

# A PWR and BWR Source Term Reduction Perspective and Engineered Solution

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## Agenda:

- Invention
- Mechanisms Driving Shutdown Deposition
  - Colloids
- Utility Actions to Validate Technology Solution
- How and Why PRC-01M Technology Works
- Works Evidence it Does Work in Nuclear Power Plants
- O&M Cost Savings an Example Salem 1,2
  - Value in Reducing O&M Costs in USA

# Reference Information

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## Unit Conversion:

- Radioactivity:  $1 \text{ uCi} * (37,000) \text{ to} = \text{Bq}$
- Radiation Dose:  $\text{REM} * (.01) \text{ to} = \text{Sv}$
- Flow Rate: Gallons / Min (GPM) divide by 15.85 to = kg/s

## Acronym Key:

- RWCU: BWR Reactor Water Clean-Up
- RHR: Residual Heat Removal System
- RCS: PWR Reactor Coolant System
- CVCS: PWR Chemical and Volume Control System
- RCP: PWR Reactor Coolant Pump
- IX: Ion Exchange Resin
- LANL: Los Alamos National Laboratory
- ROI: Return on Investment

# Background

## Opportunity to Provide Sustainable O&M Cost Reductions

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**Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) Developed and licensed new technology  
Innovation: A Modified Conventional IX Resin, Colloid Removal Capability**

- LANL R&D \$20M, Award R&D 100 Award for Patented Technology
- Exclusive World Wide Grant of License to (n,p) Energy Nevada, Inc., Small WOB Business, as part of US Industrial Competitiveness Initiative
- FP&L Turkey Point-3,4: \$1.6 M investment for First of a Kind Application in 1998-2000
- Invention: New Resin that acts like Ultra-Filters & Removes Extremely Small Particles, Not Currently Removed by CVCS,  $< 0.05 \mu\text{m}$  to  $> 0.001 \mu\text{m}$

**Technology Developed and Owned by LANL, so no information available from EPRI. Only ISOE Utilities has information**

# Corrosion Product Formation, Transport and Deposition -- A Dynamic Complex Set of 15 + Mechanisms

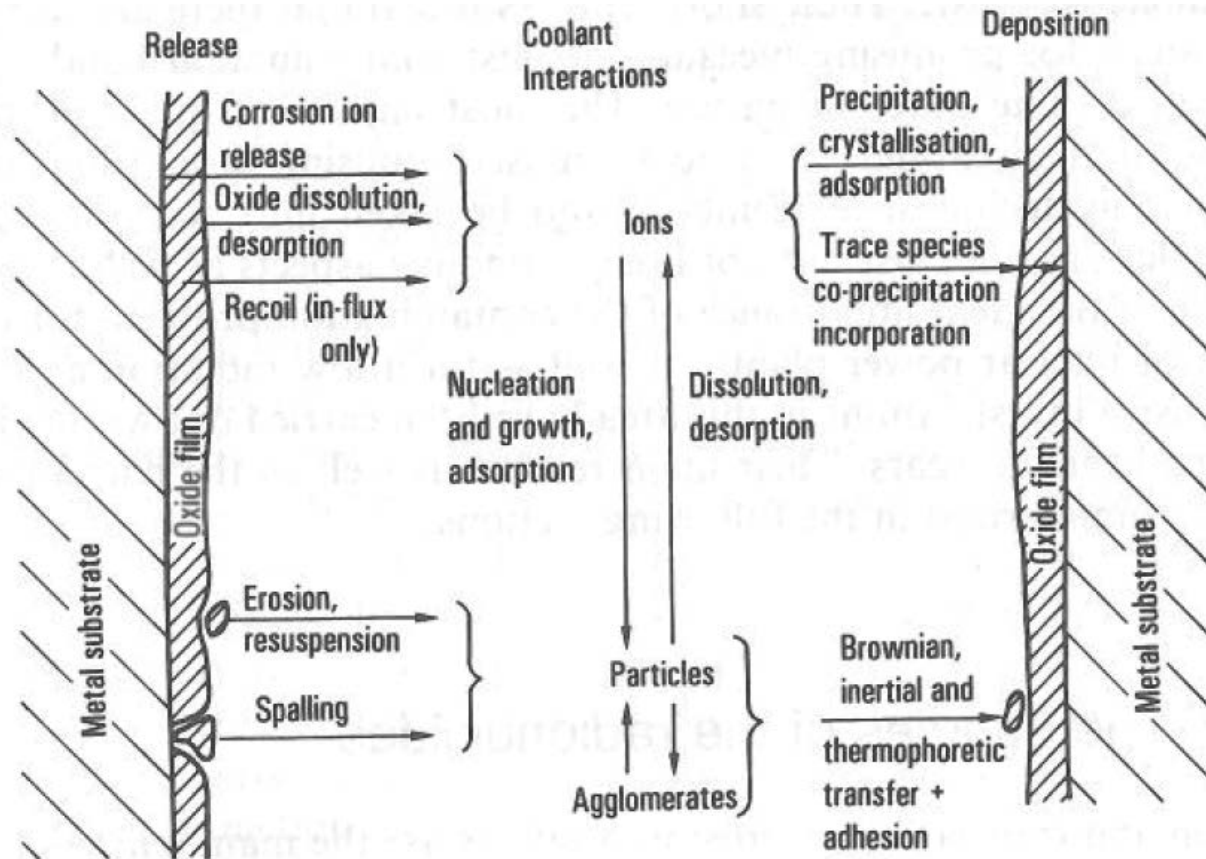
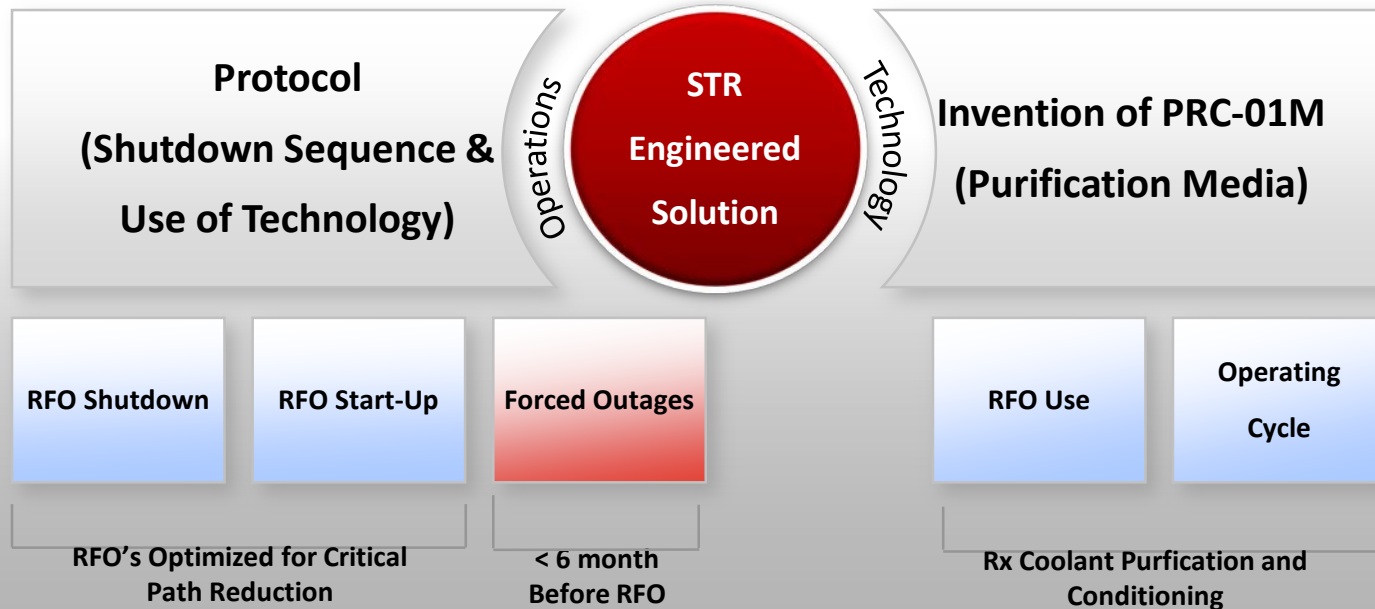


Figure 4.2. PWR Corrosion product, transport, and deposition mechanism (Rodliffe et al, 1987, by courtesy of IAEA)

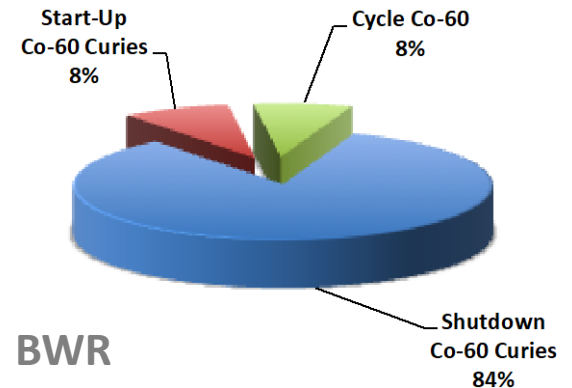
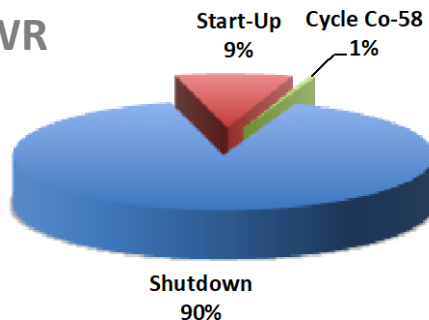
# STR: Two Part Solution BWR & PWR

## 85% to 90% Co-58 Co-60 Transports at Shutdown

Optimization of Shutdown Methods to Full Enable Technology



PWR



# What does PRC-01M do Different?

## Removes Iron & Iron Colloids plus

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**Colloids— And NOT Mechanically Filterable in Rx Purification Systems**

Iron Colloids-  $<.01 \mu\text{m} > .001 \mu\text{m}$

20 million to 100 million particles/ Liter formed at Shutdown

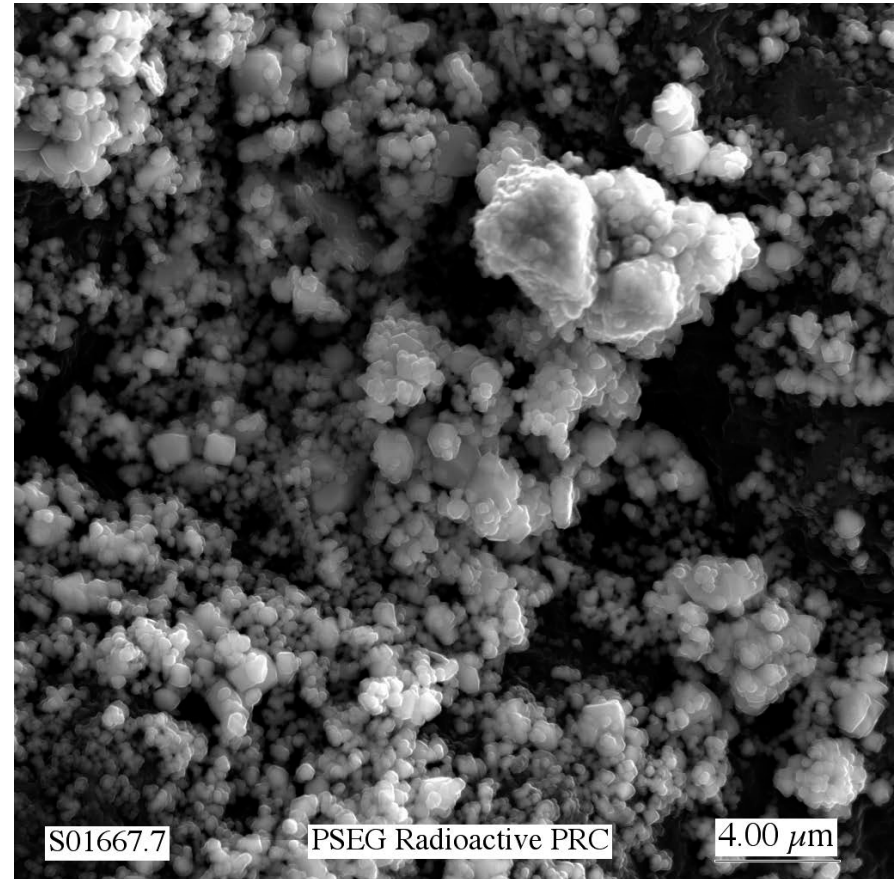
RCS Iron 5,000 times greater mass concentration than Co-58 & Co-60

Fe-Oxanions Deposits First & controls deposition Ex Core

- Crud Traps, Pumps, Valves, Dead Legs

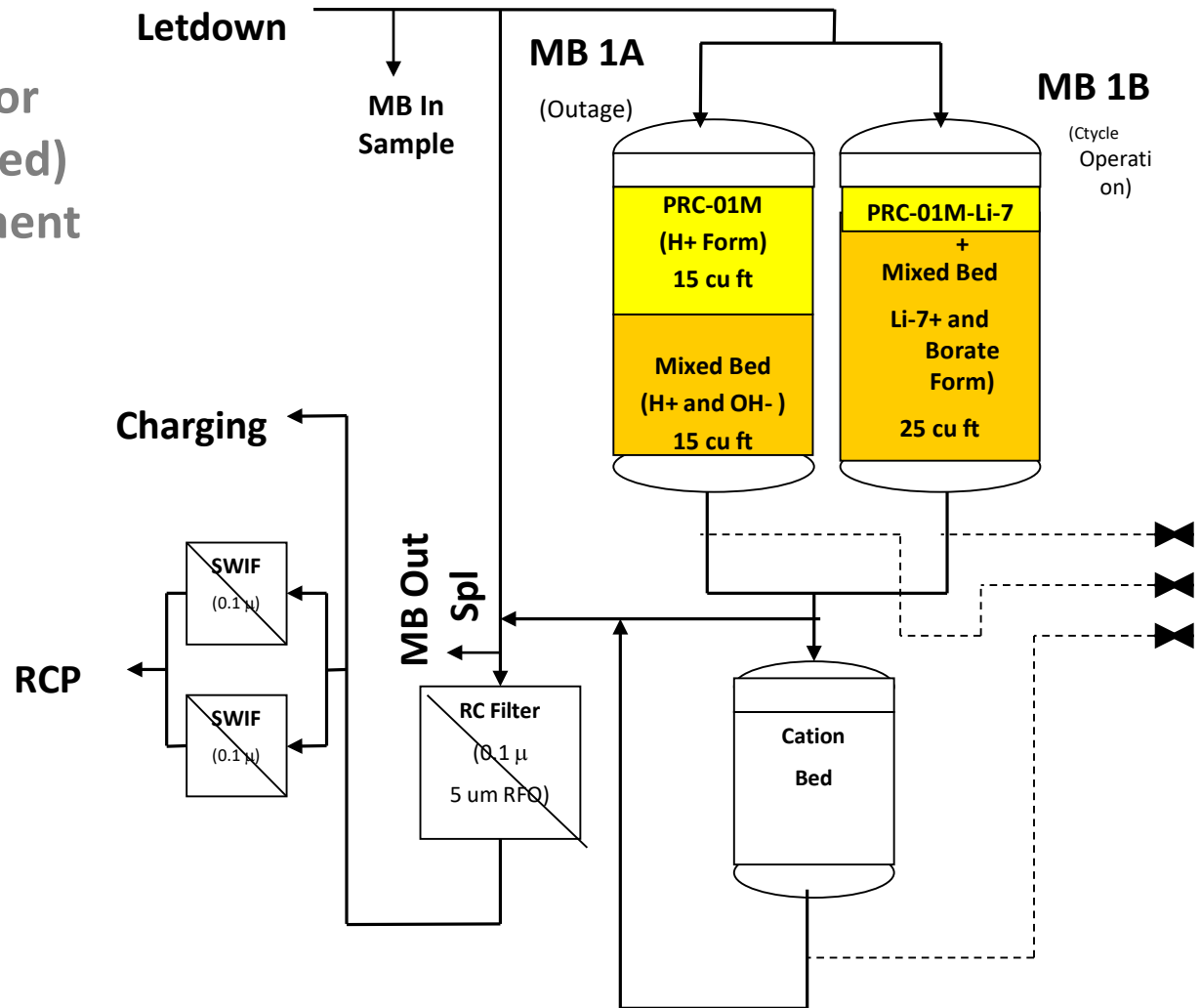
Co, Co-58 & Co-60 diffuses to Fe-Oxanions & traps in structure resulting in Elevating Dose Rates

**PRC Technology Breaks Deposition Mechanism**



# Replaces Conventional Resin in CVCS with PRC-01M & Mixed Bed Resin Loadings

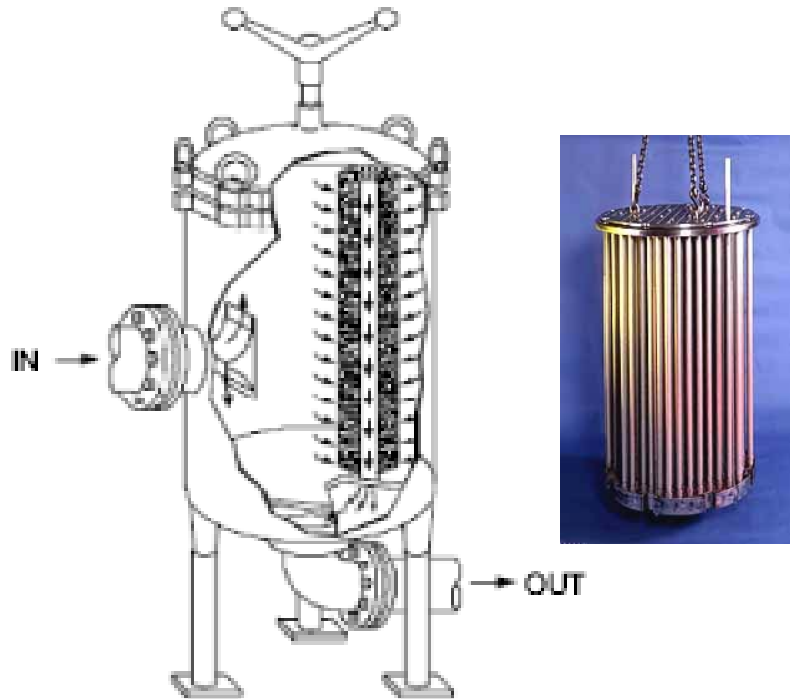
PWR: PRC-01 (bead) or  
BWR: PRC-2 (powdered)  
Existing Plant Equipment



# BWR Filter/Demineralizer

## Septa Precoat and Deep Bed Demins

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**POWDERED RESIN FILTER DEMINERALIZER**



### □ Systems:

- RWCU
- FPC
- Suppression Pool
- Submerged Demin

# Since then...Utilities/Plants that Implemented LANL Technology, 90+ Rx-Yrs PWR/BWR Use

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## Exelon

Braidwood-1,2 – 8 years

Byron-1,2 – 6 years

TMI – 6 years

Ginna – 4 years

Peach Bottom 2,3 - 7 yrs (BWR)

## First Energy Fleet

Beaver Valley-1,2 – 13 yrs

Perry- 6 years (BWR)

Davis Besse – 10 yrs

## NextEra

Pt. Beach -1,2 – 8 yrs

## American Electric Power

DC Cook-1,2 - 13 YRs

## Xcel Energy Fleet

Prairie Island-1,2 – 6 yrs

Monticello- 13 yrs (BWR)

## FPL

Turkey Point-3,4 – 12 yrs

St Lucie- 1,2 – 7 yrs

## Entergy

Palisades- 3 yrs

Vermont Yankee- 4 years

## SCANA

VC Summer – 13 yrs

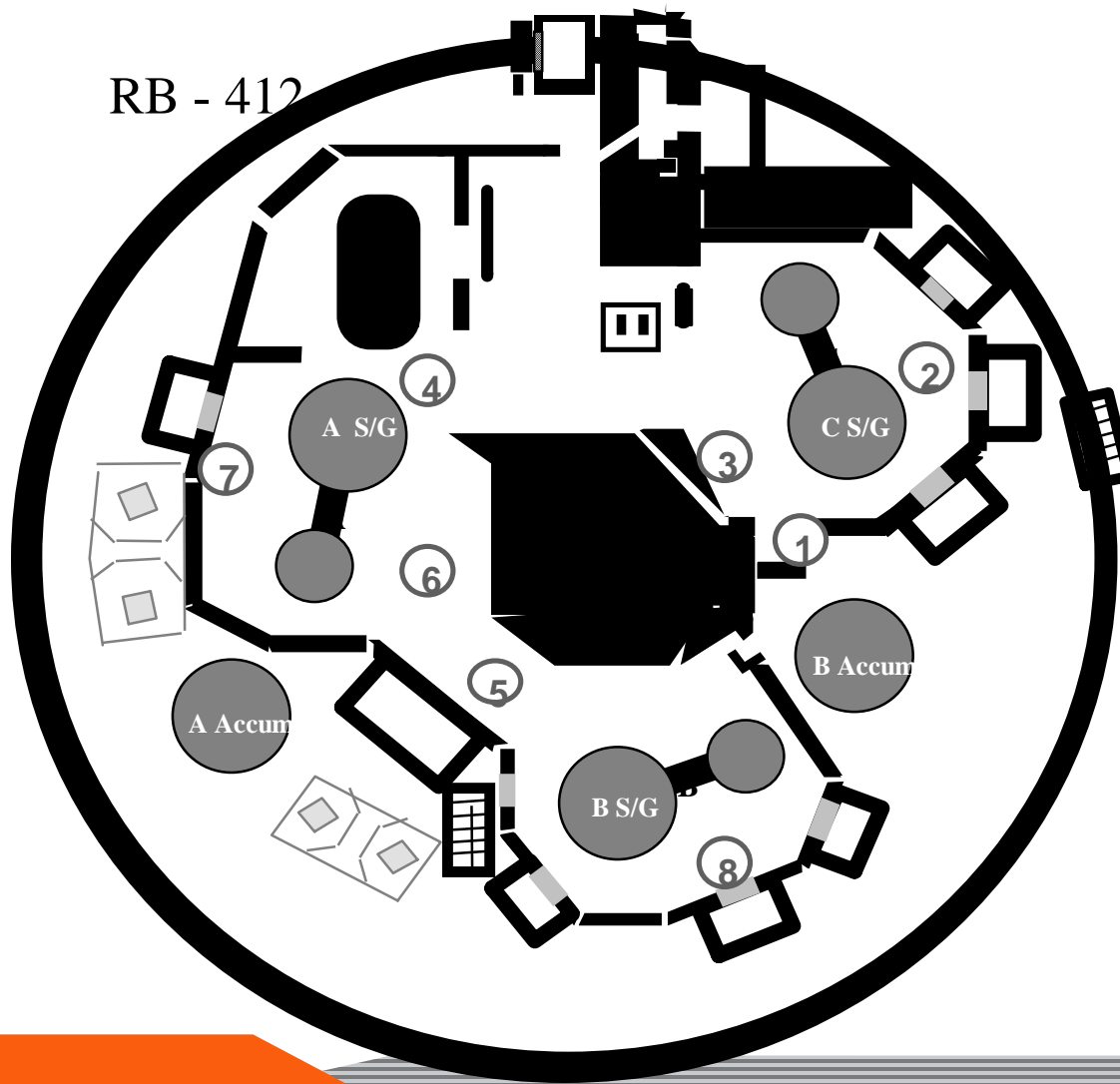
# PWR Results

## Wide Range of Design and Conditions

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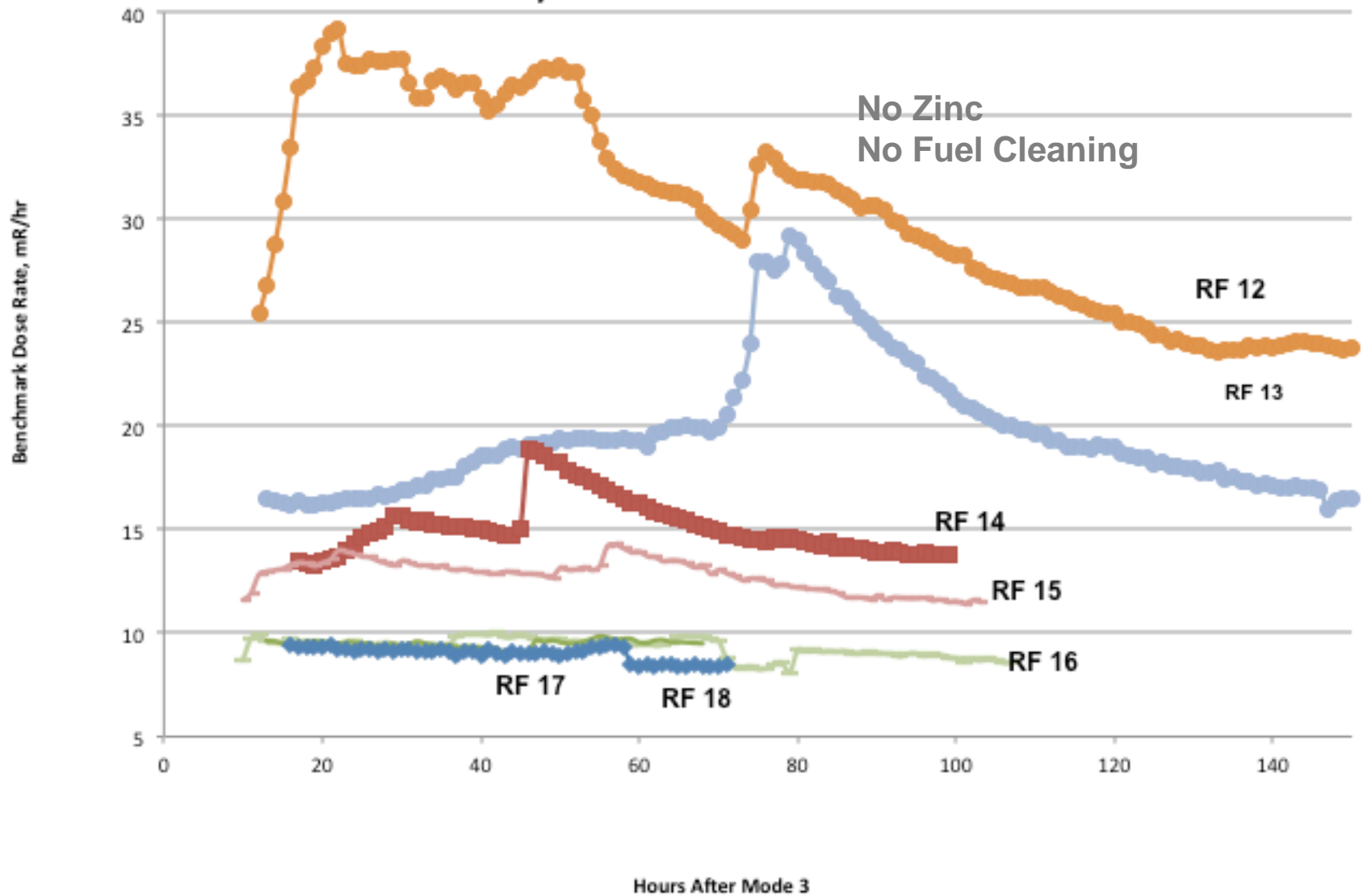
- High pH 7.2 to 7.4
- Low pH 6.9 Modified
- Non Zinc Injection Plants
- Zinc Injection Plants
- Failed Fuel Cycles
- High Duty Cores
- Low Duty Cores
- B&W Units
- W Units, 2L, 3L & 4L
- CE Units

# VC Summer- W 3L Benchmark Dose Rate Data for Outage Dose Performance with PRC-01M Technology



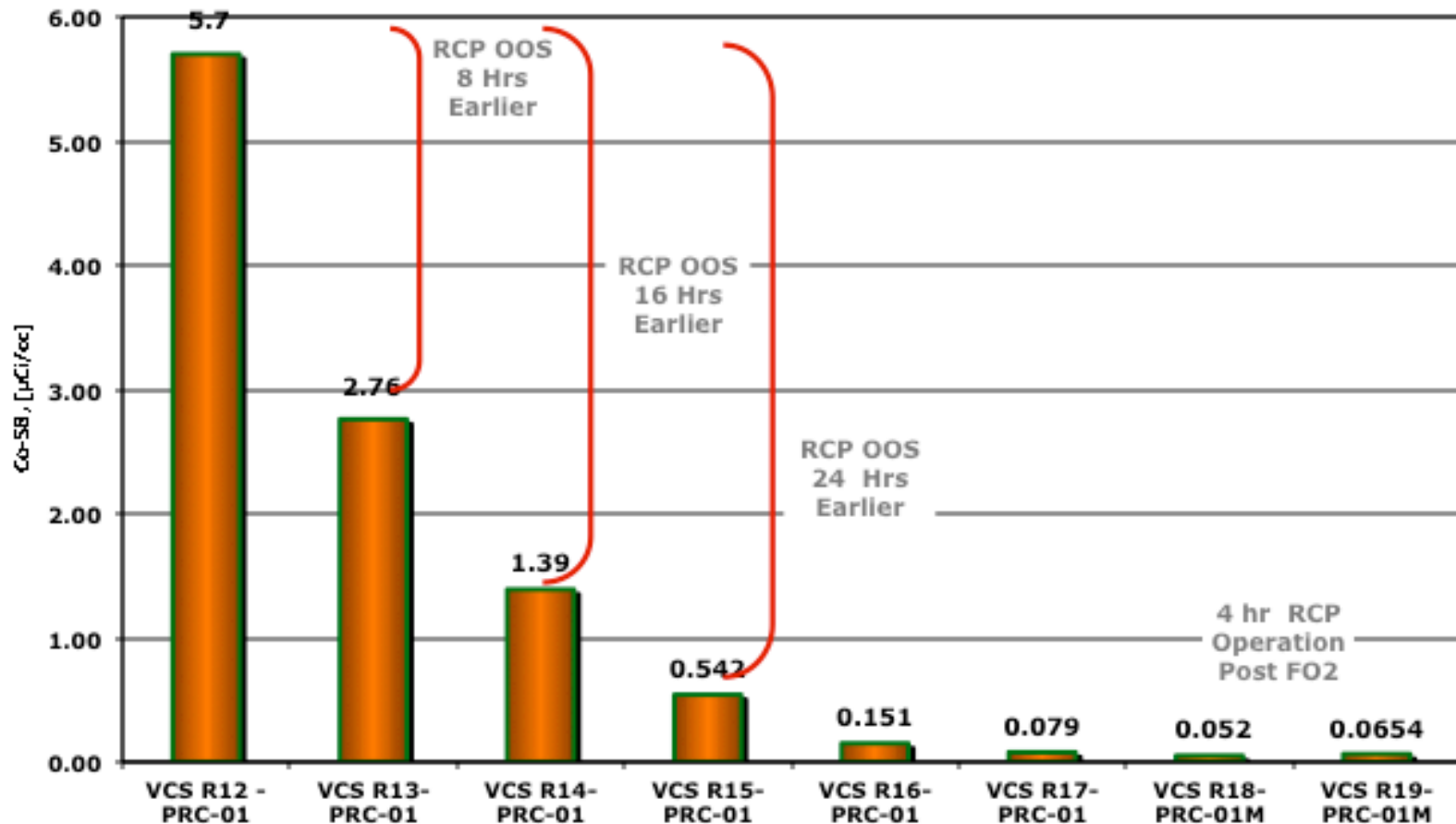
- pH 6.9 to 7.1
- No Zinc
- No Fuel Cleaning
- **Metrics:**
- Avg. of 8 general area dose rates
- 2 Lower Levels of Containment
- Electronic Dosimeters placed throughout Containment
- Correlates to total outage dose
- Since RF10 to 22

VC Summer RF 12 to 18 Baseline  
ED Dose Rates During Cooldown  
NPE/PRC Solution In Service All RFOs



# VC Summer- Impact on Critical Path as Source Term Declines

**VC Summer  
RCP Run Time vs Peak Co-58**



\*R12 had 1 peak in AR 2.42 and a second at FO2 3.32 totalling 5.7 uCi/cc.

## VC Summer Core Crud Reduction--

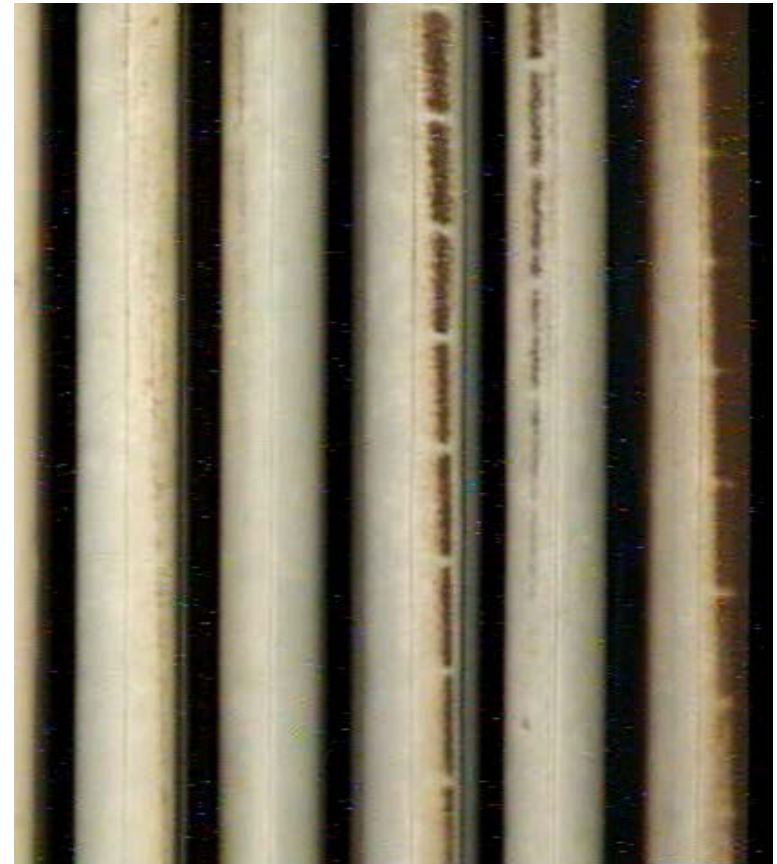
No Ultra-Sonic Fuel Cleaning – No Zinc Inj – Yes PRC-01M

2003 Highest Power Zone Cycle 14 (grid 6)

2006 Highest Power Zone Cycle 16 (S33)

3rd RFO with NPE/PRC-01 Solution

After 6th RFO with NPE/PRC-01



# **Exelon Performed “Technology Vetting” to Determine “Best Developed & Available Technology” 2010- 2014**

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## **In 2010, Exelon CNO and Board Member, Identified Alternative Solution to STR**

- Through Exelon CNO Participation on AEP NSRB participation;
- Exelon Board Members and Board Oversight Committee Processes

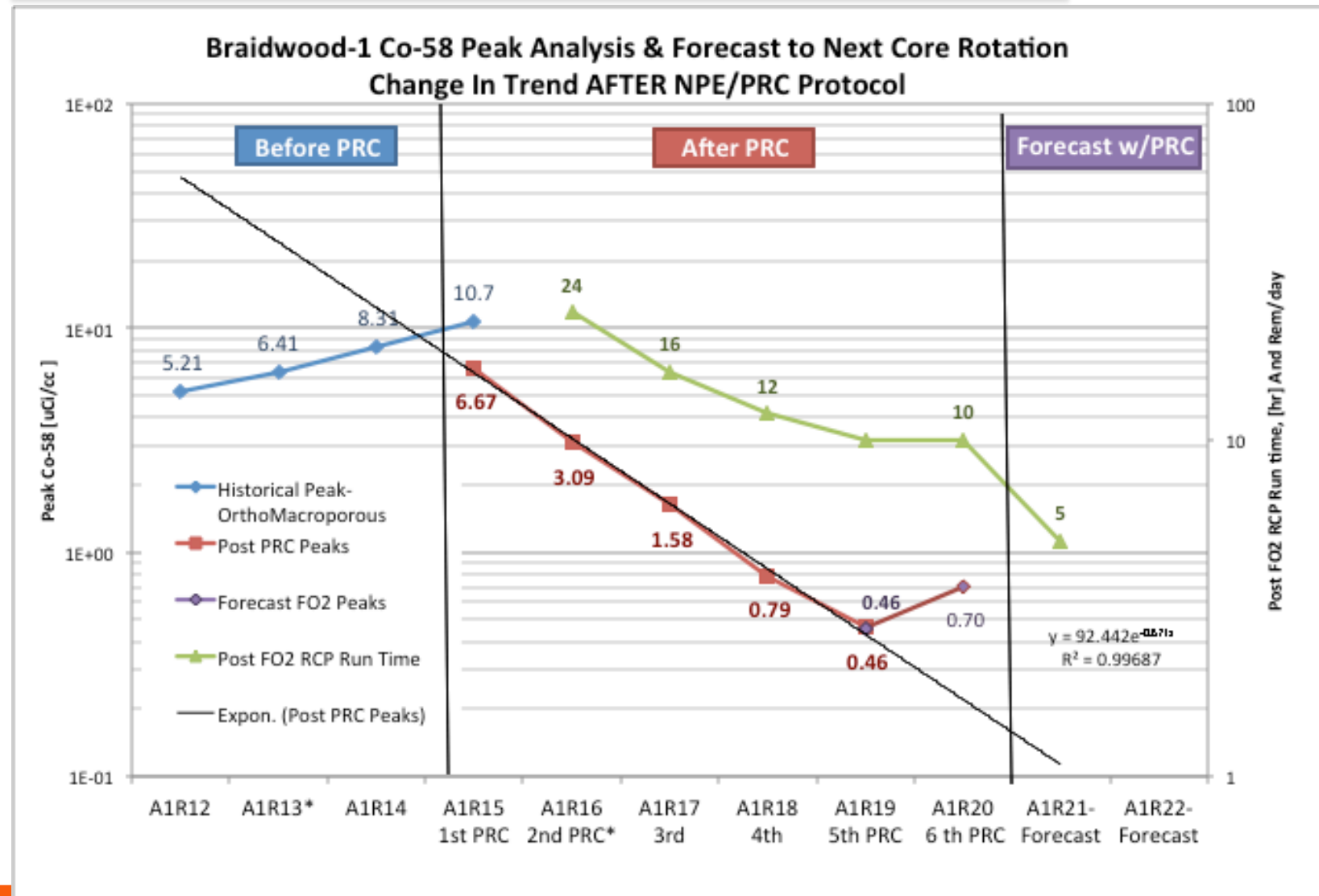
**AEP Reported Results: Reduced Critical Path Time, Reduced Radiation Exposure, Reduced Dose Rates, Worker Productivity Gains, Reduced O&M Costs**

## **CNO Directed COO to Conduct a Careful and Critical Process to Select Best Developed Technology**

- Braidwood-1,2 and Byron-1,2
- Selected as “Vetting Units”

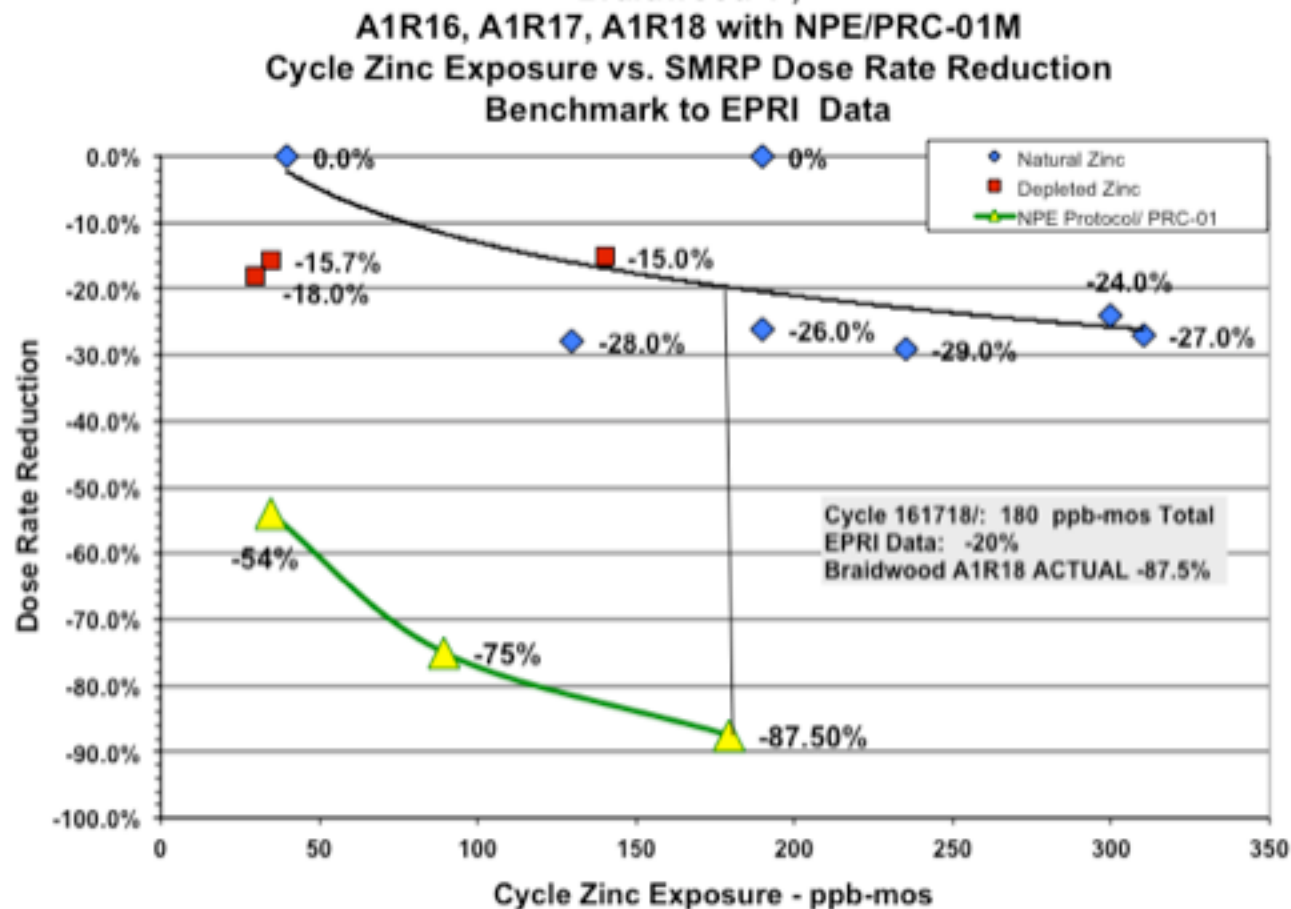
as they are identical in Design, SG Material, Commercial Operation (Byron-1,2 one op cycle longer), pH and Zn chemistry

# Exelon Deployed PRC-01M to Their PWR Fleet Based On Performance, O&M Cost Savings



# Exelon Vetting Results:

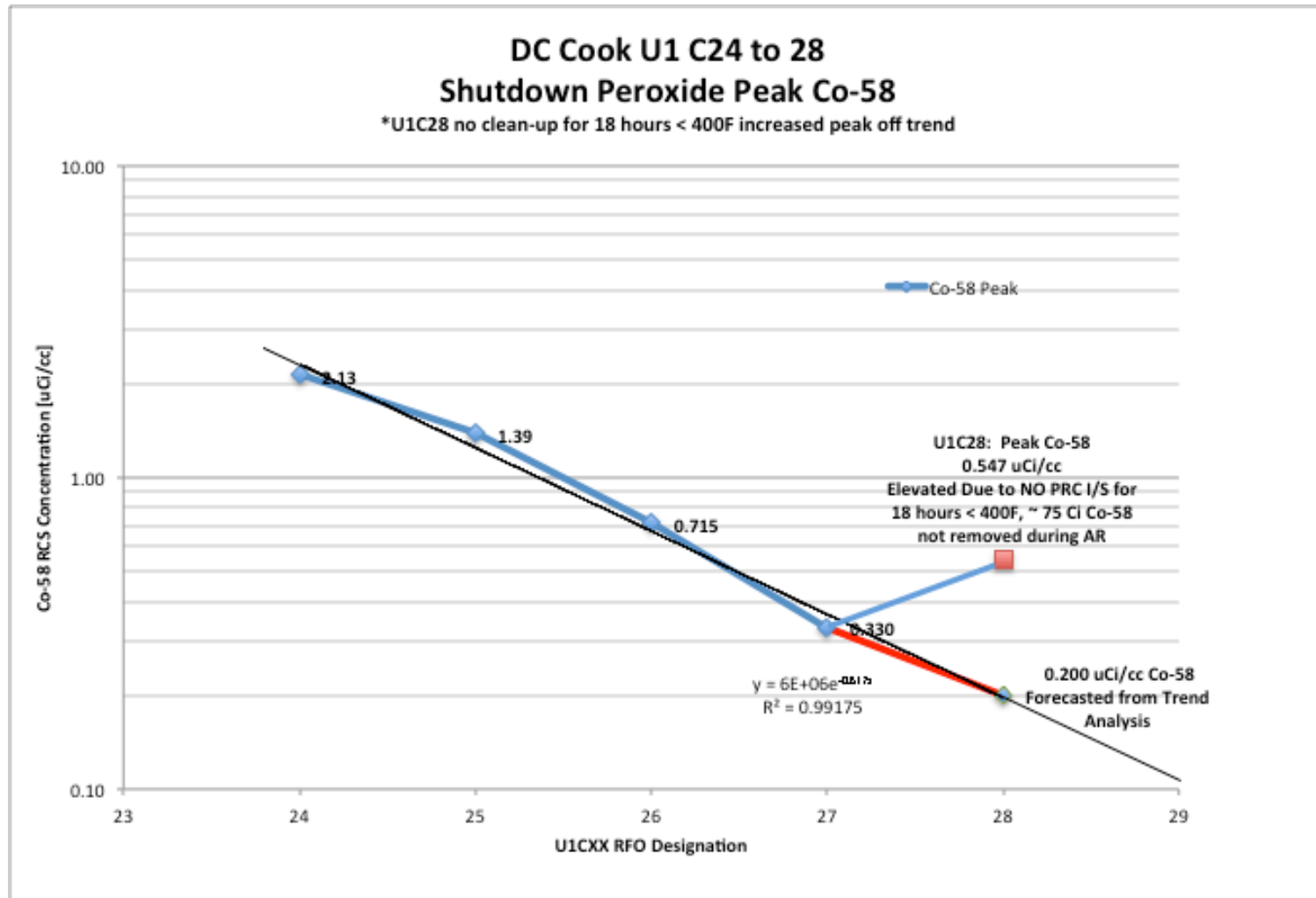
## PRC-01M Bettered Zinc Injection for Dose Rate Reduction



Reference: EPRI 1001020 plus new DCPD cycle 10 and data; A1R16  
CDMD Average

# NPE/PRC-01M Impact on Declining Peak Co-58

## DC Cook-1 Ice Condenser (W 4 Loop, I-690 SG) No Zn No UFC



# Salem-1,2 Compelling Sr. Leadership Team O&M Sustainable Cost Reduction Opportunity

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## Action: Salem-1 & Salem-2

- Implementation of PRC-01M Resin in CVCS and SFP Demineralizer 2R23
- NPE Provide best practice use alignment during RFO Shutdown/Start-Up

## Near term Value Proposition: Salem-2R23

- Reduce RCP Run time** from planned 12 hours to 5 hours, while NOT degrading radiological conditions, through use of PRC-01M technology.
- Eliminate use of Elastomer Coating in Cavity**, to save \$120,000 in costs, recover labor, and reduce cavity decon from 6 to 8 hours to 4 to 5 hours by using PRC-01M for shutdown and opportunity based alignment of SFP with PRC-01M to cavity.
- Eliminate HE- UFC**: Recover Critical Path Time, 10 hrs, \$500,000 , plus \$100,000 Service Cost
- Reduce dose rates -25% to -35%** in 2 lower levels of containment. Reduces contamination, shielding packages, # LHRA and # of HRA's for worker briefs. Recovery of 5% to 10% of RWP labor hours.
- Near Term Value for S2R23**: 7 hour Shortened RCP CP Time= \$350,000; \$120,000 Cavity Coating; 90,000 RWP hrs @ \$120/ labor hour, 5% to 10% recovery = \$500,000 to \$1,080,00

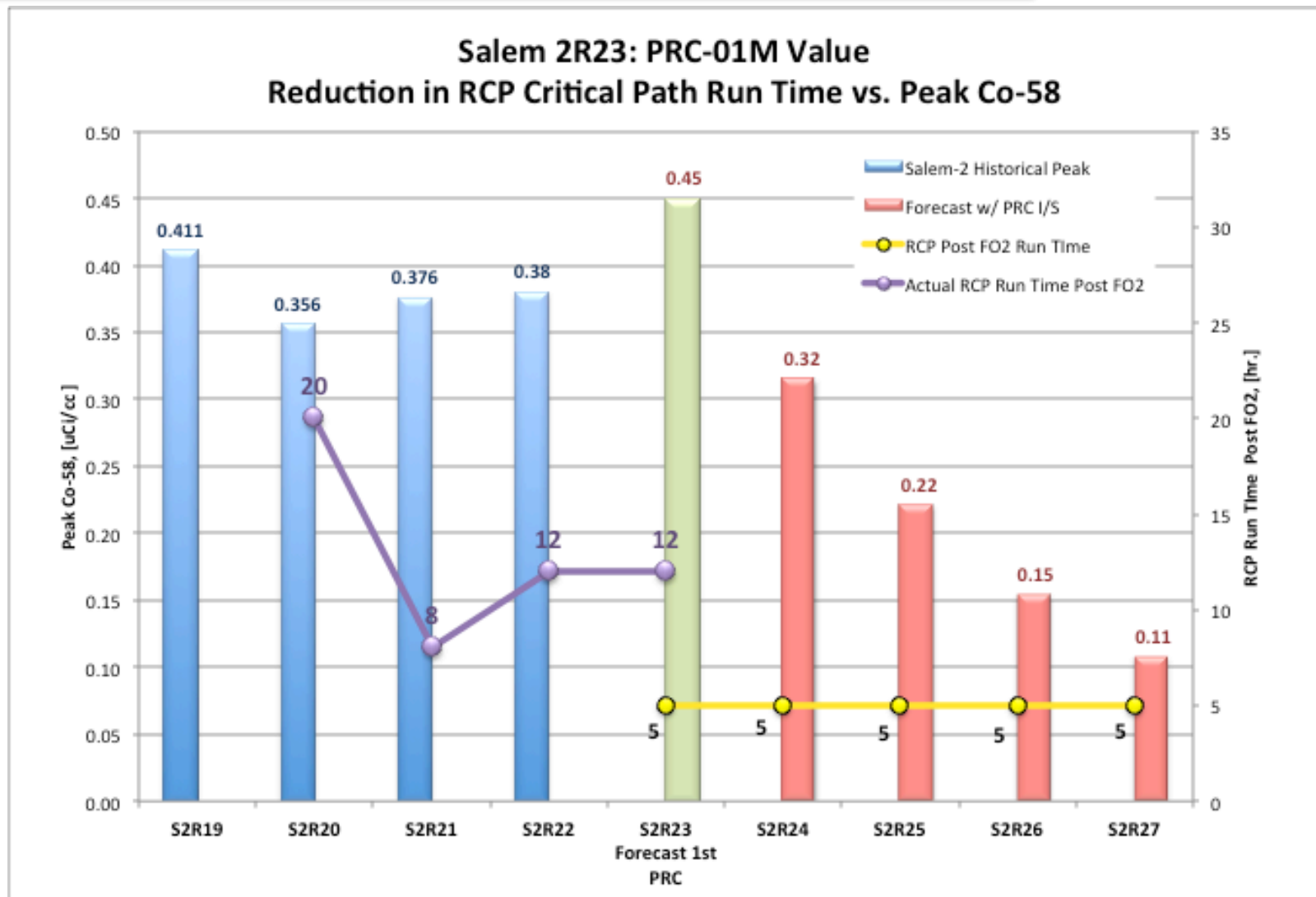
# Salem-2R23: 1st RFO PRC-01M Application

## Return on Investment: 1.8 to 9.0

	Improvement Opportunity	Value Basis	\$ Value	Outage Goals
Critical Path Time	8 hour Reduction - 7 hr RCP - 2 hr Cavity Decon	\$50K/ CP Hour	\$ 450,000	Yes
Dose Rates	-25 to -30% 2 Lower Levels of CNTMT;- 50% Fuel Floor	10 REM @\$10,000/REM	\$ 100,000	Yes
RCA Worker Productivity Gain	~5% to 10% estimated 90,000 RWP-hrs	9,000 RWP HR @ \$120/ Labor Hr	\$540,000 to 1,080,000	Yes
Eliminate Cavity Decon Elastomer Costs	No Elastomer Coating Costs; Recovery of Labor	\$120,000 Elastomer Costs	\$ 120,000	Yes
Eliminate HE-UFC	Recovery 10 hours Critical Path Time	\$50K / CP Hour	\$500,000	Yes
<b>Subtotal O&amp;M Savings per RFO =</b>			<b>\$1,710,000 to \$2,250,000</b>	
<b>4L W Cost of Technology, PRC-01M, Svcs</b>	<b>Cost \$250,000 1<sup>st</sup> RFO</b>	<b>ROI CP Only = ROI CP + Elastomer= ROI All</b>	<b>1.8 2.2 6.84 to 9.0</b>	

# Salem-2R23 to SR26

## Reduction in RCP Run Time Sustained



# Salem-2R23 to R26: Return on Investment 9.4 to 16.5

## 4 RFOs- Expanded O&M Cost Savings

2R23 to 2R26	Improvement Opportunity	Value Basis	\$ Value	Outage Goals
Critical Path Time	8 hour Reduction - 7 hr RCP - 2 hr Cavity Decon	\$50K/ CP Hour	\$ 450,000 *4= \$1,800,000	Yes
Dose Rates	-25 to -30% 2 Lower Levels of CNTMT;- 50% Fuel Floor	10 REM @\$10,000/REM	\$ 100,000 *4= \$400,000	Yes
RCA Worker Productivity Gain	~5% to 10% estimated 90,000 RWP-hrs	9,000 RWP HR @ \$120/ Labor Hr	\$2,200,000 to 4,320,000	Yes
Eliminate Cavity Decon Elastomer Costs	No Elastomer Coating Costs; Recovery of Labor	\$120,000 Elastomer Costs	\$ 120,000 *4= \$460,000	Yes
Reduction in Class B/C Resin Disposal	Reduction from 2 Class BC Shipments/yr to 1 Class BC in 10 years.	\$250K/Class BC Liner Barnwell Starting after R24 6 liners @ \$250K	\$1,500,000	No
		<b>Subtotal O&amp;M Savings per RFO =</b>	<b>\$6,360,000 to \$8,480,000</b>	
4L W Cost of Technology, PRC-01M, Svcs	Cost R23 to R26 \$900K	ROI All	9.42 to 16.5	

# What else do you need to know?

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You have the Same Opportunity at your Station for Improvement on STR

- It's easy
  - It works
  - Cost/Benefit Guaranteed
- ... and your chemist may not have information on this invention

“ For every expert, there is an equal and opposite Expert...  
.....but for every **FACT** there is not necessarily an equal and opposite  
fact”

Thomas Sowell's, Vision of the Appointed

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