

Analysis of the Failure Cause and Secondary Failure of Domestic Defective Fuel Rods

## Abstract

The phenomenology for failure cause and secondary hydriding of domestic defective fuel rods is analyzed and compared with descriptive model of secondary hydriding. The primary defect is mainly caused by fretting due to debris-induced or flow-induced vibration, which is in accordance with the failure cause of foreign defective fuel rod. Most of defective fuel rods lead to severe secondary hydriding during the operation. These secondary hydriding defects were far away from the primary defect, which is consistent with secondary hydriding mechanism. On the contrary to the model that only primary defect less than critical size can lead to the secondary hydriding, it is also confirmed that several millimeter-size primary defect can bring about secondary hydriding.

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(thermal diffusion) 가 . 가 가 self-healing . 가 가 heat flux 7) , self-healing • 가 가 8) / 가 가 가 "critical ratio" 가 . "sunburst" . 9) 가 • 가 "hydrogen sink" • 가 10) (pressure equilibrium) / 가 1 . [4] [5] . • , . H<sub>2</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O 7 gas mixture 가 가 1 μm , random 가 가 [6] . 4~11 μm 4 가 가 가 /

가 steam starvation condition 1, 2 . 2 가 4 10-. <sup>3</sup>~10<sup>-2</sup> mm 가 pinhole • 3. 가 A, B, C, D , . 가 А А  $675\ mm$  $2 \mathrm{mm}$ grid spring 2,902 mm • 1,520 ppm . . 가 А В 42 mm 2mm . 6 . 가 assembly, 127 В 7 48 10 assembly J44 assembly 20 8 . hydride blister . 가 С 2 Α 93 mm 0.8 mm 2,660 mm

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Α . 가 1 가 (debris) 1 . 가 . 1,160, 1,410, 1,590 mm hydride blister В 가 , 1,160 mm 가 가 . 가 / . (random hydriding) 가 D 3,003 mm Α 5,900 ppm , Α 1.17 m . 3 m • 2.4 В 3 cm 2.6 m . 3,003 mm А . 가 В 2,348 mm, 2,428 . mm, 2,614 mm • 2,348 mm ppm 2,428 mm, 2,614 mm 'sunburst' 2,428 mm 2,614 mm 가 . 가 . ,

가 가 'sunburst' . 2 . 가 가 (power ramping rate) • 1 . 4. (descriptive model) / 1) debris fretting flow-induced vibration fretting • 2) , 3) . 가 4) 가 mm •

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PWR-A (14×14 W-SFA)	Grid spring fretting	2 mm	
PWR-B (16×16 KOFA)	Flow-induced vibration fretting	$3 \text{ mm} \times 10 \text{ mm}$	
PWR-C	Debris-induced fretting	0.8 mm	
(16×16 K-SFA)	No primary defect	No primary defect	
PWR-D	Debris-induced fretting	1.4 mm × 3.2 mm	
(17×17 KOFA)	(tentative)	0.9 mm × 1.4 mm	





"sunburst" hydride morphology