall from what was previously reinforced
25	concrete in the ECA. And that's supported by our NRC-
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13 1 approved building design and analysis LTR, licensed 2 topical report. 3 We've also lowered the pool level, which 4 accommodates long-term cooling but still allows us to 5 maintain spent fuel pool and ECCS coverage during the events that that's needed. 6 It also allows us 7 additional room to rearrange the containment vessel 8 penetrations. The similar reductions in the sizes and 9 10 quantities of the SSCs that are in the reactor building, most of that's associated with the reduction 11 12 in the number of modules. And then there's also conforming changes associated with the new design of 13 14 the building, in particular the reactor building crane and the bioshield. 15 And with the bioshield, as we discussed 16 back in June, it's that basically because of the lower 17 water level, we've extended the bioshield. So now, as 18 19 in DCA, the bioshield extended down to the water 20 And again, we're doing that, it's just the level. 21 water level's lower. 22 And the finally we have COO items for the 23 spent fuel storage racks and the reactor flange tool. 24 Those are both areas that are not going to be the 25 responsibility of the COL applicant.

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1	MEMBER PETTI: Just a question for
2	clarification. So the bioshield is actually deeper
3	than it was in the previous design.
4	MR. CUMMINGS: That is it's, yeah,
5	deeper, longer. There's you know
6	MEMBER PETTI: Oh, okay, thank you.
7	MR. CUMMINGS: So that point where it
8	shows bio, biological shied, there was one panel, and
9	now there's two.
10	MEMBER PETTI: Thanks.
11	MEMBER BROWN: Could I ask a question?
12	Charlie Brown.
13	CHAIR KIRCHNER: Yeah, please.
14	MEMBER BROWN: Is the water level now
15	lower in the reactor pool building now that I'm
16	trying to remember whether it covered upper, closer up
17	to the top of the head or not.
18	MR. CUMMINGS: Yes, it did. So that the
19	reactor pool level was reduced by about 18, 19 feet.
20	MEMBER BROWN: Thank you. So you're
21	really using the bioshield then to pick up that
22	change, from a radiation standpoint?
23	MR. CUMMINGS: To ensure that we have a
24	similar level of radiation protection and dose rates
25	in the reactor building, yes, we want we did not
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1	want to have a streaming path, you know, between the
2	water and, you know, not having a bioshield there. So
3	yes, that's for radiological protection.
4	MEMBER BROWN: Okay, thank you.
5	MR. CUMMINGS: All right, next slide. So
6	this is just an overview or an overhead view of the
7	reactor building. You can see in particular the
8	reactor building crane and its coverage. And then the
9	fuel handling equipment including the spent fuel pool,
10	the new fuel elevator, and the refueling machine.
11	There's also, you can see the locations
12	where the reactor vessel flange tool and the
13	containment vessel flange tool would be located, along
14	with the dry dock and the area where we allow the
15	module to be imported into the into the reactor
16	building. Next slide.
17	In terms of changes to the NuScale power
18	module itself, we've already mentioned the increased
19	power level. There's also additional conforming
20	changes with the associated pressures and temperature
21	changes associated with that power level increase. As
22	in the DCA, the NPM is safety-related and risk-
23	significant.
24	And we have re-performed the safety
25	analysis in Chapter 15 of the SDAA to accommodate the

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increased power level and the various other design changes that we've made.

3 We have made a material change in the 4 lower reactor vessel pressure from SA-508, low-alloy 5 stainless steel to FXM-19 austenitic stainless steel. That's -- there's no expected radiation embrittlement 6 And allows us a removal of the 7 for that material. 8 reactor pressure vessel surveillance program. We do 9 have some additional information on that in the 10 context of our technical reports in the closed session. 11

And then we also have a material change for the upper containment vessel from SA-508 low-alloy stainless steel to F6NM martensitic stainless steel. And that's to accommodate the higher design pressure with the reduced wall thickness with -- because of the stronger material properties associated with F6NM. Next slide.

So this is a summary of the changes of the module protection system set-points for design-basis events. A couple that I want to point out here. So on the table on the left, the last four columns, we've talked about this back in June, but we've just summarized.

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We basically replaced the high CNV water

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1	level and the low RCS pressure with the low RPV riser
2	level and low, low RPV riser level. And that's to
3	accommodate the changes in the ECCS design.
4	Essentially, it allows ECCS to get actuated prior to
5	uncovery of the riser holes.
б	The other one that I wanted to point out
7	that we haven't mentioned previously was the third
8	the third row in the, again, the table on the left.
9	That's the high RCS average temperature. That's a new
10	set-point that we've added. And that's to accommodate
11	slow-moving reactivity events.
12	The table on the right is basically set-
13	points that were in DCA that we have not modified,
14	either the set-point itself, or the level, the
15	particular value of that set-point. But you can see
16	there's some other changes in the values of the set-
17	points.
18	And again, those are to accommodate the
19	changes in the design. Again, the power level and the
20	ECCS design.
21	MEMBER REMPE: So Kris, I looked ahead,
22	and the technical reports have the one on the
23	guided wave water level instrumentation for low
24	pressurizer pressure has not been submitted.
25	And I believe I asked this question
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1	whenever we talked about the EPC report, and I was
2	the status I guess I heard from NuScale is that no
3	additional work has been done in that development of
4	that sensor. Is that still a true statement, or are
5	you guys planning to submit this report? It's not
6	listed in your slides here.
7	MR. CUMMINGS: Yeah, we did not have any
8	update today on the sensor.
9	MEMBER REMPE: Are you planning to submit
10	that technical report as part of this SDA? Because I
11	looked ahead in the open slides and I did not see it
12	listed.
13	MR. CUMMINGS: Yeah, we just don't have an
14	update today on the on the sensor. But we'll take
15	that, know we took that action in June also, but
16	we'll follow up on that.
17	MEMBER REMPE: Okay, and you'll let us
18	know whether you're going to submit it on the docket
19	and to describe your progress in developing that
20	sensor.
21	MR. CUMMINGS: Yeah, we'll take an action.
22	MEMBER REMPE: Thank you.
23	MR. CUMMINGS: All right, next slide.
24	DR. BLEY: In the closed session, are you
25	going to address the bases for these changes in the

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1	set-points? I'm looking at the pressure ones
2	especially, or can you do that?
3	MR. CUMMINGS: Yeah, we can get into that,
4	yes.
5	DR. BLEY: Thanks.
6	MR. CUMMINGS: Okay, next slide. All
7	right, so this is really just a listing of the topical
8	reports. We've got a set of topical reports that have
9	already been approved by the NRC. Some of those were
10	either part of the DCA that didn't need to be
11	modified, or they're ones that were outside of the DCA
12	or SDA, things like control room staffing.
13	One that we have submitted as part of,
14	I'll say as part of the SDA was the Framatome Fuel
15	Methodologies applicability. That's now been
16	approved. That really was just to update and show
17	that those fuel methodologies from Framatome were
18	equally applicable to the to the increased power,
19	NuScale power module.
20	Currently under review by the NRC are the
21	critical heat flux statistical subchannel analysis
22	methodology and the rod ejection analysis. So we've
23	had good engagement with the NRC staff on those
24	particular topical reports. And those are in various
25	stages of review.
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1	And then the other five topical reports,
2	those were submitted with the SDA application. And
3	those are currently under acceptance review the NRC
4	and are on a similar timetable to the SDA acceptance
5	review. Next slide. And next slide.
6	This is really a listing of the various
7	technical reports that we've either updated or are new
8	from DCA, listed by chapter in parenthesis. We'll be
9	going through more in more detail these technical
10	reports in the closed portion of the meeting.
11	All right, with that, that's the gist of
12	the presentation for the open session. But I'm open
13	to questions, and we can get the appropriate staff on
14	the line if need be.
15	MEMBER REMPE: So this is Joy, and I was
16	slow on the button. On the technical reports, I don't
17	believe, but Mike Snodderly can correct me, but I
18	don't think we've seen any of them. But we will as
19	part of our review be allowed to get access to all of
20	these technical process
21	CHAIR KIRCHNER: Joy, this is Walt.
22	MEMBER REMPE: Yeah.
23	CHAIR KIRCHNER: Not to answer for Kris,
24	but a lot of these technical reports have been
25	included with the chapters that are part of the SDAA
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1	application. So for example, I can tell you I've
2	looked at quite a few of these. The one on use of
3	austenitic stainless steel for the lower reactor
4	pressure vessel, you know, that was attached to, I
5	believe, Kris, that was attached to either Chapter 4
6	or 5.
7	MR. CUMMINGS: Chapter 5. So the
8	individual topical reports would have been submitted
9	or attached with the chapters as they were submitted.
10	MEMBER REMPE: So I'm interested in the
11	instrument set-point methodology technical report. Is
12	that attached to Chapter 7, for example?
13	MR. CUMMINGS: That's correct, yeah,
14	that's correct.
15	MEMBER REMPE: Thank you. Okay, I just,
16	I haven't gone through all the chapters yet, so thank
17	you.
18	CHAIR KIRCHNER: Okay, members, any other
19	questions of Kris at this point? Okay, I thank you,
20	Kris.
21	At this point, Mike, I think we turn to
22	the public for any comments. Is that correct?
23	MR. SNODDERLY: Yes, Walt.
24	CHAIR KIRCHNER: Okay, so members of the
25	public who are online, please unmute yourself,

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1	identify yourself, any affiliation as appropriate, and
2	make your comment.
3	I see Ed Lyman has his hand up. Why don't
4	we start with you, Ed.
5	DR. LYMAN: Yeah, thank you. Can you hear
6	me?
7	CHAIR KIRCHNER: Yes. Go ahead.
8	DR. LYMAN: Yes, Edwin Lyman from the
9	Union of Concerned Scientists. I would just like to
10	comment that I'm disappointed NuScale was unwilling to
11	answer the simple question about what's included in
12	its probabilistic risk assessment at this point.
13	It doesn't seem reasonable that they would
14	conceal that information from the public at this
15	point. And frankly, if this design is really safe, as
16	the company bills it to be, I don't know they are
17	trying to hide.
18	That's my comment. Thank you.
19	CHAIR KIRCHNER: Okay, thank you. Other
20	members of the public?
21	MS. FIELDS: This is Sarah Fields.
22	CHAIR KIRCHNER: Good afternoon, Sarah.
23	Go ahead.
24	MS. FIELDS: Obviously there's a lot of
25	conversation that's going to go on behind the fence.

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1	And I wonder whether when those documents and that
2	are going to be discussed, like the PRA and PRA
3	information, are going to be made publicly available.
4	So that's my question.
5	CHAIR KIRCHNER: Okay. Thank you, Sarah.
6	Further comments?
7	MR. CUMMINGS: Hey, Walt, I just wanted
8	I just wanted to mention that the information is in
9	the application itself. That is publicly available
10	information that can be gotten off of the NRC's
11	website.
12	We simply, for the purposes of this
13	meeting, in anticipation of getting into some of the
14	proprietary information that may be embedded in some
15	of our methodologies chose to have some of those
16	discussions in the closed session.
17	As we go through this review process, we
18	certainly will, I anticipate being back in front of
19	the ACRS, and some of those discussions will be more
20	open.
21	And but, you know, we're very sensitive to
22	the fact that right now we are in the pre-application
23	phase. The NRC is undergoing their application
24	review, their acceptance review, and so yeah, if
25	people are looking for more information, they can
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1	certainly go look at what we've submitted on the
2	docket.
3	CHAIR KIRCHNER: Thank you for that, Kris.
4	Other public comments? Pausing a little bit longer
5	than usual because we have so many people on the Teams
6	meeting.
7	Okay, not hearing any further comments ,
8	that will conclude the open portion of our meeting
9	today. For those of you that have the invitation,
10	we'll leave this Teams meeting and rejoin on a
11	separate invitation on Teams.
12	Thank you for your presentations, Kris.
13	And with that, we'll close the open portion of this
14	meeting.
15	(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
16	went off the record at 1:31 p.m.)
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SUBJECT: NuScale Power, LLC Submittal of Presentation Materials Entitled "US460 Design and SDAA Overview Update," PM-135236, Revision 0 (Open Session)

The purpose of this submittal is to provide presentation materials to the NRC for use during the upcoming Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) NuScale Subcommittee Meeting on February 15, 2023. The materials support NuScale's presentation of the US460 design and overview of the NuScale Standard Design Approval Application.

The enclosure to this letter is the nonproprietary version of the presentation entitled "US460 Design and SDAA Overview Update (Open Session)."

This letter makes no regulatory commitments and no revisions to any existing regulatory commitments.

If you have any questions, please contact Thomas Griffith at 541-452-7813 or tgriffith@nuscalepower.com.

Sincerely,

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US460 Design and SDAA Overview Update

ACRS Presentation (Open Session) February 15th, 2023

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Agenda – Open Portion

- SDAA Content
- US460 Design Overview
- Topical and Technical reports





Why we are here and how did we get here?

• The SDA submittal is an engineering optimization of the NuScale DCA to allow for better customer use and deployment. The SDA maintains the approved technical and licensing basis from the DCA while maintaining the overall safety and risk profile.

High Level Design Changes

- Redesigned site layout to accommodate a 6 NPM configuration
- NPM optimized for increased power output; ease of maintenance, manufacturing and operation while maintaining safety margins:
 - Steam generator was over designed for 160MWth application (DCA) and allows for increased power output while maintaining design limits
 - Additional testing has been performed to validate performance of NPM engineered safety features at an increased power level
 - Additional engineered safety features added to eliminate certain events and simplify Chapter 15 analysis
- Current evaluation of SDA design changes does not significantly alter the DCA PRA risk insights.



Standard Design Approval (SDA) Application Content



SDA Application Content

	DESIGN CERTIFICATION	SDAA – Required by Regulation	SDAA – Needed to	Include as Part of SDAA
APPLICATION PART	(10 CFR 52 subpart B)	(10 CFR 52 subpart E)	Support COL	Submittal
Transmittal Letter	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes
Part 1: General and Financial Information	(financial info. Not required)	(financial info. Not required)	N/A	Yes
Part 2: Safety Analysis Report – Tier 1	Yes	No	No	No
Ch. 1 – Introduction	Yes	No	No	No
Ch. 2 – Unit Specific SSCs Design Descriptions and ITAAC	Yes	No	ITAAC Only	ITAAC Only (see Part 08)
 Ch. 3 – Shared SSCs and Non-SSCs Design Descriptions and ITAAC 	Yes	No	ITAAC Only	ITAAC Only (see Part 08)
Ch. 4 – Interface Requirements	Yes	No	No	No
Ch. 5 – Site Parameters	Yes	No	No	No (in FSAR Ch. 2)
Part 2: Safety Analysis Report – Tier 2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Part 3: Environmental Report	Yes	No	No	No
Part 4: Technical Specifications	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Part 5: Emergency Plans	Optional (Limited Scope) Not in NuScale DCA	No	No	No
Part 6: Security Plans	Optional (Limited Scope) Not in NuScale DCA	No	No	No
Part 7: Exemptions, Departures, and Variances	Yes, if Applicable	Yes, if Applicable	N/A	Yes – Exemptions
Part 8: License Conditions; Inspections, Tests, Analyses and Acceptance Criteria	Yes, (ITAAC only) NuScale DCA references Part 2 Tier 1	No	Yes (only ITAAC)	Yes (only ITAAC)
Part 9: Withheld Information	Yes, NuScale DCA provides list of tables and figures	Yes	N/A	Yes
Part 10: Quality Assurance Program Description	Yes, NuScale DCA references separate topical report	Yes	Yes	Yes
Part 11: Supplemental Information (e.g., Limited Work Authorization)	Yes, if applicable None for NuScale DCA	No	No	No

Gold – differences from DCA Green – Included for COLA



US460 Design Changes



Site Design Changes

- Reduced footprint
- Dry cooling via air-cooled condensers
- Single (1x6) turbine building

 Rather than two (2x3)
- Conforming site layout changes





RXB Design Changes

- Six modules
 - o 2x3 configuration
- Reclassify seismic class of RXB
 - $_{\circ}~$ Some floor and roof slabs are SC-II
- Steel plate composite walls (from reinforced concrete)

 Supported by the BDAM LTR
- Lower Pool Level
 - Improves long term cooling, while still maintaining SFP and ECCS coverage. Allows room to re-arrange CNV penetrations.
- Reduction in sizes and quantities of SSC in RXB
- Conforming changes i.e., RBC, Bioshield
- COL Items for spent fuel storage racks, reactor flange tool.





Reactor Building Overhead View





NPM Design Changes

- Increased Power Level (250MW_{th} from 160MW_{th})
 - Includes conforming changes (e.g., pressures, temperatures)
 - o Safety-related and risk significant
 - Re-performing safety analyses in SDAA
- Lower RPV material change from SA-508 low alloy SS to FXM-19 austenitic SS
 - No expected radiation embrittlement, allows removal of the RPV surveillance program
- Upper CNV Material change from SA-508 low alloy SS to F6NM martensitic SS
 - Stronger material allows for higher design pressure with reduced wall thickness and no need for cladding





Module Protection System Setpoints for Design Basis Events

Setpoints with Changes	DCA	SDAA
High Power (% RTP) [for ≥15% RTP]	120	115
High RCS Hot Temperature (°F)	610	620
High RCS Average Temperature (°F)	N/A	555
High Pressurizer Pressure (psia)	2000	2100
Low Pressurizer Pressure (psia)	1720	1850
Low Low Pressurizer Pressure (psia)	1600	1200
Low Low Pressurizer Level (%)	20	15
High Main Steam Pressure (psia)	800	1200
Low RCS Flow (ft ³ /sec)	1.7	1.0
High CNV Water Level (inches)	240 – 264	N/A
Low RCS Pressure (psia)	800	N/A
Low RPV Riser Level (inches)	N/A	540 – 552
Low Low RPV Riser Level (inches)	N/A	460 - 472

Setpoints without Changes	
High Power (% RTP) [for <15% RTP]	25
Source and Intermediate Range Log Power Rate (decades per min)	3
High Power Rate (±% RTP per min)	15
High Source Range Count Rate (counts per sec)	5.0E+05
High Subcritical Multiplication	3.2
High Containment Pressure (psia)	9.5
High Pressurizer Level (%)	80
Low Pressurizer Level (%)	35
Low Low Main Steam Pressure (psia)*	20
Low Main Steam Pressure (psia)*	300
High Main Steam Superheat (°F)	150
Low Main Steam Superheat (°F)	0
Low Low RCS Flow (ft ³ /sec)	0
Low AC Voltage (seconds)	60
High Under-the-Bioshield Temperature (°F)	250

*In SDAA, the setpoint bypass is changed from RTP=15% to T_{hot} =500 °F



Topical Reports



SDAA Topical Reports

- Approved Topical Reports
 - Nuclear Analysis Codes and Methods (NACM)
 - Highly Integrated Protection System (HIPS) Platform
 - Accident Source Term (AST)
 - Risk Significance Determination
 - Control Room Staffing
 - Soil-Structure-Fluid Interaction
 - Building Design and Analysis Methodology (BDAM)
 - o Framatome Fuel Methodologies Applicability
 - Evaluation Model for Stability Analyses
- Under NRC review
 - Critical Heat Flux (CHF)
 - Statistical Subchannel Analysis Methodology
 - Rod-Ejection Analysis (REA)

- Acceptance Review ongoing
 - Quality Assurance Program Description (QAPD)
 - LOCA Analysis Methodology
 - Non-LOCA Analyses Methodology
 - Density Wave Oscillation (DWO)
 - Extended Passive Cooling and Reactivity Control



Technical Reports



SDAA Technical Reports (by Chapter)

- Pipe Rupture Hazards (3)
- Containment Vessel Ultimate Pressure Integrity (3)
- US460 NPM Seismic Analysis (3)
- NuScale CVAP Analysis (3)
- NuScale CVAP Measurement and Inspection Plan (3)
- NPM Short-Term Transient Analysis (3)
- NuFuel-HTP2[™] Fuel and CRA Designs (4)
- Use of Austenitic Stainless Steel for NPM Lower Reactor Pressure Vessel (5)
- Pressure and Temperature Limits Methodology (5)

- Fluence Calculation Methodology and Results (5)
- Containment Leakage Integrity Assurance (6)
- Instrument Setpoint Methodology (7)
- Effluent Release (GALE Replacement) Methodology and results (11)
- NuScale Design of Physical Security System (13)
- Treatment of DC Power in Safety Analyses (15)
- US460 SDAA Technical Specification Development (16)
- Human Factor Engineering and Concept of Operations (18) – 10 Technical Reports



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