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CAP 1400 Independent Verification & Validation

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Why Independent Verification & Validation (IV&V)?

- The consequences from a severe accident at a nuclear power plant can be unacceptably large
 - Loss of life, injury
 - Damage to the environment
 - Property loss
 - Remediation costs
 - Fines
 - Damage to reputation

Why IV&V?

- The CAP1400 program is extending the reactor design significantly beyond its AP600 roots
 - Safety margins were reduced when the AP600 was scaled up to the AP1000
 - How much safety margin remains?
 - How much safety margin is adequate?
 - Will the CAP1400 operate safely?

Why IV&V?

- The CAP1400 is first of its kind
 - new design, beyond state-of-the-art
 - lacks a long-term operating record
 - data and analyses cannot be 100% accurate (uncertainties exist)
 - decisions and interpretations have a significant impact on performance
- How can safety be assured?

Why IV&V?

- IV&V is an in-depth critique of data, assumptions, calculations, uncertainties, extrapolations, alternate interpretations, methodology, acceptance criteria, and conclusions
- IV&V confirms the adequacy of work
- IV&V relies on people with technical expertise representing the spectrum of knowledge and experience in the subject to be reviewed
- IV&V reviewers are independent from the work being reviewed

Why IV&V?

- Increases confidence and acceptance by the scientific community, governmental bodies, and public
- Considered critical to establishing a reliable body of research and knowledge
- Passes judgment on technical adequacy
- Identifies aspects that are incorrect or need amplification
- Catches errors and weaknesses before they are implemented in a design

Without IV&V risk of failure is increased

Value of IV&V

- Relies on the independence and qualifications of the reviewers
- Sandia is uniquely qualified to lead IV&V of CAP1400, for example
 - Sandia conducting AP1000 accident progression analyses using MELCOR for another customer
 - Sandia concerned scaling AP1000 may affect heat flux through reactor vessel to passive cooling system

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IV&V of the CAP1400*