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PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

- MARVEL DSA Background
- Interrelationship with TREX-C
- Hazards & Accident Analyses
- Design Features → SR-SSCs
- Status & Path Forward

MARVEL Documented Safety Analysis (DSA) – Background & Overview

MARVEL is a major modification to the TREAT facility

- DOE-STD-1189 (Safety in Design) applies & requires documented safety analyses (DSA)
- TREAT Reactor Experiment Cell (TREX-C) Project also a major modification with same need for DSA
- Safety Design Strategy (SDS) - combines MARVEL & TREX-C designs into one SAR Addendum
 - Safety analyst embedded in design team
 - Safety Design Integration Team (SDIT) – resolves/integrates safety basis issues across design, DSA, and organizations
 - Iterative process of design, hazard evaluation, & accident analysis

PDSA purpose is to define how a nuclear design & operations are safe for technical review, reference, & compliance.



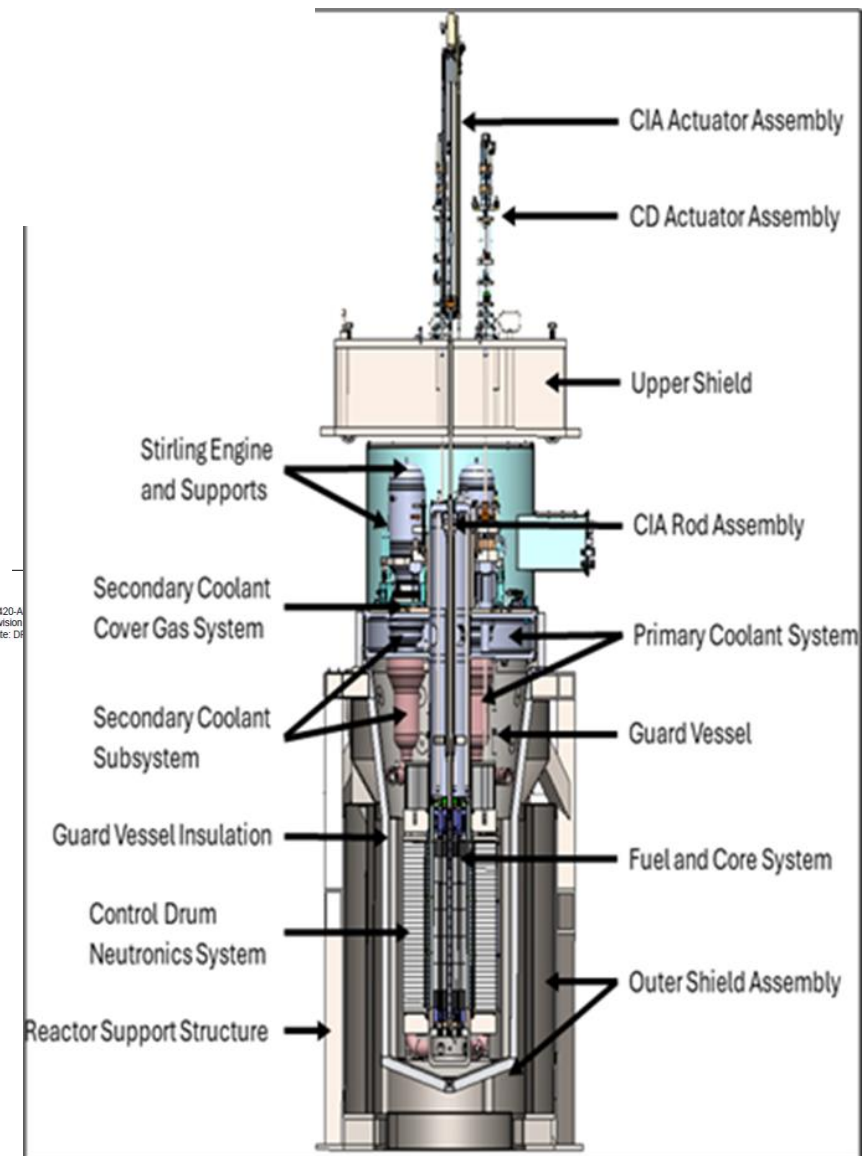
Preliminary Documented Safety Analysis

Materials and Fuels Complex

MARVEL Preliminary Documented Safety Analysis

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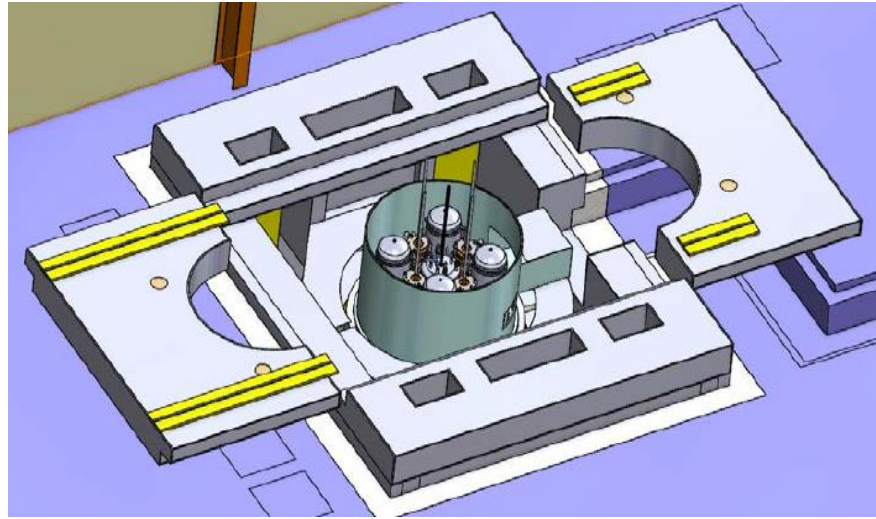


Cut-away view of MARVEL systems/subsystems



TREX-C Project

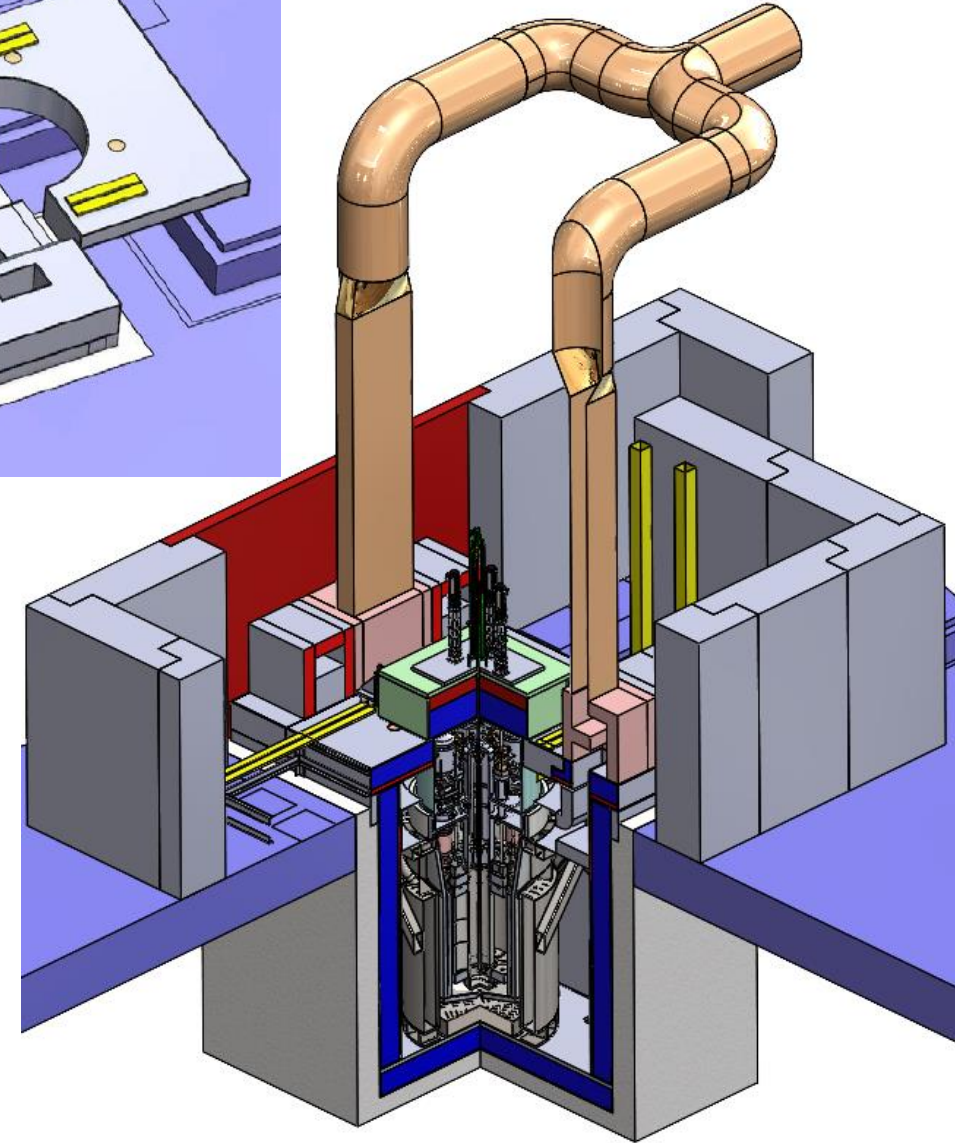
Institutionally-funded project to prepare TREAT to host multiple nuclear demonstrations (MARVEL will be the first)



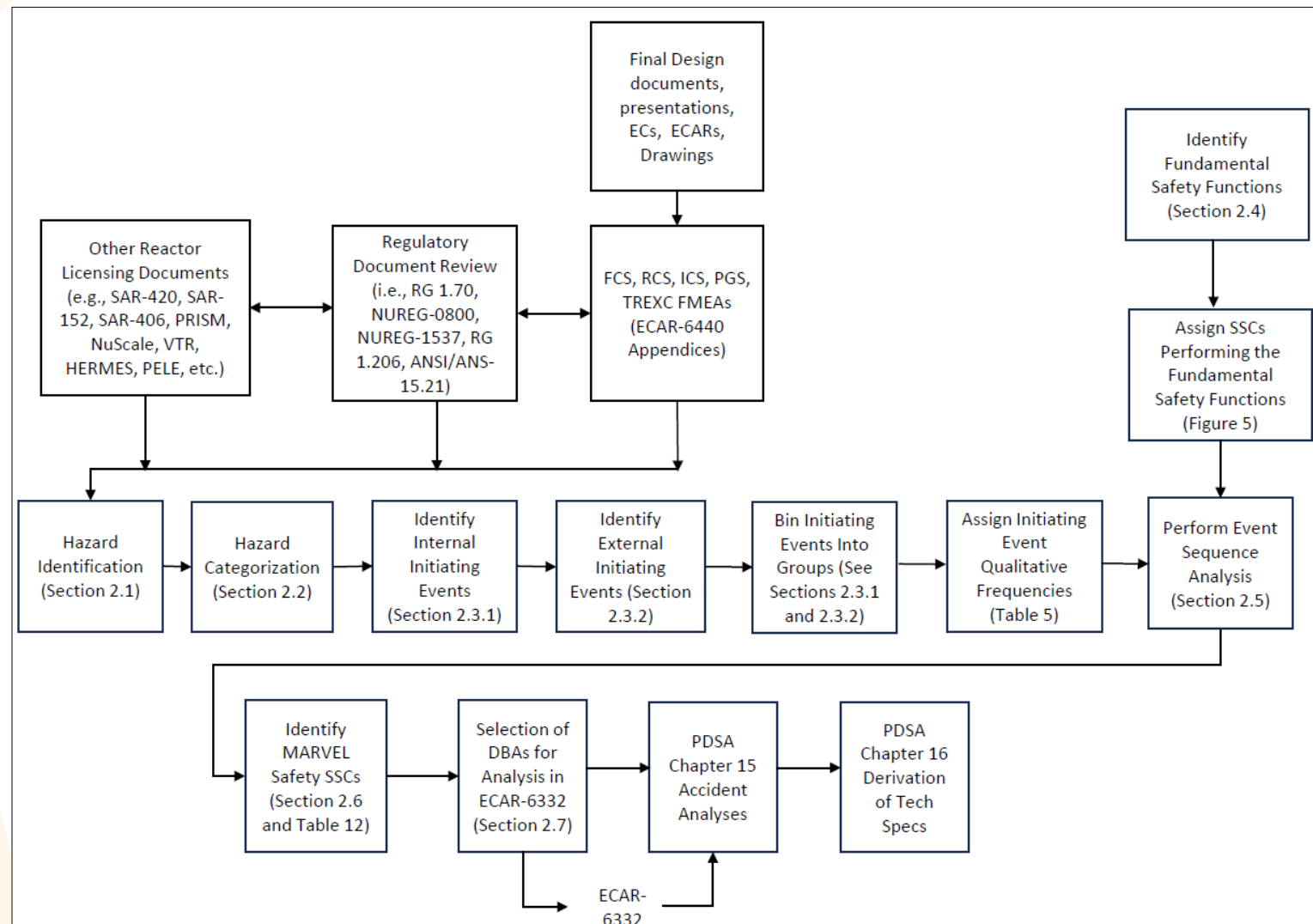
T-REXC Scope: (SPC-70454 T-REXC Interface Specification)

- Pit shield structures (to prevent neutron activation of the concrete)
- Pit lid, with integrated top shielding
- I&C infrastructure facility data and demonstrator data displays)
- Electrical power infrastructure – interface panel, standby generator
- Signal/data transfer between MFC-720 & MFC-724 Control Room
- Ventilation, including HEPA filter and exhaust monitoring
- Fire detection, including Na and NaK fires
- Fire mitigation systems, per TREAT fire hazards analysis
- Neutron source for startup
- Radial static neutron reflectors
- Beryllium oxide (BeO) control drums for neutron population control
- A system to preclude water intrusion into the pit
- Radiation monitoring.

T-REXC safety-related design & SSCs incorporated in MARVEL PDSA



PDSA Development – Hazards Analysis



SAR Addendum TOC

Chapter 1	Introduction and General Description of Facility
Chapter 2	Site Characteristics
Chapter 3	Design of Structures, Systems, and Components
Chapter 4	Reactor
Chapter 5	Reactor Coolant Systems
Chapter 6	Engineered Safety Features
Chapter 7	Instrumentation and Control Systems
Chapter 8	Electrical Power Systems
Chapter 9	Auxiliary Systems
Chapter 10	Power Generation System
Chapter 11	Radiation Protection Program and Waste Management
Chapter 12	Radiation Protection
Chapter 13	Conduct of Operations
Chapter 14	Test Programs
Chapter 15	Accident Analyses
Chapter 16	Derivation of Technical Specifications
Chapter 17	Quality and Reliability Assurance

Started during conceptual design, revised through final design



MRP Microreactor
Program

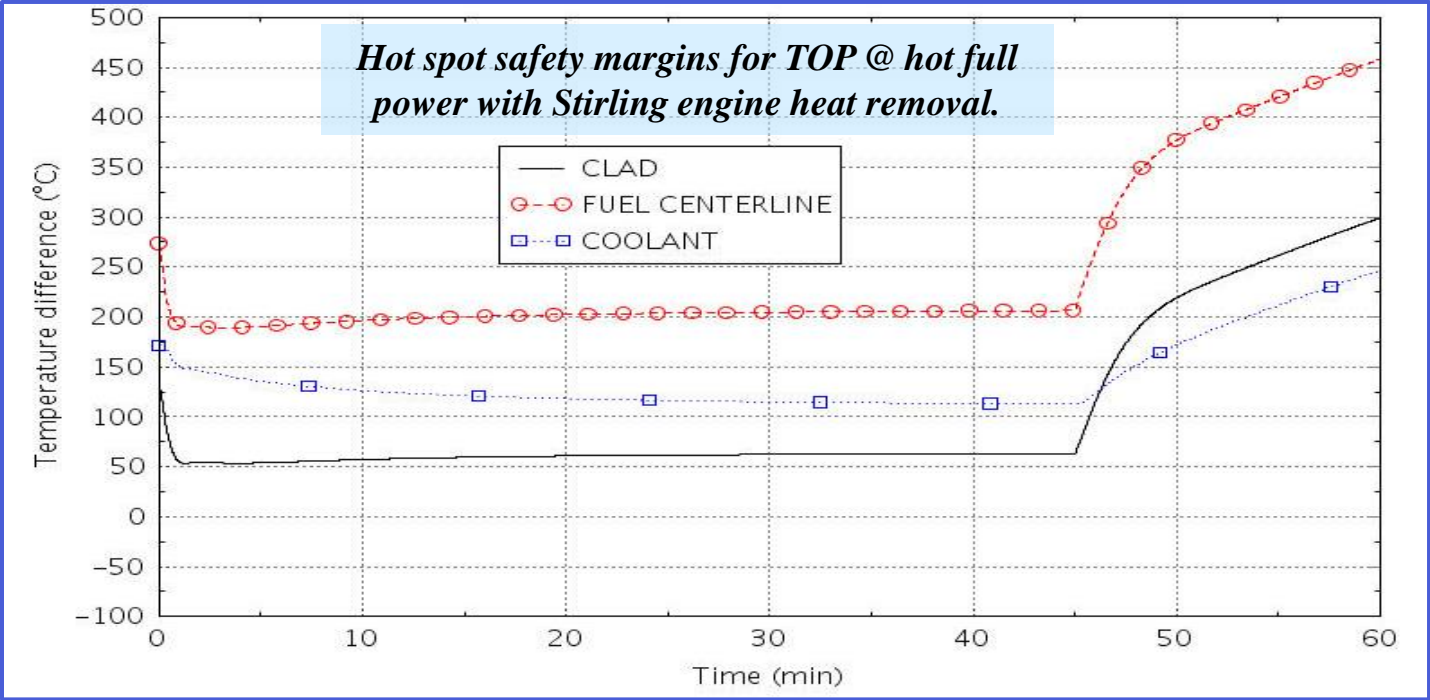
PDSA Development – Accident Analysis

Design Basis Accidents

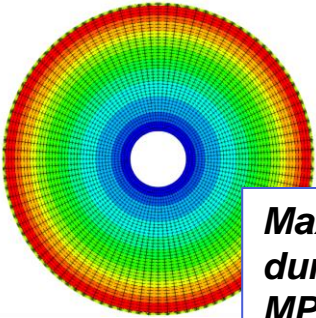
- Transient Overpower (TOP)
- Loss of Heat Sink (LOHS)
- Loss of Flow (LOF)
- Loss of Offsite Power (LOOP)
- Seismic Event[Design Basis]
- Seismic Event [Beyond Design Basis]
- Loss of Coolant Accident (LOCA)

Evaluated for Consequence:

- NaK Spill and Fire
- Radioactive or Hazardous Material Release, or Direct Radiation Exposure, from an SSC failure



Fuel Temperature during Loss of Flow & Coolant Accidents



Max Hoop Stress during LOFA: -1.27 MPA (compressive)

Fuel Temp (°C)	SS Ops	LOFA	LOCA
T _{Fuel meat peak}	612	718	718
T _{Fuel meat surface}	586	692	692

Acceptance Criteria:

- T_{Fuel meat peak} < 900°C
- T_{Fuel meat surface} < 764°C
- T_{Bulk Coolant} < 704°C
- Core remains coolable

No safety concerns identified

PDSA Development – Engineered Safety Features (ESF)

Reactivity Control

- Passive inherent reactivity feedback
- Control Drum & Central Insurance Absorber

Core Flow & Heat Removal

- Natural circulation & decay heat removal
- Fission & decay heat removal

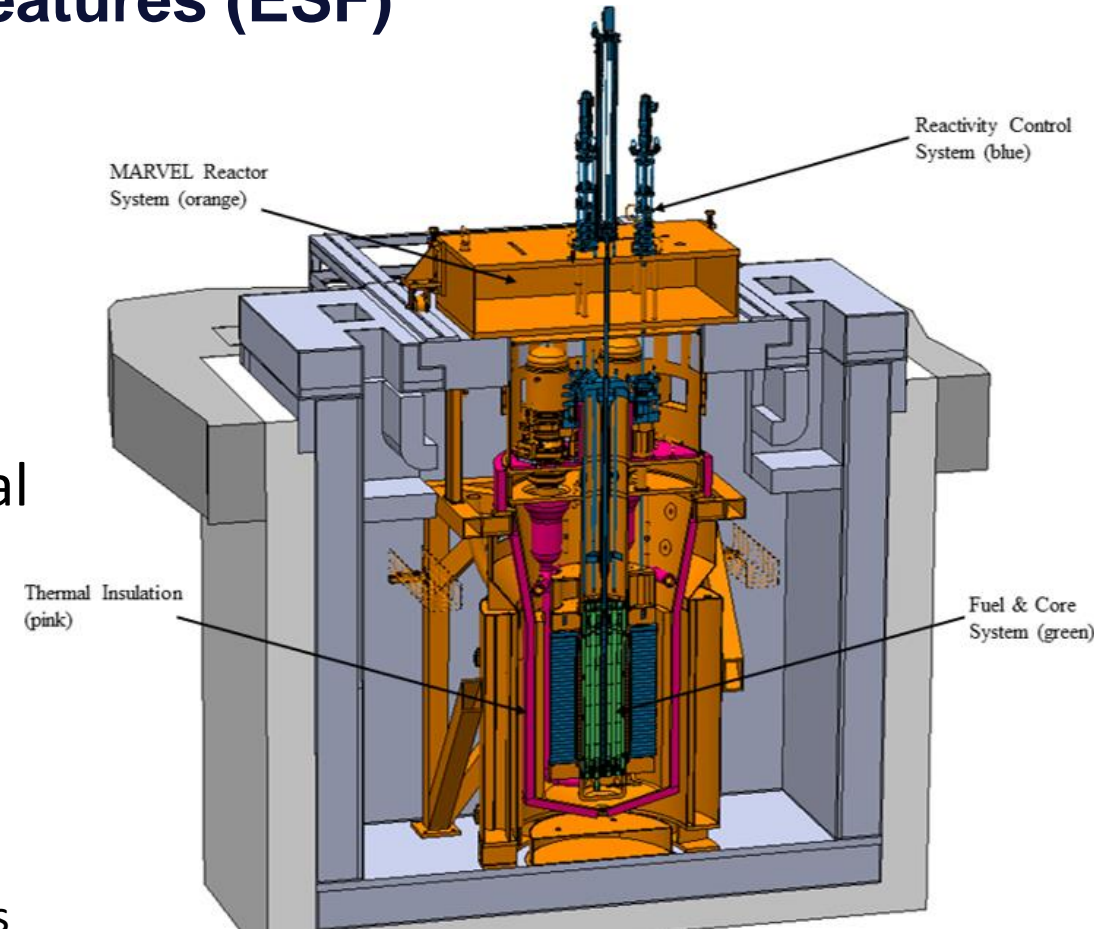
Confinement of Radioactive & Hazardous Material

- Fuel cladding, & primary coolant (NaK),
- Primary Coolant Boundary including reactor barrel & piping (downcomers)
- Guard vessel, upper confinement structure, and
- T-REXC SSCs

Control of Direct Radiation Exposure

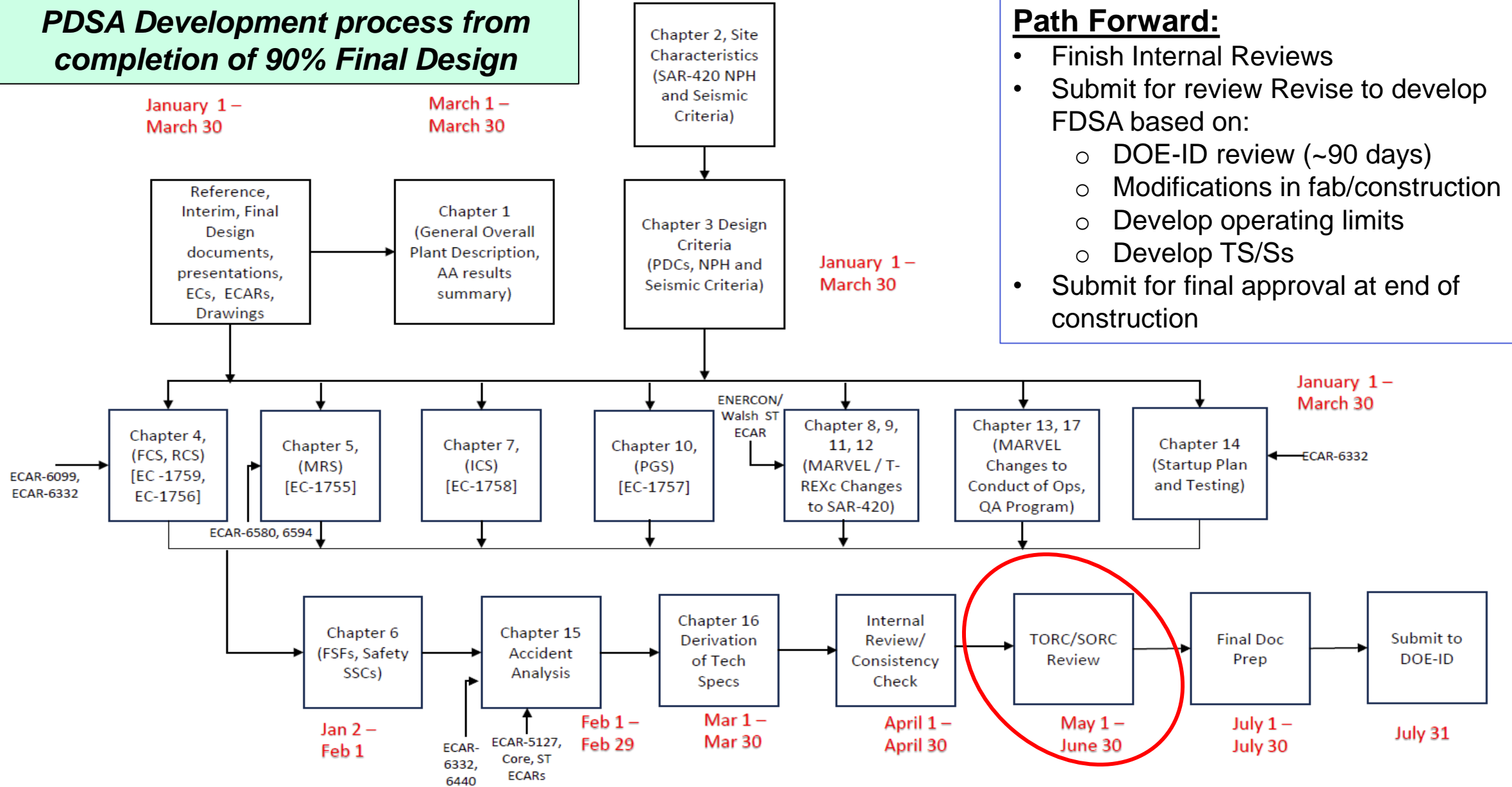
- Shielding/containment of radioactivity & radiation sources
- Radiation/radioactivity monitoring instrumentation

- ***ESFs mitigate the consequences of DBAs to maintain consequences with Evaluation Guidelines (RG 1.206)***
- ***SSCs needed to meet ESFs for reactor safety, protection of the public, collocated/facility workers, & the environment are safety-related.***



PDSA Development – Process-to-date, Status, and Path Forward

PDSA Development process from completion of 90% Final Design



Thank-you



Questions?