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FISSION REACTORS

## POWER OPTIMIZATION OF AN INDIRECT GAS-COOLED NUCLEAR REACTOR PLANT

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NUCLEAR SAFETY

# SILVER-INDIUM-CADMIUM CONTROL ROD BEHAVIOR IN SEVERE REACTOR ACCIDENTS

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### CHARACTERIZATION OF SUSPENDED PARTICLES IN THREE MILE ISLAND UNIT 2 REACTOR COOLANT WATER

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ANALYSIS OF THE SOURCE RANGE MONITOR DURING THE FIRST FOUR HOURS OF THE THREE MILE ISLAND UNIT 2 ACCIDENT

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FUEL CYCLES

### OXIDATION BEHAVIOR OF SPENT UO2 FUEL

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#### **ANALYSES**

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### **TECHNIQUES**

### QUALITY ASSURANCE VERIFICATION OF HIGH-FLUX ISO-TOPE REACTOR FUEL ELEMENTS BY THE <sup>252</sup>Cf-SOURCE-DRIVEN NOISE ANALYSIS METHOD

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