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Abstract

FeCrAl-ODS ferritic steels with Ce-oxide dispersion instead of Y-oxide were produced for the accident tolerant fuel cladding of the light water reactor. Excess oxygen (Ex.O) was added to improve the mechanical property. The tensile strength at Ex.O = 0 is around 200 MPa at 700 °C, mainly owing to dispersed Ce₂O₃ particles in less than 10 nm size. The formation of the fine Ce₂O₃ particles is dominated by a coherent interface with ferritic matrix. With increasing Ex.O, an increased of number density of coarser Ce-Al type oxide particles over 10 nm size is responsible for the improvement of the tensile strength. Change of the type of oxide particle, CeO₂, Ce₂O₃, CeAlO₃, Al₂O₃, in FeCrAl-ODS steel was thermodynamically analyzed as a parameter of Ex.O.

Key words: ODS, Ce-oxide particles, ATF, Coherency

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