

ensure that the onsite storage of spent fuel is in compliance with GDC 62 for the prevention of criticality in fuel storage and handling and with the 5 percent subcriticality margin position of the NRC staff to assure compliance with GDC 62.

Required Response

All addressees are required to submit a written response to the information requested above within 120 days of the date of this generic letter. If an addressee chooses not to respond to specific questions, an explanation of the reason and a description of any proposed alternative course of action should be provided, as well as the schedule for completing the alternative course of action (if applicable), and the safety basis for determining the acceptability of the planned alternative course of action.

Address the required written reports to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555, under oath or affirmation under the provisions of Section 182a, Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and 10 CFR 50.54(f). In addition, submit a copy to the appropriate regional administrator.

Backfit Discussion

This generic letter only requires information from the addressees under the provisions of Section 182a of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and 10 CFR 50.54(f). Therefore, the staff has not performed a backfit analysis. The information requested will enable the NRC staff to determine whether licensees are complying with the current licensing basis for the facility with respect to GDC 62 for the prevention of criticality in fuel storage and handling and 5 percent subcriticality margins either contained in the technical specifications, or committed to in the updated FSARs, of plants containing Boraflex in the spent fuel storage racks. The staff is not establishing a new position for such compliance in this generic letter. Therefore, this generic letter does not constitute a backfit and no documented evaluation or backfit analysis need be prepared.

Federal Register Notification

(To be completed after the public comment period.)

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement

The information collections contained in this request are covered by the Office of Management and Budget clearance number 3150-0011, which expires July 31, 1997. The public reporting burden

for this collection of information is estimated to average 150 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Information and Records Management Branch, (T-6F33), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB-10202 (3150-0011), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 2nd day of November, 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
Dennis M. Crutchfield,
Director, Division of Reactor Program Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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Issuance of Urgent Bulletin; NRC Bulletin 95-02, Unexpected Clogging of a Residual Heat Removal (RHR) Pump Strainer While Operating in Suppression Pool Cooling Mode

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of issuance.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued Bulletin 95-02 to request certain remedial actions and associated reporting by holders of boiling water reactor (BWR) licenses and construction permits as a result of the unexpected clogging of a residual heat removal pump strainer at a boiling water reactor facility while operating in the suppression pool cooling mode. This bulletin is available in the NRC Public Document Room under accession number 9510040059. This bulletin was issued as an urgent generic communication under NRC procedures for issues that the staff considers urgent. This bulletin is discussed in Commission information paper SECY-95-255 which is also available in the NRC Public Document Room.

DATES: The bulletin was issued on October 17, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Not applicable.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert B. Elliott, (301) 415-1397 or Robert M. Latta, (301) 415-1314.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NRC issued this bulletin to accomplish the following:

(1) Alert BWR owners to complications experienced during a recent event in which a licensee initiated suppression pool cooling in response to a stuck-open safety relief valve (SRV) and subsequently experienced clogging of one RHR pump suction strainer.

(2) Request BWR owners to review the operability of their emergency core cooling system (ECCS) and other pumps which draw suction from the suppression pool while performing their safety function. The evaluation should be based on suppression pool cleanliness, suction strainer cleanliness, and the effectiveness of foreign material exclusion (FME) practices. In addition, BWR owners are requested to implement appropriate procedural modifications and other actions (e.g., suppression pool cleaning), as necessary, to minimize foreign material in the suppression pool, drywell and containment. BWR owners are requested to verify their operability evaluation through appropriate testing and inspection.

(3) Require that BWR owners report to the NRC whether and to what extent they have complied with the requested actions. In addition, require a second report indicating completion of confirmatory test(s) and inspection(s) and providing the test results by BWR owners that have complied with the requested actions, or indicating completion of any proposed alternative course of action by BWR owners that have not complied with the requested actions.

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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
Dennis M. Crutchfield,
Director, Division of Reactor Program Management Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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Biweekly Notice

Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations

I. Background

Pursuant to Public Law 97-415, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or NRC staff) is