# COMMENTS

This issue is a continuation of the special collection on the Blanket Comparison and Selection Study (BCSS) contained in July's edition of *Fusion Technology*. Due to the large number of manuscripts involved (16 total), it was necessary to break this collection of papers into two parts. Readers interested in further background should consult the Preface by Dale Smith in the July issue as well as the overview article in that issue.

We are quite proud to have this special two-part series on the BCSS since it is one of the most important fusion technology studies in recent years. The objective of the study was to identify a limited number of blanket concepts that could provide a focus for the U.S. blanket technology program and concurrently identify and prioritize critical technical issues involved in their development. The information resulting from this study should strongly influence blanket research and development for a number of years to come.

We wish to acknowledge the concerted effort put forth by Dale Smith of the Argonne National Laboratory in coordinating the manuscripts for these special issues. The collaboration and help given by the authors in this series are also gratefully acknowledged. The papers have been heavily reviewed. They first underwent an internal review through the BCSS project organization itself, and then were submitted to a second review by independent persons selected by *Fusion Technology* staff. Thus, in some cases the authors had to make two different sets of changes in the manuscripts, and this was time consuming. I hope that they will agree, however, that the final product has made the added effort well worthwhile.

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