Improved Safety and Economics with ATF and Higher Efficiency Fuels

Commission Meeting - Overview of Accident Tolerant Fuel Activities

Neil Wilmshurst Chief Nuclear Officer & Vice President, Nuclear

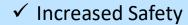
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Benefits of ATF

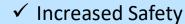


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- ✓ Increased Maneuverability
- ✓ Increased Flexibility

DEPLOYMENT



The missing factor to implementation



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Transformative Benefits: Combining ATF & Higher Burnup/Higher Enrichment

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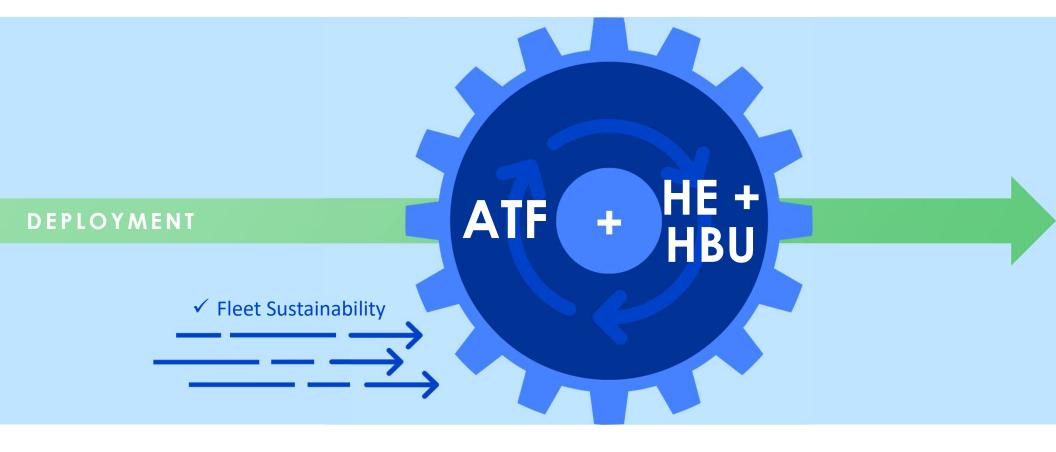
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- ✓ Better Fuel Utilization
- ✓ Improved Fuel Efficiency
- ✓ Operational Flexibility
- ✓ Reduced Reload Costs
- ✓ Reduced Waste
- ✓ Longer Cycle Lengths



Combining ATF & Higher Burnup/Higher Enrichment > DEPLOYMENT



EPRI's Role

R&D Across the Entire Fuel Cycle to Inform and Accelerate Understanding



Accident Tolerant Fuel Feasibility Studies



Higher Burnup and Enrichment Feasibility Studies



Technical Workshops

Accelerated Implementation through Cooperative Research

Coated Cladding



Cooperation + Collaboration + Coordination

Key Message from April 2018 Commission Briefing

Year 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

Design & Test Reactor Irradiations & Initial R&D Testing on Qualification Non-Irradiated Samples

Cooldown, Transportation to Hot Cell Facility, & Post Irradation Examination Testing

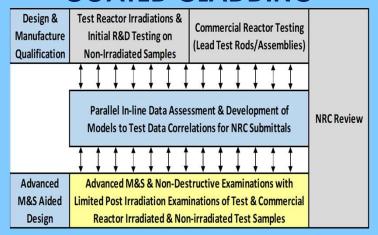
Commercial Reactor Testing (Lead Test Rods/Assemblies)

Data Assessment & Development of Models to Test Data Correlations for NRC Submittals

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Examination Testing

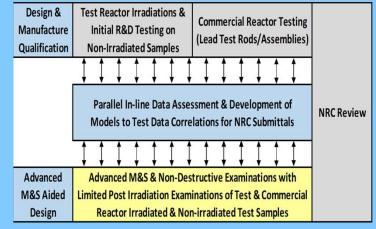
NRC Review

COATED CLADDING

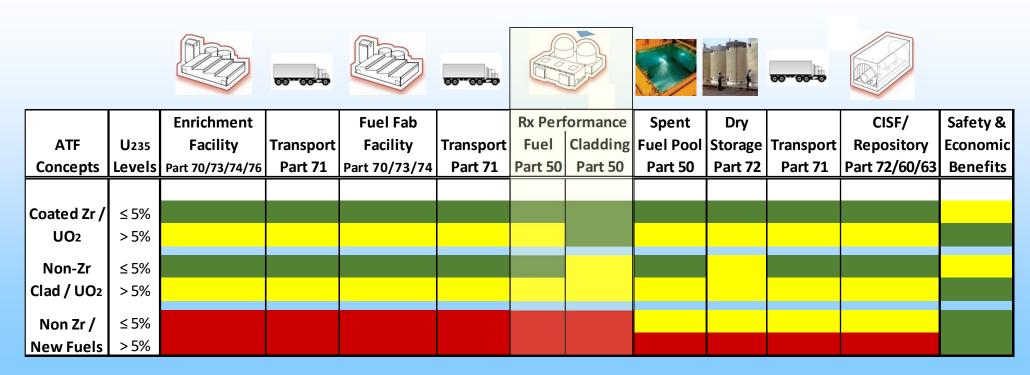




ATF + HE + HBU



Holistic Technical & Regulatory Challenges



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Conclusion





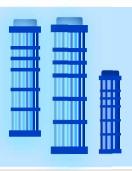
BENEFITS

RESEARCH COORDINATION CRITICAL



AGGRESSIVE timelines BUSINESS & CASE







MORE TRANSFORMATIVE

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BENEFITS

