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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Reactor Pressure Vessel Head Degradation and Reactor Coolant Pressure Boundary Integrity (TAC NO. MB4556)

1. Your 15 day response to Bulletin 2002-01 stated that Millstone Unit 3 had one leak that could have resulted in boric acid reaching the reactor pressure vessel (RPV) head. Discuss whether or not there was any evidence that the boric acid did, in fact, reach the RPV head. Discuss the magnitude of the leak and the amount of boric acid deposits that were found on the insulation.
2. Clarify whether or not the bare metal visual inspection for Millstone Unit 3 will include 100% of the vessel head penetrations (and the corresponding surface area of the RPV head).