



RISE

Probabilistic Safety Assessment and Management (PSAM)



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DEVELOPMENT OF AN ENTERPRISE DIGITAL PLATFORM FOR RISK-INFORMED DESIGN

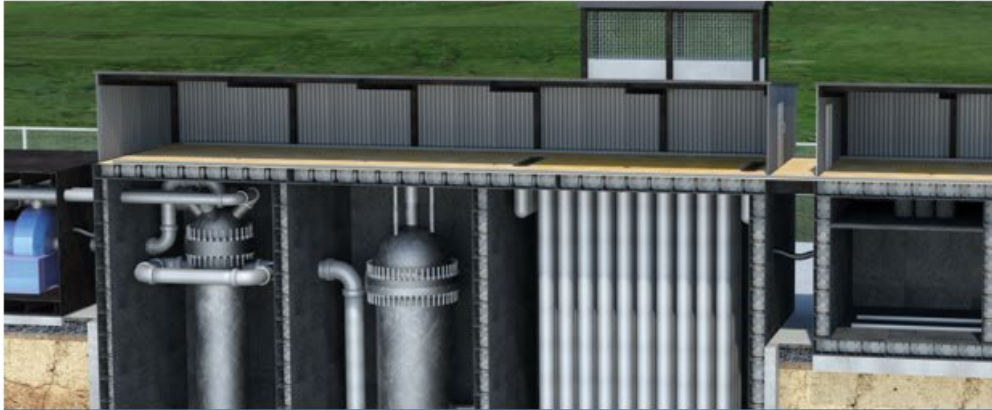
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DOE Advanced Reactor Demonstration Program Is Transforming Paper Reactors into Real Reactors



Paper Reactor

- Simple, Small, Cheap, Light
- Little Development required
- Can be built Quickly
- “Off the shelf” components
- Flexible Purpose
- Study Phase



Real Reactor

- Being Built Now
- Long Build time
- Behind Schedule
- Expensive, Large, Heavy, Complicated
- Development on seemingly Trivial Items

How can we facilitate adoption of risk-informed approach to define ‘safety case’ without burden with higher regulatory risks and licensing costs?

THE NPP SAFETY CASE PROBLEM



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Development and maintenance of power plants 'safety case' for both old and new NPPs remains cumbersome, expensive and inconsistent across the industry.

Hard to introduce new tools, methods and deploy new technologies timely.



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Installed NPP struggles to compete with other energy sources.

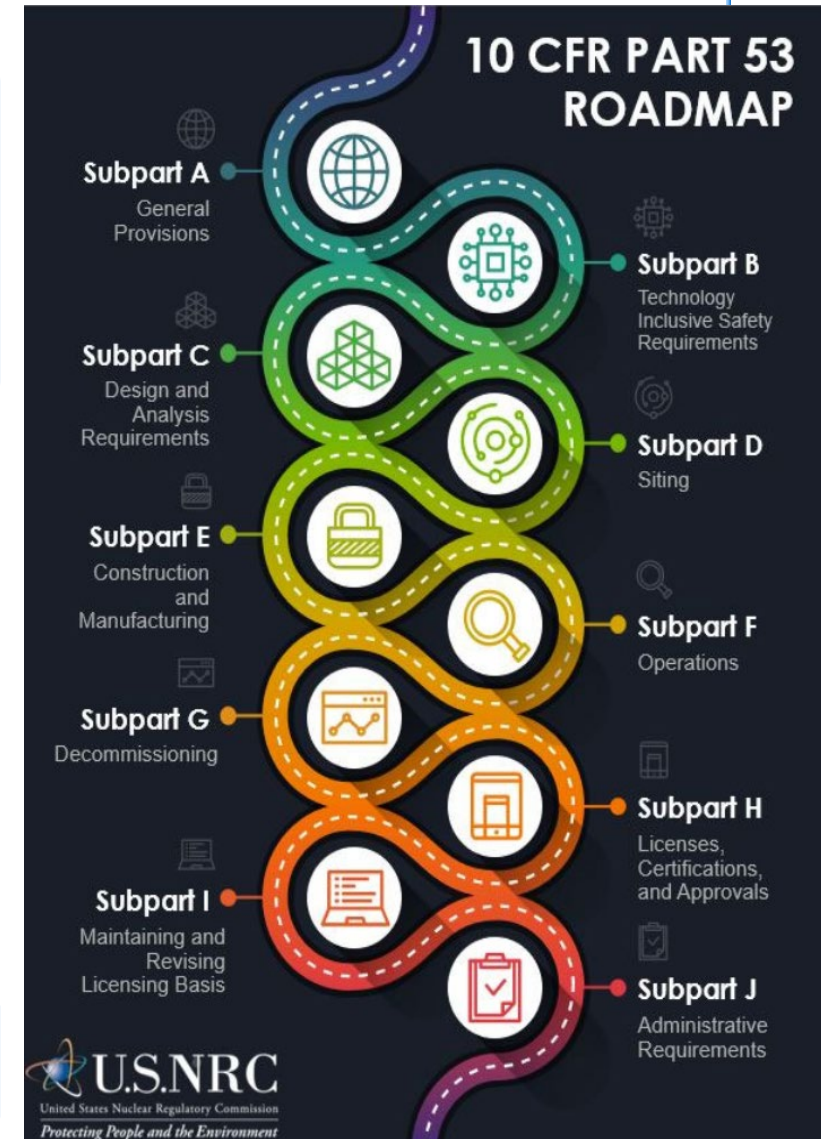
Licensing and deploying advanced reactors is still an uphill battle despite initiatives to 'smooth' the ride (Licensing Modernization Process).

The Licensing Modernization Project

- In July 2020, the USNRC approves new approach to streamline advanced reactor licensing process → 10 CFR Part 53
- A roadmap for its implementation was published by NEI in the report NEI 18-04, Revision 1
- Several Advanced Reactor developers participated in demonstrating possible implementation of the roadmap as part of the DOE-sponsored Licensing Modernization Project (LMP)

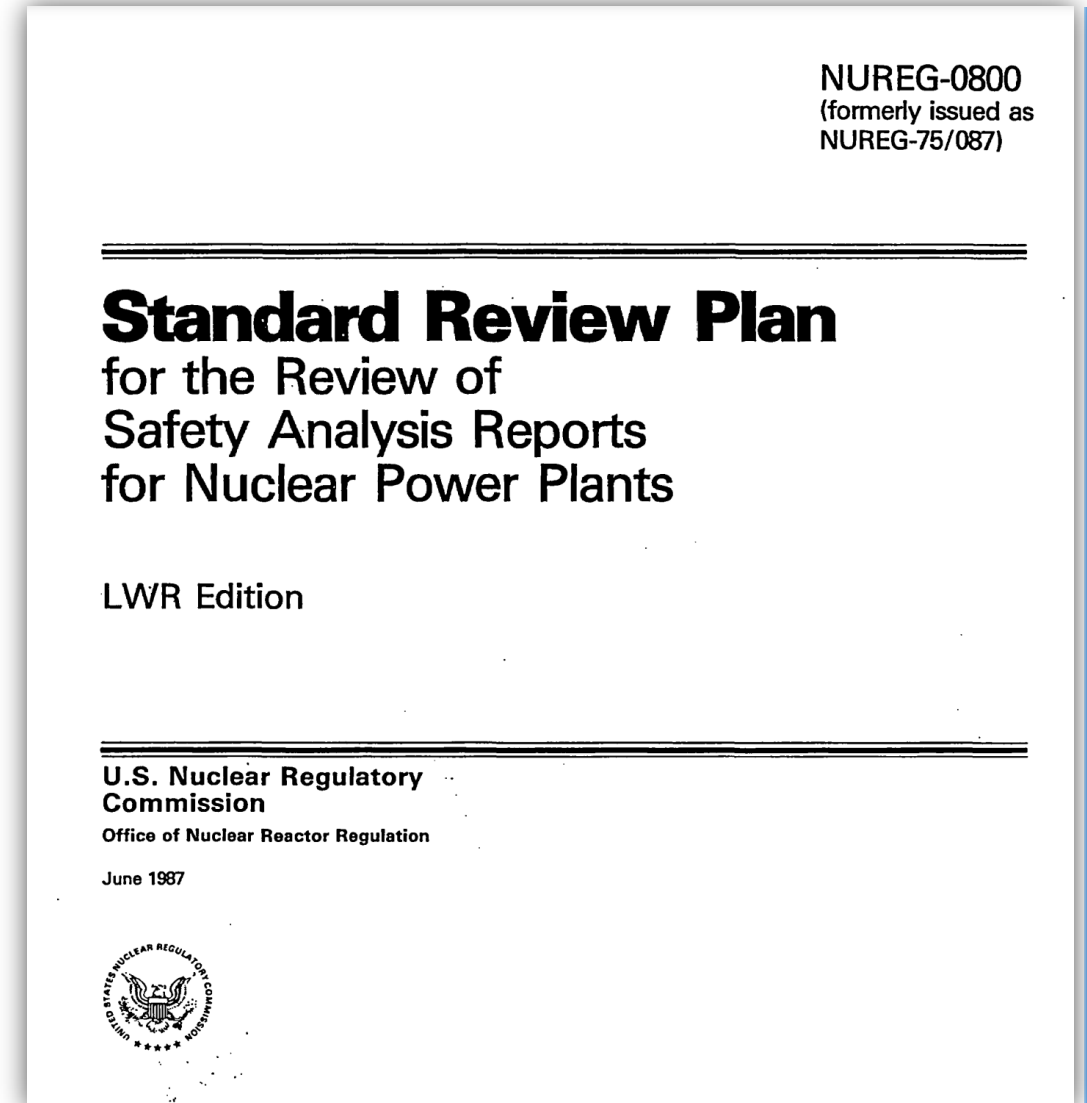


Still, many AR developers are not fully adopting Part 53!
Why??



Risk-Informed, what does it mean?

- Risk quantification boils down to answering these questions:
 - What can go wrong?
 - How likely is it?
 - What are consequences?
- Two approaches used to answer those questions:
 - Deterministic (sometime called bounding)
 - Risk-Informed
- Safety arguments can be qualitative or quantitative
 - Quantitative arguments can be deterministic or probabilistic
- Historically a deterministic approach is at the basis of the Standard Review Plan (NUREG-0800)
 - Definition of maximum credible accident/s (MCA)
 - Layers of conservative assumptions (e.g. single-failure)
 - PRA performed as 'confirmatory' step



Risk-Informed: Drivers

- USNRC trends to stronger and more risk-informed regulation
 - Performance-based
 - Technology-neutral
 - Enhanced transparency
- The Licensing Modernization Project (LMP) was the basis for NEI 18-04 roadmap
- However, industry and rulemaking is moving toward a more flexible ‘graded’ approach
 - An applicant may choose a PRA “leading approach”, as articulated in NEI 18-04.
 - Another may opt for a “confirmatory/supporting” role, more in line with the previous Part 52.
- The choice is based on the specificity of a particular technology aiming to the most efficient definition of the “safety case”
- **Industry opinion is that for very simple designs, PRA may not provide any practical benefit over alternative methods considered for the definition of the safety case**



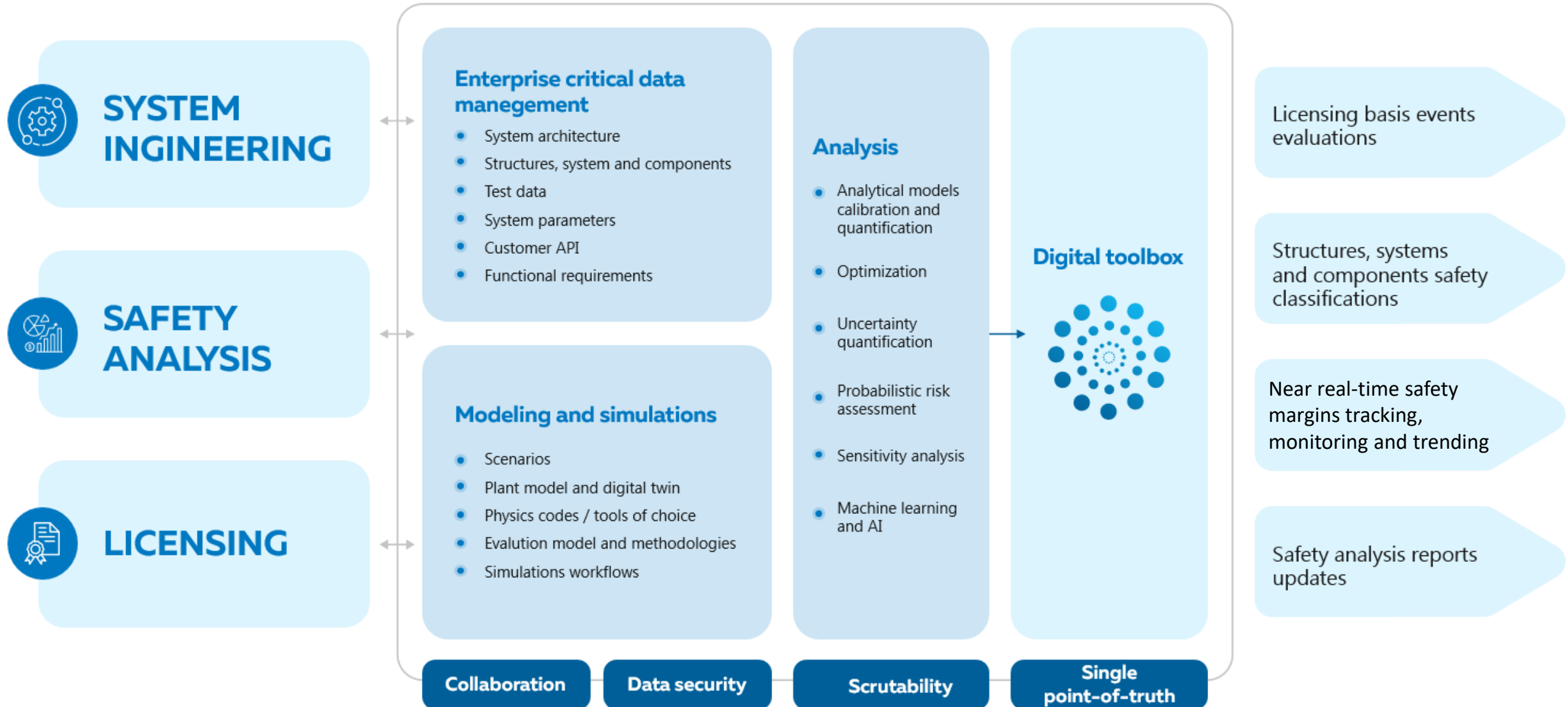


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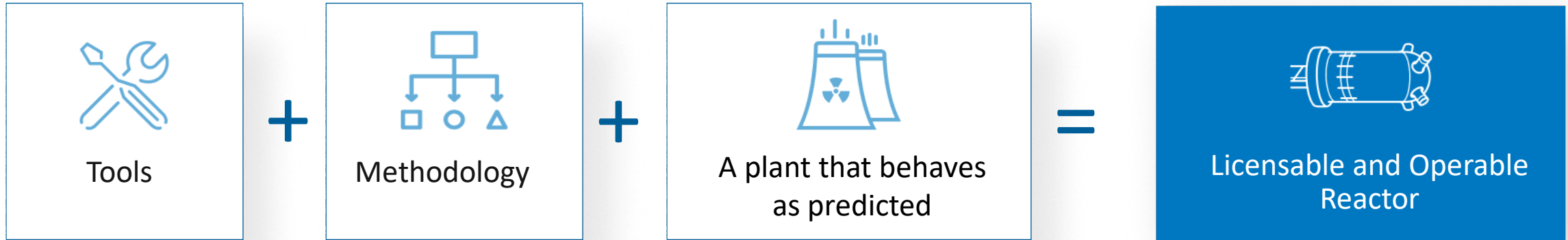
Our solution to help advanced reactor developers to orchestrate the complexities associated with implementing a risk-informed design process while reducing design cycle and costs

1. Create a collaborative environment for engineering teams and stakeholders within their organization as they build the 'safety case' for their plant
2. Digest large and complex data structures needed to characterize the engineered safety features and relationships with scenarios and events
3. Optimize design to satisfy safety and economics goals
4. Guide analysts through complex workflows of simulations, data processing and qualification, analyses, and documentation
5. Maximize the value of enterprise technical data with enhanced security and process automation
6. Automate the creation of documentation and smart procedures for quality, transparency and expedited regulatory review
7. Provide a platform for maintaining the safety case throughout the life of the plant
8. Fit seamlessly within established processes of the organization

RISE Enterprise Solution



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RISK-INFORMED DESIGN

Optimized design and safety margin characterization

SAFETY ANALYSES

Credible and defensible defensible safety case

LICENSING

Transparent/scrutable safety case for rapid licensing and deployment

Maintainable during the operation

1. Condition monitoring and impact to risk profile
2. Automation
3. Optimize operation
4. Digital Twin



- Ability to import the engineering data (plant description) into the database
- Program the risk-informed methodology in the framework
- Orchestrate the activities around building and documenting the safety case of the target plant/design
 - Design Requirements
 - SSCs design parameters
 - Hazards identification and analysis
 - Modeling and simulation of events
 - SSCs safety classification
 - Defense-in-depth demonstration

The image displays three screenshots of the FPoliAAP software interface. The top screenshot shows the 'Nuclear Power Plants' table with columns for Plant Name, Plant Type, Operating Licensee, Operation Start, Rated Power (MWT), Uprated Power (MWT), Status, DBID, and DBRV. A 'Special Actions' menu is highlighted, showing 'Open RISE Dashboard' and 'Status/Security Analysis'. The middle screenshot shows the 'Integrated Risk Against Cumulative Metrics for Toy Plant' table with columns for Target, Metric Definition, Units, Regulatory Gui., RISE Estimated Value, Acceptable?, and Comment. The bottom screenshot shows the 'RISE Dashboard' for 'Toy Plant' with a summary of 5 Event Sequences, 5 ESFs, and 5 LBEs. Below this is a table for 'LBES Classification for Toy Plant' and an 'F-C Chart for Toy Plant LBES' showing the failure frequency per plant year on a log scale.

Plant Name	Plant Type	Operating Licensee	Operation Start	Rated Power (MWT)	Uprated Power (MWT)	Status	DBID	DBRV
Demo_Plant	PWR	TJ	Thursday			PRE	1	8
dev-plant-1						PRE	2	1
dev-plant-2						PRE	3	1
Toy Plant						PRE	4	1

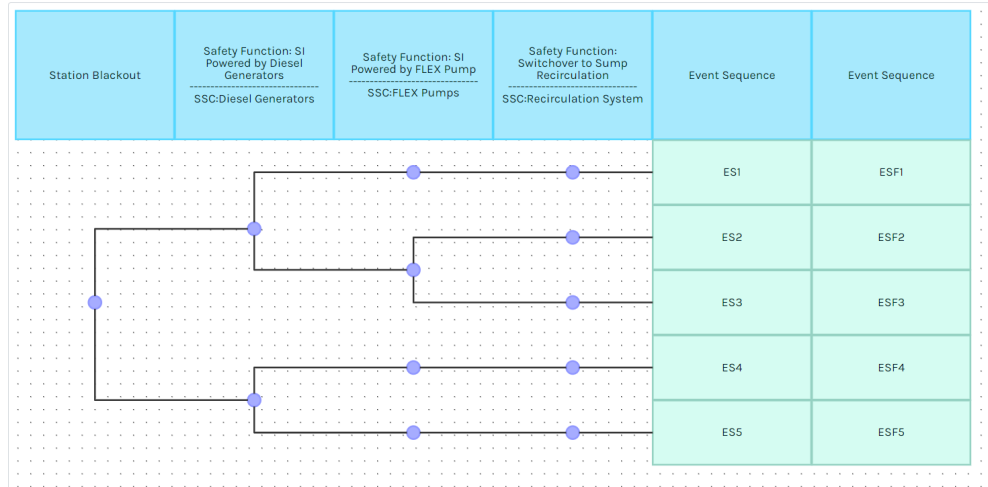
Target	Metric Definition	Units	Regulatory Gui.	RISE Estimated Value	Acceptable?	Comment
Cumulative Dose Exceedance Frequency	Total frequency of exceeding site boundary dose of 10...	1/plant-year	1.0	1.0E-7	Yes	Will be th
Cumulative Early Fatality Risk	Average individual risk of early fatality within 1 miles ...	1/plant-year	5.0E-7			
Cumulative Latent Fatality Risk	Average individual risk of latent cancer fatalities with...	1/plant-year	2.0E-6			

Plant	Event Sequences Family	ACD	DBE	DBIDB	Status	DBID	DBRV
Toy Plant	ESF4	false	false	true	PRE	1	1
Toy Plant	ESF2	false	false	true	PRE	2	1
Toy Plant	ESF3	false	false	true	PRE	3	1
Toy Plant	ESF1	false	false	true	PRE	4	1
Toy Plant	ESF5	false	false	true	PRE	5	1

F-C Chart for Toy Plant LBES

RISE Visualizations: Event Tree Diagram

Plant & Initiating Event: Toy Plant; Station Blackout



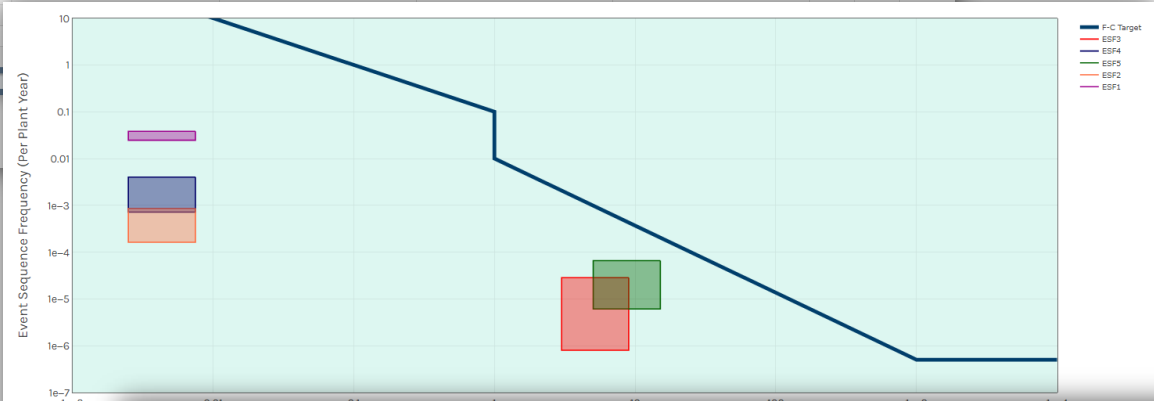
RISE Dashboard

Toy Plant

5 Event Sequences → 5 ESFs → 5 LBEs

LBEs Classification for Toy Plant

Plant	Event Sequences Family	AOO	DBE	BDBE	Status	DBID	DBRV
Toy Plant	ESF5	false	false	true	PRE	3	1
Toy Plant	ESF3	false	false	true	PRE	1	1



Event Frequency Distributions Metadata

View Mode

Plant Name: Toy Plant

Cumulative Distribution Name: Station Blackout ESF1 Extended

Quantity: frequency

Units: 1/plant-year

Frequency Min. Value: 0.01836

Frequency Max. Value: 0.04384

Frequency CCDF: 0.01836

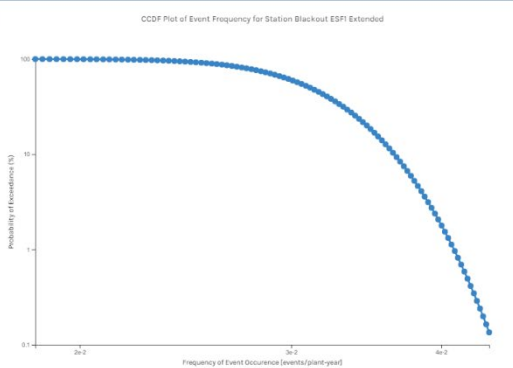
Frequency of Event Occurrence: 99.87

Probability of Exceeding Frequency (%): 99.84

Frequency of Event Occurrence: 0.01861

Probability of Exceeding Frequency (%): 99.84

Frequency of Event Occurrence: 0.01887



Integrated Risk Against Cumulative Metrics for Toy Plant

Target	Metric Definition	Units	Regulatory Guidance	RISE Estimated Value	Acceptable?	Comment	Status	DBID	DBRV
Cumulative Dose Exceedance Frequency	Total frequency of exceeding site boundary dose of 10...	1/plant-year	1.0	0	Yes		PRE	1	38
Cumulative Early Fatality Risk	Average individual risk of early fatality within 1 miles...	1/plant-year	5.0E-7	0.000000432999999999999999	Yes		PRE	2	38
Cumulative Latent Fatality Risk	Average individual risk of latent cancer fatalities with...	1/plant-year	2.0E-6	0.000000662999999999999999	Yes		PRE	3	38

LBEs Associations and Safety Functions for Toy Plant

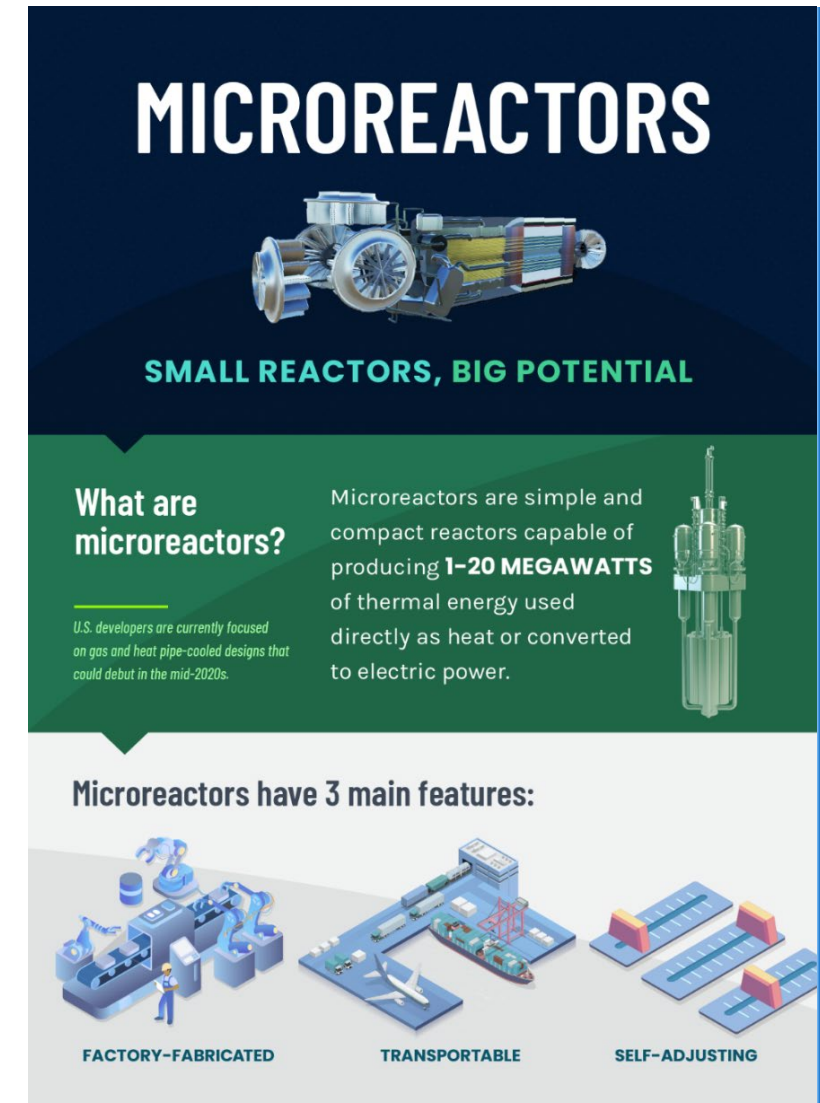
Safety Function ID	Description	Safety Layer	Associative SSCs	Is Function Required?	Significant to DID?	Significant to CCDF?	Significant to LBE?
Deliver Minimum FLEX Flow	Maintain RCS inventory with FLEX	Layer 2	[{"ssc_name": "FLEX Pumps"}]	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Deliver Minimum SI Flow	Maintain RCS inventory with LPSI flows	Layer 1	[{"ssc_name": "SI Pumps"}]	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Deploy FLEX Pumps within Maximum Time	Ensure that FLEX pumps are delivering flows to the R...	Layer 2	[{"ssc_name": "FLEX Pumps"}]	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Power SI with Diesel Generators	Provide power to the LPSI with DGs	Layer 1	[{"ssc_name": "Diesel Generators"}]	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Provide SI with FLEX Pumps	Power SI with FLEX equipment	Layer 1	[{"ssc_name": "FLEX Pumps"}]	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Repair DG within Maximum Time	Complete repairs on the DG in time	Layer 3	[{"ssc_name": "Diesel Generators"}]	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Switchover to Sump Recirculation	The purpose is to maintain a coolant medium around...	Layer 3	[{"ssc_name": "Recirculation System"}]	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

A Use Case: Risk-Informed a Microreactor Design

A customer needs an agile infrastructure to build the safety case for an innovative transportable micro-reactor

Compliance with drafted 10 CFR Part 53 is desired, but for more agility the customer wants to leverage inherent passive features of their design to strengthen the safety case, minimize regulatory burden and enable rapid prototyping and deployment.

Deamand: *“In a very short time deliver a quality-assured analysis conforming to NEI 18-04 (Rev 1) Risk-Informed Performance-Based Technology Guidance for a Non-Light Water Reactors”*



MICROREACTORS

SMALL REACTORS, BIG POTENTIAL

What are microreactors?

U.S. developers are currently focused on gas and heat pipe-cooled designs that could debut in the mid-2020s.

Microreactors are simple and compact reactors capable of producing **1-20 MEGAWATTS** of thermal energy used directly as heat or converted to electric power.

Microreactors have 3 main features:

- FACTORY-FABRICATED**
- TRANSPORTABLE**
- SELF-ADJUSTING**