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By the referenced letter, the Nuclear Management Company, LLC (NMC) requested a revision to the Duane Arnold Energy Center Technical Specifications. The proposed change revises the vessel pressure and temperature limit curves. The revised limits are based on methodology described in a technical report, General Electric Report GE-NE-A22-00100-08-01, "Pressure Temperature Curves for Duane Arnold Energy Center," Revision 0, dated September 2000. A proprietary version of this report was included as an attachment to the letter. Subsequently, the Staff requested a redacted, non-proprietary version of that report. The redacted version, GE-NE-A22-00100-08-01a, is attached.

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#### **EXECUTIVE** SUMMARY

This report provides the pressure-temperature curves (P-T curves) developed to present steam dome pressure versus minimum vessel metal temperature incorporating appropriate non-beltline limits and irradiation embrittlement effects in the beltline. The methodology used to generate the P-T curves in this report is similar to the methodology used to generate the P-T curves in 1997 [1]. Several improvements were made to the P-T curve methodology; the improvements include, but are not limited to the following: 1) The incorporation of ASME Code Case N-640. 2) The use of the  $M<sub>m</sub>$  calculation in the 1995 ASME Code Paragraph G-2214.1 for a postulated defect normal to the direction of maximum stress. ASME Code Case N-640 allows the use of Kjc rather than **Kia** to determine  $T - RT<sub>NDT</sub>$ . Descriptions of other improvements are included in the P-T curve methodology section. This report also includes the effect of a change in irradiation on the embrittlement of the reactor pressure vessel (RPV) materials due to the increased flux associated with an increase in core thermal power for power uprate.

#### **CONCLUSIONS**

The operating limits for pressure and temperature are required for three categories of operation: (a) hydrostatic pressure tests and leak tests, referred to as Curve A; (b) non-nuclear heatup/cooldown and low-level physics tests, referred to as Curve B; and (c) core critical operation, referred to as Curve C.

There are four vessel regions that should be monitored against the P-T curve operating limits; these regions are defined on the thermal cycle diagram [2]:





- Upper vessel (Regions A & B)
- Lower vessel (Regions B & C)

For the core not critical and the core critical curve, the P-T curves specify a coolant heatup and cooldown temperature rate of **1** 00°F/hr or less for which the curves are applicable. However, the core not critical and the core critical curves were also

developed to bound transients defined on the RPV thermal cycle diagram [2] and the nozzle thermal cycle diagrams [3]. The bounding transients used to develop the curves are described in this report. For the hydrostatic pressure and leak test curve, a coolant heatup and cooldown temperature rate of 20°F/hr or less must be maintained at all times.

The P-T curves apply for both heatup/cooldown and for both the 1/4T and 3/4T locations because the maximum tensile stress for either heatup or cooldown is applied at the 1/4T location. For beltline curves this approach has added conservatism because irradiation effects cause the allowable toughness,  $K_{ir}$ , at 1/4T to be less than that at 3/4T for a given metal temperature.

Composite P-T curves were generated for each of the Pressure Test, Core Not Critical and Core Critical conditions at 32 effective full power years (EFPY). The composite curves were generated by enveloping the most restrictive P-T limits from the separate bottom head, beltline (including the N16 nozzle), upper vessel and closure assembly P-T limits. Separate P-T curves were developed for the upper vessel, beltline (at 25 and 32 EFPY), and bottom head for the Pressure Test and Core Not Critical conditions. A composite P-T curve was also generated for the Core Critical condition at 25 EFPY.

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#### **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

The pressure-temperature (P-T) curves included in this report have been developed to present steam dome pressure versus minimum vessel metal temperature incorporating appropriate non-beltline limits and irradiation embrittlement effects in the beltline. Complete P-T curves were developed for 25 and 32 effective full power years (EFPY). The P-T curves are given in Section 5.0 and a tabulation of the curves is included in Appendix B.

The methodology used to generate the P-T curves in this report is presented in Section 4.3 and is similar to the methodology used to generate the P-T curves in 1997 [1]. Several improvements were made to the P-T curve methodology; the improvements include, but are not limited to the following: 1) The incorporation of ASME Code Case N-640 [4]. 2) The use of the  $M_m$  calculation in the 1995 ASME Code Paragraph G-2214.1 [9] for a postulated defect normal to the direction of maximum stress. ASME Code Case N-640 allows the use of  $K_{1c}$  rather than  $K_{1a}$  to determine T-RT<sub>NDT</sub>. Descriptions of other improvements are included in the P-T curve methodology section. P-T curves are developed using geometry of the RPV shells and discontinuities, the initial  $RT_{NDT}$  of the RPV materials, and the adjusted reference temperature (ART) for the beltline materials.

The initial  $RT<sub>NOT</sub>$  is the reference for the unirradiated material as defined in Paragraph NB-2331 of Section III of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code. The Charpy energy data used to determine the initial  $RT_{NDT}$  values were tabulated from the Certified Material Test Report (CMTR's). The data and methodology used to determine initial  $RT<sub>NDT</sub>$  is documented in Section 4.1.

Adjusted Reference Temperature (ART) is the reference temperature when including irradiation shift and a margin term. Regulatory Guide 1.99, Rev. 2 [7] provides the methods for calculating ART. The value of ART is a function of RPV 1/4T fluence and beltline material chemistry. The ART calculation, methodology, and ART tables for 25 and 32 EFPY are included in Section 4.2. The 32 EFPY fluence value of

3.90 x **1018** n/cm2 used in this report was determined to be the maximum fluence value for Duane Arnold Extended Power Uprate. A discussion of fluence is included in Section 4.2.1.2 and Appendix E. The chemistry data was obtained from [1] for the beltline plates and welds. For the N16 nozzle, the chemistry was obtained from Certified Material Test Reports. Chemistry data is discussed in Section 4.2.1.1.

Comprehensive documentation of the RPV discontinuities that are considered in this report is included in Appendix A. This appendix also includes a table to document which non-beltline discontinuity curves are used to protect the discontinuities.

Guidelines and requirements for operating and temperature monitoring are included in Appendix C. GE SIL 430, a GE service information letter regarding Reactor Pressure Vessel Temperature Monitoring is included in Appendix D.

A discussion of the effect of a change in irradiation on the embrittlement of the RPV materials due to the increased flux associated with an increase in core thermal power from 1593 MW $_{\text{th}}$  to 1912 MW $_{\text{th}}$ , which is 120% of original rated thermal power, is included in Appendix E.

#### 2.0 **SCOPE** OF THE **ANALYSIS**

The methodology used to generate the P-T curves in this report is similar to the methodology used to generate the P-T curves in 1997 [1]. A detailed description of the P-T curve bases is included in Section 4.3. Several improvements were made to the P-T curve methodology; the improvements include, but are not limited to the following: 1) The incorporation of ASME Code Case N-640 [4]; 2) The use of the  $M_m$  calculation in the 1995 ASME Code Paragraph G-2214.1 [9] for a postulated defect normal to the direction of maximum stress. ASME Code Case N-640 allows the use of  $K_{IC}$  rather than  $K_{la}$  to determine T-RT<sub>NDT</sub>. Other improvements include, but are not limited to the following:

- Generation of separate curves for the upper vessel in addition to those generated for the beltline, and bottom head.
- Comprehensive description of discontinuities used to develop the non-beltline curves (see Appendix A).

The pressure-temperature (P-T) curves are established to the requirements of **1** OCFR50, Appendix G [6] to assure that adequate margin against brittle fracture of the reactor vessel exists. Part of the analysis involved in developing the P-T curves is to account for irradiation embrittlement effects in the core region, or beltline. The method used to account for irradiation embrittlement is described in Regulatory Guide 1.99, Rev. 2 [7].

In addition to beltline considerations, there are non-beltline discontinuity limits such as nozzles, penetrations, and flanges that influence the construction of P-T curves. The non-beltline limits are based on generic analyses that are adjusted to the maximum reference temperature of nil ductility transition  $(RT<sub>NOT</sub>)$  for the applicable Duane Arnold vessel components. The non-beltline limits are discussed in Section 4.3 and are also governed by requirements in [6].

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Furthermore, curves are included to allow monitoring of the vessel bottom head and upper vessel regions separate from the beltline region. This refinement could lessen heating requirements prior to pressure testing. Operating and temperature monitoring requirements are found in Appendix C. Temperature monitoring requirements and methods are available in GE Services Information Letter (SIL) 430 contained in Appendix D.

A discussion of the effect of a change in irradiation on the embrittlement of the RPV materials due to the increased flux associated with an increase in core thermal power from 1593 MW<sub>th</sub> to 1912 MW<sub>th</sub>, which is 120% of original rated thermal power, is included in Appendix E.

#### **3.0 ANALYSIS ASSUMPTIONS**

The following assumptions are made for this analysis:

For end-of-license (32 EFPY) fluence an 80% capacity factor is used to determine the EFPY for a 40-year plant life. The 80% capacity factor is based on the objective to have BWR's available for full power production 80% of the year (Refueling outages, etc. ~20% of the year).

The N16 nozzle copper value was conservatively assumed to be 0.20% for purposes of calculating effects of irradiation.

### 4.0 **ANALYSIS**

### *4.1 INITIAL REFERENCE TEMPERA TURE*

#### 4.1.1 Background

The initial  $RT<sub>NOT</sub>$  values for all low alloy steel vessel components are needed to develop the vessel P-T limits. The requirements for establishing the vessel component toughness prior to 1972 were per the ASME Code Section III, Subsection NB-2300 and are summarized as follows:

- a. Test specimens shall be longitudinally oriented CVN specimens.
- b. At the qualification test temperature (specified in vessel purchase specification), no impact test result shall be less than 25 ft-lb., and the average of three test results shall be at least 30 ft-lb.
- c. Pressure tests shall be conducted at a temperature at least 60°F above the qualification test temperature for the vessel materials.

The current requirements used to establish an initial  $RT<sub>NDT</sub>$  value are significantly different. For plants constructed according to the ASME Code after summer 1972, the requirements per the ASME Code Section III, Subsection NB-2300 is as follows:

- a. Test specimens shall be transversely oriented (normal to the rolling direction) CVN specimens.
- b. RT<sub>NDT</sub> is defined as the higher of the dropweight NDT or 60°F below the temperature at which Charpy V-Notch 50 ft-lb. energy and 35 mils lateral expansion are met.
- c. Bolt-up in preparation for a pressure test or normal operation shall be performed at or above the highest  $RT_{NDT}$  of the materials in the closure flange region or lowest service temperature (LST) of the bolting material, whichever is greater.

**1** 0CFR50 Appendix G [6] states that for vessels constructed to a version of the ASME Code prior to the Summer 1972 Addendum, fracture toughness data and data analyses must be supplemented in an approved manner. GE developed methods for analytically converting fracture toughness data for vessels constructed before 1972 to comply with current requirements. These methods were developed from data in WRC Bulletin 217 [11] and from data collected to respond to NRC questions on FSAR submittals in the late 1970s. In 1994, these methods of estimating  $RT_{NDT}$  were submitted for generic approval by the BWR Owners' Group [12], and approved by the NRC for generic use [13].

### 4.1.2 Values of Initial RT<sub>NDT</sub> and Lowest Service Temperature (LST)

To establish the initial  $RT<sub>MDT</sub>$  temperatures for the Duane Arnold vessel per the current requirements, calculations were performed in accordance with the GE method for determining  $RT<sub>NOT</sub>$ . Example  $RT<sub>NDT</sub>$  calculations for vessel plate, weld, HAZ, and forging, and bolting material LST are summarized in the remainder of this section.

For vessel plate material, the first step in calculating  $RT_{NOT}$  is to establish the 50 ft-lb. transverse test temperature from longitudinal test specimen data (obtained from certified material test reports, CMTR's). For Duane Arnold CMTR's, typically six energy values were listed at a given test temperature, corresponding to two sets of Charpy tests. The lowest energy Charpy value is adjusted by adding 2°F per ft-lb. energy difference from 50 ft-lb.

For example, for plate heat C6794-2 in the upper shell course of Duane Arnold, the lowest Charpy energy and test temperature from the CMTRs is 33.0 ft-lb. at 10<sup>o</sup>F. The estimated 50 ft-lb. longitudinal test temperature is:

 $T_{60}$  = 10<sup>o</sup>F + [(50 - 33) ft-lb. \* 2<sup>o</sup>F/ft-lb.] -60 = -16<sup>o</sup>F

The transition from longitudinal data to transverse data is made by adding 30°F to the 50 ft-lb. longitudinal test temperature; thus, for this case above,  $T_{50T}$  = -16°F + 30°F = 14°F

The initial RT<sub>NDT</sub> is the greater of nil-ductility transition temperature (NDT) or (T<sub>50T</sub>- 60°F). Dropweight testing to establish NDT for plate material was listed in the CMTR; the NDT for the case above was 10°F. Thus, the initial  $RT_{NDT}$  for plate heat C6794-2 was 14°F.

For weld heat 432Z0471 in Shell #1 of Duane Arnold, the lowest Charpy energy and test temperature from the CMTR's is 100 ft-lb. at 10°F, which is greater than 50 ft-lbs. In addition, if there is no drop weight NDT available, the  $RT_{NOT}$  may not be less than -50°F. Since no drop weight was available, the  $RT_{NDT}$  for heat 432Z0471 is:

 $RT_{NOT}$  = 10°F -60 = -50°F

For the vessel HAZ material, the  $RT_{NOT}$  is assumed to be the same as for the base material since ASME Code weld procedure qualification test requirements and post-weld heat treat data indicate this assumption is valid.

For vessel forging material, such as nozzles and closure flanges, the method for establishing  $RT_{NDT}$  is the same as for vessel plate material. For the feedwater nozzle at Duane Arnold, the NDT was 40 $\textdegree$ F and the lowest CVN data was 87 ft-lb. at 40 $\textdegree$ F. The corresponding value of  $(T_{50T} - 60^{\circ}F)$  was:

 $(T_{50T} - 60^{\circ}F) = 40 + 30 - 60^{\circ}F = 10^{\circ}F$ .

Therefore, the initial  $RT_{NOT}$  was 40°F.

In the bottom head region of the vessel, the vessel plate method is applied for estimating  $RT<sub>NDT</sub>$ . For the bottom head center of Duane Arnold (Heat B0390-3-1), the NDT was  $40^{\circ}$ F and the lowest CVN data was 71 ft-lb. at  $40^{\circ}$ F. The corresponding value of  $(T_{50T}$ -60°F) was:

 $(T_{50T} - 60^{\circ}F) = 40 + 30^{\circ}F - 60^{\circ}F = 10^{\circ}F$ .

Therefore, the initial  $RT<sub>NOT</sub>$  was 40°F.

For bolting material, the current ASME Code requirements define the lowest service temperature (LST) as the temperature at which transverse CVN energy of 45 ft-lb. and 25 mils lateral expansion (MLE) were achieved. If the required Charpy results are not met, or are not reported, but the CVN energy reported is above 30 ft-lb., the requirements of the ASME Code Section III, Subsection NB-2300 at construction are applied. Namely that the 30 ft-lb. test temperature plus 60°F is the LST for the bolting materials. Charpy data for the Duane Arnold closure studs indicates the materials did not meet the 45 ft-lb., 25 MLE requirement at 10°F, but the CVN energy was greater than 30 ft-lb. Therefore, the LST for the bolting material is  $70^{\circ}$ F. However, the highest  $RT<sub>NOT</sub>$  in the closure flange region is 14 ${}^{\circ}$ F, for shell ring #4. Thus, the higher of the LST and the RT<sub>NDT</sub> +60°F is 74°F, the boltup limit in the closure flange region.

The initial  $RT<sub>NDT</sub>$  values for the Duane Arnold reactor vessel materials are listed in Tables 4-1 and 4-2. This tabulation includes beltline, closure flange, feedwater nozzle, and bottom head materials that were considered in generating the P-T curves.

# Table 4-1: RT<sub>NDT</sub> Values for Duane Arnold Vessel Materials



# Table 4-2: RT<sub>NDT</sub> Values for Duane Arnold Nozzle, Weld and Bolting Materials



#### *4.2 ADJUSTED REFERENCE TEMPERATURE FOR BELTLINE*

The adjusted reference temperature (ART) of the limiting beltline material is used to adjust the beltline P-T curves to account for irradiation effects. Regulatory Guide 1.99, Revision 2 (Rev 2) provides the methods for determining the ART. The Rev 2 methods for determining the limiting material and adjusting the P-T curves using ART are discussed in this section. An evaluation of ART for all beltline plates, the N16 nozzle, and several beltline welds were made and summarized in Table 4-3 for 25 EFPY and Table 4-4 for 32 EFPY.

### 4.2.1 Regulatory Guide **1.99,** Revision 2 (Rev 2) Methods

The value of ART is computed by adding the SHIFT term for a given value of effective full power years (EFPY) to the initial  $RT<sub>NOT</sub>$ . For Rev 2, the SHIFT equation consists of two terms:

 $SHIFT = \Delta RT_{NDT} + Margin$ 

where,  $\triangle RT_{\text{NOT}} = [CF]^{\star}f^{(0.28 - 0.10 \log f)}$ Margin **=**  $2(\sigma_1^2 + {\sigma_1}^2)^{1/2}$  $f = 1/4$  T fluence /  $10^{19}$ 

 $ART = Initial RT<sub>NDT</sub> + SHIFT$ 

Where:

CF **=** Chemistry Factor  $f = \frac{1}{4}$  T fluence (n/cm<sup>2</sup>) divided by 10<sup>19</sup>  $\sigma_1$  = Standard deviation on initial RT<sub>NDT</sub>, which is taken to be 0<sup>o</sup>F.  $\sigma_{\Delta}$  = Standard deviation on RT<sub>NDT</sub>.  $\sigma_{\Delta}$  need not be greater than 0.5\* $\Delta$ RT<sub>NDT</sub>.

#### 4.2.1.1 Chemistry

The vessel beltline copper and nickel values (except for the N16 nozzle) were obtained from [1]. For the N16 nozzle, a bounding value of 0.20 was assumed for copper, and the nickel value of 0.85 was obtained from a Certified Material Test Report. The copper (Cu) and nickel (Ni) values were used with Tables 1 and 2 of Rev 2, to determine a

chemistry factor (CF) per Paragraph 1.1 of Rev 2 for welds and plates, respectively. For Plate Heat B0673-1, the CF was adjusted using Section 2.1 of Rev. 2; a detailed description of the adjustment is included in [1]. The margin term  $\sigma_{\Delta}$  has constant values in Rev 2 of 17°F for plate and 28°F for weld. For Plate Heat B0673-1, the margin term was halved consistent with the guidance in Section 2.1 of Rev. 2. However,  $\sigma_{\Lambda}$  need not be greater than  $0.5^* \triangle RT_{\text{NDT}}$ . Since the GE/BWROG method of estimating RT<sub>NDT</sub> operates on the lowest Charpy energy value (as described in Section 4.1.2) and provides a conservative adjustment to the 50 ft-lb level, the value of **a,** is taken to be 0°F for the vessel plate materials and girth weld.

#### 4.2.1.2 Fluence

The 32 EFPY peak fluence is 3.90 x 10<sup>18</sup> n/cm<sup>2</sup> as discussed in Appendix E. This fluence includes the effect of uprated power from 1593 MW $_{th}$  to 1912 MW $_{th}$ .

### 4.2.2 Limiting Beltline Material

The limiting beltline material signifies the material that is estimated to have the smallest margin against fracture due to irradiation effects combined with initial  $RT<sub>NDT</sub>$ . Using initial RT<sub>NDT</sub>, chemistry, and fluence as inputs, Rev 2 was applied to compute ART. Table 4-3 lists values of beltline ART for 25 EFPY and Table 4-4 lists the values for 32 EFPY.

#### **BELTLTNE** ART **VALUES** FOR **DUANE** ARNOLD





(a) Surveillance Plate (Best Estimate Chemistry) (c) Material in the surveillance program has the CF adjusted by 1.49 in accordance with RG 1.99 Rev. 2<br>(b) Estimated copper

Table 4-3: Duane Arnold Beltline ART Values (25 EFPY)

#### BELTLINE ART VALUES FOR **DUANE** ARNOLD





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(a) Surveillance Plate (Best Estimate Chemistry) (c) Material in the surveillance program has the CF adjusted by 1.49 in accordance with RG **1.99** Rev. 2

(b) Estimated copper

Table 4-4: Duane Arnold Beltline ART Values (32 EFPY)

## *4.3 PRESSURE- TEMPERATURE CURVE METHODOLOGY*

#### 4.3.1 Background

Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) I OCFR50 Appendix G [6] specifies fracture toughness requirements to provide adequate margins of safety during the operating conditions that a pressure-retaining component may be subjected to over its service lifetime. The ASME Code (Appendix G of Section Xl of the ASME Code [9]) forms the basis for the requirements of **1** OCFR50 Appendix G. The operating limits for pressure and temperature are required for three categories of operation: (a) hydrostatic pressure tests and leak tests, referred to as Curve A; (b) non-nuclear heatup/cooldown and low-level physics tests, referred to as Curve B; and (c) core critical operation, referred to as Curve C.

There are four vessel regions that should be monitored against the P-T curve operating limits; these regions are defined on the thermal cycle diagram [2]:



- Core beltline region (Region B) Upper vessel (Regions A & B)
- Lower vessel. (Regions B & C)

The closure flange region includes the bolts, top head flange, and adjacent plates and welds. The core beltline is the vessel location adjacent to the active fuel, such that the neutron fluence is sufficient to cause a significant shift of  $RT_{NDT}$ . The remaining portion of the vessel (i.e., upper vessel, lower vessel) include shells, components like the nozzles, the support skirt, and stabilizer brackets; these regions will also be called the non-beltline region.

For the core not critical and the core critical curve, the P-T curves specify a coolant heatup and cooldown temperature rate of **1** 00°F/hr or less for which the curves are applicable. However, the core not critical and the core critical curves were also developed to bound transients defined on the RPV thermal cycle diagram [2] and the nozzle thermal cycle diagrams [3]. The bounding transients used to develop the curves are described in the sections below. For the hydrostatic pressure and leak test curve, a coolant heatup and cooldown temperature rate of 20°F/hr or less must be maintained at all times.

The P-T curves for the heatup and cooldown operating condition at a given EFPY apply for both the 1/4T and 3/4T locations. When combining pressure and thermal stresses, it is usually necessary to evaluate stresses at the 1/4T location (inside surface flaw) and the 3/4T location (outside surface flaw). This is because the thermal gradient tensile stress of interest is in the inner wall during cooldown and is in the outer wall during heatup. However, as a conservative simplification, the thermal gradient stress at the 1/4T is assumed to be tensile for both heatup and cooldown. This results in the approach of applying the maximum tensile stress at the 1/4T location. This approach is conservative because irradiation effects cause the allowable toughness, Kir, at *114T* to be less than that at 3/4T for a given metal temperature. This approach causes no operational difficulties, since the BWR is at steam saturation conditions during normal operation, well above the heatup/cooldown curve limits.

The applicable temperature is the greater of the 10CFR50 Appendix G minimum temperature requirement and the ASME Appendix G limits. A summary of the requirements is as follows in Table 4-5:

# Table 4-5: Summary of the 10CFR50 Appendix G Requirements



• 60°F adder is included by GE as an additional conservatism as discussed in Section 4.4

There are four vessel regions that affect the operating limits: the closure flange region, the core beltline region, and the two regions in the remainder of the vessel (i.e., the upper vessel and lower vessel non-beltline regions). The closure flange region limits are controlling at lower pressures primarily because of **1** OCFR50 Appendix G [6] requirements. The non-beltline and beltline region operating limits are evaluated according to procedures in 10CFR50 Appendix G [6], ASME Code Appendix G [9], and Welding Research Council (WRC) Bulletin 175 [10]. The beltline region minimum temperature limits are adjusted to account for vessel irradiation.

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#### 4.3.2 P-T Curve Methodology

#### 4.3.2.1 Non-Beltline Regions

Non-beltline regions are defined as the vessel locations that are remote from the active fuel and where the neutron fluence is not sufficient to cause any significant shift of RT<sub>NDT</sub>. Non-beltline components include most nozzles, the closure flanges, some shell plates, the top and bottom head plates and the control rod drive (CRD) penetrations.

Detailed stress analyses of the non-beltline components were performed for the BWR/6 specifically for the purpose of fracture toughness analysis. The analyses took into account all mechanical loading and anticipated thermal transients. Transients considered include 1 00°F/hr start-up and shutdown, SCRAM, loss of feedwater heaters or flow, loss of recirculation pump flow, and all transients involving emergency core cooling injections. Primary membrane and bending stresses and secondary membrane and bending stresses due to the most severe of these transients were used according to the ASME Code **[9]** to develop plots of allowable pressure (P) versus temperature relative to the reference temperature  $(T - RT<sub>NOT</sub>)$ . Plots were developed for the limiting BWR/6 components: the feedwater nozzle (FW) and the CRD penetration (bottom head). All other components in the non-beltline regions are categorized under one of these two components as described in Tables 4-6 and 4-7.

#### Table 4-6: Applicable BWR/4 Discontinuity Components FOR USE WITH FW (UPPER VESSEL) CURVES A & B



#### Table 4-7: Applicable BWR/4 Discontinuity Components FOR USE WITH CRD (BOTTOM HEAD) CURVES A&B



The P-T curves for the non-beltline region were conservatively developed for a large BWRJ6 (nominal inside diameter of 251 inches). The analysis is considered appropriate for Duane Arnold as the plant specific geometric values are bounded by the generic analysis for a large BWR/6, as determined in Section 4.3.2.1.1 through Section 4.3.2.1.4. The generic value was adapted to the conditions at Duane Arnold by

using plant specific  $RT_{NDT}$  values for the reactor pressure vessel ( $RPV$ ). The presence of nozzles and CRD penetration holes in the upper vessel and bottom head, respectively, has made the analysis different from a shell analysis such as the beltline. This was the result of the stress concentrations and higher thermal stress for certain transient conditions experienced by the upper vessel and the bottom head.

#### [Redacted]

#### *4.3.2.1.1 Pressure Test* - *Non-Beitline, Curve A (Using Bottom Head)*

In a [Redacted] finite element analysis [Redacted], the CRD penetration region was modeled to compute the local stresses for determination of the stress intensity factor, K<sub>i</sub>. The [Redacted] evaluation was modified to consider the new requirement for  $M_m$  as discussed in ASME Paragraph G-2214.1 and shown below. The results of that computation were  $K_i = 143.6$  ksi-in<sup>1/2</sup> for an applied pressure of 1593 psig (1563 psig preservice hydrotest pressure at the top of the vessel plus 30 psig hydrostatic pressure at the bottom of the vessel). The computed value of  $(T - RT<sub>NOT</sub>)$  was 84°F.

#### [Redacted]

The limit for the coolant temperature change rate is  $20^{\circ}$ F/hr or less.

#### [Redacted]

The value of  $M_m$  for an inside axial postulated surface flaw from Paragraph G-2214.1 [9] was based on a thickness of 8.0 inches; hence,  $t^{1/2} = 2.83$ . The resulting value obtained was:

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M_m = 1.85 \text{ for } \sqrt{t} \le 2
$$
\n
$$
M_m = 0.926 \sqrt{t} \text{ for } 2 \le \sqrt{t} \le 3.464 = 2.6206
$$
\n
$$
M_m = 3.21 \text{ for } \sqrt{t} > 3.464
$$

 $K_{lm}$  is calculated from the equation in Paragraph G-2214.1 [9] and  $K_{lb}$  is calculated from the equation in Paragraph G-2214.2 [9]:

$$
K_{\rm Im} = M_{\rm m} \cdot \sigma_{\rm pm} = \text{[Redacted]}\,\,\text{ksi-in}^{1/2}
$$
\n
$$
K_{\rm lb} = (2/3)\,\,M_{\rm m} \cdot \sigma_{\rm pb} = \text{[Redacted]}\,\,\text{ksi-in}^{1/2}
$$

The total  $K_I$  is therefore:

$$
K_1 = 1.5 (K_{1m} + K_{1b}) + M_m \cdot (\sigma_{sm} + (2/3) \cdot \sigma_{sb}) = 143.6 \text{ ksi-in}^{1/2}
$$

This equation includes a safety factor of 1.5 on primary stress. The method to solve for  $(T - RT<sub>NDT</sub>)$  for a specific K<sub>I</sub> is based on the K<sub>Ic</sub> the equation of Paragraph A-4200 in ASME Appendix A [8]:

$$
(T - RTNOT) = \ln [(K1 - 33.2) / 20.734] / 0.02
$$
  
(T - RT<sub>NOT</sub>) = \ln [(144 - 33.2) / 20.734] / 0.02  
(T - RT<sub>NOT</sub>) = 84°F

The generic curve was generated by scaling  $143.6$  ksi-in<sup>1/2</sup> by the nominal pressures and calculating the associated  $(T - RT<sub>NOT</sub>)$ :



#### Pressure Test CRD Penetration  $K_I$  and  $(T - RT_{NOT})$ as a Function **Of** Pressure

The highest  $RT_{NDT}$  for the bottom head plates and welds is  $44^{\circ}$ F, as shown in Tables 4-1 and 4-2.

[Redacted]

#### [Redacted]

Second, the P-T curve is dependent on the calculated  $K_i$  value, and the  $K_i$  value is proportional to the stress and the crack depth as shown below:

$$
K_1 \propto \sigma \left( \pi a \right)^{1/2} \tag{4-1}
$$

The stress is proportional to R/t and, for the P-T curves, crack depth, a, is t/4. Thus, K<sub>1</sub> is proportional to  $R/(t)^{1/2}$ . The generic curve value of  $R/(t)^{1/2}$ , based on the generic BWR/6 bottom head dimensions, is:

$$
ext{Generic:} \qquad R / (t)^{1/2} = 138 / (8)^{1/2} = 49 \text{ inch}^{1/2} \qquad (4-2)
$$

The Duane Arnold specific bottom head dimensions are R **=** 92.6875 inches and t =6.5 inches minimum [26], resulting in:

Duane Arnold specific: R / (t)<sup>1/2</sup> = 92.6875 / (6.5)<sup>1/2</sup> = 36 inch<sup>1/2</sup> (4-3)

Since the generic value of  $R/(t)^{1/2}$  is larger, the generic P-T curve is conservative when applied to the Duane Arnold bottom head.

# 4.3.2.1.2 Core *Not Critical Heatup/Cooldown* - *Non-Beitline Curve B (Using Bottom Head)*

As discussed previously, the CRD penetration region limits were established primarily for consideration of bottom head discontinuity stresses during pressure testing. Heatup/cooldown limits were calculated by increasing the safety factor in the pressure testing stresses (Section 4.3.2.1.1) from 1.5 to 2.0.

#### [Redacted]

The calculated value of  $K<sub>1</sub>$  for pressure test is multiplied by a safety factor (SF) of 1.5, per ASME Appendix G [9] for comparison with  $K_{IR}$ , the material fracture toughness. A safety factor of 2.0 is used for the core not critical. Therefore, the  $K_i$  value for the core not critical condition is (143.6 / 1.5)  $\cdot$  2.0 = 191.5 ksi-in<sup>1/2</sup>.

[Redacted]

Figure 4-1. CRD Penetration Fracture Toughness Limiting Transients

Therefore, the method to solve for  $(T - RT_{NOT})$  for a specific  $K_i$  is based on the  $K_{1c}$ equation of Paragraph A-4200 in ASME Appendix A **[8]** for the core not critical curve:
$(T - RT<sub>NOT</sub>) = ln [(K<sub>1</sub> - 33.2) / 20.734] / 0.02$  $(T - RT<sub>NOT</sub>) = ln [(191.5 - 33.2) / 20.734] / 0.02$  $(T - RT_{NOT}) = 102$ °F

The generic curve was generated by scaling 192 ksi-in $1/2$  by the nominal pressures and calculating the associated  $(T - RT<sub>NT</sub>)$ :



### Core Not Critical CRD Penetration  $K_1$  and  $(T - RT<sub>NOT</sub>)$ as a Function of Pressure

The highest  $RT_{NDT}$  for the bottom head plates and welds is  $44^{\circ}F$ , as shown in Tables 4-1 and 4-2. [Redacted]

As discussed in Section 4.3.2.1.1 an evaluation is performed to assure that the CRD discontinuity bounds the other discontinuities that are to be protected by the CRD curve with respect to pressure stresses (see Table 4-6, 4-7, and Appendix A). With respect to thermal stresses, the transients evaluated for the CRD are similar to or more severe than those of the other components being bounded. Therefore, for heatup/cooldown conditions, the CRD penetration provides bounding limits.

# *4.3.2.1.3 Pressure Test* - *Non-Beltline Curve A (Using Feedwater Nozzle/Upper Vessel Region)*

The stress intensity factor,  $K<sub>l</sub>$ , for the feedwater nozzle was computed using the methods from WRC 175 [10] together with the nozzle dimension for a generic 251-inch BWRI6 feedwater nozzle. The result of that computation was  $K_1 = 200$  ksi-in<sup>1/2</sup> for an applied pressure of 1563 psig preservice hydrotest pressure. [Redacted]

The respective flaw depth and orientation used in this calculation is perpendicular to the maximum stress (hoop) at a depth of 1/4T through the corner thickness.

To evaluate the results, K, is calculated for the upper vessel nominal stress, PR/t, according to the methods in ASME Code Appendix G (Section III or XI). The result is compared to that determined by CBIN in order to quantify the K magnification associated with the stress concentration created by the feedwater nozzles. A calculation of  $K_i$  is shown below using the BWR/6, 251-inch dimensions:



Pressure stress:  $\sigma$  = PR / t = 1563 psig  $\cdot$  126.7 inches / (6.1875 inches) = 32,005 psi. The Dead weight and thermal RFE stress of 2.967 ksi is conservatively added yielding  $\sigma$  = 34.97 ksi. The factor F (a/r<sub>n</sub>) from Figure A5-1 of WRC-175 is 1.4 where:



Thus,  $a/r_n = 2.36 / 7.09 = 0.33$ . The value  $F(a/r_n)$ , taken from Figure A5-1 of WRC Bulletin 175 for an  $a/r_n$  of 0.33, is 1.4. Including the safety factor of 1.5, the stress intensity factor, K<sub>i</sub>, is 1.5  $\sigma$   $(\pi a)^{1/2} \cdot F(a/r_n)$ :

Nominal K<sub>1</sub> = 1.5 34.97  $\cdot$  ( $\pi$   $\cdot$  2.36)<sup>1/2</sup>  $\cdot$  1.4 = 200 ksi-in<sup>1/2</sup>

The method to solve for  $(T - RT_{NOT})$  for a specific  $K_1$  is based on the  $K_{1c}$  equation of Paragraph A-4200 in ASME Appendix A [8] for the pressure test condition:

> $(T - RT<sub>NOT</sub>) = ln [(K<sub>1</sub> - 33.2) / 20.734] / 0.02$  $(T - RT<sub>NOT</sub>) = ln [(200 - 33.2) / 20.734] / 0.02$  $(T - RT_{NDT}) = 104.2$ °F

[Redacted]

The generic pressure test P-T curve was generated by scaling 200 ksi-in<sup>1/2</sup> by the nominal pressures and calculating the associated  $(T - RT<sub>NDT</sub>)$ . [Redacted]

### [Redacted]

The highest  $RT_{NDT}$  for the nozzle materials is 40°F as described below. The generic pressure test P-T curve is applied to the Duane Arnold feedwater nozzle curve by shifting the P vs.  $(T - RT<sub>NOT</sub>)$  values above to reflect the  $RT<sub>NDT</sub>$  value of 40°F.

### [Redacted]

#### [Redacted]

Second, the P-T curve is dependent on the  $K<sub>1</sub>$  value calculated. The Duane Arnold specific vessel shell and nozzle dimensions [22] applicable to the feedwater nozzle location and K<sub>I</sub> are shown below:



Pressure stress: **a** = PR **/t** = 1563 psig • 92.69 inches **/** (4.469 inches) = 32,418 psi. The Dead weight and thermal RFE stress of 2.967 ksi is conservatively added yielding  $\sigma$  = 35.4 ksi. The factor F ( $a/r_n$ ) from Figure A5-1 of WRC-175 is 1.5 where:



Thus,  $a/r_n = 1.78$  /  $6.0 = 0.3$ . The value  $F(a/r_n)$ , taken from Figure A5-1 of WRC Bulletin 175 for an  $a/r_n$  of 0.30, is 1.5. Including the safety factor of 1.5, the stress intensity factor, K<sub>I</sub>, is 1.5  $\sigma$   $(\pi a)^{1/2} \cdot F(a/r_n)$ :

Nominal K<sub>1</sub> = 1.5  $\cdot$  35.4  $\cdot$  ( $\pi$   $\cdot$  1.78)<sup>1/2</sup>  $\cdot$  1.5 = 188 ksi-in<sup>1/2</sup>

### [Redacted]

# *4.3.2.1.4 Core Not Critical Heatup/Cooldown* - *Non-Beltline Curve B (Using Feedwater Nozzle/Upper Vessel Region)*

The feedwater nozzle was selected to represent non-beltline components for fracture toughness analyses because the stress conditions are the most severe experienced in the vessel. In addition to the pressure and piping load stresses resulting from the nozzle discontinuity, the feedwater nozzle region experiences relatively cold feedwater flow in hotter vessel coolant.

Stresses were taken from a [Redacted] finite element analysis done specifically for the purpose of fracture toughness analysis [Redacted]. Analyses were performed for all feedwater nozzle transients that involved rapid temperature changes. The most severe of these was normal operation with cold 40°F feedwater injection, which is equivalent to hot standby, see Figure 4-2.

### [Redacted]

Figure 4-2. Feedwater Nozzle Fracture Toughness Limiting Transient

The non-beltline curves based on feedwater nozzle limits were calculated according to the methods for nozzles in Appendix 5 of the Welding Research Council (WRC) Bulletin 175 [10].

The stress intensity factor for a nozzle flaw under primary stress conditions **(Kip)** is given in WRC Bulletin 175 Appendix 5 by the expression for a flaw at a hole in a flat plate:

$$
K_{IP} = SF \cdot \sigma (\pi a)^{1/2} \cdot F(a/r_n)
$$
 (4-4)

where SF is the safety factor applied per WRC Bulletin 175 recommended ranges, and  $F(a/r_n)$  is the shape correction factor.

Finite element analysis of a nozzle comer flaw was performed to determine appropriate values of F(a/r<sub>n</sub>) for Equation 4-4. These values are shown in Figure A5-1 of WRC Bulletin 175 [10].

The stresses used in Equation 4-4 were taken from [Redacted] design stress reports for the feedwater nozzle. The stresses considered are primary membrane,  $\sigma_{pm}$ , and primary bending,  $\sigma_{\text{ob}}$ . Secondary membrane,  $\sigma_{\text{sm}}$ , and secondary bending,  $\sigma_{\text{sb}}$ , stresses are included in the total K, by using ASME Appendix G [9] methods for secondary portion,  $K_{\text{ls}}$ :

$$
K_{\text{ls}} = M_{\text{m}} \left( \sigma_{\text{sm}} + (2/3) \cdot \sigma_{\text{sb}} \right) \tag{4-5}
$$

In the case where the total stress exceeded yield stress, a plasticity correction factor was applied based on the recommendations of WRC Bulletin 175 Section 5.C.3 [10]. However, the correction was not applied to primary membrane stresses because primary stresses satisfy the laws of equilibrium and are not self-limiting. K<sub>IP</sub> and K<sub>Is</sub> are added to obtain the total value of stress intensity factor, K1. A safety factor of 2.0 is applied to primary stresses for core not critical heatup/cooldown conditions.

Once K<sub>1</sub> was calculated, the following relationship was used to determine  $(T - RT<sub>NDT</sub>)$ . The method to solve for (T -  $RT_{NOT}$ ) for a specific K<sub>1</sub> is based on the K<sub>1c</sub> equation of

Paragraph A-4200 in ASME Appendix A [8]. The highest  $RT_{NDT}$  for the appropriate nonbeltline components was then used to establish the P-T curves.

$$
(T - RTNOT) = ln [(K1 - 33.2) / 20.734] / 0.02
$$
 (4-6)

### Example Core Not Critical HeatuplCooldown Calculation for Feedwater NozzlelUpper Vessel Region

The non-beltline core not critical heatup/cooldown curve was based on the [Redacted] feedwater nozzle [Redacted] analysis, where feedwater injection of 40°F into the vessel while at operating conditions (551.4°F and 1050 psig) was the limiting normal or upset condition from a brittle fracture perspective. The feedwater nozzle corner stresses were obtained from finite element analysis [Redacted]. To produce conservative thermal stresses, a vessel and nozzle thickness of 7.5 inch was used in the evaluation. However, a thickness of 7.5 inch is not conservative for the pressure stress evaluation. Therefore, the pressure stress  $(\sigma_{pm})$  was adjusted for the actual [Redacted] vessel thickness of 6.1875 inches (i.e.,  $\sigma_{pm}$  = 20.49 ksi was revised to 20.49 ksi \*7.5 inches/ 6.1875 inches = 24.84 ksi). These stresses, and other inputs used in the generic calculations, are shown below:

 $\sigma_{\text{pm}}$  = 24.84 ksi  $\sigma_{\text{sm}}$  = 16.19 ksi  $\sigma_{\text{ys}}$  = 45.0 ksi  $t_v$  = 6.1875 inches  $\sigma_{\rm pb}$  = 0.22 ksi  $\sigma_{\rm sb}$  = 19.04 ksi a = 2.36 inches  $r_{\rm n}$  = 7.08 inches  $t_n$  = 7.125 inches

In this case the total stress, 60.29 ksi, exceeds the yield stress, **cys,** so the correction factor, R, is calculated to consider the nonlinear effects in the plastic region according to the following equation based on the assumptions and recommendation of WRC Bulletin 175 [10]. (The value of specified yield stress is for the material at the temperature under consideration. For conservatism, the temperature assumed for the crack root is the inside surface temperature.)

$$
R = [\sigma_{ys} - \sigma_{pm} + ((\sigma_{total} - \sigma_{ys}) / 30)] / (\sigma_{total} - \sigma_{pm})
$$
 (4-7)

For the stresses given, the ratio, R **=** 0.583. Therefore, all the stresses are adjusted by the factor 0.583, except for  $\sigma_{pm}$ . The resulting stresses are:



The value of  $M_m$  for an inside axial postulated surface flaw from Paragraph G-2214.1 [9] was based on the 4a thickness; hence,  $t^{1/2}$  = 3.072. The resulting value obtained was:

$$
M_m = 1.85 \text{ for } \sqrt{t} \le 2
$$
\n
$$
M_m = 0.926 \sqrt{t} \text{ for } 2 \le \sqrt{t} \le 3.464 = 2.845
$$
\n
$$
M_m = 3.21 \text{ for } \sqrt{t} > 3.464
$$

The value F(a/r<sub>n</sub>), taken from Figure A5-1 of WRC Bulletin 175 for an a/r<sub>n</sub> of 0.33, therefore,

 $F (a / r_n) = 1.4$ 

**Kip** is calculated from Equation 4-4:

 $K_{IP} = 2.0 \cdot (24.84 + 0.13) \cdot (\pi \cdot 2.36)^{1/2} \cdot 1.4$  $K_{IP}$  = 190.4 ksi-in<sup>1/2</sup>

 $K_{1s}$  is calculated from Equation 4-5:

 $K_{1s}$  = 2.845 · (9.44 + 2/3 · 11.10)  $K_{1s}$  = 47.9 ksi-in<sup>1/2</sup> The total  $K_i$  is, therefore, 238.3 ksi-in<sup>1/2</sup>.

The total  $K_i$  is substituted into Equation 4-6 to solve for  $(T - RT<sub>NOT</sub>)$ :  $(T - RT<sub>NDT</sub>) = ln [(238.3 - 33.2) / 20.734] / 0.02$  $(T - RT<sub>NOT</sub>) = 115<sup>°</sup>F$ 

The [Redacted] curve was generated by scaling the stresses used to determine the K<sub>1</sub>; this scaling was performed after the adjustment to stresses above yield. The primary stresses were scaled by the nominal pressures, while the secondary stresses were scaled by the temperature difference of the 40°F water injected into the hot reactor vessel nozzle. In the base case that yielded a  $K_i$  value of 238 ksi-in<sup>1/2</sup>, the pressure is 1050 psig and the hot reactor vessel temperature is 551.4°F. Since the reactor vessel temperature follows the saturation temperature curve, the secondary stresses are scaled by  $(T_{saturation} - 40)$  /  $(551.4 - 40)$ . From K<sub>I</sub> the associated  $(T - RT_{NDT})$  can be calculated:



Core Not Critical Feedwater Nozzle K<sub>I</sub> and (T - RT<sub>NDT</sub>) as a Function of Pressure

\*Note: Each change in stress for each pressure and saturation temperature condition, there is a corresponding change to R that influences the determination of  $K<sub>1</sub>$ .

The highest non-beltline  $RT_{NDT}$  for the feedwater region component at Duane Arnold is 40°F as shown in Table 4-2. The generic curve is applied to the Duane Arnold upper vessel by shifting the P vs.  $(T - RT<sub>NDT</sub>)$  values above to reflect the  $RT<sub>NDT</sub>$  value of 40°F.

### [Redacted]

## 4.3.2.2 CORE BELTLINE REGION

The pressure-temperature (P-T) operating limits for the beltline region are determined according to the ASME Code. As the beltline fluence increases with the increase in operating life, the P-T curves shift to a higher temperature.

For the plates and welds in the beltline region, the stress intensity factors  $(K_i)$ , calculated for the beltline region according to ASME Code Appendix G procedures [9], were based on a combination of pressure and thermal stresses for a 1/4T flaw in a flat plate. The pressure stresses were calculated using thin-walled cylinder equations. Thermal stresses were calculated assuming the through-wall temperature distribution of a flat plate; values were calculated for 1 00°F/hr coolant thermal gradient. The shift value of the most limiting ART material was used to adjust the  $RT<sub>NDT</sub>$  values for the P-T limits.

One nozzle (N16) is located in the beltline region. The stress intensity factors  $(K<sub>1</sub>)$  for the Pressure Test and Core Not Critical Heatup/Cooldown conditions were calculated in the same manner as the feedwater nozzle (see sections 4.3.2.1.3 and 4.3.2.1.4, respectively), except that the  $RT_{NDT}$  was adjusted to account for the effects of irradiation in accordance with Section 4.2. For the N16 nozzle, the following dimensions were used to calculate the factor F  $(a/r_n)$  in accordance with WRC-175:



Thus,  $a/r_n = 1.26 / 1.8 = 0.7$ . The value  $F(a/r_n)$ , taken from Figure A5-1 of WRC Bulletin 175 for an *al*<sub>n</sub> of 0.70, is 1.1. These values are used in the stress intensity factor equations described in Sections 4.3.2.1.3 and 4.3.2.1.4.

### *4.3.2.2.1 Beltline Region* - *Pressure Test*

The methods of ASME Code Section Xl, Appendix G [9] are used to calculate the pressure test beltline limits. The vessel shell, with an inside radius (R) to minimum thickness  $(t_{min})$  ratio of 15, is treated as a thin-walled cylinder. The maximum stress is the hoop stress, given as:

$$
\sigma_m = \mathsf{PR} / t_{\min} \tag{4-8}
$$

The stress intensity factor,  $K_{lm}$ , is calculated using Paragraph G-2214.1 of the ASME Code [9]. The calculated value of  $K_{lm}$  for pressure test is multiplied by a safety factor (SF) of 1.5, per ASME Appendix G [9] for comparison with  $K_{IC}$ , the material fracture toughness. A safety factor of 2.0 is used for the core not critical and core critical conditions.

The relationship between  $K_{IC}$  and temperature relative to reference temperature  $(T - RT<sub>NOT</sub>)$  is based on the K<sub>Ic</sub> equation of Paragraph A-4200 in ASME Appendix A [8] for the pressure test condition:

$$
K_{\text{Im}} \cdot SF = K_{\text{IC}} = 20.734 \exp[0.02 (T - RT_{\text{NOT}})] + 33.2 \tag{4-9}
$$

This relationship provides values of pressure versus temperature (from K<sub>IR</sub> and  $(T-RT<sub>NDT</sub>)$ , respectively).

GE's current practice for the pressure test curve is to add a stress intensity factor,  $K_{it}$ , for a coolant heatup/cooldown rate of 20°F/hr to provide operating flexibility. For the core not critical and core critical condition curves, a stress intensity factor is added for a coolant heatup/cooldown rate of 100°F/hr. The  $K_{lt}$  calculation for a coolant heatup/cooldown rate of 100°F/hr is described in Section 4.3.2.2.3 below.

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# *4.3.2.2.2 Calculations for the Beitline Region* **-** *Pressure Test*

This sample calculation is for a pressure test pressure of 1035 psig at 32 EFPY. The following inputs were used in the beltline limit calculation:



Pressure is calculated to include hydrostatic pressure for a full vessel:

$$
P = 1035 \text{ psi} + (H - B) 0.0361 \text{ psi/inch} = P \text{ psig}
$$
\n
$$
= 1035 + (796.94 - 201) 0.0361 = 1057 \text{ psig}
$$
\n(4-10)

Pressure stress:

$$
\sigma = \text{PR/t} \tag{4-11}
$$
\n
$$
= 1.057 \cdot 92.69 / 4.469 = 21.9 \text{ksi}
$$

The value of M<sub>m</sub> for an inside axial postulated surface flaw from Paragraph G-2214.1 [9] was based on a thickness of 4.469 inches (the minimum thickness without cladding); hence, t<sup>1/2</sup> = 2.114. The resulting value obtained was:

$$
M_m = 1.85 \text{ for } \sqrt{t} \le 2
$$
\n
$$
M_m = 0.926 \sqrt{t} \text{ for } 2 \le \sqrt{t} \le 3.464 = 1.958
$$
\n
$$
M_m = 3.21 \text{ for } \sqrt{t} > 3.464
$$

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The stress intensity factor for the pressure stress is  $K_{im} = M_m \cdot \sigma$ . The stress intensity factor for the thermal stress,  $K_{1t}$ , is calculated as described in Section 4.3.2.2.4 except that the value of "G" is 20°F/hr instead of **1** 00°F/hr.

Equation 4-9 can be rearranged, and 1.5  $K_{lm}$  substituted for  $K_{lc}$ , to solve for (T - RT<sub>NDT</sub>). Using the K<sub>Ic</sub> equation of Paragraph A-4200 in ASME Appendix A [8], K<sub>Im</sub> = 42.88, and  $K_{it}$  = 1.08 for a 20°F/hr coolant heatup/cooldown rate with a vessel thickness, t, that includes cladding:

$$
(T - RTNOT) = ln[(1.5 \cdot Klm + Klt - 33.2) / 20.734] / 0.02
$$
 (4-12)  
= ln[(1.5 \cdot 42.88 + 1.08 - 33.2) / 20.734] / 0.02  
= 22 °F

T can be calculated by adding the adjusted  $RT<sub>NDT</sub>$ :

 $T = 22 + 141.5 = 163.5$ °F for P = 1035 psig

### *4.3.2.2.3 Beltline Region* - *Core Not Critical Heatup/Cooldown*

The beltline curves for core not critical heatup/cooldown conditions are influenced by pressure stresses and thermal stresses, according to the relationship in ASME Section Xl Appendix **G** [9]:

$$
K_{\text{IC}} = 2.0 \cdot K_{\text{Im}} + K_{\text{lt}} \tag{4-13}
$$

where  $K_{lm}$  is primary membrane K due to pressure and  $K_{lt}$  is radial thermal gradient K due to heatup/cooldown.

The pressure stress intensity factor  $K_{\text{lm}}$  is calculated by the method described above, the only difference being the larger safety factor applied. The thermal gradient stress intensity factor calculation is described below.

The thermal stresses in the vessel wall are caused by a radial thermal gradient that is created by changes in the adjacent reactor coolant temperature in heatup or cooldown conditions. The stress intensity factor is computed by multiplying the coefficient  $M_t$  from

Figure G-2214-2 of ASME Appendix G [9] by the through-wall temperature gradient  $\Delta T_{w}$ , given that the temperature gradient has a through-wall shape similar to that shown in Figure G-2214-3 of ASME Appendix G [9]. The relationship used to compute the through-wall **ATw** is based on one-dimensional heat conduction through an insulated flat plate:

$$
\partial^{2}T(x,t) / \partial x^{2} = 1 / \beta (\partial T(x,t) / \partial t)
$$
 (4-14)

where  $T(x,t)$  is temperature of the plate at depth  $x$  and time  $t$ , and  $\beta$  is the thermal diffusivity.

The maximum stress will occur when the radial thermal gradient reaches a quasi-steady state distribution, so that  $\partial T(x,t)$  /  $\partial t = dT(t)$  / dt = G, where G is the coolant heatup/cooldown rate, normally 100°F/hr. The differential equation is integrated over x for the following boundary conditions:

- 1. Vessel inside surface  $(x = 0)$  temperature is the same as coolant temperature,  $T_0$ .
- 2. Vessel outside surface  $(x = C)$  is perfectly insulated; the thermal gradient  $dT/dx = 0$ .

The integrated solution results in the following relationship for wall temperature:

$$
T = Gx^2 / 2\beta - GCx / \beta + T_0
$$
 (4-15)

This equation is normalized to plot  $(T - T_0) / \Delta T_w$  versus x / C.

The resulting through-wall gradient compares very closely with Figure G-2214-3 of ASME Appendix G [9]. Therefore,  $\Delta T_w$  calculated from Equation 4-15 is used with the appropriate  $M_t$  of Figure G-2214-2 of ASME Appendix G [9] to compute  $K_{lt}$  for heatup and cooldown.

The  $M_t$  relationships were derived in the Welding Research Council (WRC) Bulletin 175 [10] for infinitely long cracks of 1/4T and 1/8T. For the flat plate geometry and radial thermal gradient, orientation of the crack is not important.

# *4.3.2.2.4 Calculations for the Beitline Region Core Not Critical Heatup/Cooldown*

This sample calculation is for a pressure of 1035 psi for 32 EFPY. The core not critical heatup/cooldown curve at 1035 psig uses the same **Kim** as the pressure test curve, but with a safety factor of 2.0 instead of 1.5. The increased safety factor is used because the heatup/cooldown cycle represents an operational rather than test condition that necessitates a higher safety factor. In addition, there is a  $K_{lt}$  term for the thermal stress. The additional inputs used to calculate  $K_{it}$  are:

Coolant heatup/cooldown rate, normally 100°F/hr, G **=** 100 °F/hr Minimum vessel thickness, including clad thickness, **C =** 0.372 ft (4.469 inches) Thermal diffusivity at 550°F (most conservative value),  $\beta$  = 0.354 ft<sup>2</sup>/ hr [28]

Equation 4-15 can be solved for the through-wall temperature  $(x = C)$ , resulting in the absolute value of  $\Delta T$  for heatup or cooldown of:

$$
\Delta T = GC^2 / 2 \beta
$$
\n
$$
= 100 \cdot (0.372)^2 / (2 \cdot 0.354) = 19.5^{\circ}F
$$
\n(4-16)

The analyzed case for thermal stress is a 1/4T flaw depth with wall thickness of C. The corresponding value of  $M_t$  (=0.25) can be interpolated from ASME Appendix G, Figure G-2214-2 [9]. Thus the thermal stress intensity factor,  $K_{it} = M_t \cdot \Delta T = 5.42$ , can be calculated. **Kim** has the same value as that calculated in Section 4.3.2.2.2.

The pressure and thermal stress terms are substituted into Equation 4-9 to solve for  $(T - RT<sub>NOT</sub>)$ :

$$
(T - RTNOT) = ln[((2 \cdot Kim + Klt) - 33.2) / 20.734] / 0.2
$$
  
= ln[(2 \cdot 42.88 + 5.42 - 33.2) / 20.734] / 0.02  
= 51.4 °F

T can be calculated by adding the adjusted  $RT_{NDT}$ .

T **=** 51.4 **+** 141.5 **=** 192.9 °F for P = 1035 psig

## 4.3.2.3 CLOSURE FLANGE REGION

**1** OCFR50 Appendix G [6] sets several minimum requirements for pressure and temperature in addition to those outlined in the ASME Code, based on the closure flange region  $RT<sub>NDT</sub>$ . In some cases, the results of analysis for other regions exceed these requirements and closure flange limits do not affect the shape of the P-T curves. However, some closure flange requirements do impact the curves, as is true with Duane Arnold at low pressures.

The original ASME Code requirement for bolt-up was at qualification temperature (T<sub>30L</sub>) plus 60'F. The ASME Code used for the currently licensed P-T curves is Appendix G to Section Xl of the 1989 ASME Code. The ASME Code requirements state in Paragraph G-2222(c) that, for application of full bolt preload and reactor pressure up to 20% of hydrostatic test pressure, the RPV metal temperature must be at  $RT<sub>NDT</sub>$  or greater. The approach used for Duane Arnold for the bolt-up temperature was based on a more conservative value of  $(RT_{NDT} + 60)$ , or the LST of the bolting materials, whichever is greater. The 60°F adder is included by GE for two reasons: 1) the pre-1971 requirements of the ASME Code Section III, Subsection NA, Appendix G included the 60°F adder, and 2) inclusion of the additional 60°F requirement above the  $RT_{NDT}$ provides the additional assurance that a flaw size between 0.1 and 0.24 inches is acceptable. As shown in Table 4-2, the limiting initial  $RT_{NDT}$  for the closure flange region was  $14^{\circ}$ F, and the LST of the closure studs was  $70^{\circ}$ F; therefore, the bolt-up temperature value used was 74°F. This conservatism is appropriate because bolt-up is one of the more limiting operating conditions (high stress and low temperature) for brittle fracture.

10CFR50 Appendix G, paragraph IV.A.2 [6] including Table 1, sets minimum temperature requirements for pressure above 20% hydrotest pressure based on the  $RT<sub>NDT</sub>$  of the closure region. Curve A temperature must be no less than  $(RT<sub>NDT</sub> + 90°F)$ and Curve B temperature no less than  $(RT<sub>NOT</sub> + 120°F)$ .

For pressures below 20% of preservice hydrostatic test pressure (312 psig) and with full bolt preload, the closure flange region metal temperature is required to be at  $RT<sub>MDT</sub>$  or greater as described above. At low pressure, the ASME Code **[9]** allows the bottom head regions to experience even lower metal temperatures than the flange region  $RT<sub>NOT</sub>$ . However, temperatures should not be permitted to be lower than 68°F for the reason discussed below.

The shutdown margin, provided in the Duane Arnold Technical Specification, is calculated for a water temperature of 68°F. Shutdown margin is the quantity of reactivity needed for a reactor core to reach criticality with the strongest-worth control rod fully withdrawn and all other control rods fully inserted. Although it may be possible to safely allow the water temperature to fall below this 68°F limit, further extensive calculations would be required to justify a lower temperature. The 74°F limit applies when the head is on and tensioned and the 68°F limit for the bottom head curve and when the head is off, while fuel is in the vessel. When the head is not tensioned and fuel is not in the vessel, the requirements of 1 OCFR50 Appendix G [6] do not apply, and there are no limits on the vessel temperatures.

# 4.3.2.4 CORE CRITICAL OPERATION REQUIREMENTS OF 10CFR50, APPENDIX G

Curve C, the core critical operation curve, is generated from the requirements of 10CFR50 Appendix G [6], Table 1. Table **1** of [6] requires that core critical P-T limits be 40°F above any Curve A or B limits when pressure exceeds 20% of the pre-service system hydrotest pressure. Curve B is more limiting than Curve A, so limiting Curve C values are at least Curve B plus 40°F for pressures above 312 psig.

Table **1** of 1 OCFR50 Appendix G [6] indicates that for a BWR with water level within normal range for power operation, the allowed temperature for initial criticality at the closure flange region is  $(RT<sub>NDT</sub> + 60°F)$  at pressures below 312 psig. This requirement

makes the minimum criticality temperature  $74^{\circ}$ F, based on an  $RT_{NDT}$  of  $14^{\circ}$ F. In addition, above 312 psig the Curve C temperature must be at least the greater of  $RT<sub>NOT</sub>$ of the closure region + 160°F or the temperature required for the hydrostatic pressure test (Curve A at 1035 psig). Due to the presence of the N16 nozzle discontinuity, the requirement of closure region  $RT_{NDT}$  + 160°F does not cause a temperature shift in Curve C at 312 psig.

## **5.0 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The operating limits for pressure and temperature are required for three categories of operation: (a) hydrostatic pressure tests and leak tests, referred to as Curve A; (b) non-nuclear heatup/cooldown and low-level physics tests, referred to as Curve B; and (c) core critical operation, referred to as Curve **C.** 

There are four vessel regions that should be monitored against the P-T curve operating limits, these regions are defined on the thermal cycle diagram [2]:



For the core not critical and the core critical curve, the P-T curves specify a coolant heatup and cooldown temperature rate of 100°F/hr or less for which the curves are applicable. However, the core not critical and the core critical curves were also developed to bound transients defined on the RPV thermal cycle diagram [2] and the nozzle thermal cycle diagrams [3]. For the hydrostatic pressure and leak test curve, a coolant heatup and cooldown temperature rate of 20°F/hr or less must be maintained at all times.

The P-T curves apply for both heatup/cooldown and for both the 1/4T and 3/4T locations because the maximum tensile stress for either heatup or cooldown is applied at the *1/4T*  location. For beltline curves this approach has added conservatism because irradiation effects cause the allowable toughness, **Kir,** at 1/4T to be less than that at 3/4T for a given metal temperature.

The following P-T curves were generated for Duane Arnold.

- Composite P-T curves were generated for each of the Pressure Test and Core Not Critical conditions at 32 effective full power years (EFPY). The composite curves were generated by enveloping the most restrictive P-T limits from the separate beltline, upper vessel and closure assembly P-T limits. A separate Bottom Head Limits (CRD Nozzle) curve is also individually included with the composite curve for the Pressure Test and Core Not Critical condition.
- Separate P-T curves were developed for the upper vessel, beltline (at 25 and 32 EFPY), and bottom head for the Pressure Test and Core Not Critical conditions.
- " A composite P-T curve was also generated for the Core Critical condition at 25 and 32 EFPY. The composite curves were generated by enveloping the most restrictive P-T limits from the separate beltline, upper vessel, bottom head, and closure assembly P-T limits.

Table 5-1 shows the figure numbers for each P-T curve. A tabulation of the curves is presented in Appendix B.

### TABLE 5-1: COMPOSITE AND INDIVIDUAL CURVES USED TO CONSTRUCT COMPOSITE P-T CURVES



Head Limits (CRD Nozzle) curve is individually included on this figure.<br>\*\* The Composite Curve C curve is the more limiting of four limits 100 The Composite Curve A & B curve is the more limiting of three limits, 10CFR50 Boltup Limits, Upper Vessel Limits (FW Nozzle), and Beltline Limits. A separate Bottom

The Composite Curve C curve is the more limiting of four limits, 10CFR50 Bolt-up<br>Limits, Bottom Head Limits (CRD Nozzle), Upper Vessel Limits (FW Nozzle), and Beltline Limits.







Figure 5-2: Upper Vessel P-T Curve for Pressure Test [Curve A] [20°F/hr or less coolant heatup/cooldown]



Figure 5-3: Beltline P-T Curve for Pressure Test [Curve A] up to 25 EFPY [20°F/hr or less coolant heatup/cooldown]





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Figure 5-6: Upper Vessel P-T Curve for Core Not Critical [Curve B] [100°F/hr or less coolant heatup/cooldown]

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Figure 5-7: Beltline P-T Curve for Core Not Critical [Curve B] up to 25 EFPY [100°F/hr or less coolant heatup/cooldown]



Figure 5-8: Beltline P-T Curves for Core Not Critical [Curve B] up to 32 EFPY [100°F/hr or less coolant heatup/cooldown]

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Figure 5-11: Core Not Critical P-T Curves [Curve B] up to 32 EFPY [100°F/hr or less coolant heatup/cooldown]



Figure 5-12: Core Critical P-T Curves [Curve C] up to 32 EFPY [100°F/hr or less coolant heatup/cooldown]

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# **APPENDIX A**

# **DESCRIPTION** OF **DISCONTINUITIES**

Table A-I - Geometric Discontinuities for Duane Arnold [Redacted]

# Table **A-2** - Geometric Discontinuities Not Requiring Fracture Toughness Evaluations

Per ASME Code Appendix G, Section G2223 (c), fracture toughness analysis to demonstrate protection against non-ductile failure is not required for portions of nozzles and appurtenances having a thickness of 2.5" or less provided the lowest service temperature is not lower than  $RT_{NDT}$  plus 60°F. Components not requiring a fracture toughness evaluation are listed below:



\* The high/low pressure leak detector, and the seal leak detector are the same nozzle, these nozzles are the closure flange leak detection nozzles.

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# APPENDIX B

# PRESSURE TEMPERATURE CURVE DATA TABULATION

Required Coolant Temperatures at 100 °F/hr for Curves B & C and 20 °F/hr for Curve A



Required Coolant Temperatures at 100 °F/hr for Curves B & C and 20 °F/hr for Curve A



Required Coolant Temperatures at 100 °F/hr for Curves B & C and 20 °F/hr for Curve A



Required Coolant Temperatures at 100 °F/hr for Curves B & C and 20 °F/hr for Curve A



Required Coolant Temperatures at 100 °F/hr for Curves B & C and 20 "F/hr for Curve A

### FOR FIGURES 5-10, 5-11, AND 5-12



Required Coolant Temperatures at 100 °F/hr for Curves B & C and 20 °F/hr for Curve A

FOR FIGURES 5-10, 5-11, AND 5-12



102.5 175.8<br>103.3 176.6

104.7 178.0<br>105.4 178.7 105.4 178.7<br>106.2 179.4 106.2 179.4<br>106.9 180.1

107.6 180.8<br>108.2 181.4

108.9 182.1 109.6 182.7

177.3

180.1

103.3<br>104.0

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TABLE B-2. Duane Arnold Power Uprate Composite P-T Curve Values for 32 EFPY

Required Coolant Temperatures at 100 °F/hr for Curves B & C and 20 °F/hr for Curve A

PRESSURE CURVE A (PSIG) 740 750 760 770 780 790 800 810 **820**  830 840 **850 860**  870 880 890 900 910 920 930 940 950 960 970 980 990 1000 1010 BOTTOM UPPER RPV **&**  BOTTOM HEAD BELTLINE AT 32 EFPY IRVE A CURVE A<br>(°F) (°F)  $(^{\circ}F)$ 74.8 149.1<br>76.1 150.3 76.1 150.3<br>77.4 151.5 77.4 151.5 78.6 152.7 79.8 153.9 81.0 155.0<br>82.2 156.1 82.2 156.1<br>83.3 157.2 83.3 157.2 84.4 158.3<br>85.5 159.3 85.5 159.3 86.5 160.3<br>87.6 161.3 87.6 161.3<br>88.6 162.3 88.6 162.3<br>89.6 163.3 89.6 163.3<br>90.5 164.2 90.5 164.2<br>91.5 165.1 165.1 92.4 166.1 93.4 166.9<br>94.3 167.8 94.3 167.8<br>95.1 168.7 95.1 168.7<br>96.0 169.5 96.0 169.5<br>96.9 170.4 96.9 170.4<br>97.7 171.2 171.2 98.6 172.0 99.4 172.8<br>100.2 173.6 173.6 101.0 174.3<br>101.7 175.1 175.1 **HEAD** CURVE B  $(^{\circ}F)$ 99.9 101.0 102.0 103.0 104.0 105.0 105.9 106.9 107.8 108.7 109.6 110.4 111.3 112.1 113.0 113.8 114.6 115.4 116.1 116.9 117.7 118.4 119.1 119.9 120.6 121.3 122.0 122.6 UPPER RPV & BELTLINE AT 32 EFPY CURVE B  $(^{\circ}F)$ 212.9 213.5 214.1 214.7 215.3 215.9 216.4 217.0 217.6 218.1 218.7 219.2 219.7 220.3 220.8 221.3 221.8 222.3 222.8 223.3 223.8 224.2 224.7 225.2 225.7 226.1 226.6 227.0 NON-BELTLINE AND BELTLINE AT 32 EFPY CURVE C  $(^{\circ}F)$ 252.9 253.5 254.1 254.7 255.3 255.9 256.4 257.0 257.6 258.1 258.7 259.2 259.7 260.3 260.8 261.3 261.8 262.3 262.8 263.3 263.8 264.2 264.7 265.2 265.7 266.1 266.6 267.0

#### FOR FIGURES 5-10, 5-11, AND 5-12

123.3 124.0 124.6 125.3 125.9 126.5 127.2 127.8 128.4 129.0 129.6

227.4 227.9 228.3 228.7 229.2 229.6 230.0 230.4 230.8 231.2 231.7

267.4 267.9 268.3 268.7 269.2 269.6 270.0 270.4 270.8 271.2 271.7

Required Coolant Temperatures at 100 °F/hr for Curves B & C and 20 °F/hr for Curve A



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Required Coolant Temperatures at 100 °F/hr for Curves B & C and 20 °F/hr for Curve A



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Required Coolant Temperatures at 100 °F/hr for Curves B & C and 20 °F/hr for Curve A



# APPENDIX C

# OPERATING AND TEMPERATURE MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

### **C.1 NON-BELTLINE MONITORING DURING** PRESSURE **TESTS**

It is likely that, during leak and hydrostatic pressure testing, the bottom head temperature may be significantly cooler than the beltline. This condition can occur in the bottom head when the recirculation pumps are operating at low speed, or are off, and injection through the control rod drives is used to pressurize the vessel. By using a bottom head curve, the required test temperature at the bottom head could be lower than the required test temperature at the beltline, avoiding the necessity of heating the bottom head to the same requirements of the vessel beltline.

One condition on monitoring the bottom head separately is that it must be demonstrated that the vessel beltline temperature can be accurately monitored during pressure testing. An experiment has been conducted at a BWR-4 that showed that thermocouples on the vessel near the feedwater nozzles, or temperature measurements of water in the recirculation loops provide good estimates of the beltline temperature during pressure testing. Thermocouples on the RPV flange to shell junction outside surface should be used to monitor compliance with upper vessel curve. Thermocouples on the bottom head outside surface should be used to monitor compliance with bottom head curves. A description of these measurements is given in GE SIL 430, attached in Appendix D. First, however, it should be determined whether there are significant temperature differences between the beltline region and the bottom head region.

#### **C.2 DETERMINING** WHICH CURVE TO FOLLOW

The following subsections outline the criteria needed for determining which curve is governing during different situations. The application of the P-T curves and some of the assumptions inherent in the curves to plant operation is dependent on the proper monitoring of vessel temperatures.

#### **C.2.1** CurveA: Pressure Test

Curve A should be used during pressure tests at times when the coolant temperature is changing by  $\leq 20^\circ$ F per hour. If the coolant is experiencing a higher heating or cooling rate in preparation for or following a pressure test, Curve B applies.

#### **C.2.2** Curve B: Non-Nuclear Heatup/Cooldown

Curve B should be used whenever Curve A or Curve **C** do not apply. In other words, the operator must follow this curve during times when the coolant is heating or cooling faster than 20°F per hour during a hydrotest and when the core is not critical.

#### **C.2.3** Curve C: Core Critical Operation

The operator must comply with this curve whenever the core is critical. An exception to this principle is for low-level physics tests; Curve B must be followed during these situations.

#### **C.3** REACTOR OPERATION **VERSUS** OPERATING LIMITS

For most reactor operating conditions, coolant pressure and temperature are at saturation conditions, which are well into the acceptable operating area (to the right of the P-T curves). The operations where P-T curve compliance is typically monitored closely are planned events, such as vessel boltup, leakage testing and startup/shutdown operations, where operator actions can directly influence vessel pressures and temperatures.

The most severe unplanned transients relative to the P-T curves are those which result from SCRAMs, which sometimes include recirculation pump trips. Depending on operator responses following pump trip, there can be cases where stratification of colder water in the bottom head occurs while the vessel pressure is still relatively high. Experience with such events has shown that operator action is necessary to avoid P-T curve exceedance, but there is adequate time for operators to respond.

In summary, there are several operating conditions where careful monitoring of P-T conditions against the curves is needed:

- Head flange boltup
- \* Leakage test (Curve A compliance)
- Startup (coolant temperature change of less than or equal to 100°F in one hour period heatup)
- Shutdown (coolant temperature change of less than or equal to 100°F in one hour period cooldown)
- \* Recirculation pump trip, bottom head stratification (Curve B compliance)

# **APPENDIX D GE SIL** 430

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SIL No. 430

### REACTOR PRESSURE **VESSEL** TEMPERATURE **MONITORING**

Recently, several BWR owners with plants in initial startup have had questions concerning primary and alternate reactor pressure vessel (RPV) temperature monitoring measurements for complying with RPV brittle fracture and thermal stress requirements. As such, the purpose of this Service Information Letter is to provide a summary of RPV temperature monitoring measurements, their primary and alternate uses and their limitations (See the attached table). Of basic concern is temperature monitoring to comply with brittle fracture temperature limits and for vessel thermal stresses during RPV heatup and cooldown. General Electric recommends that BWR owners/operators review this table against their current practices and evaluate any inconsistencies.

#### TABLE OF RPV TEMPERATURE **MONITORING MEASUREMENTS** (Typical) Measurement Use Use Limitations









Note: RPV vendor specified metal T limits for vessel heatup and cooldown should be checked during initial plant startup tests when initial RPV vessel heatup and cooldown tests are run.

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## Product Reference: B21 Nuclear Boiler Prepared **By: A.C.** Tsang

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# APPENDIX E FLUENCE EVALUATION

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*E. I Overview and Objective* 

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*E.2.1 Scope* 

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*E.2.2 Method of Evaluation* 

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**E.2.2.1** (r, **0)** Model

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# Figure E-2-1: A Quadrant of DAEC Core

# Figure E-2-2: Schematic View of (r, **0)** Model

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# Figure E-2-3: Schematic View of (r,z) Model

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### *E.3 Evaluation Results*

### E.3.1 AEP Flux and Fluence at RPV ID

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E.3.2 AEP Flux and Fluence at Surveillance Capsule Location

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E.4 REFERENCES [Redacted]