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AP1000 Overview

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AP1000 Design Overview

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- Overview of Reactor Pressure Vessel (RPV) Design Specification
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3. Steel Containment
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   Cooling Water Tank
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7. Reactor Vessel
8. Integrated Head Package
9. Pressurizer
10. Main Control Room
11. Feedwater Pumps
12. Turbine Generator
AP1000 Design Overview

• Background / Design Certification / Licensing / Overall Features
• Reactor Core and Vessel Design (core, control rods)
• Reactor Coolant System (2 loops, seal-less RCPs)*
• Passive Safety Systems (one-time valve actuation)*
• Non-Safety Defense-in-Depth Systems (previously safety systems)
• I&C Systems (2 digital I&C w/data highway, AMSAC replacement)*
• Miscellaneous Plant Information
• AP1000 Classification System Overview
AP1000 Investment in Technology

- Extensive Testing of Passive Safety Systems
- US Licensing Approval
- PRA and Severe Accident Mitigation Features
- Simplified Passive Safety Systems
- Proven Advanced Design Features
- Modular Construction
- Reduced Components and Commodities
- Short Construction Schedule
AP1000 - Key Design Features

- Integrated Power Plant Design (NSSS and BOP designs) – 60 yr plant life
- Proven Power-Producing Components (reactor, fuel, etc.)
- Simplified RCS – 2 loops (SGs) with 4 seal-less reactor coolant pumps
- Simplified Passive Safety Systems
- Simplified Non-Safety, Defense-in-Depth (DID) Systems
- Microprocessor, Digital-Technology-Based I&C
- Advanced / Compact Control Room / Electronic Operator Interface
- Optimized Plant Arrangement - Construction, Operation, Maintenance, Safety, Cost
- Extensive Use of Modular Construction – Shorter Construction Schedule
AP1000 Simplifications Drive Economics and Construction Schedule

- 50% Fewer Valves
- 35% Fewer Pumps
- 80% Less Pipe
- 45% Less Seismic Building Volume
- 85% Less Cable
AP1000 is Smaller and Dramatically Simpler than Evolutionary Plants
AP1000 Design Overview

- For the Power Generation Function, AP1000 is a typical Westinghouse PWR with advances in materials and components
  - Fuel
  - Reactor Coolant Loop
  - Pumps
  - Plant Controls
  - Reactor Vessel
  - Steam Generators
  - Turbine

- Reactor Safety Functions are achieved without using any safety-related AC power (accident mitigation without diesel generator operation)
  - Battery Powered Valve Actuation
  - Natural Circulation
  - Compressed gasses (nitrogen, air)
  - Condensation
  - Evaporation

- Passive safety systems actuated by simple, reliable valve position changes. System performance was proven by extensive testing approved by the NRC
AP1000 Design Overview

- Typical PWR safety active systems and safety support systems exist as simplified non-safety systems located in non-safety building structures:
  - Diesels
  - Chilled Water
  - Component Cooling
  - Spent Fuel Cooling
  - Diesel Support Systems
    (Fuel Oil, HVAC)
  - Instrument Air
  - Hot Water (heating)
  - Essential Service Water
  - Residual Heat Removal
  - Startup Feedwater
    (replaces Auxiliary Feedwater)

- There are no safety-related pumps in the plant and no safety-related ventilation systems.

- The non-safety active systems are credited in the PRA, but are not required for reactor safety and are not required to achieve NRC required CDF.

- Severe accident scenarios are mitigated by In-Vessel Retention (IVR) of the melted fuel (the core is retained in a cooled reactor vessel).
Proven AP1000 Major Components

- **Fuel, Internals, Reactor Vessel**
  - 14-foot XL core (Doel / Tihange / S. Texas)
  - Gray rods / rapid power reduction system
  - 3-loop RV w/ CE shroud / 18-month cycle
  - No bottom-mounted instrumentation

- **Steam Generators (inconel 690 TT tubes)**
  - Similar to large W/CE SGs in operation
    - System 80, ANO RSG
    - 1200 MWe / 2 SGs instead of 4 SGs

- **Reactor Coolant Pumps**
  - Seal-less pumps, no shaft seals, intermittent CVS operation
    - Early commercial reactors (Shippingport, Yankee Rowe) / extensive experience
    - Variable speed (start at ~20% speed)
    - 2 RCPs per SG w/ no cross-over leg

- **Pressurizer**
  - About 50% larger than operating plants

- **Simplified Main Loop**
AP1000 Reactor Coolant Pump

- Pump Casing
- Pump Diffuser
- Pump Impeller
- Thermal Barrier
- Flywheel
- Motor Rotor
- Motor Stator
- Radial Bearings
- Thrust Bearings
Passive Safety Features

- **Passive Safety Equipment Design**
  - Reliable, experienced based, nuclear grade equipment
  - Design to ASME, Seismic I, full fire / flood / wind protection
  - Availability controlled by Technical Specification with shutdown requirements
    - Technical Specification surveillance requirements reference Inservice Testing program
  - Reliability controlled by Inservice Inspection, Inservice Testing, and maintenance programs
Passive Safety Features

● **Residual Heat Removal**
  – Natural circulation heat exchanger connected to reactor coolant system

● **Safety Injection**
  – Natural circulation / gravity drain core makeup tanks (at reactor coolant system pressure)
  – Nitrogen pressurized accumulators (700 psig / ~50 Kg/cm)
Passive Safety Features

● Containment Isolation
  – Prevents or limits escape of fission products that may result from postulated accidents.

● Gravity drain refueling water storage tank (at containment pressure)
  – Automatic transition to gravity recirculation (at containment pressure)
  – Automatic depressurization valves (6 from pressurizer / 4 from hot legs)
Passive Safety Features

● Containment Cooling
  – Natural circulation of air / evaporation of water on outside surface of steel containment vessel

● Radiation Removal from Containment Atmosphere
  – Natural circulation / removal mechanisms

● Main Control Room Habitability
  – Compressed air pressurization of main control room envelope
AP1000 BOP Design

- Single Turbine-Generator
  - 1 - HP, 3 - LPs
  - 2 Moisture-Separator Reheaters
- 3 Condensers and 3 (50%) Condensate Pumps
  - 4 LP Feedwater Heating Stages
- 1 De-aerator / Storage Tank
AP1000 Compact Control Room
Advanced Control Room
AP1000 Provides Safety Protection

- **U. S. NRC Requirements**: $1 \times 10^{-4}$
- **Current Plants**: $5 \times 10^{-5}$
- **US Utility Requirements**: $1 \times 10^{-5}$
- **AP1000 Results**: $4 \times 10^{-7}$

Core Damage Frequency per Year
AP1000 General Arrangement

- **Maintenance / Inspection**
  - Improved Larger containment diameter
  - Increased laydown area inside containment
  - Access platforms provided for equipment maintenance / inspection

- **Improved Access to Containment**
  - Equipment hatch(s) access from auxiliary building
  - Equipment hatches and personnel airlocks at both grade and operating deck levels

- **Improved Separation**
  - Radioactive vs nonradioactive
  - Fire areas, especially inside containment
  - Safety vs nonsafety
CVS Equipment Module
AP1000 Classification Overview

- Safety and seismic classification of plant structures, systems, and components (SSCs)
  - Safety-related functions are protected during design basis events
    - Maintain reactor coolant pressure boundary integrity
    - Establish and maintain safe shutdown of the reactor
    - Prevent or mitigate the consequences of accidents that could result in potential offsite exposures comparable to 10 CFR 100 limits
AP1000 Seismic Classification

● Safety-Related SSCs (Seismic C-I)
  – Withstand appropriate seismic loads and other applicable loads without loss of function AND protected from adjacent non-seismic structures

● Nonsafety-Related SSCs (Seismic C-II)
  – Preclude nonsafety-related SSC structural failure or interaction with C-I SSCs which could unacceptably degrade safety-related structure SSC, or cause incapacitating injury to main control room occupants

● Nonsafety-Related SSCs (Non-Seismic)
  – Non-seismic SSCs are those that are not classified C-I or C-II
AP1000 Safety Classification

- Conforms to 10 CFR 50.55a for the development of a Quality Group classification and the use of codes and standards
- Developed considering requirements and guidelines of:
  - ANSI N18.2 (Reference 1) – Safety Classification
  - ANS 51.1 (Reference 2) – Safety Classification
  - Regulatory Guide 1.26 – Quality Groups
  - Regulatory Guide 1.97 – Instrumentation Requirements
  - 10 CFR 21, Reporting of Defects and Noncompliance
AP1000 Safety Classification

- **Safety-Related Classes A/B/C**
  - Equivalent to ANS Safety Class 1/2/3 for mechanical equipment
  - Equivalent to Class 1E for electrical equipment
  - Seismic Class C-1

- **Class A (ANS Class 1)**
  - Reactor coolant system pressure boundary
  - Includes isolation valves and mechanical supports
  - Provides highest integrity and lowest leakage probability
AP1000 Safety Related SSCs

● Class B (ANS Class 2)
  – Limits leakage of radioactive material from containment following a design basis accident
  – Fission product barrier or primary containment radioactive material holdup or isolation

● Class C (ANS Class 3)
  – Other safety-related functions required to mitigate design basis accidents / events and NOT in Class A/B
  – Minor leakage will not prevent Class C structures, systems, and components from meeting the safety-related function
AP1000 Safety Classification

- **Class D - Nonsafety-Related SSCs**
  - SSC containing radioactivity
  - SSCs that act to prevent unnecessary actuation of passive safety systems
  - Some additional requirements on procurement, inspection, or monitoring beyond other nonsafety-related class requirements
  - 10CFR50 Appendix B / 10CFR21 do NOT apply

- **Other Nonsafety-Related SSCs**
  - SSCs NOT covered in the above classes
  - Have no safety-related functions to perform
  - Do NOT contain sufficient radioactive material that a release could exceed applicable limits
AP1000 RPV Design Requirements

- ASME and ANS codes and standards
- Electric Power Research Institute
  - ALWR Utility Requirements Document
- Welding Research Council bulletins
- ASTM Standards
- NRC requirements:
  - U.S. Code of Federal Regulations,
  - NRC Orders, NRC Regulatory Guides
  - NRC NUREG publications
AP1000 RPV Design Specification - 1

- Sections 3.0 and 4.0 – Functional Description
  - provide a functional description of the RPV
  - define all of the safety, design and seismic classifications

- Sections 5.0 and 6.0 - Design and Analysis
  - define the design and analysis boundaries for the RPV
  - establish the design requirements and parameters for completing the analysis and Design Report
Section 7.0 - Material

- selection of ASME materials for pressure boundary, structural parts, and items of RPV
- detailed requirements for Alloy 690 material with optimized resistance to PWSCC
- special limits on beltline material residual elements to minimize radiation damage effects
- other material requirements beyond Section III requirements and the requirements of the applicable ASME materials specification from Section II of the Code
Sections 8.2 - Fabrication

- special fabrication processing requirements in more detail than provided by NB-4000
- additional controls are imposed on:
  - welding processes
  - selection of weld filler materials
  - post-weld heat treatment requirements
  - other special processes
    - thermal cutting and cleaning procedures
Section 8.3 – Examination
- addresses examination requirements for RPV materials and welds
  - for compliance with Code requirements
  - other industry standards for examinations in addition to the Section III examinations

Section 8.4 – Testing
- additional testing requirements include material testing beyond minimum Code requirements
  - such as fracture mechanics tests
Section 8.5 – Surveillance Program
- defines type and quantity of materials to be provided with the RPV
  - machined into specimens
  - installed in surveillance capsule in RPV to monitor response of beltline materials to fluence over lifetime of plant

Section 8.6 – Archive Materials
- materials retained as contingency, in event that additional testing or characterization of material is needed to resolve an issue during the course of plant operation
• Pre-service and In-service Inspection
  – techniques, procedures and personnel qualification requirements used to perform PSI are required to be the same as those that will be used to perform the ISI during operation
  – current Section XI performance based requirements for RPV PSI/ISI use sophisticated automated systems with computerized data acquisition systems
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● **Section 9.0 – Quality Assurance**
  – Subpart 1 of NQA-1-94
    – (equivalent to NQA-1-89 edition and up to the 1992 Addenda)
    – number of other aspects of NQA-1-94 Subpart 2
      (formerly NQA-2)
      – cleaning, cleanliness criteria
      – packaging, shipping, handling requirements
    – Fabricator oversight

● **Section 10.0 – Packaging and Shipping**
  – addresses preparation for shipment of the RPV
Summary and Conclusion

- **AP1000 Key Features**
  - 2 Loop Reactor Coolant System
    - Seal-less pumps
  - Passive Safety Systems
  - Non-Safety Defense-in-Depth Systems
    - previously safety systems
  - Digital I&C Systems with data highway

- **AP100 Meets requirements of:**
  - ASME and ANS codes and standards
  - Regulatory requirements
  - Other industry requirements
Questions