

DESIGN FEATURES

DESIGN PRESSURE AND TEMPERATURE

- 5.2.2 The Reactor Containment building is designed and shall be maintained for a maximum internal pressure of 55 psig and a temperature of 281°F.

5.3 REACTOR CORE

FUEL ASSEMBLIES

- 5.3.1 The reactor shall contain 177 fuel assemblies. Each assembly shall consist of a matrix of Zircaloy-4 clad fuel rods with an initial composition of natural or slightly enriched uranium dioxide (UO_2) as fuel material, with a maximum enrichment of 4.2 weight percent U-235. Limited substitutions of stainless steel filler rods for fuel rods, in accordance with approved applications of fuel rod configurations, may be used. Fuel assemblies shall be limited to those fuel designs that have been analyzed with applicable NRC Staff approved codes and methods and shown by tests or analyses to comply with all fuel safety design bases. Each fuel rod shall have a nominal active fuel length of 144 inches and shall contain a maximum total weight of 2253 grams uranium.

CONTROL RODS

- 5.3.2 The reactor core shall contain 60 safety and regulating (including extended life control rods) and 8 axial power shaping (APSR) control rods. Except for the extended life control rods, the safety and regulating control rods shall contain a nominal 134 inches of absorber material. The extended life control rods shall contain a nominal 139 inches of absorber material. The nominal values of absorber material shall be 80 percent silver, 15 percent indium, and 5 percent cadmium. Except for the extended life control rods, all control rods shall be clad with stainless steel tubing. The extended life control rods shall be clad with Inconel. The APSRs shall contain a nominal 63 inches of absorber material at their lower ends. The absorber material for the APSRs shall be 100% Inconel.