



Basis for Request to NRC for Modification to the ANL Test Program Scope

LOCA Stakeholder's Meeting

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Background

- **The Robust Fuel Program (RFP) is an industry collaborative program on fuel reliability R/D**
 - Participation from US and international utilities and fuel vendors
 - Scope: Fuel reliability / Margins / Burnup extension
- **One key RFP objective is the development of an industry-wide consistent set of guidelines for licensing burnup extensions**
 - Response to NRC request that industry develop a single, consistent set of guidelines
 - Preparing and industry-equivalent of a Reg Guide (Industry Guide) for submittal in 2004

Basis for Letter to NRC

- **A review of the current scope and direction of the ANL test program within RFP raised concerns**
 - Current program scope will NOT provide a direct link to the basis for current regulation (i.e. 1988 rulemaking)
- **Decision to communicate concerns to the NRC in a letter** (D. Modeen to A. Thadani, September 9, 2003)
 - Drafted by a Focus Group of the RFP
 - Represents both utility and fuel vendor's consensus
 - Suggestion for discussing concerns at a specialists / stakeholder's meeting