# PUR-1 — DIGITAL 1&C

**Project Review & Lessons Learned** 

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#### **Reactor Data**

- Materials Test Reactor built in 1962
- Plate Type Fuel Completed LEU Conversion in 2007
- Originally Licensed at 1 kW, Completed 12 kW power uprate with license renewal in October 2016
- Four channels perform neutron flux measurements with two shim safeties and one regulating rod



The reactor went critical at 8:14 P.M.

There is considerable noise in the period circuits. As a result period meters give very little indication of value to the operator.

Mr. Thornburg of the AEC suggests that we compile a/list of safety specifications for the reactor. Some time in the future, it is anticipated that all reactors will be so specified rather than being restricted to hazard to the specification shown in Hazards Reports.



18 Oct 62 0800 Equipment moved back into room. 18 Oct 62 0900 Instrument check OK. Attempted start-up to check set-back and slow scram operation. Noise on 5521 Control circuit resulted in repeated scram and setback. Attempted to find source of hoise unsuccessfully. By 1145 noise had practically Some place Reactor secured. 1595 - STARTED LOOKINGFOR NOISE RECORDERS ON - MAGNET KEY OFF. - CHECK OUT COMPLETED TO ITEM Broken connection found on LCR, Repaired Use-Calib switch Reactor secured 1732. URE

period

Inconducting part A, the/setback meter on channel 1 was set to 20 seconds. Rod number 1 was then energized and withdrawal started. Almost immediately, the period meter went up to 12 or 15 seconds and the setback circuit operated.



There is, evidently, trouble in the drive mechanism or the drive circuits of rod number 1. With magnet current off, the operation of drive number 1 causes period indication in channel 1. In contrast, the operation of the drive of rod number 2 brings about no such influence on channel 1.

The remainder of the morning was spent in attempting to find the source of the noise on the control eut circuit of the shim rod number 1. This was unsuccessful but the noise seemed to disappear of its own accord.



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Both shim rods were returned to lower limit. When withdrawal was started, the behavior of channel 1 was completely normal. It is possible that there was poor contact in some part of the motor circuit of rod number 1 which has disappeared by operation.









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- Functional Requirement Specification
- Hardware & Software Requirement Specification
- Hardware & Software Design Document
- Detector Design Document
- Control System Interface





- Configuration Management
   Plan
- Software Quality Assurance
   Plan
- Software Verification and Validation Plan
- Receiving and Inspection Control





- Factory Acceptance:
  - Control Algorithm Test
  - HMI Function Test
  - Physical Inspection Plan
  - Rod Drop Timing Test
  - System Generation Plan
  - Governing Procedure





- Site Acceptance:
  - Physical InspectionTesting
  - Parallel Installation
  - Hardware IntegrationPlan
  - Final Test Plan



# DOCUMENTATION ...DO THE WORK EARLY EXPECTATIONS



#### **Licensing Approach**

- See presentation on Thursday but...
- Communicate! Communicate!
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- Early (and often) Phase 0
   Meetings First was October
   2015
- Because very proficient in the Interim Staff Guidance to NUREG-1537

- Use the guidance to help your vendor
- Face to face meetings with vendor on site lessen unknowns
- Face to face meetings with regulator increase mutual understanding



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#### **Selected Lessons Learned**

- Leverage advantage of License Amendment Request and abandon historic operational restrictions
- Interview other similar facilities early on to determine best practices and standards
- Carefully track progression of licensing and documentation
- Functional Requirement Specification is the single most important document in the project
- Define institutional metrics and goals to create a system which closely matches facility outlook

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#### **Selected Lessons Learned**

- Walk a mile in the regulator's shoes
- A quality 10 CFR 50.59 can be equally challenging and more risky if there is dissent
- Its EASY to say licensing is difficult, but find a solution!
- Communicate, communicate, communicate, communicate!
- Attempt to minimize other major simultaneous projects





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