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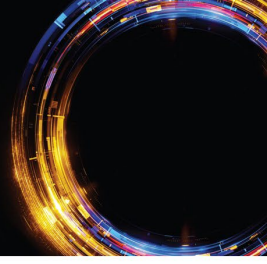


Regulatory Considerations for the **eVinci™** Microreactor

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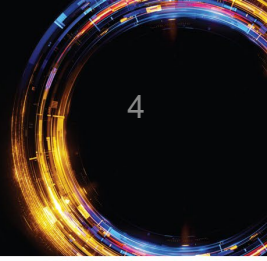
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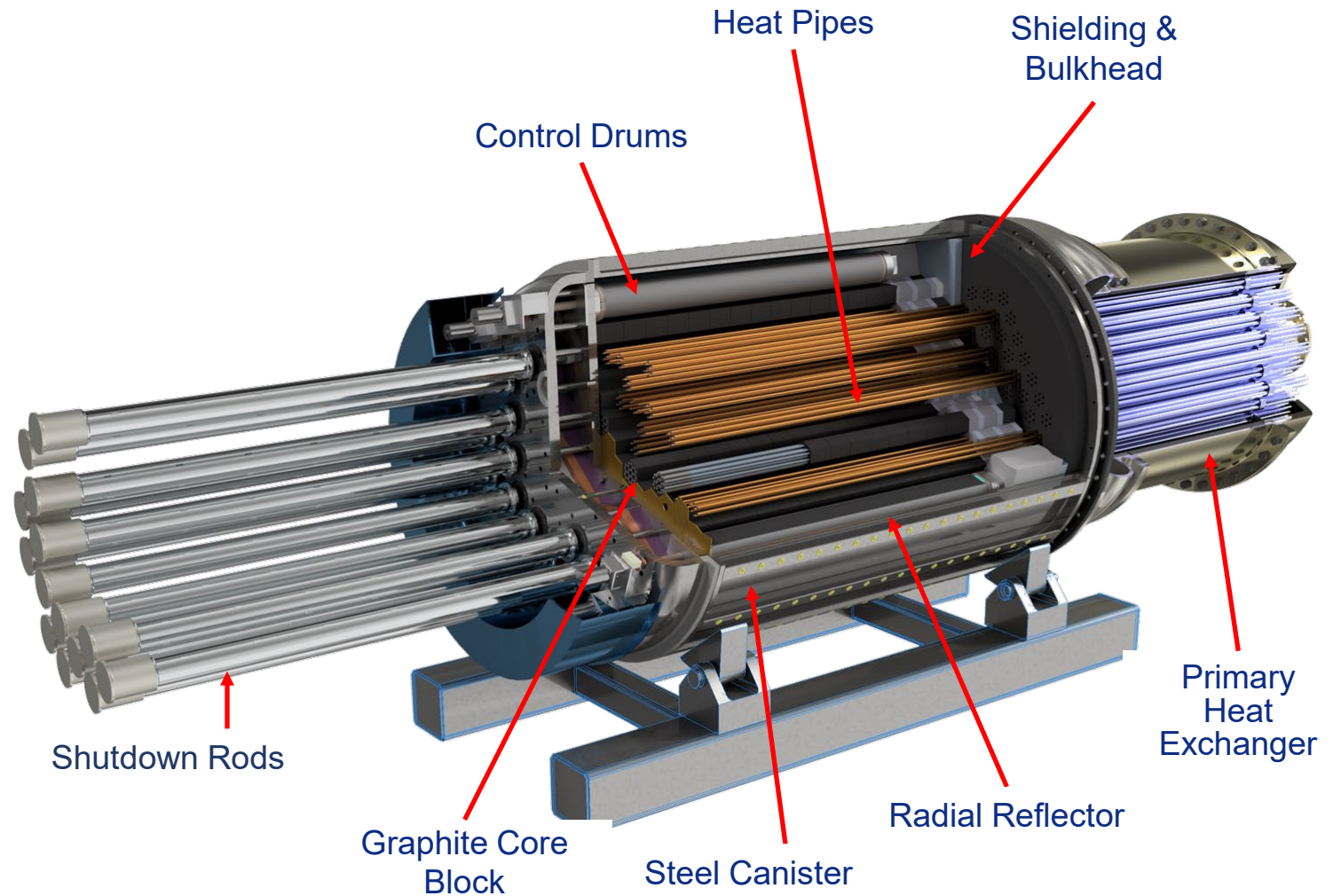


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eVinci Microreactor Design



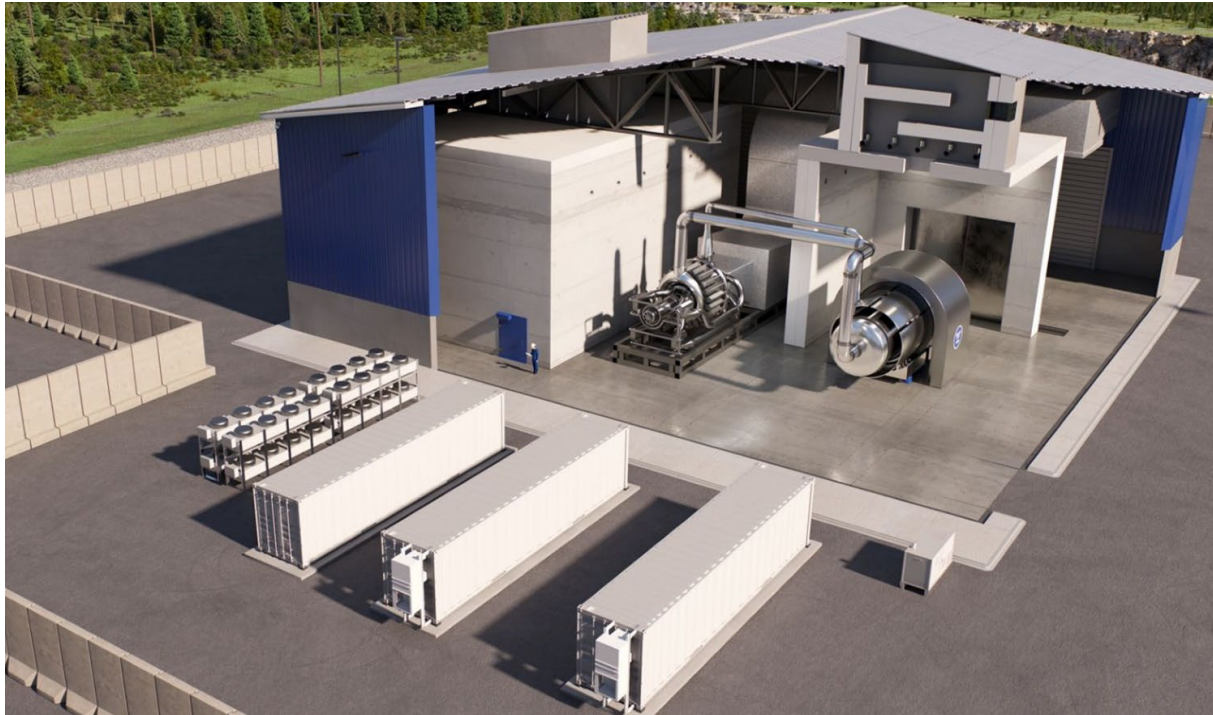
| Parameter | eVinci Microreactor |
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| Power | 15 MWt |
| Fuel Cycle | 8 years |
| Fuel (Enrichment) | Tri-structural Isotropic (TRISO) (19.75%) |
| Coolant | Heat Pipes |
| Reactor Pressure | ~1 atm |
| Moderator | Graphite |
| Power Conversion | Open-Air Brayton |
| Efficiency | 34% |
| Decay Heat Removal | Radial Conduction |



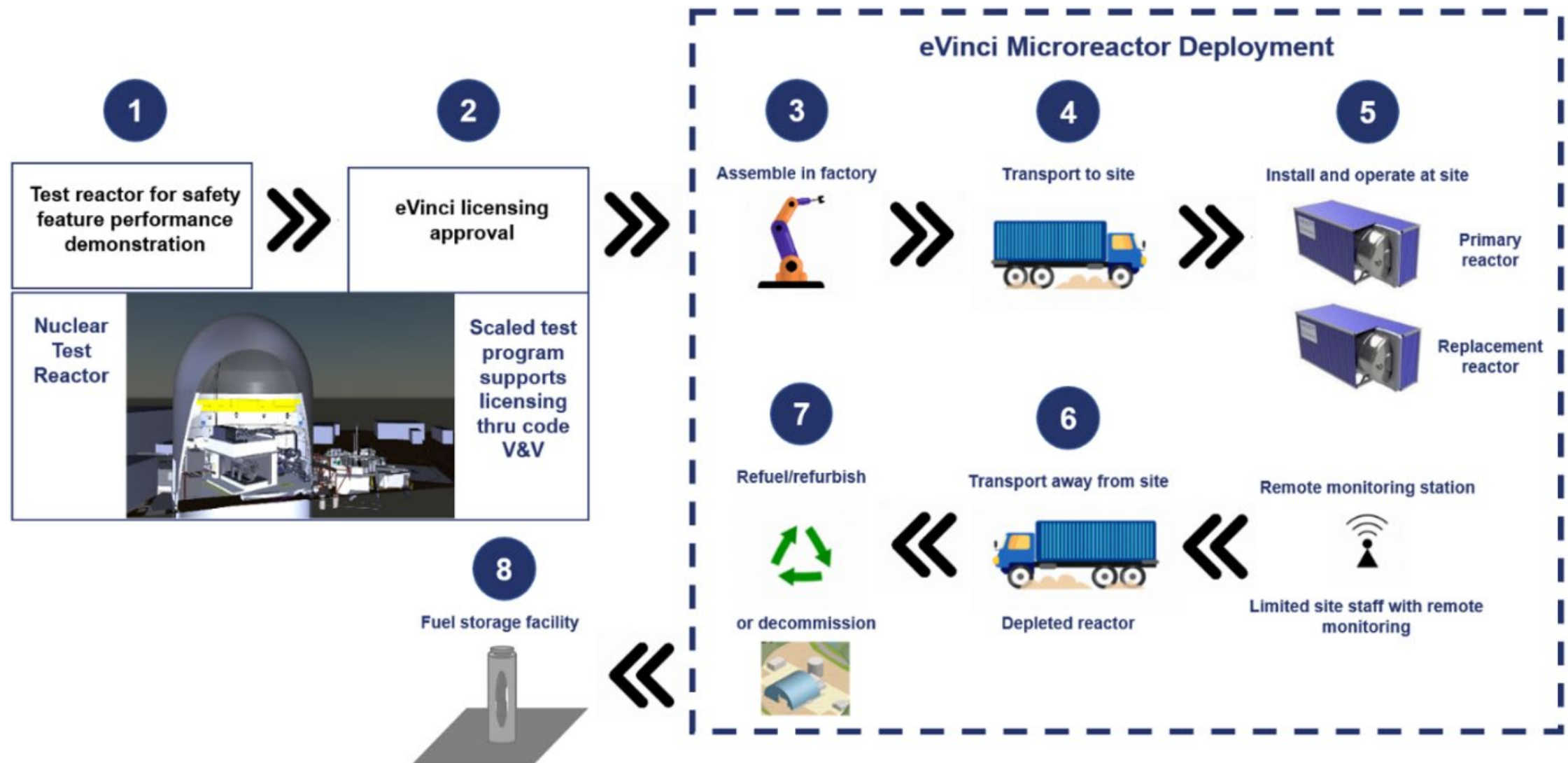
eVinci Microreactor Site Layout

Site and facility shown for single unit

- All buildings and systems: **above ground**
- Reactor site footprint: **< 3 acres**
- Building footprint: **<0.5 acres**



eVinci Microreactor Deployment Model



U.S. NRC Pre-application Engagement

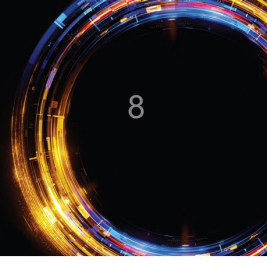


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| 1 | Facility Level Design Description | Submitted - 1 | 13 | Advanced Logic System®(ALS) v2 | Submitted - 3 | 25 | Inservice Inspection Program/Inservice Testing Program | Submitted – 5 |
| 2 | Principal Design Criteria | Submitted - 1 | 14 | Component Qualification | Submitted- 3 | 26 | Post-Accident Monitoring System | Submitted – 5 |
| 3 | Safety and Accident Analysis Methodologies | Submitted - 1 | 15 | Emergency Plan Zone Sizing Methodology | Submitted - 3 | 27 | Equipment Qualification | Submitted – 5 |
| 4 | Licensing Modernization Project Implementation | Submitted - 1 | 16 | Physical Security | Submitted - 3 | 28 | Probabilistic Risk Assessment and Transportation Risk Assessment | Submitted – 5 |
| 5 | Regulatory Analysis | Submitted - 2 | 17 | Heat Pipe Design, Qualification, and Testing | Submitted - 3 | 29 | Fire Protection | Submitted – 5 |
| 6 | Deployment Model | Submitted - 2 | 18 | Nuclear Design | Submitted - 3 | 30 | Cyber Security | Submitted – 5 |
| 7 | Safeguards Information Plan | Submitted - 2 | 19 | U.S Transportation Strategy | Submitted - 3 | 31 | Radiation Protection and Contamination Methodology | Submitted – 6 |
| 8 | Test and Analysis Process | Submitted - 2 | 20 | Phenomena Identification and Ranking Table (PIRT) | Submitted - 4 | | | |
| 9 | Functional Containment and Mechanistic Source Term | Submitted - 2 | 21 | Integral Effects and Transient Testing | Submitted - 4 | | | |
| 10 | Composite Material Qualification and Testing | Submitted - 2 | 22 | Refueling and Decommissioning | Submitted - 4 | | | |
| 11 | Fuel Qualification and Testing | Submitted - 3 | 23 | Seismic Methodology | Submitted - 4 | | | |
| 12 | Code Qualification | Submitted - 3 | 24 | Operations and Remote Monitoring | Submitted - 4 | | | |

Current Status:

<https://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/advanced/licensing-activities/pre-application-activities/evinci.html>

Regulatory Considerations



- Fuel Load in Manufacturing Facility
 - Seeking near-term resolution via NRC Commission vote on SECY-24-0008¹
- Licensing of Replacement Reactor Modules
- Right-sizing staffing levels (including operations and security) commensurate with the size, simplicity, and reduced risk associated with microreactors
- Storage of Spent Fuel
 - 10 CFR Part 72 definition of spent fuel: *“fuel that has been withdrawn from a nuclear reactor following irradiation, has undergone at least one year's decay since being used as a source of energy in a power reactor, and has not been chemically separated into its constituent elements by reprocessing. Spent fuel includes the special nuclear material, byproduct material, source material, and other radioactive materials associated with fuel assemblies.”*

¹SECY-24-0008, “Micro-Reactor Licensing and Deployment Considerations: Fuel Loading and Operational Testing at a Factory” (<https://www.nrc.gov/docs/ML2320/ML23207A252.html>)