Implementing Systems Engineering for Small Modular Reactor Design

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Abstract

Small modular reactor designers aim to improve existing commercial nuclear technologies while also leveraging the benefits of modern manufacturing to reduce project risks. NuScale Power pursues these goals through a tailored systems engineering approach that develops tools and methods to support product development and ensure successful delivery. NuScale's systems engineering approach emphasizes three product views (requirements, product structure, and functional architecture) and employs integrated, risk-informed decision processes. The above techniques support a product development framework that can also be understood in the context of the traditional systems engineering "vee" model.



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