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Comments on the Licensing Framework for Small Modular Reactors

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Licensing of Light Water Reactors - Landmarks



- Framework for Safety Analysis
 - From conservative (Appendix K type) to best estimate
 - From few limit cases to spectrum of postulated initiating events
 - Uncertainty analysis
- Standard Format and Content of Safety Analysis Report
- Concept of Safety Barriers
- Concept of Defense in Depth
- Deterministic Safety Analysis
- Probabilistic Safety Analysis

Development of licensing Framework of LWR





Severe Accidents

- Three Mile Island
- Chernobyl
- Fukushima Daiichi

Extensive research followed

- Larger spectrum of initiating events
- Consideration for plant states beyond the design basis, accident management
- Design extension conditions considering core damage

Development of computer codes

- Based on knowledge of accident spectrum
- Experiments
- Identification of physical phenomena

Licensing strongly technology specific



- Licensing framework developed together with the technology
- High level principles apply also to very different reactor designs
- Derived technological acceptance criteria and analysis framework is strongly tied to light water reactor
- SMR based on light water reactor technology might meet the close time targets
- For very new design concepts of SMR the path to a licensing framework, as we have it for LWR, will take time