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## General Comment

Chief Erwin,

The approach of a generic EIS for advanced reactors is an appropriate strategy for regulating these reactors. Although the advanced reactors have different characteristics, the majority of them share inherently safe characteristics that enable a generic environmental impact statement process.

Based on the experience of the NRC with licensing existing operating reactors and the past operating experience of analogous reactor types in the USA, it is within the capabilities of the NRC to conduct a generic EIS process. Additionally, any knowledge gaps are already being pursued with the NRC with assistance as needed by the Department of Energy national laboratories and U.S. universities.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.