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1. PURPOSE

The Monitored Geologic Repository Waste Package Operations of the Civilian Radioactive Waste Management System Management & Operating Contractor (CRWMS M&O) performed calculations to provide input for disposal of spent nuclear fie1 (SNF) from the Navy (Refs. 1 and 2). The Navy SNF has been considered for disposal at the potential Yucca Mountain site. For some waste packages, the containment may breach (Ref. 3), allowing the influx of water. Water in the waste package may moderate neutrons, increasing the likelihood of a criticality event within the waste package. The water may gradually leach the fissile components and neutron absorbers out of the waste package. In addition, the accumulation of silica $(SiO₂)$ in the waste package over time may further affect the neutronics of the system.

This study presents calculations of the long-term geochemical behavior of waste packages containing the Enhanced Design Alternative (EDA) **I1** inner shell, Navy canister, and basket components. The calculations do not include the Navy SNF in the waste package. The specific study objectives were to determine the chemical composition of the water and the quantity of silicon (Si) and other solid corrosion products in the waste package during the first million years after the waste package is breached.

The results of this calculation will be used to ensure that the type **and** amount of criticality control material used in the waste package design **will** prevent criticality.

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2. METHOD

The method used for this calculation involves the following steps:

- Use EQ3 to determine a starting fluid composition for EQ6 calculations.
- Use EQ6 to trace the progress of reactions **as** the chemistry of the waste package evolves.
- Evaluate available data on the range of dissolution rates for the materials involved.
- Use the "solid-centered flow-through" mode (SCFT) in EQ6 (Section 4.2).
- Use EQ6 to determine the concentrations in solution **as** a function of time.
- Use EQ6 to determine the composition and amounts of solids (precipitated minerals or corrosion products, and unreacted waste package materials).

Further detail on the specific methods employed for each step is available in Section 5 of this calculation.

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3. ASSUMPTIONS

All assumptions are for preliminary design. All assumptions **are** used throughout Section 5.

- 3.1 All of the voids in the waste package will be completely filled with an aqueous solution. The basis for this assumption is that it provides the maximum degradation rate with the potential for the fastest flushing of the neutron absorber (when present) out of the waste package and is thereby conservative.
- 3.2 The aqueous solution that enters the waste package will have the composition of 5-13 well water (as given in Ref. 4) for $\sim 1x10^6$ years. The basis for this assumption is that the groundwater composition is controlled largely by transport through the host rock, over pathways of hundreds of meters. The host rock is several million years old, therefore its composition is not expected to change substantially over one million years. For a few thousand years after waste emplacement, the composition may differ because of perturbations resulting from reactions with engineered materials and fiom the thermal pulse. These are not taken into account in this calculation because water is not expected to breach the waste package until after that perturbed period. Therefore, the early perturbation is not relevant to the calculations reported in this document.
- 3.3 The density of the incoming water is 1.0 α /cm³. The basis for this assumption is that for dilute solutions, the density is very close to that for pure water, and any differences are insignificant in respect to other uncertainties in the data and calculations. Moreover, the density is only used initially in EQ316 to convert concentrations of dissolved substances fiom parts per million to moles per kilogram.
- 3.4 The composition of the aqueous solution that will enter the waste package will not be altered by contact with the drift liner, except for the first few thousand years. The basis for this assumption is that the drift liner at the top of the drift is expected to collapse with the roof support well before 1,000 years. In addition, the water flowing through the liner, dominantly along fractures, will be in contact with the degradation products of the liner, which will have come close to equilibrium with the water moving through the rock above the repository.
- 3.5 The corrosion-resistant outer shell of the waste package will react slowly with the infiltrating water (and water already in the waste package) as to have negligible effect on the chemistry. The basis for this assumption is that the outer shell is fabricated from Alloy 22 (see nomenclature in Section 5.1.1), which corrodes very slowly compared to (1) other reactants in the waste package and (2) the rate at which soluble corrosion products will likely be flushed out of the waste package.
- 3.6 The calculations can satisfactorily be performed with the thermodynamic database containing data for a temperature of 25 $^{\circ}$ C. The basis for this assumption is that even though the initial breach may occur when the waste package contents are at temperatures

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 \geq 50 °C (Ref. 11), at times $>$ 25,000 years, the waste package temperatures are likely to be closer to 25 °C.

- 3.7 The chromium and molybdenum (Cr and Mo) will oxidize klly to chromate (or dichromate) and molybdate, respectively. The basis for this assumption is that the available thermodynamic data indicate that in the presence of air the chromium and molybdenum will both oxidize to the VI valence state. Laboratory observation of the corrosion of Cr and Mo containing steels and alloys, however, indicates that any such oxidation would be extremely slow. In fact, oxidation to the **VI** state may not occur at a significant rate with respect to the time frame of interest, or there may exist stable $Cr^{\text{(III)}}$ solids (not present in the EQ3/6 thermodynamic database) that substantially lower aqueous Cr concentration. For the present analyses, however, the assumption is made that over the times of concern the oxidation will occur.
- 3.8 The gases in solution in the waste package will remain in equilibrium with the ambient atmosphere outside the waste package. The basis for this assumption is that it is assumed that there will be sufficient contact with the gas phase in the repository to maintain equilibrium with the $CO₂$ and $O₂$ present, whether or not this be the normal atmosphere in open air or rock gas that seeps out of the ajacent **tuff.** Under these conditions, the partial pressure of $CO₂$ exerts important controls on the pH and carbonate concentration in the solution.
- 3.9 The precipitated solids that **are** deposited remain in place, and are not mechanically eroded or entrained as colloids in the advected water. The basis for this assumption is that the result conservatively maximizes the size of potential deposits inside the waste package.
- **3.10** The corrosion rates used in this study encompass rates for degradation **are** enhanced by microbes, and the degradation rates will not be controlled principally by bacteria. **The** bases for this assumption are (1) steel corrosion rates measured under environmental conditions inherently include exposure to bacteria, and (2) the lack of organic nutrients available for bacterial corrosion will limit the involvement of bacteria. It is assumed that bacteria act as catalysts, particularly for processes such as the reduction of sulfate, but this catalytic effect is not expected to significantly change the types of solids formed in the waste package.
- 3.1 1 Sufficient decay heat is retained within the waste package over times of interest to cause convective circulation and **mixing** of the water inside the waste package. The basis for this assumption is discussed in Reference 12.
- 3.12 The water flow rate into and out of the waste package is equal to the rate at which water drips onto the waste package. The basis for this assumption is that for most of the time frame of interest, i.e., long after the corrosion barriers become largely degraded, it is more reasonable to assume that all or most of the drip will enter the degraded waste

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package than to assume that a significant portion will instead be diverted around the remains.

3.13 A number of minor assumptions have been made about the geometry of the Navy waste package. These assumptions **are** outlined and referenced in the spreadsheet "navy4.xls" (Ref. 10). The bases for these assumptions about the waste package geometry **are** that the assumptions are always intended to obtain the greatest accuracy in the representation, and where inadequate information is available to choose among competing representations of waste package geometry, the choice that appears to lead to greatest conservatism is always made.

4. USE OF COMPUTER SOFTWARE AND MODELS

This section describes the computer software used to carry out the calculation. ,

EQ3/6 Software Package-The EQ316 software package originated in the mid-1970s at Northwestern University (Ref. 5). Since 1978, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) has been responsible for maintenance of EQ316. The software has most recently been maintained under the sponsorship of the Civilian Radioactive Waste Management Program of the United States Department of Energy (DOE). The major components of the EQ316 package include EQ3NR, a speciation-solubility code; EQ6, a reaction-path code, which simulates water/rock interaction or fluid mixing in either a reaction-progress mode (time independent) or a time mode; EQPT, a data file preprocessor; EQLIB, a supporting software library; and several supporting thermodynamic data files. The software deals with the concepts of the The software deals with the concepts of the nic disequilibrium, and reaction kinetics. The thermodynamic equilibrium, thermodynamic disequilibrium, and reaction kinetics. supporting data files contain both standard state and activity coefficient-related data. Most of the data files support the use of the Davies or B-dot equations for the activity coefficients; two others support the use of Pitzer's equations. The temperature range of the thermodynamic data on the data files varies from 25°C only for some species to a full range of 0-300 °C for others. EOPT takes a formatted data file (a **"dataO"** file) **and** writes an unformatted near-equivalent called a data1 file which is actually the form read by EQ3NR and EQ6: EQ3NR is useful for analyzing groundwater chemistry data, calculating solubility limits, and determining whether certain reactions are in states of partial equilibrium or disequilibrium. EQ3NR is also required to initialize an EQ6 calculation.

EQ6 represents the consequences of irreversible reactions between an aqueous solution and a set of solid or fluid reactants. It can also represent fluid mixing and the consequences of changes in temperature. This code operates both in a reaction-progress fiame (independent of time) and in a time frame. In a time-frame calculation, the user specifies rate laws for the progress of the irreversible reactions. Otherwise, only relative rates **are** specified. EQ3NR and EQ6 use a hybrid Newton-Raphson technique to perform thermodynamic calculations. This is supported by a set of algorithms, which create and optimize starting values. EQ6 uses an ordinary differential equation integration algorithm to solve rate equations in time mode. The codes in the EQ316 package are written in FORTRAN 77 and have been developed to runiunder the Microsoft Windows and the **UNIX** operating systems. Further information on the codes of the EQ316 package is provided in References 5,6,7, and 8.

Solid-Centered Flow-Through Mode-EQ6 version 7.2b, as distributed by LLNL, does not contain an SCFT mode. To add this mode, it was necessary to change the EQ6 source code and recompile the source. By using a variant of the "special reactant" type built into EQ6, it was possible to add the functionality of SCFT mode in a very simple and straightforward manner. The new mode is induced with a "special-special" reactant. The EQ6 input file nomenclature for this new mode is jcode=5; in the Daveler format, it is indicated by the reactant type DISPLACER. The jcode=5 is immediately trapped and converted to jcode=2, and a flag is set to

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indicate the existence of the DISPLACER reactant. Apart fiom the input trapping, the distinction between the DISPLACER and SPECIAL reactants is seen only in one 9-line block of the EQ6 FORTRAN source code (in the reacts subroutine), where the total moles of elements in the rock-plus-water system (mte array) is adjusted by adding in the DISPLACER reactant, and subtracting out a commensurate amount of the total aqueous elements (mteaq array).

4.1 SOFTWARE APPROVED FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE (QA) WORK

The software package, EQ3/6 Version 7.2b (Ref. 13) was used to provide the following:

- A general overview of the expected chemical reactions
- The degradation products fiom corrosion of the waste forms and canisters
- An indication of the minerals and their amounts likely to precipitate within the waste package.

The software specifications are **as** follow:

- Software name: EQ3/6
- Software version/revision number: Version 7.2b
- Computer sofware configuration identifier (CSCI): UCRL-MA-110662 V 7.2b
- Computer type: personal computer (PC) (Ref. 14).

The input and output files attributes for the various EQ6 calculations are documented in Attachment **II.** The calculation files described in Sections 5 and 6 are such that an independent repetition of the software used may be performed.

The EQ3/6 software used was: (a) appropriate for the calculations performed, (b) used only within the range of validation as documented in Reference 13 and, (c) obtained from the Software Configuration Manager in accordance with appropriate procedures.

4.2 SOFTWARE ROUTINES

Spreadsheet analyses were performed with Microsoft Excel version 97, installed on a PC. The specific spreadsheets used for results reported in this document are included in the electronic media (Ref. 10). Spreadsheet "navy4".xls contains two worksheets that convert various data values into a form suitable for input to EQ6. Excel spreadsheets "density_navy4.xls" and "navy aqueous all element.xls" manipulates data from EQ6 output files for presentation in the results tables in Section 5.

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None used.

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5. CALCULATION

The calculations begin with selection of data for compositions, amounts, surface areas, and reaction rates of the various components of the Navy waste packages. These quantities are recalculated to the form required for entry into EQ6. For example, weight percentages of elements in the stainless steel are converted to moles based on 100 g/mole; the degradation rate in micrometers/year is converted into moles per square centimeter per second, etc. Spreadsheets (Ref. 10) provide details of these calculations. The final part of the input to EQ6 consists of the composition of 5-13 well water together with a rate of influx into the waste package that corresponds to suitably chosen percolation rates into a drift and drip rate into a waste package (Section 5.1.1.4). The EQ6 output provides the results of the chemical degradation of the waste package and its components. In the calculations, the degradation of the waste package occurs in one stage. The results include the compositions and amounts of solid products and of substances in solution. Details of the results are presented below.

In all tables from this document, the number of digits reported does not necessarly reflect the accuracy or precision of the calculation. In most tables, two to four digits after the decimal place have been retained to prevent round-off errors in subsequent calculations.

The existing database supplied with the EQ3/6 computer package is sufficiently accurate for the purposes of this calculation. The data have been carefully scrutinized by many experts over the course of several decades and carefully selected by LLNL for incorporation into the data base (Refs. 5, 6, 7, and 8). These databases are periodically updated and/or new databases added, such as one including extensive data on the lanthanides (Ref 9). Every **run** of either EQ3 or EQ6 documents automatically which database is used. The databases include references internally for the sources of the data. The reader is referred to this documentation, included in the electronic files labeled data0 that accompany this calculation, for details (Ref. 10). Nevertheless, the quality of data needs to be verified in the future.

5.1 CALCULATION INPUTS

5.1.1 Waste Package Materials and Performance Parameters

This section provides a brief overview of the physical and chemical characteristics of the Navy SNF waste package (without the SNF) and describes how the waste package is represented in the EQ6 inputs. The conversion of the waste package physical description, into parameters suitable for the EQ6 input files, is performed by the spreadsheet "navy4.xls."

Material nomenclature used throughout this document includes SB-575 NO6022 (referred to as Alloy **22),** SA-240 S3 1603 (referred to **as** 3 16L) and SA-240 3 16 NG (referred to as 3 **16NG).**

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5.1.1.1 Physical and Chemical Form of the Navy Waste Package

The Navy waste package considered in the calculations is comprised of

- The stainless steel inner shell of the **waste** package (3 16NG)
- The stainless steel basket components (316L)
- * The Navy **SNF** canister (3 16L), consisting of the shield plug, shell, and bottom,

Table 5-1 provides the composition, molar volume, density, and degradation rate of the stainless steel used in the calculations. The properties of the 316NG in the inner shell of the waste package is assumed to be the same as 3 16L.

Table 5-1. 316L Stainless Steel Composition and Degradation Rate

NOTES: $^{\bullet}$ **Ref. 15**

- Normalized to 100 g/mole; calculations in "navy4.xls" (Ref. 10).
- **Molecular weight (assumed to be 100 g/mole) divided by density Ref. 16**
Ref. 16 **Conversion based on 100 g/mole and 365.25 d/y; calculations in**
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- **"navy4.xls"** (Ref. 10)

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All **EQ6** calculations are based on 1 liter of water; therefore, all the values of moles and surface area must be divided by the void volume expressed in liters. Three different void volumes were chosen for the calculations. Table 5-2 provides the calculated **and** normalized **EQ6** input values for the components of the Navy waste package considered in the calculation (Ref. 10). The calculation of the normalized moles md surface area are presented in Excel spreadsheet "navy4.xls" (Ref. 10). The dimensions of the **316NG** inner shell come fiom spreadsheet "navy4.xls" (Ref. 10, sketch SK-0146); the 316L Navy canister dimensions come from Reference **1;** the 316L basket values of mass and surface area come fiom Reference 2. The waste package void volumes were calculated in spreadsheet "navy4, xls" based on waste package dimensions fiom Reference 1.

Table 5-2. Calculated and Normalized EQ6 lnput Values for Materials in the Navy Waste Package

NOTES **a** Void volume fraction corresponds to the following volumes: **0.7** x **618,000** in3 = **432,600** in3 **(7.089** liters); **0.3** x **537.000** in3 = **161.1 00** in3 **(2.640** liters); **0.05 x 537,000** in3 = **26,850** in **(440** liters)

Normalized moles and areas are calculated by dividing the moles and areas by the void volume; calculations in "navy4.xls" (Ref. 10)

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5.1.1.2 Kinetics of Si02 Dissolution and Precipitation

At high drip rates, the precipitation rate of $SiO₂$ may be slower than the residence time in the waste package. To account for this in the calculations, the reaction kinetics of $SiO₂$ dissolution were added to the EQ6 input files. EQ6 automatically calculates the rate of precipitation based on the rate of dissolution. The changes in the dissolution rate as a function of pH were estimated in spreadsheet "quartz.xls" and plotted as the solid line in Figure 5-1. The choice of the dissolution rate (1 x 10⁻⁶ moles/(cm²·s)) at low pH values and the slope of the curve in the high pH range (0.3) came from Figure 2 of Reference 17. Figure 5-1 provides experimental values of quartz dissolution at 25 °C from Tables I and III of Reference 18. For the range of pH values (5 to 8) encountered in the EQ6 calculations, the EQ6 dissolution rate used in the EQ6 calculation fits the experimental data fairly well.

Besides the dissolution rate, a precipitation surface area equal to the basket surface area (Table 5- 2) and a small value representing the initial moles of $SiO₂$ (1 x 10⁻⁵) were added to the EQ6 input file.

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Figure 5-1. Quartz Dissolution Rate as a Function of pH at 25 °C.

5.1.13 Chemical Composition of J-13 Well Water

It was assumed that the water composition entering the waste package would be the same as for water fiom the **5-13** well (Assumption **3.2).** This water **has** been analyzed repeatedly over'a span of at least two decades (Ref. 4). Table **5-3** contains the **EQ3NR** input file constraints for **5-13** well water composition based on Reference 4 and based on the assumptions of carbon dioxide fugacity found in Reference 19. Table **5-3** is in the format required by **EQ3NR.** For **an** explanation of terms used in the input file see Reference **7.** Table **5-4** provides the elemental molal (moles/kg) composition for J-13 well water calculated by EQ3NR and included in the EQ6 input files for this calculation.

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Table 5-3. EQ3NR Input File Constraints for J-13 Well Water Composition

NOTES: ' **Refs. 4 and 19. For definition of terms, see Ref. 7. The concentration of 1 .OE-16 is added as e trace to ensure numerical stability.**

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Table 5-4. EQ316 Input File Elemental Molar Composition for J-13 Well Water

5.1.1.4 Drip Rate of Water into a Waste Package

It is assumed (Assumption 3.122) that the drip rate into a waste package is the same as the rate at which water flows through the waste package. The drip rate is taken from a correlation between percolation rate and drip rate (Ref. 20). Specifically, percolation rates of 40 mm/year and 8 mm/year correlate with drip rates onto the waste package of 0.15 m³/year and 0.015 m³/year, respectively. The choice of these particular percolation and drip rates is discussed in detail in Reference 21.

For the present study, the range of allowed drip rates was extended to include an upper value of 0.5 m^3 /year. The upper value corresponds to the 95 percentile upper limit for a percolation rate of 40 mmlyear (Ref. 20). The values of drip rate, converted to the units appropriate for **EQ6** input, are provided in Table 5-2 for each of the three void volumes.

5.1.1.5 Densities and Molecular Weights of Solids

For input to criticality calculations, one must convert moles of solids to solid volumes. The molecular weights and molar volumes of the solids are found in file dataO.nuc.r8a in Reference 10.

5.1.1.6 Atomic Weights

Atomic weights were taken fiom Reference 22 and **are** listed in Reference 10 (spreadsheet "density navy4.xls", sheet "density").

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5.2 EQ6 CALCULATIONS AND SCENARIOS REPRESENTED

The rationale for selection of scenarios in EQ6 simulations is to provide a range of possible conditions in the waste package during degradation. The internal degradation configurations are based on the assumption that groundwater drips onto the upper surface of the waste package and penetrates it. Groundwater accumulates inside the waste package, which could dissolve and flush corrosion products out of the waste package. The scenarios included three different drip rates and three different void volumes. Six cases of EQ6 simulations were **run,** with different void volumes and water fluxes through the waste package. Table 5-5 summarizes the conditions of each case.

Table 5-5. Conditions of All Cases

NOTE: ' **In the cases that have file names with brackets, the letters within the brackets (such as s, t, u, etc.) indicate the specific file names for the EQ6 runs tha? were required for that case. For example, Case 2 consisted of runs with the** file names V40s1002 and V40t1002.

The EQ6 input file corresponding to each **run** is included in the electronic media accompanying this calculation (Ref. 10). Each input file has the form of #.6i, where the "#" represents the name of the run (e.g., V49s1002.6i is the EQ6 input file name for Case 1). EQ6 generates four different types of text output files. Reference 10 contains tab delimited text files with the names like #.elem *.txt. The text files list total moles of elements in aqueous phase (#.elem_aqu.txt.), total moles of each element produced by minerals (#.elem-min.txt), and total moles of each element, which is the sum of aqueous, mineral, and unreacted reactants (#.elem-tot.txt).

The file name, in column 2 of Table 5-5, provides most of the important **run** conditions. The third character of the file name indicates the void volume as 0, 1, and 9 for very low, low, and high void volumes, respectively. The actual void volumes are listed in the table notes of Table 5-2. The characters within the brackets (such as s, t, u, etc.) indicate the specific file names for the EQ6 runs that were required for that case. For example, Case 2 consisted of runs with the file names V40s1002 and V40t1002. The last character indicates the choice of drip rate of the

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incoming water, with 2, 3, and 4 corresponding to 0.015 m³/year, 0.15 m³/year, and 0.5 m³/year, respectively.

Figure 5-2 provides a plot of the undegraded mass of each component in the waste package versus time for all cases. Since the degradation rate is independent of operating conditions, such as pH, water drip rate, or void volume, the data plotted in Figure 5-2 applies to dl cases. By one millions years, everything has fully degraded, except the canister shield plug, which is initially 15 inches thick and therefore takes the longest to fully degrade.

SOURCE: File V49s1002.txt (Ref. 10); conversion from moles to pounds in Excel spreadsheet "components **report.xls"** (Ref. 10).

Figure 5-2. Unreacted Mass Remaining Versus Time for All Cases

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The concentrations of each element in the aqueous phase at selected times are presented in Tables 5-6 through 5-11. The aqueous concentrations from the EQ6 output files The aqueous concentrations from the EQ6 output files "#.elem aqu.txt" were converted from moles/liter to mg/liter in spreadsheet "navy aqueous all elements.xls." The mass of each element, the total mass, and the density of the corrosion products **are** presented at selected times in Tables 5-12 through 5-17. The mass and density of the corrosion products were calculated in spreadsheet "density_navy4.xls," using values fiom the EQ6 output files "#.elem-min.txt," and using the grams-to-pounds conversion fiom Reference 23.

Table 5-6. Concentration (mg/l) in Aqueous Phase and pH at Selected Times for Case 1 (V49s1002)

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Table 5-7. Concentration (mg/l) in Aqueous Phase and pH at Selected Times for Case 2 (V40{st}1002)

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Table 5-8. Concentration (mg/l) in Aqueous Phase and pH at Selected Times for Case 3 (V41{stu}1002)

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Table 5-9. Concentration (mg/l) in Aqueous Phase and pH at Selected Times for Case 4 (V41{stu}1003)

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Table 5-10. Concentration (mgn) in Aqueous Phase and pH at Selected Times for Case 5 (v41{stuvwxy}1004)

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Table 5-11. Concentration (mg/l) in Aqueous Phase and pH at Selected Times for Case 6 (V40{stu}1004)

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The aqueous concentrations in Table 5-6 and Table 5-8 (Cases 1 and 3, same drip rate, different void volumes) are nearly identical, as are the data in Table 5-12 and Table 5-14, indicating that the void volume has no effect on the composition of the aqueous or solid products formed. The choice of drip rate, on the other hand, does have an impact on the results. Figure 5-3 shows the quantity of silicon (Si) in the solid corrosion product versus time for three different drip rates. The higher the drip rate, the higher quantity of Si formed in the corrosion product.

NOTE: Cases 3, 4, and 5; plotted values come from EQ6 output files "#.elem_min.txt" (Ref. 10); conversions from moles/liter to total pounds in "density_navy4.xls."

Figure 5-3. Silicon in Solid Corrosion Product Versus Time for Three Drip Rates at 0.3 Void Fraction

Figure 5-4 is a plot of the Si in solution (moles) for the same three cases as in Figure 5-3. For early times, the highest concentration of Si in solution occurs in the lowest drip rate case. And in fact, the concentration for the low drip rate case is higher that for the incoming water (1.02×10^{-3}) moles/l) for the first 150,000 years. This is due to the formation of amorphous $SiO₂$ in the low

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drip rate case at early times. Amorphous $SiO₂$ is more soluble than chalcedony, a fine grained quartz ($SiO₂$). Allowing amorphous $SiO₂$ to form (rather than suppressing it) is conservative in that more $SiO₂$ solids are formed. If amorphous $SiO₂$ were suppressed, more chalcedony would form, and the equilibrium concentration of Si in the water at early times would be lower. In addition, the high concentration of Si in solution at early times is due to the corrosion of the basket and canister shell **and** the release of 1 **wt%** Si fiom the steel into solution and into the corrosion products. At later times, the aqueous concentrations of Si in the high drip rate cases are higher than those in the low drip rate cases. This is due to the kinetics of $SiO₂$. At the higher drip rates, $SiO₂$ has a lower residence time in the waste package, and the formation of chalcedony is inhibited. This leads to a higher concentration at later times for the high drip rate cases.

NOTE: Cases 3, 4, and 5; plotted values from EQ6 output files "#.elem_aqu.txt" (Ref. 10).

Figure 5-4. Silicon Concentration in Solution Versus Time for Three Drip Rates at 0.3 Void Fraction

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6. RESULTS

The results of this Calculation are based on a combination of qualified and unqualified technical information. Therefore, use of any unqualified technical information or result from the Calculation as input in documents supporting construction, fabrication, or procurement, or as part of a verified design to be released to another organization, is required to be identified and controlled in accordance with appropriate procedures.

A principal objective of this calculation was to determine the aqueous concentrations and the quantity of solid corrosion products that would form as a result of the degradation of a Navy waste package that does not contain SNF. Emphasis was placed on aqueous Si concentrations and solid $SiO₂$ formation, because of the importance of silica in the criticality calculations. Water with a composition of J-13 well water is assumed to drip in through an opening at the top of the waste package, pooling inside and eventually overflowing, allowing removal of soluble components through continual dilution. This calculation selected six EQ6 cases and examined the effects of varying the void volume and the drip rate.

Results indicated that void volume **had** no effect on the aqueous concentration or solid corrosion products. The highest quantity of corrosion products were formed at the highest drip rates. The aqueous concentrations of Si were higher at early times for the low drip rate cases. At later times, the concentration of Si was higher for the high drip rate cases due to kinetic effects of chalcedony formation.

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7. ATTACHMENTS

Attachment I. Document Input Reference Sheets (6 pages)

Attachment **11.** Listing of Files on Electronic Media (3 pages) (Reference 10 contains the electronic media for this calculation.)

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Attachment II. Listing of Files on Electronic Media.

This attachment contains the MS-DOS directory for files placed on the electronic media (Ref. 10). The files **are** of 6 types:

- 1) Excel files (extension = xls), called out in the text and tables;
- 2) EQ6 input files (extension $= 6i$), as discussed in Section 5.3.1, have 8-character names V???????.6i:
- 3) Tabdelimited text files (extension = txt), with names V???????.elem????.txt. **as** discussed in Section 5.3.2; these contain total aqueous moles (#.elem_aqu.txt), total moles in minerals, aqueous phase, and remaining special reactants (#.elem-tot.txt), and the total moles in minerals alone (#.elem_min.txt). The #.elem_tot.txt and #.elem_min.txt also have the volume in $cm³$ of the minerals and total solids (including special reactants) in the system;
- 4) FORTRAN source files (extension = for) for the version of EQ6 used in the calculations; and
- 5) MS-DOS/Win95/Win98 executables (extension $=$ exe) for the version of EQ6 and runeg6 used in the calculations, and the autoexec.bat file that sets up the environment;
- 6) EQ6 data files used for the calculations, with the text file dataO.nuc.R8a, and the binary version data1 .nuc.

Below are listed the contents of the directories within the electronic attachment: The first column is the DOS file name. The second column is the

size of the file (bytes) . **The third and fourth columns are the date and time of the last update.**

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