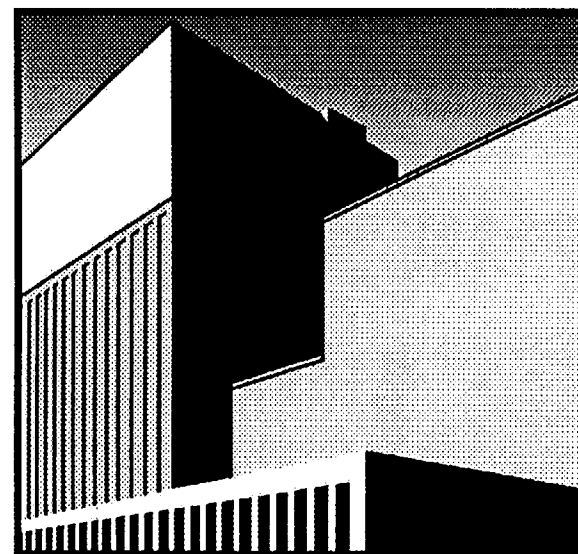


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Alternative Source Term Analysis Status WNP-2 (Columbia Generating Station)

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Introduction

- Last Meeting - June 2000
 - Energy Northwest outlined approach and schedule using AST Methodology to resolve outstanding issues and Deactivation of MSLC
 - NRC Staff and Energy Northwest agreed upon periodic meetings to communicate developments to the staff and obtain staff feedback of potential problems or concerns
- This meeting is the first in the periodic updates

Analysis Objectives

- Primary Objectives

- 1) Resolve the Secondary Containment Drawdown USQ and JCO
- 2) Resolve Control Room Inleakage USQ
- 3) Deactivation of Main Steam Leakage Control System (MSLC)

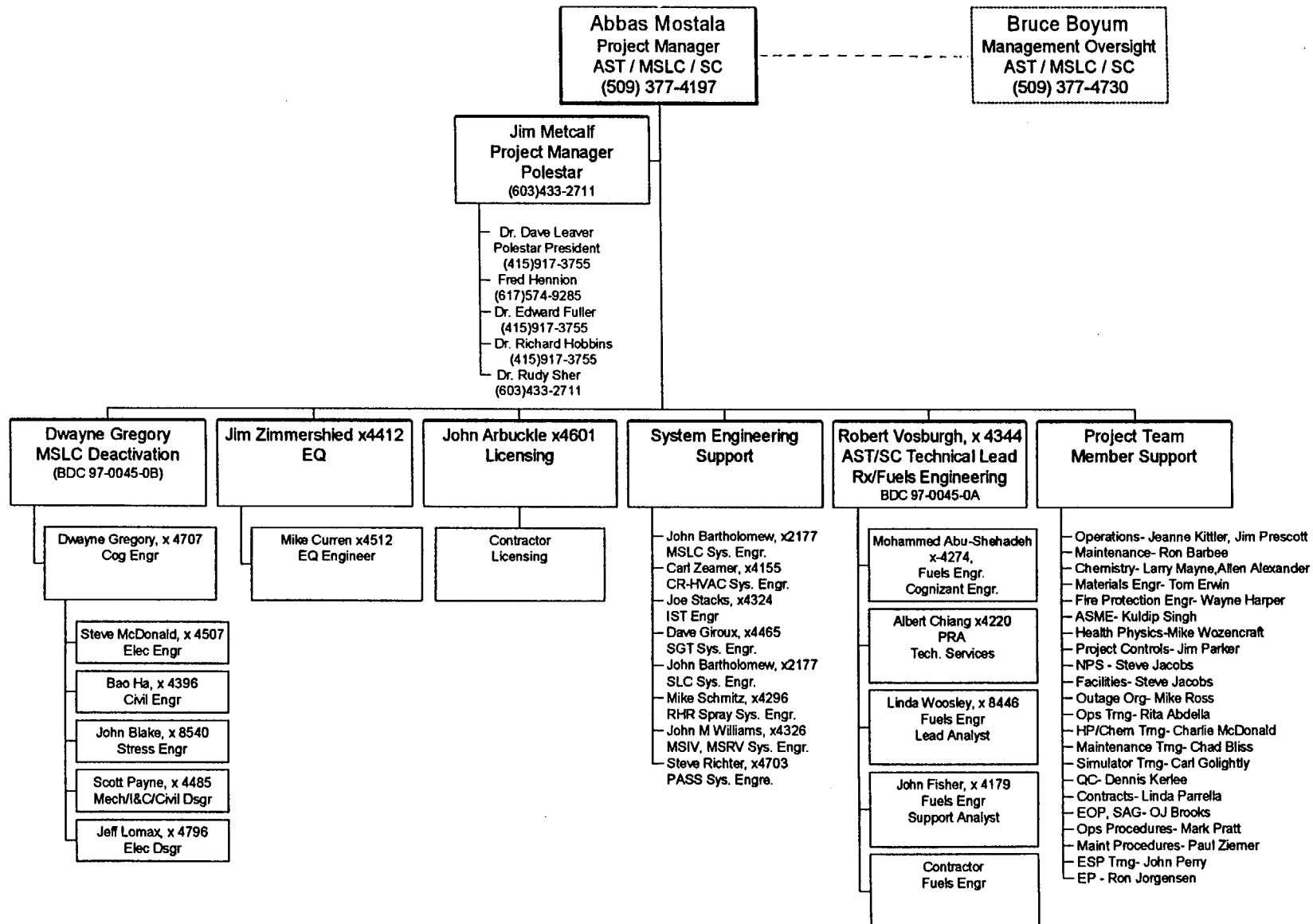
- Secondary Objectives

- 4) Increase Allowable Secondary Containment Bypass Leakage
- 5) Increase Allowable MSIV Leakage
- 6) Removal of SGT Charcoal Design Basis Requirements (under consideration)

Project / Schedule Update

ID	Task Name	Schedule to NRC 6/00 Finish Date	Current Schedule (Draft) Finish Date
1	Evaluate CR Envelope	10/16/00	11/10/00
2	Develop Procedures	8/31/00	Complete
3	Conduct Testing	9/8/00	Complete
4	Finalize Results	10/16/00	11/10/00
5	Finalize CR X/Q	9/15/00	12/5/00
6	Complete Input Data	9/15/00	Complete
7	Review MSLC Feasibility Study	7/10/00	Complete
8	Select AST Vendor	7/31/00	Complete
9	Complete AST Analysis	1/31/01	1/31/01
10	Review / Approve Dose Calcs	4/16/01	4/16/01
11	Revise Related Calculations	4/16/01	4/16/01
12	Complete Licensing Submittal	6/15/01	6/15/01
13	Submit to NRC	6/29/01	6/29/01

Alternative Source Term (AST) / Main Steam Leakage Control (MSLC) System Deactivation / Secondary Containment (SC) Organization Chart



Technical Issues

- 1) Application of Containment Thermal-Hydraulic Analysis Results
- 2) Suppression Pool Scrubbing
- 3) Crediting of Drywell Sprays
- 4) Evaluation of Drywell as Source of MSIV Leakage
- 5) Impaction at Entrance to Inboard MSIV
- 6) Iodine Release from ESF Leakage
- 7) Liquid Bypass Leakage
- 8) Control Room X/Q Methodology (Murphy/Campe vs. ARCON96)
- 9) Crediting of Control Room Recirc Filter
- 10) MSLB X/Q Methodology (expansion and movement of puff release)

1) Application of Containment Thermal-Hydraulic Analysis Results

- DBA Containment T/H Data Used for:
 - Determination of When Drywell Sprays May Be Expected to Operate
 - Quantification of Drywell-to-Wetwell Flow and Suppression Pool Bypass
 - Specification of Drywell Conditions for Spray Removal Rate Calculation
 - Justification of 50% Reduction in Containment and MSIV Leak Rate at 24 Hours (RG 1.183)

1) Application of Containment Thermal-Hydraulic Analysis Results

- Containment DBA T/H Data Obtained from MAAP4 Analyses
- ECCS (HPCS) Assumed to Be Restored at End of In-Vessel Release Phase
 - No Vessel Failure
 - No Core Debris Relocation from Core Region
- Sensitivity Study: Variations in Drywell Initial Temperature and Relative Humidity, Service Water Temperature, and Hydrogen Production Considered

1) Application of Containment Thermal-Hydraulic Analysis Results

- Case for Large LOCA as T/H Basis
 - Maximum Activity Release to Containment
 - Minimum Time for Noble Gas Decay
- Events Investigated:
 - Large Recirculation Suction Break
 - Steam Line Breaks Both Upstream and Downstream of Flow Limiter (Large and Small)
- Large Steam Line Break Appears Most Limiting (Greatest Challenge to Spray Operation)

1) Application of Containment Thermal-Hydraulic Analysis Results

■ Conservatisms

- Effects of Steam Condensation Ignored
- Prolonged (2 hr) Period of High Activity Concentration in Drywell before Sweep-Out
- Suppression Pool Bypass Maximized to Minimize Suppression Pool Scrubbing, but Not Currently Being Credited in Assessment of Spray Operation

2) Suppression Pool Scrubbing

- Permitted by SRP 6.5.5
- DF=2 Used for ABWR Design Certification Based on MAAP Analysis
- Pool Flow and Pool Bypass Must Be Realistically Treated and Conservatively Quantified
 - Flow Through Pool During Activity Release to Containment May Be Minimal
 - Steam/Hydrogen Production When Core Debris Finally Quenched Will Be Considerable

3) Crediting of Drywell Sprays

- Spray Operation Assumptions
 - EOPs and SAGs Direct Spray Operation
 - Spray Operation When Radiation Dose Rate Approaches 14,000 R/Hr in Drywell
 - » Must Be within Safe Region of DSIL Chart to Start
 - » Sprays Will Be Terminated when Pressure Reduces to 1.68 PSIG
 - Currently Planning to Assume One Loop of Spray Beginning at 15 Minutes After Start of Accident (Approx 13 Minutes After Start of Release)

3) Crediting of Drywell Sprays

- Spray Design

- Spray Flux Much Higher in Drywell Than in PWR Containment
 - » WNP-2 Spray Flux = $\sim 0.025^+ \text{ cm}^3/\text{s-cm}^2$
 - » Typical PWR Range = $0.005 - 0.01 \text{ cm}^3/\text{s-cm}^2$
- Excellent Mixing Expected
- Spray Credit Must Recognize Droplet Loss Due to Impingement at Spray Exit and Reduced Fall Height Caused by Obstructions

4) Evaluation of Drywell as Source of MSIV Leakage

- Evaluation Completed to Determine if Drywell with Sprays Operating Can Adequately Represent the Source of Activity for Release through MSIVs
- Upper Reactor Vessel Has Smaller Volume and No Sprays (Intact Vessel Case)
- Performed a Study Comparing Aerosol Mass Leaked for Vessel-Source Case with that for Large Steam Line Break with Drywell Sprays

4) Evaluation of Drywell as Source of MSIV Leakage

■ Findings

- High Sedimentation Rates, Vessel/SL Stratification, and Greater Impaction Removal Compensate for Drywell Volume and Sprays
- Contained In-Vessel Source Produces no Greater Aerosol Leakage through MSIVs than Large Steam Line Break (Even with DW Sprays)
- Use of Sprayed Drywell as Source of MSIV Leakage is Valid DBA Assumption

5) Impaction at Entrance to Inboard MSIV

- Aerosols Have Difficulty Following Carrier Gas Streamlines Around/Through Obstructions
- Stokes Number Characterizes Degree of Departure from Streamlines Where:

$$Stk = \text{Constant} * u L_p^2 \rho_p / \mu_g L'$$

u = Speed Approaching Obstruction,

L_p, ρ_p = Particle Characteristic Length, Density

μ_g = Gas Viscosity

L' = Obstruction Characteristic Length

5) Impaction at Entrance to Inboard MSIV

- Leak Path Plugging Predicted When “Suspended Mass Carried to or Past Plug” = KD^3 Where $K = 30 \pm 20 \text{ g/cm}^3$ (Model Developed by Vaughan and Reported by Morewitz)
- For MSIV Leak “Orifice”
 - $D = \sim 0.05 \text{ cm}$ at 11.5 SCFH/MSIV
 - $D = \sim 0.15 \text{ cm}$ at 100 SCFH/MSIV
- Plugging Predicted When
 - 0.0063 g Leaked (max) for 11.5 SCFH/MSIV
 - 0.17 g Leaked (max) for 100 SCFH/MSIV

5) Impaction at Entrance to Inboard MSIV

- Plugging Concept Can Be Used to Justify DF
- $DF=2$ is a Conservative Minimum for Columbia
 - at 11.5 SCFH/MSIV Analysis Shows 0.5 g Leaked
 - at 100 SCFH/MSIV Analysis Shows 4.3 g Leaked
- Higher DFs Expected for Unsprayed Cases (Including Cases with Vessel as Source) Because of Higher Stokes Number (Larger Particles, Same Gas Temperature and Composition)

6) Iodine Release from ESF Leakage

- ESF Leakage Occurs within RB Areas Served by SGTS
- Elemental/Organic Iodine Released by ESF Leakage Determines Need for Charcoal Filtration in SGTS
- ESF Leakage Assumed to Start with DW Sprays
- Polestar Investigating Potential for <10% Iodine Release Using Same Approach as Used for TMI-1 and IP-2

7) Liquid Bypass Leakage

■ Status of Issue

Liquid Leakage Criteria Inappropriately Added to FSAR	1995
NRC SSFI Inspection Identified Valve Testing Issue	1998
PER 298-0928 written to document the issue with Corrective Actions	Completed
Liquid Leakage Study Calculation NE-02-99-12-00 Approved	10/00
SAR Change Approved to Remove Liquid Leakage Criteria from FSAR	10/00

7) Liquid Bypass Leakage

■ NE-02-99-12 Key Assumptions

Parameter	Value
Source Term	50% equilibrium core iodine
Partitioning Coefficient	10%
CST Volume, gal	135,000
Liquid bypass leakage	RCIC, HPCS Suctions, Test Return Pathways
Iodine plate-out in piping, wetwell, CST atmosphere	None

7) Liquid Bypass Leakage

- RESULTS: The Activity at Site Boundary and Control Room Increases $< 10\%$ If Total Leakage ≤ 0.48 gpm for 30 days.
 - No Reduction taken for 2 valves in series
 - 0.48 gpm is equivalent to $2 \times (2 \text{ CST Suction Pathways} + 2 \text{ CST Test Return Pathways})$
 - Values per valve are typical, measured in 15 years of leak rate testing for similar valves in service ($\gg$ ASME design value for new valve)

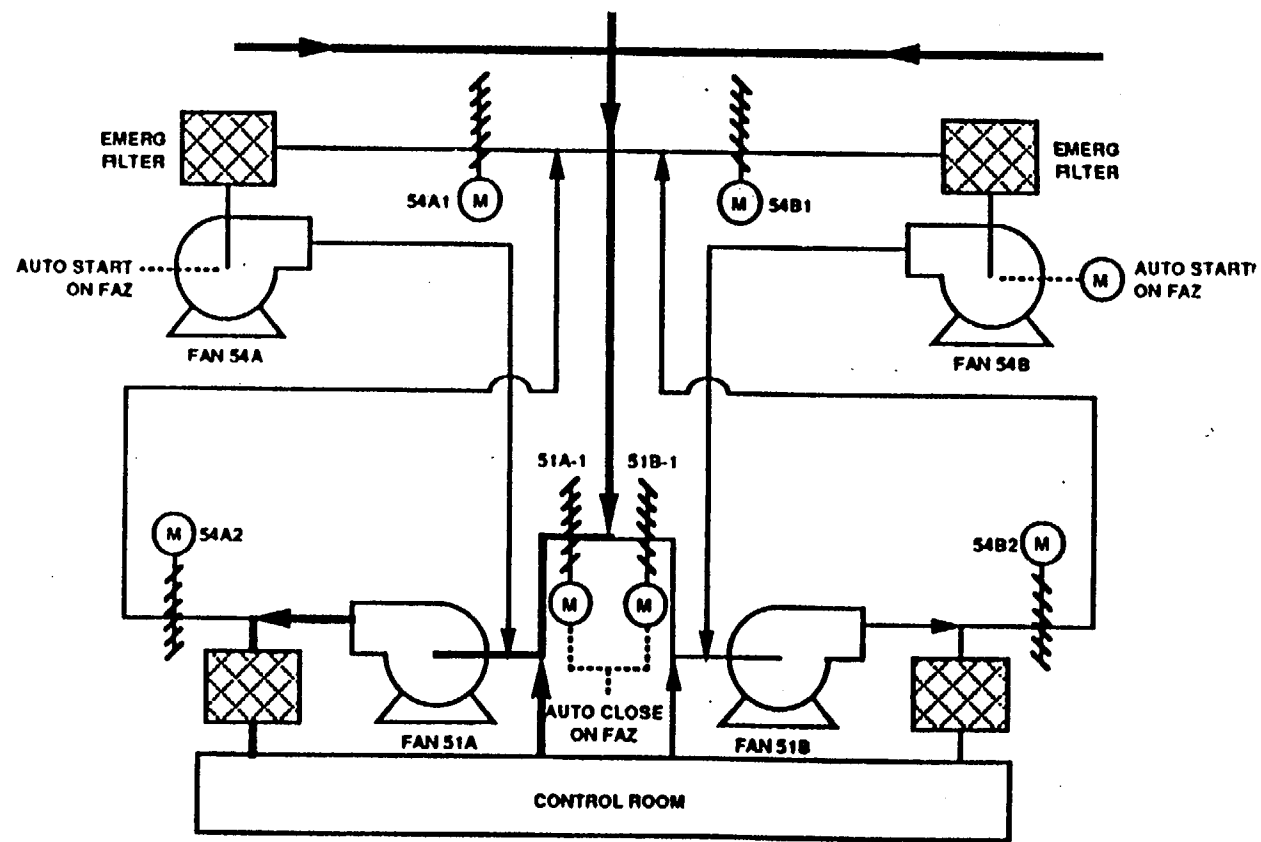
7) Liquid Bypass Leakage

- Current Analysis of Liquid Bypass Based on “TID-14844” Source Term
- Liquid Bypass Leakage is not of concern now, and is not expected to be a concern under AST methodology
- AST Evaluation
 - Plan to update NE-02-99-12 to confirm that the conclusion is consistent under AST methodology
 - Less total iodine (30% vs. 50% iodine release)
 - Application of PRA Techniques to further demonstrate low consequence of liquid leakage is under consideration

8) Control Room X/Q Methodology

- ARCON96 analysis updated in accordance with draft NRC direction
- Draft calculation utilizing Murphy/Campe methodology completed using 1 m/s wind speed
- ARCON96 and Murphy/Campe results are similar
- Planning Murphy/Campe calculation w/site specific meteorology

9) Crediting Control Room Recirc Filter



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- Energy Northwest is considering crediting CR recirc filters for minimal efficiency of 30% to 50% ($DF \leq 2$)
- Current recirc design: 2-100% trains, safety related, class 1, seismic 1, airhandlers with medium efficiency filters, design flow of 21,000 cfm
- Option under consideration:
 - Replace existing medium efficiency filters with qualified HEPA(99% efficiency provides $DF=100$, 99.97% provides $DF=3333$) or equivalent tested per ASHRAE 52.2
 - Replace recirc fan motor to accommodate added pressure drop due to new filters

9) Crediting Control Room Recirc Filter

■ Proposed Testing

- Periodic Visual Inspection - rigorous testing per RG 1.52, N509, and N510 is not necessary. The N510 leak test limit is 0.05% (10.5 cfm limit) vs our application DF=2 (10,500 cfm limit).
 - » Use qualified filter and frame design
 - » Inspect every fuel cycle
 - » Housing pressurized so leakage is out, not in
 - » Recirculating system, not a once-through
- Monitor pressure drop (local indication with high/low remote alarm)

10) MSLB X/Q Methodology (expansion and movement of puff release)

- Principal Issue is MSLB X/Q for Control Room
- Draft NEI 99-03 Addresses MSLB CR X/Q
 - Steam Expansion and Buoyant Plume Rise
- Columbia Plans to Follow NEI 99-03 Guidance
- Features of Energy Northwest Application
 - MSLB In Steam Tunnel or Turbine Building
 - Steam Tunnel Released to Atmosphere And/Or Turbine Building

10) MSLB X/Q Methodology (expansion and movement of puff release) (Cont'd)

- Features of Energy Northwest Application
 - Volume of Steam “Bubble” = Approx $6 \times 10^4 \text{ m}^3$
 - Comparable to Volume of Turbine Building
 - Atmospheric Release from Either Steam Tunnel Blowout Panel or Turbine Building Roof
 - Initial Dispersion by Expansion of Released Steam
 - Further Dispersion by Substantial Transient Buoyant Plume Rise

10) MSLB X/Q Methodology (expansion and movement of puff release) (Cont'd)

■ Model Development

- Consistent with NEI 99-03
- Model Plume as Ground Level Puff (Transient) Release with Diameter Equal to That of a Sphere with Volume = 60,000 m³
- Energy Release Rate for BWR MSLB Very Large - Typically of the Order of 10E10 Joule
- CALPUFF Code Being Used to Calculate the Relative Concentration of Plume at Receptor Location (i.e., the CR Local Intake)

10) MSLB X/Q Methodology (expansion and movement of puff release) (Cont'd)

■ CALPUFF Code

- Developed by the Emissions, Monitoring, and Analysis Division of the Environmental Protection Agency for Application to Forest Fires (Released in 1995)
- Generalized, Transient Air Quality Modeling System
- Capability of Treating Transient and Time-Varying Point Sources, Domains from Tens of Meters to Hundreds of Kilometers

10) MSLB X/Q Methodology (expansion and movement of puff release) (Cont'd)

- Polestar Use of CALPUFF Code
 - Results Being Checked
 - » Against Manual Calculations for Plume Rise and Dispersion Using a Gaussian Model and
 - » Against Manual Calculations for Plume Height Using an Empirical Model for Buoyancy Flux
 - Preliminary Results Indicate Significant Dilution Due to Large and Rapid Energy Release

10) MSLB X/Q Methodology (expansion and movement of puff release) (Cont'd)

- Polestar Use of CALPUFF Code (Cont'd)
 - Dilution Approx 5 Orders of Magnitude for High Stability, Low Wind Speeds (~1 m/s)
 - 1 - 2 Orders of Magnitude for Higher Wind Speeds (~20 m/s)
 - » Higher Wind Speeds Mean Less Time for Plume Rise and Dilution before Plume Passes CR Intake
 - Plans Exist to Further Refine this Work, Then Utilize Conservative Approximation for WNP-2 MSLB CR X/Q

Summary

- On Schedule for Submittal June 2001
- Capture Concerns, Questions, or Actions from this Discussion
- Propose Next Meeting ~ February 2001