

NUCLEAR FUEL ASSEMBLY RETROFIT FOR INCREASING REACTOR POWER

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Overview

With recent increases in electricity prices and concerns about the climactic effect of burning fossil fuels, there is an increased interest in increasing nuclear power generation.

The Invention

A UW Madison researcher has devised a novel reactor core for fission reactors having improved power output. It uses an irregular fuel rod spacing that nevertheless retains grid-positioned control rods allowing a retrofitting of the reactor core to existing reactors without substantial modification to the pressure vessel. Generally, the fuel rod placement deviates from a regular grid and the distance between fuel rods varies.

Tech Fields

• Clean Technology: Other clean technologies

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