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Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station (VCSNS) Units 2 and 3
Combined License Nos. NPF-93 and NPF-94
Docket Nos. 52-027 & 52-028

Subject: VCSNS Units 2 & 3 LAR 14-14: Request for License Amendment: Structural Design of Auxiliary Building Floors

Reference: 1. ND-16-0816, Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Units 3 and 4, Request for License Amendment: Structural Design of Auxiliary Building Floors, dated June 14, 2016 (ML16166A409)

Pursuant to 10 CFR 52.98(c) and in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 50.90, South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G), acting on behalf of itself and the South Carolina Public Service Authority (Santee Cooper), requests an amendment to the Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station (VCSNS) Units 2 and 3 combined license (COL) numbers NPF-93 and NPF-94, respectively. The requested amendment, identical in content to Reference 1, proposes to depart from Tier 2* and associated Tier 2 information in the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR) (which includes the plant-specific DCD Tier 2 information) to revise details of the structural design of auxiliary building floors. This activity has been determined to require prior NRC approval.

The description, technical evaluation, regulatory evaluation (including the significant hazards consideration determination), and environmental considerations for the proposed changes in the License Amendment Request (LAR) are contained in Enclosure 1 to this letter. Enclosure 2 provides markups depicting the requested changes to the plant-specific licensing basis documents.

As discussed with NRC staff at the May 26, 2016 public meeting, while much of the technical documentation supporting the information identified in this license amendment request (LAR) is complete, the remaining portions of the technical documentation are still being finalized and will be made available for NRC review in time to support the requested approval of this LAR. A preliminary amendment request (PAR) is also being prepared seeking a no objections finding for work that is ready to proceed. The

supporting technical documentation for requested activities under the PAR will be complete at the time of the PAR submittal.

In order to support the VCSNS Unit 2 construction schedule, SCE&G requests NRC staff review and approval of the license amendment no later than October 20, 2016. Approval by this date will allow sufficient time to implement licensing basis changes prior to affected construction activities. SCE&G expects to implement the proposed amendment within thirty days of approval.

In accordance with 10 CFR 50.91, SCE&G is notifying the State of South Carolina of this LAR by transmitting a copy of this letter and publicly-available enclosures to the designated State Official.

Should you have any questions, please contact April R. Rice by telephone at (803) 941-9858, or by email at arice@scana.com.

This letter contains no regulatory commitments.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on this 16th day of June, 2016.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure 1: License Amendment Request: Structural Design of Auxiliary Building Floors (LAR 14-14)

Enclosure 2: Proposed Changes to Licensing Basis Documents (LAR 14-14)

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Enclosure 1

Request for License Amendment:
Structural Design of Auxiliary Building Floors
(LAR 14-14)

(This Enclosure consists of 23 pages, including this cover page.)

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Pursuant to 10 CFR 52.98(c) and in accordance with 10 CFR 50.90, South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G), on behalf of itself and the South Carolina Public Service Authority (Santee Cooper), the licensee for Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station (VCSNS) Units 2 and 3, requests an amendment to Combined License (COL) Numbers NPF-93 and NPF-94, for VCSNS Units 2 and 3, respectively.

1. Summary Description

Changes are proposed to the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR) descriptions and figures to address changes in the structural design of floors, including finned floors, in the auxiliary building. The UFSAR text, table, and figures that are proposed to be changed provide information for these floors and are identified as Tier 2* information or as changes in Tier 2 information that are related to involved Tier 2* information. Changes include proposed modifications specific to the finned floors critical section, as well as additional clarification to define how similar finned floors other than the critical section and similar concrete on steel plate floors without fins can be different in the design details. The ceilings of the main control room and the instrumentation and control rooms in the auxiliary building are designed as finned-floor modules. These floors of the auxiliary building are constructed with concrete placed on steel plates stiffened with fins welded to the underside of the plate. UFSAR Figure 3H.5-9, Sheet 1, showing the finned floor critical section, is changed to correct the representation of the openings through the floor and the number of supporting steel plates. The variations in the detail design, which include information such as size and spacing of reinforcement in the floors and the spans of the floors, are the result of variations in the geometry of the floors and variations in the loads for which the floors are designed. The floor designs with the design variations satisfy design code requirements in ACI 349 and AISC N690. The variations in the structural design details have no impact on the thermal function of the fins.

The design summary table (UFSAR Table 3H.5-13) for the finned floor is reformatted and revised to change the calculational results, provide additional information about the design and remove the maximum calculated shear stud spacing value from the table. Changes are proposed to UFSAR Figure 3H.5-9, Sheet 2, showing the connection of the finned floor to the supporting wall to change the representation of the reinforcement in the connection. These changes were identified as part of design finalization and satisfy design code requirements. Notes are added to the figure to identify variances in the design.

This activity also clarifies the floor to wall connection design for concrete on steel plate floors, including finned floors, in the auxiliary building as represented in UFSAR Figure 3H.5-9, Sheet 2. These clarifications provide additional details on the use of the code requirements for the connection design. This activity changes the description for the floors in the auxiliary building by specifying requirements for length of the connecting dowel and capacity of the shear studs. The connection length requirements use the ACI 349 requirements for splice length.

The finned floors above the instrumentation and control rooms also have a requirement for fire protection reinforcement. The description of the design of these finned floors in UFSAR

Subsections 3.8.4.1.2 and 3H.5.4 is changed to include provisions for fire protection reinforcement.

In addition to these changes to the finned floor design, minor changes are proposed to the design of reinforced concrete floors, cast-in-place concrete on precast panels, as described in UFSAR Subsections 3.8.4.1.2 and 3H.5.4 and shown in UFSAR Figure 3H.5-8.

2. Detailed Description

Change Activity 1 – Finned Floor Steel Plate Variations

Issue Description

The ceiling of the main control room (floor at elevation 135′-3″), and the instrumentation and control rooms (floor at elevation 117′-6″) are designed as finned floors. Finned floors are constructed with cast-in-place concrete over a steel plate ceiling stiffened with fins welded to the plate. UFSAR Figure 3H.5-9 shows a critical section and is identified as typical of the finned floor design. This figure is based on the detail design of the floor above the main control room and the design details of the floor above the instrumentation and control rooms vary from that shown; however, the fact that these design details may vary at other locations from those shown is not explicitly stated. Changes to the critical section figure and the referencing text are needed to explain the variances.

Proposed Change

Revise the description of the critical section in UFSAR Subsection 3H.5.4 to specify that the design details at locations other than above the main control room and near penetrations and other interferences may vary from that shown in UFSAR Figure 3H.5-9. The design of the floors with the subject variances continues to be in conformance with design and analysis requirements for the auxiliary building identified in the UFSAR including ACI 349 and AISC N690. Revise the critical section figure, UFSAR Figure 3H.5-9, to add notes about variations in the finned floor design and code requirements involved in the variations. A note is added to state that the centerlines of the shear studs and fins may not line up. The information added does not change the compliance of the finned floor design with codes and standards, including ACI 349 and AISC N690. The variations in the structural design details have no impact on the passive heat sink function of the fins.

Change Activity 2 – Application of Design Details to Other Locations

Issue Description

The text in UFSAR Subsection 3.8.4.1.2 describes the finned floors in the auxiliary building and could be interpreted to indicate that UFSAR Figure 3H.5-9 is also typical of the details for the ceiling of the instrumentation and control rooms (floor at Elevation 117′-6″). The design of the finned floor at El. 117'-6" does not exactly match the design details shown in the figure.

Changes to the text in UFSAR Subsection 3.8.4.1.2 and Figure 3H.5-9 are needed to acknowledge the variances.

Proposed Change

Revise the text in UFSAR Subsection 3.8.4.1.2 to allow variation in design details for locations other than the floor above the main control room. The auxiliary building floors designed as finned floors continue to maintain compliance with codes and standards, including ACI 349 and AISC N690. Revise UFSAR Figure 3H.5-9, Sheet 2, to remove elevation designation.

Change Activity 3 – Finned Floor Steel Plate Panels

Issue Description

UFSAR Figure 3H.5-9, Sheet 1, shows four finned floor steel plates (panels) between column lines 9.2 and 11 from column lines I to L. It is proposed that the number of plates between column lines 9.2 and 11 be increased to facilitate fabrication and construction.

Proposed Change

Add information to UFSAR Subsection 3.8.4.1.2 to note that the number of panels may vary based on the size of the room and fabricator capabilities. The rooms utilizing these panels vary in size but the size of the rooms is not changing. Revise UFSAR Figure 3H.5-9, Sheet 1, to increase the number of panels between column lines 9.2 and 11 to five and add a note that the number of the panels will vary at other locations. The change and variation in number and width of panels does not change the compliance of the finned floors design with codes and standards, including ACI 349 and AISC N690. The variations in the number and size of the panels have no impact on the passive heat sink function of the fins.

Change Activity 4 – Relocate HVAC Penetrations

Issue Description

Openings for HVAC ducts in the ceiling of the main control room are shown in the finned floor critical section UFSAR Figure 3H.5-9, Sheet 1. A proposed change relocates these openings on the figure because of rerouting of the HVAC ducts. The openings are moved out of the floor above the main control room to the floor above another room within the control room envelope. In addition, openings shown on the left side of the figure adjacent to column line 9.2 are reconfigured because of final design changes in routing.

Proposed Change

Revise UFSAR Figure 3H.5-9, Sheet 1, to show the openings for HVAC ducts in the relocated position. The relocated penetrations and the reconfigured openings adjacent to column line 9.2 have no adverse impact on the finned floor design and evaluation. The relocated penetrations and the reconfigured openings adjacent to column line 9.2 have no adverse impact on the

HVAC design or performance. The structural evaluation of the floor includes the relocated and reconfigured openings and is in compliance with ACI 349 and AISC N690.

Change Activity 5 – Design of Floor to Wall Connection

Issue Description

Proposed design changes are identified to the detail reinforcement design of the finned floor to wall connection represented in UFSAR Figure 3H.5-9, Sheet 2. The figure shows a floor to wall connection including reinforcement dowels connected to the wall and studs attached to the steel plate on the bottom of the floor. The figure identifies a length for the dowel for the critical section. The dowel length used for the critical section is not used at all locations. UFSAR Figure 3H.5-9 includes detail fabrication design and construction sequence information that is not needed or appropriate in licensing basis figures. The figure also includes incidental location information that is unnecessary or confusing and should be removed or corrected.

Proposed Change

On UFSAR Figure 3H.5-9, Sheet 2, remove the length dimension from the reinforcement bar dowel. This activity does not change the design basis or design methodology for the connection between the floor and wall. The connection design was approved as part of the AP1000 design as represented in UFSAR Figure 3H.5-9, Sheet 2. However, the details of the design methodology and design basis of the connection are not specified or discussed in the UFSAR. These details are added as notes on the figure addressing splice length criteria and stud sizing and spacing, and a supplemental evaluation was conducted to document the basis for the connection design and methodology. The supplemental evaluation demonstrates in detail that the force transfer in the connection design satisfies the ACI 349 and AISC N690 code requirements and appropriately transfers the loads through the connection. Therefore, the supplemental evaluation demonstrates the applicability of the ACI 349 and AISC N690 code requirements. Revise the spacing of the lower dowels to optimize construction.

Remove the designation of the construction joint shown between the floor and wall and the gap between the steel plate and the wall because these elements may vary based on fabrication considerations and construction sequence. The North – South designator is removed as it is not needed. The designation of Wall 11 is changed to “WALL ON COLUMN LINE 11” instead of using the drafting convention currently shown because the current designation may be confusing. The change of detail reinforcement design and labeling of the figure does not change the compliance of the finned floors design with codes and standards, including ACI 349 and AISC N690 requirements.

Change Activity 6 – Design of Concrete on Steel Plate Floors and Floor to Wall Connection

Issue Description

The description of these floors, included in the last paragraph of UFSAR Subsection 3.8.4.4.1, refers to the design methodology for the finned floors described in UFSAR Subsection 3H.5.4. UFSAR Subsection 3H.5.4 describes the design methodology for bending in the floor. The description in the last paragraph of UFSAR Subsection 3.8.4.4.1 has an inappropriate and confusing reference to main control room ceiling and stiffeners. The preceding paragraph describes the finned floor above the main control room and reference to finned floors should not be included in the last paragraph. The concrete on steel plate floors without fins do not have stiffeners. The absence of fins in the floor design makes the design similar to, but not exactly the same as, the finned floors described in UFSAR Subsection 3H.5.4. The description of the floors does not specify the design requirements for the connection of the floor to the wall. The standard hooks shown in the wall in UFSAR Figure 3H.5-9, Sheet 2, show an orientation that may need to vary because of interferences and obstructions in the walls.

Proposed Change

Revise the existing last paragraph of UFSAR Subsection 3.8.4.4.1, to remove the reference to the main control room ceiling and stiffeners. Add text that the methodology is similar to that described in Subsection 3H.5.4.

Revise UFSAR Subsection 3.8.4.4.1, to add information about floor to wall design conformance with ACI 349 requirements for length, ACI 349 Appendix B requirements for shear stud strength, and AISC N690 requirements for shear stud capacities. This code applicability information applies to the floor to wall connection for both finned floors and concrete on steel plate floors without fins. Specifying the appropriate code provisions for development length and splice length that provide criteria used for the connection design will clarify the application of ACI 349 requirements. An evaluation was completed for the floor-to-wall connection to confirm that ACI code provisions are appropriate for developing capacity between the wall dowels and steel plate. The floor to wall connection design information added does not change the compliance of the concrete on steel plate floor design with codes and standards, including ACI 349 and AISC N690.

Revise UFSAR Subsection 3.8.4.4.1 to add information that the orientation of the standard hooks that provide development in the walls for the reinforcement dowels may vary and add reference to requirements for headed reinforcement. The connection configurations with hook orientations different than shown in UFSAR Figure 3H.5-9, Sheet 2, continue to meet ACI 349 code requirements.

Change Activity 7 – Update MCR Ceiling Design Summary

Issue Description

A review of the results of the analysis for Auxiliary Building CA51 Finned Floor at El. 135′-3″ Area 2, identified design forces that are not consistent with those listed in UFSAR Table 3H.5-13. The presentation of the information in the table is confusing without familiarity with the evaluation. The reinforcement sizing and strength of the floor design included in the table does not include some important information about the design. The information on reinforcement does not apply in openings and penetrations. The information on calculated required shear stud spacing may cause confusion about tolerances and design margin. In addition, the designation of "Area 1" should be "Area 2" in the title of the table. The reference to the table in UFSAR Subsection 3H.5.4 uses the designation 3.H.5-13.

Proposed Change

Change the values in UFSAR Table 3H.5-13 to reflect the revised design. Reformat and revise the information in the table to present the information in a more understandable manner. The reinforcement included to resist negative bending provided by the design is added to the table to provide additional information about the floor design instead of information about bending moment. Add a statement that excludes reinforcement and studs in the area of penetrations, openings, or other obstructions. The information on calculated required shear stud spacing is removed from the table because the design spacing satisfies AISC N690 requirements and is more limiting than the calculated spacing. Change the designation of the area in the table title. Change the reference to the table number in UFSAR Subsection 3H.5.4 from "3.H.5-13" to "3H.5-13."

Change Activity 8 – Fire Protection Reinforcement

Issue Description

The AP1000 fire hazard analysis credits the floors above the instrumentation and control rooms as 3-hour fire barriers. Additional bottom layer reinforcing steel is required in the floors at the 117′-6″ elevation to maintain the structural integrity of the fire barrier during a fire event due to potential deterioration of the mechanical properties of exposed steel floor plate and fin plates during the fire. This reinforcement is not shown or described in the UFSAR text or figures. There is no impact on the fire rating of the floor from the additional reinforcement.

Proposed Change

Additional bottom layer reinforcing steel is added to the floor to maintain the structural integrity of the floor in the event of a fire in the room below. The reinforcement satisfies ACI 349 requirements, including cover requirements to protect the reinforcement and to prevent collapse of the floor. For analysis of the reinforcement, a fire is treated as an extreme environmental load in accordance with ACI 349, Section 9.2.7, requirements and the fire protection reinforcement is subject to dead, fluid, live, earth pressure, and normal pipe reaction loads.

Add information to UFSAR Subsections 3.8.4.1.2 and 3H.5.4 to include use of fire protection reinforcement. Add a note to UFSAR Figure 3H.5-9 to include fire protection reinforcement in locations other than the critical section. The addition of bottom layer reinforcing steel does not impact the passive heat sink function of the finned floor.

Change Activity 9 – Precast panel width and number of stirrups

Issue Description

UFSAR Subsection 3H.5.3.1 describes, and UFSAR Figure 3H.5-8, "Auxiliary Building Operations Work Area (Tagging Room) Ceiling," shows, the design of the critical section for reinforced concrete floors constructed of cast-in-place concrete over precast panels. In this subsection and figure, the width of the precast concrete panels is stated and shown as 5′-11″ in the text and in the view titled "Floor El. 133′-11″ (Precast Concrete)." The proposed design change for this section proposes to change the width of the panels to 6′-4½″. The change in the width of the panels is because the 5′-11″ panel width is not sufficient to fully cover the room below. The dimensions of the room are not changing. The figure shows three double stirrups connecting the precast panel to the cast-in-place concrete. The proposed design change for this section proposes to add a single stirrup for the wider panel to satisfy ACI 349, Chapter 17 requirements and the orientation of the hooks on the top of the stirrup being in the plane of the stirrup to facilitate fabrication.

Proposed Change

Revise UFSAR Subsection 3H.5.3.1 and UFSAR Figure 3H.5-8 to show the width of the precast panels to be 6′-4½″. Revise UFSAR Figure 3H.5-8, Section C, to show three double stirrups and one single stirrup connecting the precast panel and cast-in-place concrete. Revise UFSAR Figure 3H.5-8, Sections C and F, to reorient the hooks on the stirrups to be in the plane of the double stirrup.

Licensing Basis Change Descriptions

A. Revise the seventh paragraph of UFSAR Subsection 3.8.4.1.2 to identify variations in design in other sections, variations in the area of openings and interferences, and in the number and size of the steel plates. Also add reference to reinforcing for fire barrier structural integrity. (Change Activities 2, 3, and 8)

B. Revise the existing last paragraph of UFSAR Subsection 3.8.4.4.1 as follows: (Change Activity 6)
   1. Remove reference to control room ceiling and stiffeners.
   2. Identify that the design methodology is similar to that described in Subsection 3H.5.4.

C. Add a new paragraph to UFSAR Subsection 3.8.4.4.1 to refer to requirements in ACI 349 for development length and splice length and requirements in ACI 349 and AISC N690 for shear stud strength and capacity. Add reference to ACI 318-11 requirements for headed

reinforcement. These requirements apply to the floor to wall connection design. Add information that standard hook orientation may be different. (Change Activity 6)

D. Revise last paragraph of UFSAR Subsection 3H.5.3.1 to change the width of precast panels. (Change Activity 9)

E. Revise first paragraph of UFSAR Subsection 3H.5.4 to identify variations in design in other sections and variations in the area of openings and interferences. (Change Activity 1)

F. Revise the second paragraph of UFSAR Subsection 3H.5.4 to replace “3.H.5-13” with “3H.5-13”. (Change Activity 7)

G. Revise sixth paragraph of UFSAR Subsection 3H.5.4 to add reference to reinforcing for fire barrier structural integrity. (Change Activity 8)

H. Change to UFSAR Table 3H.5-13 (Change Activity 7)
   1. Revise the table title to change the area identified in the title.
   2. Reformat the table and add text to improve comprehension.
   3. Define construction loads.
   4. Revise the calculational results for maximum bending moment and maximum shear force and round values to two significant digits.
   5. Define tension steel.
   6. Add an exception for reinforcement near penetrations and other interferences.
   7. Revise to add values to the table for the reinforcement to resist negative bending.
   8. Add an exception for shear studs near penetrations and other interferences.
   9. Add a clarification that the design shear strength is not reduced for in-plane axial forces.
   10. Remove from the table the information on shear stud calculated required spacing.

I. Change to UFSAR Figure 3H.5-8 (Change Activity 9):
   1. In the view labeled Floor EL. 133′-11″ (Precast Concrete), change the panel width from 5′-11″ to 6′-4½″.
   2. In Section C, add a row of single stirrups to each of the two precast panels.
   3. In Section C and F, reorient the hooks on the stirrups to be in the plane of the double stirrup.

J. Change to UFSAR Figure 3H.5-9, Sheet 1 (Change Activities 1, 3, and 4):
   1. Revise the figure to show five finned floor steel plates between column lines 9.2 and 11 from column lines I to L.
   2. Revise the figure to move the rectangular openings for HVAC ducts from along column line 11 near column lines I and J to along column line L near column line 11.
   3. Add notes to the figure to provide the following information:
      a. State that the section shown is a specific location and other locations will have variations in design details.
      b. State that the number of steel panels in the floor varies.

K. Revise UFSAR Figure 3H.5-9, Sheet 2, as follows: (Change Activities 1, 2, 5, and 8):
   1. Revise spacing of the bottom reinforcement bar dowel to @9″
   2. Remove reference to construction joint
   3. Remove designation of 135′-3″ elevation; replace with Note 8
   4. Remove size of dowel length; replace with Note 5
   5. Remove information on gap between steel plate and wall
   6. Replace the term “Mechanical Splices” with “Mechanical Couplers”
   7. Remove North – South designator
   8. Revise wall designation to say “WALL ON COLUMN LINE 11”
   9. Add notes to the figure to provide the following information:
      a. State that the section shown is a specific location and other locations will have variations in design details.
      b. State that headed reinforcement may be used.
      c. Identify the requirements for development of headed reinforcement.
      d. Identify the code requirements for reinforcement size and spacing and provide the range of reinforcement size and spacing.
      e. Identify the requirements for dowel length.
      f. Discuss bottom layer reinforcing steel provided for structural integrity of the fire barrier.
      g. State that the reinforcement shown is for locations away from obstructions.
      h. State that the elevation of the top of concrete is based on location and design requirements for the floors.
      i. State that the design of the fins varies at locations near obstructions and due to attachments to the fins and floor plates.
      j. State that the center line of the location of the studs may vary from that of the fins.

L. Revise UFSAR Figure 3H.5-9, Sheet 3, as follows: (Change Activity 1):
   1. Add notes to the figure to provide the following information:
      a. State that the shear stud design shown is for locations away obstructions.
      b. State that the design of the fins varies at locations near obstructions and due to attachments to the fins and floor plates.
      c. State that the center line of the location of the studs may vary from that of the fins.

3. Technical Evaluation

Structure, System, Component and/or Analysis Description

The nuclear island structures consist of the containment, shield building, and auxiliary building. The functions of the nuclear island structures are to provide support, protection, and separation for the seismic Category I mechanical and electrical equipment located in the nuclear island.

The nuclear island structures provide protection for the safety-related equipment against the consequences of either a postulated internal or external event. The nuclear island structures are designed to withstand the effects of natural phenomena such as hurricanes, floods, tornados, tsunamis, and earthquakes without loss of capability to perform safety functions. The nuclear island structures are designed to withstand the effects of postulated internal events such as fires and flooding without loss of capability to perform safety functions. Some floors provide radiation shielding.

The floors in the auxiliary building are seismic Category I structures and provide support and anchorage for component and piping supports and other attachments. The ceilings of the main control room and the instrumentation and control rooms in the auxiliary building are designed as finned-floor modules. These finned floors are constructed with cast-in-place concrete over a steel plate ceiling stiffened with fins welded to the plate. The finned floor is designed as a two way reinforced concrete slab using the criteria and requirements of ACI 349. The steel plate provides the bottom layer reinforcement for the concrete slab. The steel plate is connected to the concrete with shear studs welded to the top of the plate. The steel plate, stiffened with welded fins, supports the wet concrete prior to the concrete setting. The connection of the floor to the wall transfers the load from the concrete and steel plate in the floor to the wall with reinforcement bar dowels located between shear studs attached to the steel plate with the dowels at an elevation below the top of the studs. The dowels are developed in the wall with a standard hook or headed reinforcement. The floor to wall connection design satisfies ACI 349 requirements for the length of the dowel, ACI 349 requirements for shear stud strength, and AISC N690 requirements for shear stud capacity. These connection design elements are part of the design of the floor to wall connection approved in the AP1000 design as represented in UFSAR Figure 3H.5-9, Sheet 2, and the methodology for the design remains unchanged.

Floors that are part of, and adjacent to, the CA20 module on the south end of the auxiliary building are designed as concrete on steel plate floors. These floors are similar in design to the finned floors. UFSAR Subsection 3.8.4.4.1 references the finned floor design methodology in UFSAR Subsection 3H.5.4 for the design methodology used for the concrete on steel plate floors. The steel plate provides the bottom layer reinforcement for the concrete slab. The steel plate is connected to the concrete with shear studs welded to the top of the plate. The steel plate supports the wet concrete prior to the concrete setting without the stiffening action of the fins. The design of the connection between concrete on steel plate floors and adjacent walls is similar to that described above for the finned floor connection design.

The finned floors above the instrumentation and control rooms include fire protection reinforcement. The design of these finned floors satisfies the ACI 349 provisions without consideration of the fins or floor plate during a postulated fire event.

Floors in the auxiliary building constructed with cast-in-place concrete over a precast panel are designed and constructed as a reinforced concrete slab using the criteria and requirements of ACI 349.

The fins and steel plate on the bottom of the floor provide a passive heat sink function for the main control room and instrumentation and control rooms as part of the main control room emergency habitability system. The heat sinks for each room are designed to limit the temperature rise inside each room during the 72-hour period following a loss of nuclear island nonradioactive ventilation system operation. This function is described in UFSAR Subsection 6.4.2.2. The fins extend into the room and act as thermal fins to enhance the heat transfer from the room air to the concrete.

The design of headed reinforcement is consistent with the criteria for development of headed reinforcement which utilize ACI 318-11, Section 12.6 requirements and which have been previously incorporated into UFSAR Subsection 3.8.4.4.1.

Supporting Technical Details

Variation in floor reinforcement design is required because of differing geometry and loads at locations away from the critical section. In the localized areas adjacent to penetrations, openings, and other obstructions, the design of the reinforcement may vary to satisfy design requirements for the floor or the penetration. The design of the floors with the subject variances is in conformance with design and analysis requirements for the structures identified in the UFSAR including ACI 349 and AISC N690.

The proposed changes to the size of the panels at the bottom of the floor facilitate the fabrication and construction of the finned floor. The size and number of panels used for the finned floors depend on the size of the room and the fabricator capabilities. Review of the HVAC design has identified proposed changes to the location of the penetrations through the finned floor. These changes do not have an adverse effect on the HVAC function. These changes also do not have an adverse effect on the fin and reinforcement design. With these changes, the design of the floor remains in conformance with the design and analysis requirements.

Proposed changes are identified for the development of the reinforcement in the floor and for the detail design of the connection of the floor to the wall to be consistent with standard construction practice. These changes are included in the revised UFSAR Figure 3H.5-9, Sheet 2. The term “Mechanical Splices” is replaced with “Mechanical Couplers” to be consistent with the design element used. The information on a gap between the steel plate and wall and the reference to construction joint are removed because these are related to fabrication details and construction sequence. The North – South designator is removed to clean up and clarify the figure as it does not provide important information. The designation of Wall 11 is revised to a form that is more understandable. These changes do not affect the strength of the floor or connections or the conformance with ACI 349 and AISC N690.

The length for the reinforcement bar dowels in UFSAR Figure 3H.5-9 is removed because the ACI code requires different lengths based on the reinforcement size used for other sections. Also, the length of the dowels must be sufficient to incorporate sufficient shear studs to develop the capacity of the dowels and the demand in the bottom plate. The design of the connection

satisfies the requirements in ACI 349, Appendix B, for strength of the shear studs, and AISC N690 for shear stud capacity. ACI 349, Appendix B includes requirements for shear studs used as anchors in concrete. These requirements are used to determine the strength of the shear studs and the connection to the bottom plate to determine the number of shear studs required within the dowel length. Information is added in the notes on the figure about the ACI 349 and AISC N690 requirements for the length of the reinforcement dowels. Specifying additional details on the use of the code requirements for the connection design does not change the design basis of the connection as represented in existing UFSAR Figure 3H.5-9, Sheet 2. The dowel length dimension removed from the figure was determined using these requirements.

Removing the reference to control room ceiling and stiffeners in the existing last paragraph of UFSAR Subsection 3.8.4.4.1 clarifies to which type of floor design the paragraph applies. This change does not change the design and design requirements for the concrete on steel plate floor without fins because the design of these floors does not include reliance on stiffeners. The floors without fins are considered similar to the design methodology described in UFSAR Subsection 3H.5.4 because the finned floors are designed as reinforced concrete slabs, the steel plate provides the bottom layer reinforcement for the concrete slab, and the steel plate is connected to the concrete with shear studs welded to the top of the plate. The absence of fins changes the location of the neutral axis in negative bending and the reliance on compression in the plate which is a difference with the analysis details described in Subsection 3H.5.4. This change to the UFSAR does not change the design and design requirements for the finned floor because the preceding paragraph in UFSAR Subsection 3.8.4.4.1 describes the finned floor used in the control room ceiling and is not changed.

The addition of information about the connection design in UFSAR Subsection 3.8.4.4.1 clarifies the description of the design in the licensing basis for the floor to wall connections for concrete on steel plate floors by adding specific design requirements. These specific design requirements do not change the floor to wall connection design represented in UFSAR Figure 3H.5-9 for finned floors. The design of the floor and floor to wall connections satisfies the requirements of ACI 349 Sections 12.2, 12.15, and 21.5.4 for development length and required splice length. Because the dowels are located between rows of studs spaced 10 inches apart for the floors without fins and spaced 9 inches apart for the finned floors and no higher than the height of the top of the studs above the plate, the ACI 349 requirement for a maximum clear distance of 6 inches between the dowels and shear studs is always satisfied. The design of the connections satisfies the requirements in ACI 349, Appendix B, for strength of the shear studs, and AISC N690 for shear stud capacity. The information added does not change the compliance of the concrete on steel plate floor design with codes and standards, including ACI 349 and AISC N690.

Revise UFSAR Subsection 3.8.4.4.1 to add information that the orientation of the standard hooks that provide development in the walls for the reinforcement dowels may vary and add reference to requirements for headed reinforcement. Floors that are connected to walls in the CA20 module on the south end of the auxiliary building use dowels developed in the wall with a

standard hook or may use headed reinforcement. The standard hook details may differ from UFSAR Figure 3H.5-9, Sheet 2, because of potential interferences of the hook extension at the free end of the bar with shear studs, wall truss components, overlay plate anchorage, embedments, and other items within the wall. In certain cases, the hook extensions may not be oriented toward each other. The connection configurations with hook orientations different than shown in UFSAR Figure 3H.5-9, Sheet 2, continue to satisfy ACI 349 code requirements. The provisions included in later editions of ACI 349 to place the hooks in an opposed orientation do not apply to the subject floor to wall connection. The variation in hook orientation is acceptable in module walls because increased concrete stress due to hook orientation with both hook extensions oriented downward, upward, or away from each other is resisted by the truss structure that provides structural integrity to the module walls. Because the module faceplates are welded to the truss structure, they provide additional confinement to the concrete and contribute to supporting the increased concrete stress. In addition, the CA20 floors do not see a significant load reversal under seismic demand because the upward acting forces do not overcome deadweight.

Identifying code requirements for development length and splice length that apply to the connection design will clarify the application of ACI 349 requirements. The information added does not change the compliance of the finned floor design including the connection design with codes and standards, including ACI 349 and AISC N690. The connection design between the floor and wall provides load transfer between reinforcement bar dowels attached to the walls and shear studs attached to the steel plate on the bottom of the floor. The floor to wall connection design is represented in UFSAR Figure 3H.5-9, Sheet 2, and was part of the design approved in the AP1000 design certification. The ACI 349 and AISC N690 requirements for the length of the reinforcement bar dowel, shear stud strength, and shear stud capacity are the design basis for the design represented in UFSAR Figure 3H.5-9. The reference to requirements for headed reinforcement in ACI 318 is consistent with the requirements for headed reinforcement in other portions of the auxiliary building.

The AP1000 DCD and the associated Final Safety Evaluation Report (FSER), NUREG-1793, do not specifically discuss the floor to wall connection design represented in UFSAR Figure 3H.5-9, Sheet 2. A supplemental evaluation documents the technical basis for the connection using reinforcement dowels and a matrix of shear studs. This supplemental evaluation includes detailed consideration of the connection and shows that at any location along the connection either the plate or the dowel can carry the tensile force transferred. The transfer of shear is also evaluated.

In this supplemental evaluation, the connection is considered to be divided into regions over the length of the reinforcing bar dowel. In the region adjacent to the wall, the reinforcing bar dowel is fully developed at both ends. The reinforcing bar dowels are sized based on the tension demand in the bottom plate from out-of-plane flexure and membrane tension. The reinforcing bar dowel development length within the module floor is at a minimum the Class B lap splice length in accordance with ACI 349. The reinforcing bar dowels are within the height of the shear studs connected to the module floor bottom plate. In the second region the bottom dowel

transitions from fully developed to the end of the dowel away from the wall over a length determined by the ACI 349 requirements for development length. In this second region, the bottom plate is developed adequately to carry floor module demand in accordance with ACI 349 and AISC N690 requirements. The bottom plate is anchored to the concrete with the shear studs in the region adjacent to the wall. The stud spacing is determined based on AISC N690 requirements for developing composite action. The thickness of the bottom plate is designed to be sufficient for the construction loads (e.g., wet concrete) and the tension demand due to composite action under the applicable load combinations. The change in the spacing of the lower dowels is not required by the supplemental evaluation. The change is to optimize construction.

The design criteria for the evaluation are those included in ACI 349 and AISC N690 as they apply to the different elements that are part of the connection. The results confirm that the design requirements used for the connection design represented in UFSAR Figure 3H.5-9 for this wall-to-floor connection are appropriate and meet the plant design basis.

The changes to the UFSAR for the floor to wall connection design do not impact the moment of inertia or stiffness of the connection of the floor to the wall. There is no change in the mass of the finned floor sections. Therefore, there is no change to the seismic model and seismic analysis as a result of these changes.

Changes to equipment weight and location of equipment in the rooms above the finned floors, the seismic analytical model for other sections, and seismic loads as a result of cumulative changes to the structures have resulted in small changes to the Tier 2 and Tier 2* values reported in UFSAR Table 3H.5-13 for the finned floor critical section. The reinforcement included to resist negative bending provided by the design is proposed to be added to the table to provide information about the design not originally included in the table. The design presented in UFSAR Table 3H.5-13 is in conformance with design and analysis requirements for the structures identified in the UFSAR including ACI 349 and AISC N690. The presentation of the information in the table is confusing without familiarity with the evaluation and is proposed to be reformatted and revised. The information on calculated required shear stud spacing is not needed in the table in addition to the design spacing because the design spacing satisfies AISC N690 requirements and is more limiting than the calculated spacing.

Additional bottom layer reinforcing steel is added in the floors at the 117′-6″ elevation to maintain the structural integrity of the fire barrier during a fire event due to potential deterioration of mechanical properties of exposed steel fin plates during the fire. This added reinforcement satisfies the provisions in ACI 349. The AP1000 fire hazard analysis credits the floors as a 3-hour fire barrier. There is no impact on the fire rating of the floor from the additional reinforcement. This additional layer of reinforcing steel is not needed for the fire barrier provided by the main control room ceiling.

Changes are proposed to the size of the precast concrete panels for the reinforced concrete floor shown in UFSAR Figure 3H.5-8 to optimize the construction of the floor. The increase in

width also requires an additional row of stirrups to satisfy ACI 349 Chapter 17 requirements for the precast panel and cast in place concrete to act as a composite section. The orientation of the hooks on the stirrups is changed to facilitate construction. The design with the proposed changes shown in the revised UFSAR Figure 3H.5-8 is in conformance with design and analysis requirements for the structures identified in the UFSAR including ACI 349.

The passive heat sink function and design of the fins and the heat-absorbing capability of the ceilings are not adversely affected by the changes in the structural design of the finned floor. There is no change to the size of the fins and the welded connection of the fins to the steel plate in the floor above. The addition of the bottom layer of reinforcement does not change the heat capacity of the concrete.

The response of the structure to seismic motions is not significantly altered by the changes in the design details of the floors. The stiffness of the floor, the stiffness of the floor to wall connections, and the mass of the floor are not altered from that considered in the seismic analysis finite element model of the floor. The relocation of HVAC penetrations does not impact the nuclear island finite element model. The seismic analysis of the auxiliary building is not impacted by these design changes.

The proposed changes to the detail design of auxiliary building floors do not change the function, design, or operation of the systems and components supported by and located under the floors in the auxiliary building. The proposed changes do not change the function, design, or operation of the containment vessel and passive containment cooling system. The thickness and strength of the auxiliary building floors and roof are not reduced. The proposed changes do not affect the prevention and mitigation of abnormal events, e.g., accidents, anticipated operational occurrences, earthquakes, floods and turbine missiles, or their safety or design analyses. The proposed changes do not involve, nor interface with, any structure, system or component accident initiator or initiating sequence of events, and thus, the probabilities of the accidents evaluated in the UFSAR are not affected.

The detail design changes to floors in the auxiliary building do not interface with or affect safety-related equipment or a fission product barrier. No system or design function or equipment qualification would be adversely affected by the proposed changes. The changes do not result in a new failure mode, malfunction or sequence of events that could adversely affect a radioactive material barrier or safety-related equipment. The proposed changes do not allow for a new fission product release path, result in a new fission product barrier failure mode, or create a new sequence of events that would result in significant fuel cladding failures.

The proposed changes do not adversely affect any safety-related system or component, equipment, design code, design code allowable value, function or design analysis, nor do they adversely affect any safety analysis input or result, or design/safety margin.

The proposed activity has no adverse effect on the ex-vessel severe accident. The design, geometry, and strength of the containment internal structures are not changed. The design and material selection of the concrete floor beneath the reactor vessel are not altered. The

response of the containment to a postulated reactor vessel failure, including direct containment heating, ex-vessel steam explosions, and core concrete interactions is not altered by the changes to the detail design of floors in the auxiliary building. The design of the reactor vessel and the response of the reactor vessel to a postulated severe accident are not altered by the changes to the detail design of floors in the auxiliary building.

The proposed activity has no impact on the Aircraft Impact Assessment. The changes described to the floors are internal to the structures and do not impact the design or response of the containment vessel and shield building. There is no change to protection of plant structures, systems, and components against aircraft impact provided by the design of the shield building. There is no change to the design of any of the key design features described in UFSAR Appendix 19F. The activity described does not change the overall design or construction of the shield building.

The proposed changes associated with this license amendment request include changes in the detail design of floors in the auxiliary building. The changes are internal to the structures and the configuration, thickness, and density of the structures are not changed. The proposed changes do not affect the radiological source terms (i.e., amounts and types of radioactive materials released, their release rates and release durations) used in the accident analyses, thus, the consequences of accidents are not affected. These changes do not affect the containment, control, channeling, monitoring, processing or releasing of radioactive and non-radioactive materials. The location and design of penetrations through exterior walls and the permeability of the concrete structures is not changed. No effluent release path is affected. The types and quantities of expected effluents are not changed. The functionality of the design and operational features that are credited with controlling the release of effluents during plant operation is not diminished. Therefore, neither radioactive nor non-radioactive material effluents are affected.

The thickness of the floors and the density of the concrete are not changed; therefore, there is no adverse change to the shielding provided by the floors. There is no change to plant systems or the response of systems to postulated accident conditions. There is no change to the predicted radioactive releases due to normal operation or postulated accident conditions. Plant radiation zones, controls under 10 CFR Part 20, and expected amounts and types of radiologically controlled materials are not affected by the proposed changes. Therefore, individual and cumulative radiation exposures do not change.

The change activity has no impact on the emergency plans or the physical security evaluation since there are no changes to the external configuration of the roof, walls, doors, or access to the Nuclear Island.

4. Regulatory Evaluation

4.1 Applicable Regulatory Requirements/Criteria

10 CFR Part 50, Appendix A, General Design Criterion (GDC) 1 requires that structures be designed, fabricated, erected, constructed, tested, and inspected to quality standards commensurate with the importance of the safety functions to be performed. The proposed changes do not change the criteria used for the design, analysis, and construction of the floors in the auxiliary building. The design of the portions of the auxiliary building affected by this activity remains in conformance with the code requirements identified in the UFSAR.

10 CFR Part 50, Appendix A, GDC 2 states that structures, systems, and components important to safety shall be designed to withstand the effects of natural phenomena such as earthquakes, tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, tsunami, and seiches without loss of capability to perform their safety functions. The structures affected by this activity maintain compliance with GDC 2. The thickness, geometry, and strength of the structures are not adversely changed. The response of the structure to seismic motions is not significantly altered by the changes in the design details of the floors.

10 CFR Part 50, Appendix A, GDC 4 states that structures, systems, and components important to safety shall be designed to accommodate the effects of and to be compatible with the environmental conditions associated with normal operation, maintenance, testing, and postulated accidents, including loss-of-coolant accidents. The structures affected by this activity maintain compliance with GDC 4. The thickness, geometry, and strength of the structures are not adversely changed. The response of the structure to the effects of extreme winds and external missiles is not altered by the change in the design details of the structure. The response of the structure to the effects of seismic ground motion is not significantly altered by the change in the design details of the structure.

10 CFR Part 52, Appendix D, Section VIII.B.6 and VIII.B.5a require prior NRC approval for Tier 2* information departures and for Tier 2 information departures that involve changes to Tier 2* information respectively. Although this departure does not adversely affect safety, it does involve departures from Tier 2* and related Tier 2 information. Therefore, NRC approval is required prior to implementing the Tier 2* and associated Tier 2 departures addressed in this departure.

4.2 Precedent

No precedent is identified.

4.3 Significant Hazards Consideration

The proposed amendment would revise the plant-specific design control document (DCD) Tier 2* and associated Tier 2 material incorporated into the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR) to incorporate changes to UFSAR descriptions and figures which are proposed to address changes in the design of floors in the auxiliary building.

An evaluation to determine whether or not a significant hazards consideration is involved with the proposed amendment was completed by focusing on the three standards set forth in 10 CFR 50.92, "Issuance of amendment," as discussed below:

4.3.1 Does the proposed amendment involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated?

Response: No

The design functions of the auxiliary building floors are to provide support, protection, and separation for the seismic Category I mechanical and electrical equipment located in the auxiliary building. The auxiliary building is a seismic Category I structure and is designed for dead, live, thermal, pressure, safe shutdown earthquake loads, and loads due to postulated pipe breaks. The proposed changes to UFSAR descriptions and figures are intended to address changes in the detail design of floors in the auxiliary building. The thickness and strength of the auxiliary building floors are not reduced. As a result, the design function of the auxiliary building structure is not adversely affected by the proposed changes. There is no change to plant systems or the response of systems to postulated accident conditions. There is no change to the predicted radioactive releases due to postulated accident conditions. The plant response to previously evaluated accidents or external events is not adversely affected, nor do the changes described create any new accident precursors. Therefore, the proposed amendment does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

4.3.2 Does the proposed amendment create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated?

Response: No

The changes to UFSAR descriptions and figures are proposed to address changes in the detail design of floors in the auxiliary building. The thickness, geometry, and strength of the structures are not adversely altered. The concrete and reinforcement materials are not altered. The properties of the concrete are not altered. The changes to the design details of the auxiliary building structure do not create any new accident precursors. As a result, the

design function of the auxiliary building structure is not adversely affected by the proposed changes. Therefore, the proposed amendment does not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated.

4.3.3 Does the proposed amendment involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety?

Response: No

The criteria and requirements of American Concrete Institute (ACI) 349 and American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC) N690 provide a margin of safety to structural failure. The design of the auxiliary building structure conforms to criteria and requirements in ACI 349 and AISC N690 and therefore maintains the margin of safety. Analysis of the connection design confirms that code provisions are appropriate to the floor to wall connection. The proposed changes to the UFSAR address changes in the detail design of floors in the auxiliary building. The proposed changes also incorporate the requirements for development and anchoring of headed reinforcement which were previously approved. There is no change to design requirements of the auxiliary building structure. There is no change to the method of evaluation from that used in the design basis calculations. There is not a significant change to the in structure response spectra. Therefore, the proposed amendment does not result in a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

Based on the above, it is concluded that the proposed amendment does not involve a significant hazards consideration under the standards set forth in 10 CFR 50.92(c), and, accordingly, a finding of “no significant hazards consideration” is justified.

4.4 Conclusions

In conclusion, based on the considerations discussed above, (1) there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by operation in the proposed manner, (2) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission’s regulations, and (3) the issuance of the amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

5. Environmental Considerations

The proposed amendment departs from Tier 2* and associated Tier 2 material in the UFSAR (Subsections 3.8.4.1.2, and 3.8.4.4.1, and Appendix 3H) related to the structural detail design of the floors for the auxiliary building. The proposed amendment includes changes to allow variances in the detail design of the reinforcement in finned floor sections in locations other than the critical section. The proposed amendment includes changes in the detail design of the connection of finned floor sections to adjacent walls. The proposed amendment clarifies the

floor to wall connection design for concrete on steel plate floors in the auxiliary building. The proposed amendment also includes changes in the detail design of reinforced concrete floors sections.

A review has determined that the proposed amendment would change a requirement with respect to installation or use of a facility component located within the restricted area, as defined in 10 CFR Part 20, or would change an inspection or surveillance requirement. However, facility construction and operation following implementation of the proposed amendment does not involve (i) a significant hazards consideration, (ii) a significant change in the types or a significant increase in the amounts of any effluents that may be released offsite, or (iii) a significant increase in individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure. Accordingly, the proposed amendment meets the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(9), in that:

(i) There is no significant hazards consideration.

As documented in Section 4.3, Significant Hazards Consideration, of this license amendment request, an evaluation was completed to determine whether or not a significant hazards consideration is involved by focusing on the three standards set forth in 10 CFR 50.92, “Issuance of amendment.” The Significant Hazards Consideration determined that (1) the proposed amendment does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; (2) the proposed amendment does not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; and (3) the proposed amendment does not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. Therefore, it is concluded that the proposed amendment does not involve a significant hazards consideration under the standards set forth in 10 CFR 50.92(c), and accordingly, a finding of “no significant hazards consideration” is justified.

(ii) There is no significant change in the types or significant increase in the amounts of any effluents that may be released offsite.

The proposed amendment involves structural design changes which do not change the as-built configuration of the plant systems and thus do not introduce any changes to effluent types (e.g., effluents containing chemicals or biocides, sanitary system effluents, and other effluents) or affect any plant radiological or non-radiological effluent release quantities. Furthermore, these changes do not diminish the functionality of any design or operational features that are credited with controlling the release of effluents during plant operation. Therefore, it is concluded that the proposed amendment does not involve a significant change in the types or a significant increase in the amounts of any effluents that may be released offsite.

(iii) There is no significant increase in individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure.

The proposed amendment involves structural detail design changes to floors without impacting the radiation protection evaluation, and thus, do not affect any plant structure, system or component, their function, plant effluent, or radiation controls. This proposed amendment does not change the as-built configuration of the plant systems. Consequently, these changes have no effect on individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure during plant operation. Therefore, it is concluded that the proposed amendment does not involve a significant increase in individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure.

Based on the above review of the proposed amendment, it has been determined that anticipated construction and operational impacts of the proposed amendment do not involve (i) a significant hazards consideration, (ii) a significant change in the types or significant increase in the amounts of any effluents that may be released offsite, or (iii) a significant increase in the individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure. Accordingly, the proposed amendment meets the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(9). Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared in connection with the proposed amendment.

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Enclosure 2

Proposed Changes to Licensing Basis Documents

(LAR 14-14)

(This Enclosure consists of 12 pages, including this cover page)

UFSAR Subsection 3.8.4.1.2, Auxiliary Building – Revise to include additional information in the seventh paragraph as shown below.

The ceiling of the main control room…. ...Shear studs are welded on the other side of the steel plate, and the steel and concrete act as a composite section. Figure 3H.5-9 shows the finned floor above the main control room and the connection of the floor to the wall on column line 11. The finned floors above the instrumentation and control rooms are similar, but differ with some design details, such as the size and spacing of reinforcement and the design elements used in the connection of the floor to the wall. Penetrations and other interferences in the floors and adjacent walls may cause localized variances with the design details shown in the figure. The fins are exposed to the environment of the room, and enhance the heat-absorbing capacity of the ceiling (see Design Control Document (DCD) Subsection 6.4.2.2). Several shop-fabricated steel panels, placed side by side, are used to construct the stiffened plate ceiling in a modularized fashion. The number of panels used is determined by the size of the room and fabricator capabilities. The stiffened plate is designed to withstand construction loads prior to concrete hardening. Additional bottom layer reinforcing steel is provided where needed to maintain the structural integrity of the fire barrier during a fire event due to potential deterioration of mechanical properties of exposed steel fin plates during the fire.

UFSAR Subsection 3.8.4.4.1, Seismic Category I Structures – Revise to include additional information for the last paragraph as shown below.

The concrete floors on steel plates, including the ~~control room ceiling and the~~ floors in the CA20 module, are designed as reinforced concrete slabs in accordance with ACI-349. The steel panels are designed and constructed in accordance with AISC-N690. For positive bending, the steel plate is in tension and the steel plate ~~and stiffeners~~ serves as the bottom reinforcement. For negative bending, compression is resisted by the concrete and ~~stiffened~~ steel plate and the tension by top reinforcement in the concrete. This methodology is similar to that described for the control room ceiling in Subsection 3H.5.4.

The connection of the floor to the wall for the concrete on steel plate floors satisfies ACI 349 requirements in Sections 12.2, 12.15, and 21.5.4 for the development length and non-contact reinforcement bar splices. The design of the connection satisfies ACI 349, Appendix B, requirements for shear stud strength and AISC N690 requirements for shear stud capacity. The anchorage of the reinforcing dowels may vary from that shown in UFSAR Figure 3H.5-9, Sheet 2. Differences in dowel anchorage details continue to satisfy ACI 349 requirement for standard hooks and ACI 318-11 requirements for headed reinforcement.

UFSAR Subsection 3H.5.3.1, Operations Work Area (Tagging Room) Ceiling – Revise the information in the last paragraph as shown below.

[….

The two precast concrete panels, each 6'-4½" ~~5'-11"~~ wide and spanning over 16'-0" clear span, are installed to serve as the formwork.]*

UFSAR Subsection 3H.5.4, Concrete Finned Floors – Revise to include additional information in the first paragraph as shown below.

[*The ceilings…. …Shear studs are welded on the other side of the steel plate, and the steel and concrete act as a composite section. Figure 3H.5-9 shows the finned floor above the main control room and the connection of the floor to the wall on column line 11. The finned floors above the instrumentation and control rooms are similar, but differ with some design details, such as the size and spacing of reinforcement and the design elements used in the connection of the floor to the wall. Penetrations and other interferences may cause localized variances with the design details shown in the figure. The fins are exposed…*]*

UFSAR Subsection 3H.5.4, Concrete Finned Floors – Revise the Table reference in the information in the second paragraph to match the table designation as shown below.

[…

The main control room ceiling fin floor is designed for the dead, live, and the seismic loads. The design summary is shown in Table 3~~-~~H.5-13.

…]

UFSAR Subsection 3H.5.4, Concrete Finned Floors – Revise the information at the end of the third paragraph under the heading of Design Methodology to include additional information as shown below.

[…

…The stiffened plate provides crack control capability for the bottom of the slab in the transverse direction. Additional bottom layer reinforcing steel is provided in the finned floors at elevation 117'-6" where needed to maintain the structural integrity of the fire barrier during a fire event due to potential deterioration of mechanical properties of exposed steel fin plates during the fire.

…]

UFSAR Table 3H.5-13, Design Summary Of Floor At Elevation 135'-3" Area 1 (Main Control Room Ceiling) – Revise the title of this table to read as shown below.

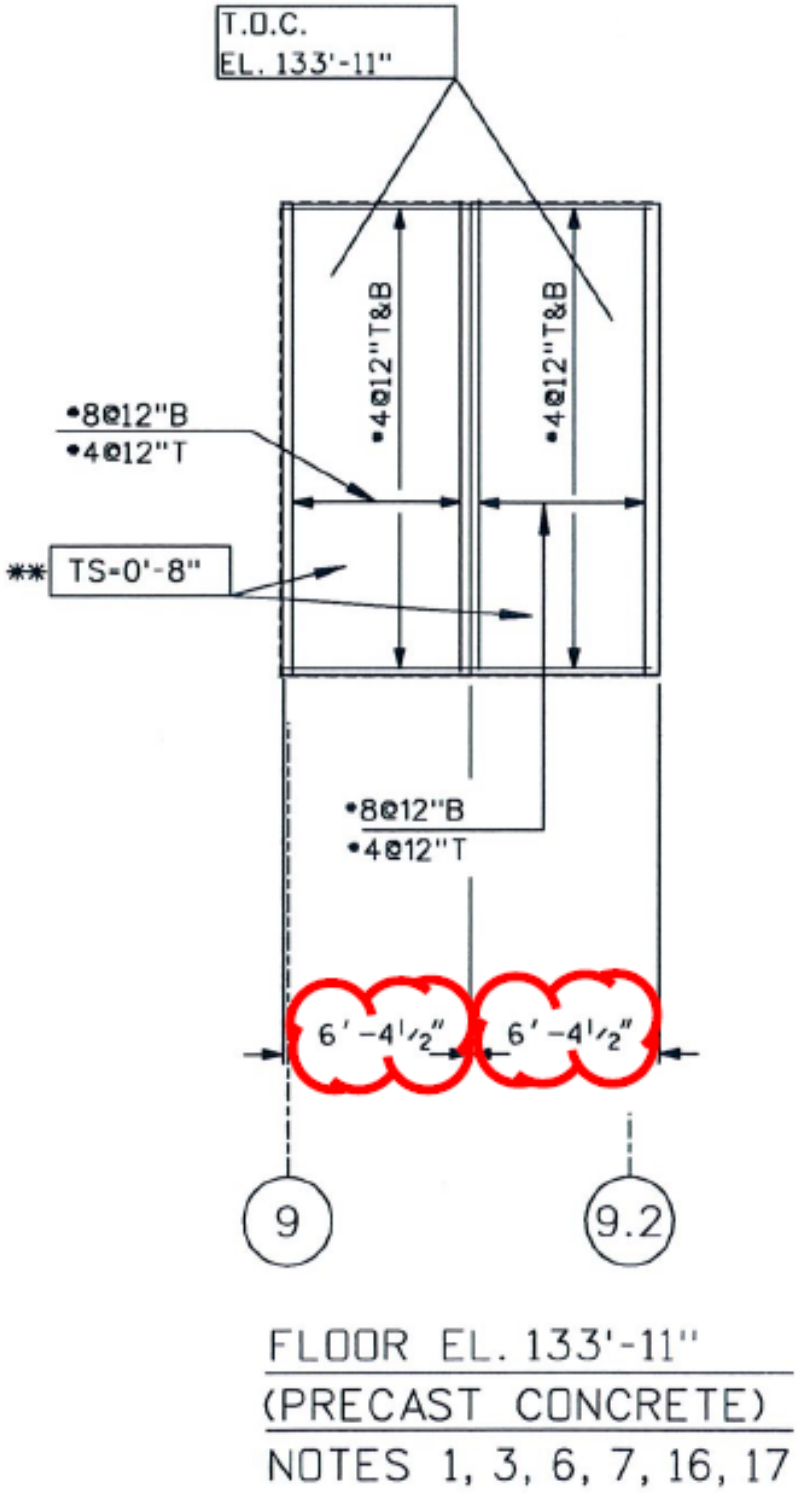
DESIGN SUMMARY OF FLOOR AT ELEVATION 135'-3"
AREA ~~1~~ 2 (MAIN CONTROL ROOM CEILING)

UFSAR Table 3H.5-13, Design Summary Of Floor At Elevation 135'-3" Area 1 (Main Control Room Ceiling) – Revise the information in the table as shown below.

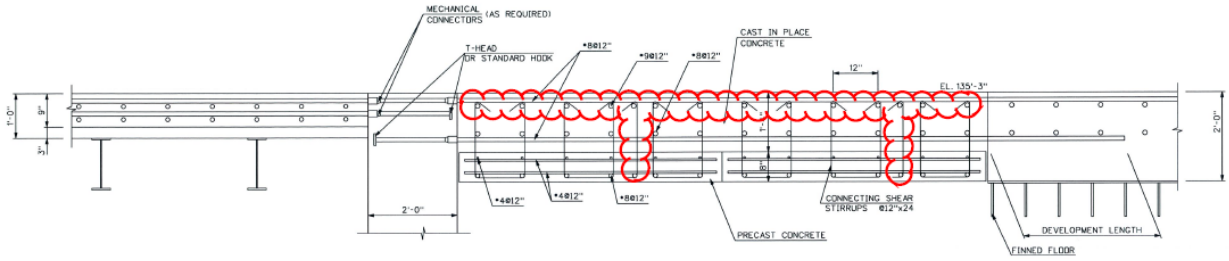
The design of the bottom plate with fins is governed by the construction (wet concrete) load.
For the ~~composite~~ floor, the design forces used for the evaluation of a ~~typical~~ 9-inch-wide strip of the slab are as follows: Maximum bending moment = ~~+35.0 (24.4)~~ +34 (-64) kips-ft Maximum shear force = ~~22.3~~ 17 kips
The ~~design evaluation results~~ key structural capacities of the floor are as follows~~summarized below~~:(1) • [*The actual area of the tension steel (bottom plate and fins) is 9.0 in^2 (Min.), except in the area of penetrations, openings, or other obstructions,*]* which provides a ~~design strength~~ positive bending moment capacity of 518.5 kips-ft~~bending moment capacity~~. • Reinforcement to resist negative bending at the floor-to-wall interface is #8@12″ (Min.), which provides a design strength of 55 kips-ft. • [*The design shear strength, not reduced for in-plane axial forces, is 23.22 kips.* • *The shear studs ~~are spaced a maximum~~ have a design spacing of 9 inches c/c, in both directions except in the area of penetrations, openings, or other obstructions.*]* ~~The calculated required spacing is 9.06 inches.~~

{The existing note is not revised.}

UFSAR Figure 3H.5-8, Auxiliary Building Operations Work Area (Tagging Room) Ceiling – Revise the information for Floor El. 133'-11" (Precast Concrete) as shown below.



UFSAR Figure 3H.5-8, Auxiliary Building Operations Work Area (Tagging Room) Ceiling – Revise the information for Section C (Looking West) as shown below.



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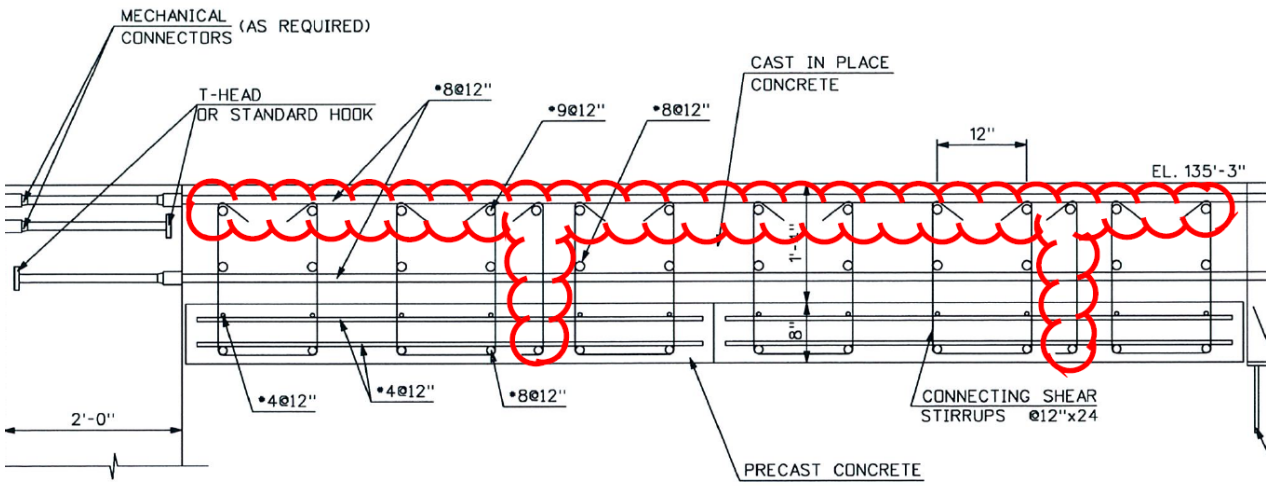
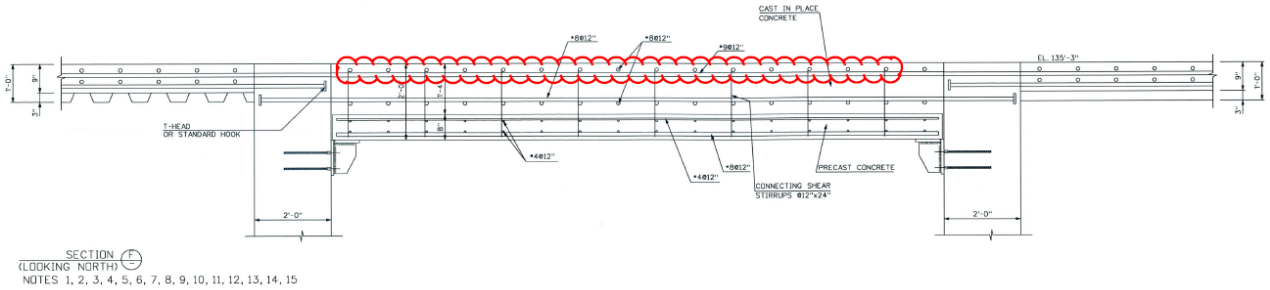
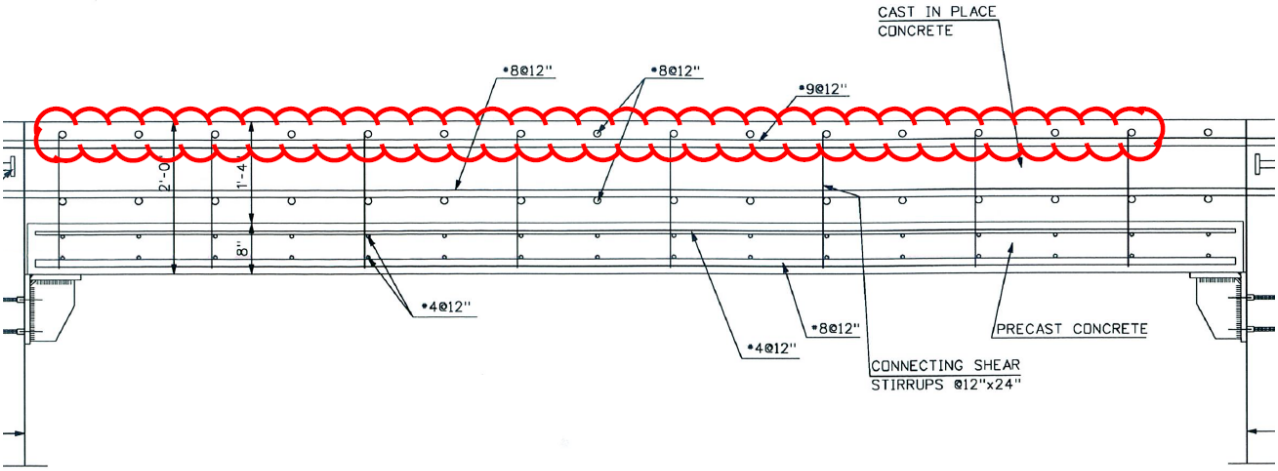


UFSAR Figure 3H.5-8, Auxiliary Building Operations Work Area (Tagging Room) Ceiling – Revise the information for Section F (Looking North) as shown below.

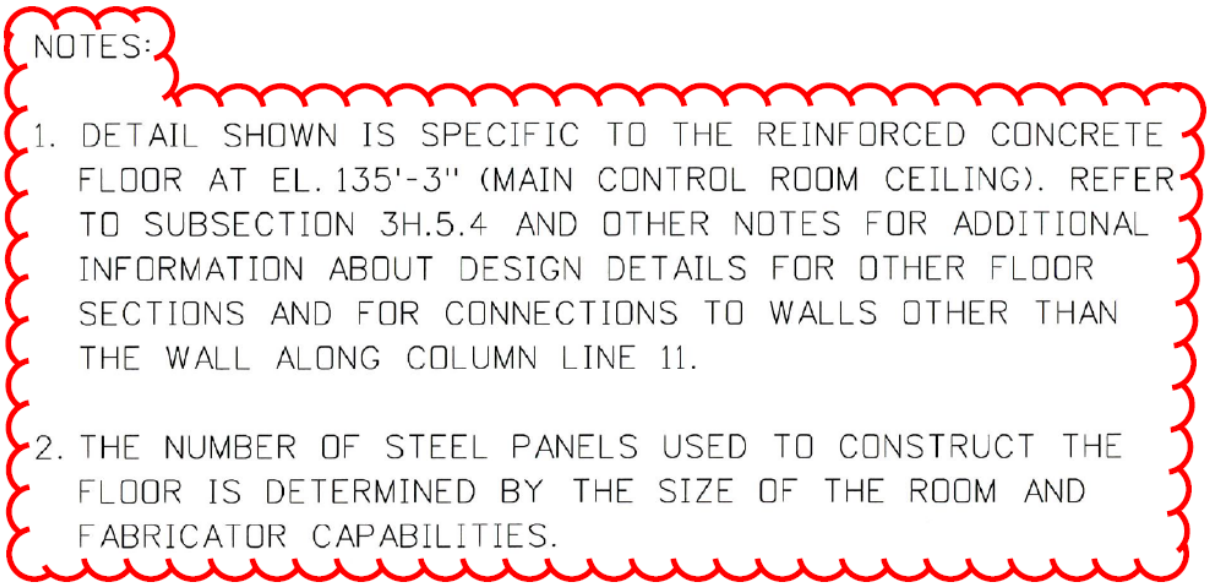


Additional detail of changed area.

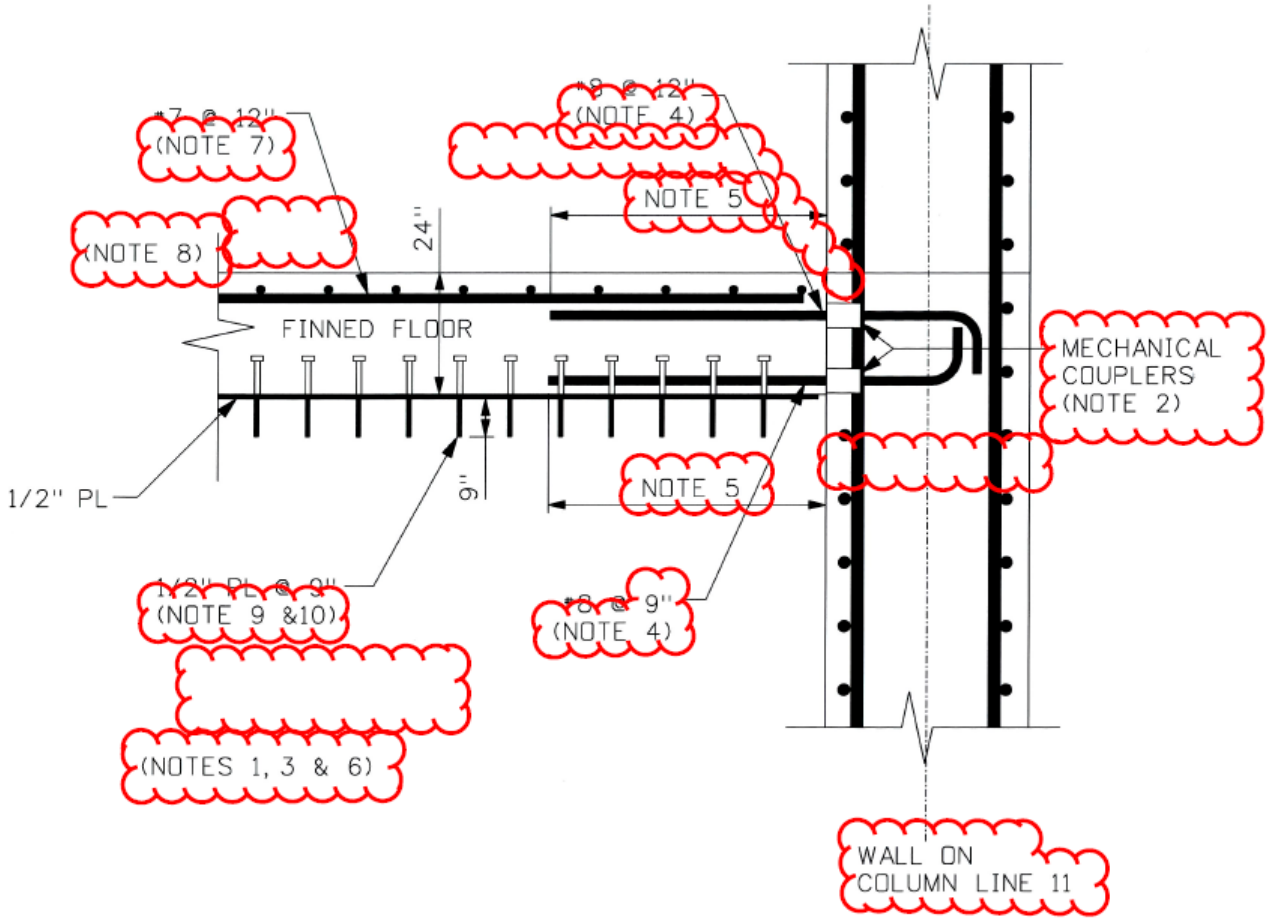


UFSAR Figure 3H.5-9 (Sheet 1 of 3), Auxiliary Building Finned Floor – Revise the information as shown below.

UFSAR Figure 3H.5-9 (Sheet 1 of 3), Auxiliary Building Finned Floor – Revise the information to add the Notes shown below.



UFSAR Figure 3H.5-9 (Sheet 2 of 3), Auxiliary Building Finned Floor – Revise the information to add the Notes shown below.



UFSAR Figure 3H.5-9 (Sheet 2 of 3), Auxiliary Building Finned Floor – Revise the information to add the Notes shown below.

NOTES:

1. DETAIL SHOWN IS SPECIFIC TO THE REINFORCED CONCRETE FLOOR AT EL 135'-3" (MAIN CONTROL ROOM CEILING). REFER TO SUBSECTION 3H.5.4 AND OTHER NOTES FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT DESIGN DETAILS FOR OTHER FLOOR SECTIONS AND FOR CONNECTIONS TO WALLS OTHER THAN THE WALL ALONG COLUMN LINE 11.

2. THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FLOOR REINFORCEMENT IN THE WALLS CAN BE HEADED REINFORCEMENT INSTEAD OF STANDARD HOOKS.

3. REFER TO SUBSECTION 3.8.4.4.1 FOR THE REQUIREMENTS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF HEADED REINFORCEMENT.

4. REINFORCEMENT SIZE AND SPACING FOR CONNECTING DOWELS ARE BASED ON THE REQUIREMENTS IN ACI 349 AND ACI 318-11, SECTION 12.6. THE RANGE OF REINFORCEMENT SIZE AND SPACING FOR THE CONNECTING DOWELS VARIES FROM #8@9" TO #11@12". FOR THE SECTIONS ON ELEVATION 117'-6" SOME CONNECTING DOWELS RUN INTO ADJACENT REINFORCED CONCRETE FLOORS INSTEAD OF CONNECTING TO HOOKS OR HEADED REINFORCEMENT IN THE WALL. WHERE FINNED FLOORS ARE ADJACENT TO THE REINFORCED CONCRETE PORTION OF THE SHIELD BUILDING WALL THE FLOOR REINFORCEMENT CONTINUES INTO THE WALL INSTEAD OF USING SEPARATE CONNECTING DOWELS.

5. SPLICE LENGTH IS THE LONGEST OF A) ACI 349 REQUIREMENTS FOR SPLICE LENGTH, B) LENGTH TO INCORPORATE SUFFICIENT SHEAR STUDS TO DEVELOP THE CAPACITY OF DOWEL, PER AISC N690 SHEAR STUD CAPACITIES, OR C) LENGTH TO INCORPORATE SUFFICIENT SHEAR STUDS TO DEVELOP THE DEMAND IN THE BOTTOM PLATE, PER AISC N690 SHEAR STUD CAPACITIES.

6. ADDITIONAL BOTTOM LAYER REINFORCING STEEL IS PROVIDED IN THE FINNED FLOORS AT ELEVATION 117'-6" WHERE NEEDED TO MAINTAIN THE STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY OF THE FIRE BARRIER.

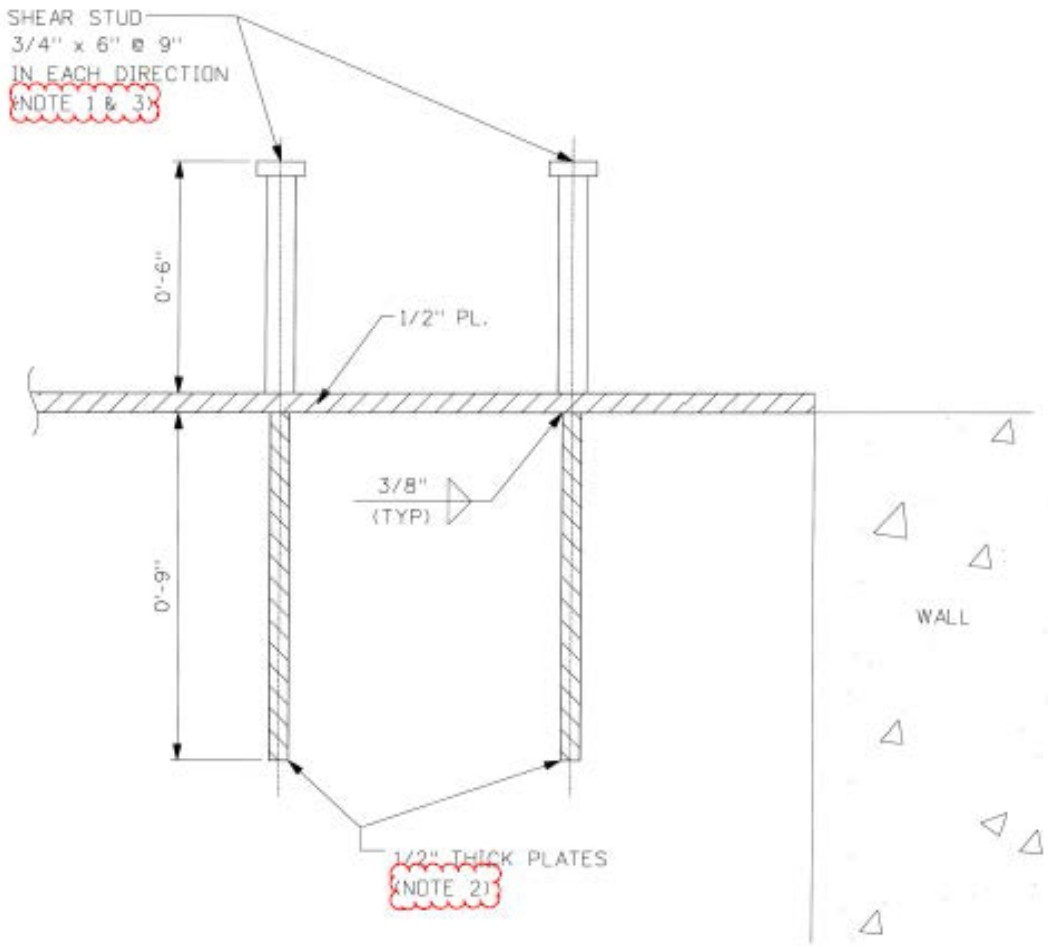
7. THE REINFORCEMENT SHOWN IS FOR LOCATIONS AWAY FROM OPENINGS, PENETRATIONS, EMBEDMENTS, AND OTHER OBSTRUCTIONS. THE RANGE OF REINFORCEMENT SIZE AND SPACING VARIES FROM #7@12" TO #11@6".

8. THE ELEVATION OF THE TOP OF CONCRETE IS BASED ON LOCATION AND DESIGN REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FLOORS.

9. THE DESIGN OF THE FINS VARIES AT LOCATIONS NEAR OPENINGS, PENETRATIONS, AND OTHER OBSTRUCTIONS AND DUE TO ATTACHMENTS TO THE FINS AND FLOOR PLATES.

10. THE CENTER LINE LOCATION OF THE SHEAR STUDS MAY VARY FROM THAT OF THE FINS.

UFSAR Figure 3H.5-9 (Sheet 3 of 3), Auxiliary Building Finned Floor – Revise the information to add Notes as shown below.



NOTES:

1. THE SHEAR STUD DESIGN SHOWN IS FOR LOCATIONS AWAY FROM OPENINGS, PENETRATIONS, EMBEDMENTS, AND OTHER OBSTRUCTIONS.

2. THE DESIGN OF THE FINS VARIES AT LOCATIONS NEAR OPENINGS, PENETRATIONS, AND OTHER OBSTRUCTIONS AND DUE TO ATTACHMENTS TO THE FINS AND FLOOR PLATES.

3. THE CENTER LINE LOCATION OF THE SHEAR STUDS MAY VARY FROM THAT OF THE FINS.