Framatome Fuels Integrated Training Program

Framatome is now offering a curriculum of engineering training courses covering all disciplines relevant to fuel design and operation. The courses are tailored to the major plant designs Framatome supports with fuel. The curriculum spans all engineering fields from mechanical fuel design, core nuclear design, and safety analysis and licensing to operational areas where fuel plays a major role (e.g. Crud Risk Analysis).

Courses are segregated into three technical levels to allow customers to get the appropriate level of focus in any fuel-related area. Additionally, all courses follow industry-accepted training practices so that they may be used to satisfy training requirements for many external programs. Framatome’s Fuels Integrated Training program provides the industry with the products and tools necessary to understand and ensure they can most efficiently utilize the nuclear fuel that drives their plants.

Three Tiers

Tier 1
High-level overview of the entire reload licensing process

Tier 2
Mid-level, discipline or process specific overview

Tier 3
Detailed, analyst-level training on focused engineering topics related to licensing or fuel design or performance

Training Features

Instructor-led PowerPoint Presentations

Microsoft OneNote Companion Notebooks

Hands-on Example Problems

Interactive Exercises
Course Offerings

Tier 1 Courses
- B&W Fuel Reload Licensing Process Overview

Tier 2 Courses
- TH Reload Process Overview for CE and Westinghouse Plants
- COBRA-FLX™ Thermal Hydraulic Subchannel Code Overview
- Form Loss Coefficients (FLC)

Tier 3 Courses
- XCOBRA-IIIC Model Development
- Fuel Centerline Melt Limit and Limiting Axial Analysis

Custom courses can be developed upon request.

Example Course Outline

B&W Fuel Reload Licensing Process Overview

**General Description**
This five-day course provides an overview of the entire fuels reload analysis and licensing process for B&W plants (B&W-10179 Methodology). Included is a description of the mechanical fuel design methodology and all elements of the supporting reload licensing analyses spanning neutronics, thermal-hydraulics, thermo-mechanical, and safety analyses.

The course follows the FIT training style of maximizing student engagement through the use of visually impactful training presentations. The training is packaged within an electronic OneNote companion notebook, which contains all training materials facilitating the interactive training experience.

**Course Outline**
- Fuel Assembly/Control Component Mechanical Design and Performance
- Fuel Rod Thermal Mechanical Performance
- Fuel Assembly Structural Analyses
- Core Design and Fuel Cycle Analyses
- Nuclear Analyses
- Fuel Assembly Hydraulics and Core Thermal-Hydraulic Performance
- Non-LOCA Safety Analyses
- ECCS Analyses
- Radiation Analyses
- Core Safety and Maneuvering Analyses
- Core Monitoring and Operation
- Water Chemistry
- Crud Evaluation
- Fuel Reliability

This training is intended as an introduction to Framatome’s B&W Plant Reload Licensing process and provides a high-level overview of all the interdisciplinary analyses that support reload licensing for a given plant cycle.

Register for classes and see additional course outlines
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