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SUBJECT: RADIOLOGICAL CONSEQUENCES OF SPENT FUEL POOL
ACCIDENTS OCCURRING UP TO 10 YEARS AFTER FINAL
REACTOR SHUTDOWN

As part of its effort to develop generic, risk-informed requirements for decommissioning, NRR requested (Reference 1) that RES evaluate the offsite radiological consequences of beyond-design-basis spent fuel pool accidents. In response to that user need, RES completed an in-house analysis (References 2 and 3) using the MACCS code (Reference 4). The focus of that work was estimation of consequences of accidents occurring between 30 days and 1 year after final reactor shutdown. Recently, NRR requested (References 5 and 6) that RES extend the consequence evaluation to accidents occurring up to 10 years after final shutdown.

RES performed the requested calculations using the release fractions in Table 1 and the fission product inventories at 30 and 90 days and 1, 2, 5, and 10 years after final shutdown. The release fractions in the first row of Table 1 are the sum of the in-vessel and ex-vessel release fractions in NUREG-1465, "Accident Source Terms for Light-Water Nuclear Power Plants," February 1995 (Reference 7). NUREG-1465 has received significant peer review and is representative of a low pressure core-melt accident. The release fractions in the second row of Table 1, other than those for ruthenium and fuel fines, also are from NUREG-1465. In this case, the ruthenium release fraction is that for a volatile fission product, and the fuel fines release fraction is that from the Chernobyl accident (Reference 8). Results of the RES calculations for distances of 1, 10, and 50 miles are given in Tables 2 and 3.

Table 1 Fission Product Release Fractions

Source Term	Release Fractions								
	Xe,Kr	I	Cs	Te	Sr	Ba	Ru	La	Ce
NUREG-1465	1	.75	.75	.31	.12	.12	.005	.0052	.0055
NUREG-1465 (modified)	1	.75	.75	.31	.12	.12	.75	.035	.035

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Table 2 Results based on NUREG-1465 Source Term

Case	Decay Time	Mean Consequences ^a (Surry population, 95% evacuation)			
		Individual Risk of Early Fatality (within 1 mile)	Individual Risk of Cancer Fatality (within 10 miles)	Societal Dose (rem) (within 50 miles)	Early Fatalities (within 10 miles)
77a	30 days	1.27×10^{-2}	1.88×10^{-2}	5.58×10^6	2.21
77b	90 days	9.86×10^{-3}	1.82×10^{-2}	5.43×10^6	1.37
77c	1 year	7.13×10^{-3}	1.68×10^{-2}	5.28×10^6	.736
77d	2 years	5.64×10^{-3}	1.58×10^{-2}	5.12×10^6	.481
77e	5 years	3.18×10^{-3}	1.43×10^{-2}	4.90×10^6	.192
77f	10 years	1.63×10^{-3}	1.29×10^{-2}	4.72×10^6	.0778
78a ^b	30 days	8.36×10^{-4}	9.92×10^{-4}	4.12×10^6	.0720
78b ^b	90 days	6.83×10^{-4}	9.62×10^{-4}	4.02×10^6	.0461
78c ^b	1 year	5.44×10^{-4}	9.09×10^{-4}	3.95×10^6	.0301
78d ^b	2 years	4.41×10^{-4}	8.71×10^{-4}	3.87×10^6	.0208
78e ^b	5 years	2.54×10^{-4}	8.14×10^{-4}	3.77×10^6	.00882
78f ^b	10 years	1.47×10^{-4}	7.70×10^{-4}	3.69×10^6	.00400

^aAccident frequencies approximately 10^{-6} /year or less.^bBased on early evacuation.

Table 3 Results based on NUREG-1465 (modified) Source Term

Case	Decay Time	Mean Consequences ^a (Surry population, 95% evacuation)			
		Individual Risk of Early Fatality (within 1 mile)	Individual Risk of Cancer Fatality (within 10 miles)	Societal Dose (rem) (within 50 miles)	Early Fatalities (within 10 miles)
79a	30 days	4.43×10^{-2}	8.24×10^{-2}	2.37×10^7	191
79b	90 days	4.19×10^{-2}	8.20×10^{-2}	2.25×10^7	162
79c	1 year	3.46×10^{-2}	8.49×10^{-2}	1.93×10^7	76.9
79d	2 years	2.57×10^{-2}	8.42×10^{-2}	1.69×10^7	19.2
79e	5 years	8.96×10^{-3}	7.08×10^{-2}	1.45×10^7	1.34
79f	10 years	4.68×10^{-3}	6.39×10^{-2}	1.34×10^7	.360
80a ^b	30 days	2.01×10^{-3}	4.79×10^{-3}	1.35×10^7	5.38
80b ^b	90 days	1.87×10^{-3}	4.77×10^{-3}	1.29×10^7	3.61
80c ^b	1 year	1.50×10^{-3}	4.33×10^{-3}	1.12×10^7	.951
80d ^b	2 years	1.12×10^{-3}	3.70×10^{-3}	9.93×10^6	.149
80e ^b	5 years	3.99×10^{-4}	2.93×10^{-3}	8.69×10^6	.0162
80f ^b	10 years	2.05×10^{-4}	2.64×10^{-3}	8.13×10^6	.00601

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