

Generic Communications and Guidance on Spent Fuel Storage & Transportation

Meraj Rahimi
Chief of
Criticality, Shielding and Dose Assessment Branch
Spent Fuel Storage and Transportation Division
Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards Office



Recently Completed Generic Communications and Guidance

- Interim Staff Guidance 8, Revision 3, Burnup Credit in the Criticality Safety Analyses of PWR Spent Fuel in Transportation and Storage Casks
- NUREG-2152 Computational Fluid Dynamics Best Practice Guidelines for Dry Cask Applications



Recently Completed Generic Communications and Guidance (cont.)

- IN 2012-20 "Potential Chloride-Induced Stress Corrosion Cracking of Austenitic Stainless Steel and Maintenance of Dry Cask Storage System Canisters"
- Premature Degradation of Spent Fuel
 Storage Cask Structures and Components
 from Environmental Moisture IN



Recently Completed Generic Communications and Guidance (cont.)

Resolution of Licensing Process
 Expectations for Pressurized Water Reactor
 Fuel Assemblies Susceptible to Top Nozzle
 Stress Corrosion Cracking in Dry Cask Spent
 Fuel Storage and Transportation, RIS 2013 XX (almost completed)



Generic Communications and Guidance under Development

- Drying Vulnerability GL
- The Use of a Demonstration Program as Confirmation of Integrity for Continued Storage of High Burnup Fuel Beyond 20 Years, ISG-24



Generic Communications and Guidance under Development (cont.)

- Stack-up Regulatory Guide
- Shielding and Radiation protection, ISG 26A
- Secondary Impact GI



Drying Vulnerability (Generic Letter)

- Vulnerability of vacuum drying systems to failure modes that would allow air ingress into the canister
- Classification of vacuum drying systems with respect to safety
- Meeting design basis fuel cladding temperatures during vacuum drying



Use of Cask Demonstration for HBU Fuel (ISG-24)

- Applicability of a cask demonstration for storage of HBU fuel beyond 20 years
 - Bunrup and cladding materials
 - Bounding peak clad temperatures during cask drying
 - Monitoring cask interior
 - Bounding fuel assembly temperature profile
 - Duration of demonstration



Cask Stack-up (Regulatory Guide)

Both NRC and Industry Continue to Make Progress (albeit slowly...):

- Draft NRC Regulatory Guide
 - Its issuance is based on acceptance of Holtec Topic Report
- Holtec Topical Report
 - Staff awaiting re-submittal of the report
- Exelon Analysis for Braidwood
 - SFST will evaluate the acceptability of the design method through a TAR from Region III



Shielding and Radiation Protection in Part 72, ISG-26A

- Purpose
 - Level of staff review effort
 - Certification or licensing conditions
 - Staff verification and review of analyses
- Format
- Tenetative schedule
 - Public comments, ACRS meeting, issuance



Secondary Impact (Generic Issue)

- Gaps between fuel and canister/cask cavity result in significant amplification of g loads experienced by fuels and closure lids under hypothetical accident conditions for transport
- Possible paths for addressing
 - Spacers
 - Redesign of external impact limiters
 - Demonstrating safety with loss of fuel geometry
- Issue has been placed in the NRC's Generic Issue program



Generic Communications and Guidance on Spent Fuel Storage & Transportation

Meraj Rahimi
Chief of
Criticality, Shielding and Dose Assessment Branch
Spent Fuel Storage and Transportation Division
Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards Office