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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Attn.: Document Control Desk Washington, DC 20555

Docket No. 72-11 Rancho Seco Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation License No. SNM-2510 **REQUEST FOR ASME CODE EXCEPTION**

Attention: Randy Hall

Rancho Seco ISFSI FSAR, Appendix A "ASME Code Exception List" documents and justifies deviations from the ASME Code Section III, Division 1 requirements for the NUHOMS MP187 Cask and the FO, FC, and FF Dry Shielded Canisters (DSCs). In accordance with Rancho Seco ISFSI Technical Specification Section 4.3.4, we are requesting authorization for a one-time exception to ASME Paragraph NB-4121.3 "Repetition of Surface Examination After Machining" regarding a liquid penetrant test on the FF-DSC bottom forging that was not performed.

The FF-DSC is the last canister to be loaded at Rancho Seco. Loading the FF-DSC into our Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI) would mark the end of our fuel transfer campaign and allow us to proceed with decommissioning the spent fuel pool (SFP). Our current schedule shows that we begin loading the FF-DSC on August 12, 2002. We will begin decommissioning the SFP as soon as we have removed the last fuel assemblies and the pool becomes available.

In addition, from a security perspective, we believe that it is preferable to have all of the fuel in dry storage at the ISFSI rather than to have it stored in both wet and dry storage for any longer than necessary. Accordingly, we ask that the NRC expedite its review of this exception request so that we can maintain our current schedule for completing dry fuel storage and decommissioning.

We apologize for the short notice in asking for this exception; however, this issue has just recently come to our attention. There was an apparent breakdown in the planning process MM ROM at RANOR where this ASME Code requirement was not identified in the shop travelers.

Transnuclear (TN) had also identified this problem with the fabrication of their TN-68 casks. In an NRC letter dated May 6, 2002 (TAC No. L23452), the NRC approved a similar exception to ASME Paragraph NB-4121.3 for the TN-68 casks.

Requested Exception

We request to revise ISFSI FSAR, Appendix A, Table 2 as follows:

- Add a reference to ASME Code Section NB-4121.3.
- ASME Code requirement NB-4121.3 states:

If, during the fabrication or installation of an item, materials for pressure containing parts are machined, then the Certificate Holder shall reexamine the surface of the material in accordance with NB-2500 when:

- (a) The surface was required to be examined by the magnetic particle or liquid penetrant method in accordance with NB-2500; and
- (b) The amount of material removed from the surface exceeds the lesser of 1/8 in. or 10% of the minimum required thickness of the part.
- The "Exception" column of Table 2 would add the following:

"A nonconforming condition exists for the FF-DSC bottom forging because a liquid penetrant test on the forging was not performed following final machining as required. Based on other examinations performed on the forging and additional technical analysis, the nonconformance has no significant adverse affect on the ability of the FF-DSC to perform its design function and the canister is acceptable for use."

Technical Specifications Requirement

Rancho Seco ISFSI Technical Specification Section 4.3.4 "Fabrication Exceptions to Codes and Standards" states:

The ISFSI SAR, Appendix A, lists the ASME Code exceptions found acceptable by the NRC staff for the MP187 Cask and the DSCs. Proposed alternatives to the ASME code, including additional exceptions listed in Appendix A of the SAR, and deviations from ACI 349-85, may be used when authorized by the Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards or designee. The licensee should demonstrate that:

- 1. The proposed alternative provides an acceptable level of quality and safety, or
- 2. Compliance with the specified requirements of the following ASME Code Sections, 1992 Edition with 1993 Addenda, or with ACI 349-85, would result in hardship or unusual difficulty without a compensating increase in the level of quality and safety.

Requests for relief specified in this section will be submitted in accordance with 10 CFR 72.4.

Justification for the Exception

The material supplier performed complete NB-compliant volumetric (UT) and surface (PT) examinations of the bottom forging material. The canister fabricator (RANOR) performed additional machining on the forging but did not repeat the surface examination of all forging surfaces as required by ASME Paragraph NB-4121.3. When RANOR discovered the nonconformance, they conducted surface examinations of the accessible areas of the forging in accordance with NB-4121.3. However, RANOR had already installed the forging in the canister shell and had welded the basket and bottom shield plug in place. This prevented access to the inside surface of the forging making a surface examination impossible.

The attached Transnuclear (TN) Nonconformance Report (TN NCR 02.046) provides a detailed discussion of the nonconformance. Based on additional examinations performed on the bottom forging and engineering analysis by outside experts, the NCR concludes that the FF-DSC can continue to perform its design function and is acceptable for use as is.

In addition, in an NRC letter dated May 6, 2002 (TAC No. L23452), the NRC approved a similar exception to ASME Paragraph NB-4121.3 for the TN-68 casks. In that letter, the NRC concluded that the performance of the required surface examination would not provide a significant increase in safety or quality commensurate with the hardship and risks involved in requiring the tests to be performed upon the completed casks.

Conclusions

Although a nonconforming condition exists for the FF-DSC bottom forging because the fabricator did not perform a required liquid penetrant test, other examinations performed on the forging and additional technical analysis by outside experts demonstrate that the nonconformance has no significant adverse affect on the ability of the FF-DSC to perform its design function.

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Specifically, TN contracted Structural Integrity Associates, Inc. to perform a flaw evaluation for potential defects in the FF-DSC bottom forging to determine if the FF-DSC would still be acceptable for operation without the final PT examination on the bottom forging. The evaluation determined the maximum credible defect in the forging and compared it to the ASME Code Section XI allowable flaw size. The evaluation also determined the most credible surface indication that could be on the forging and then determined if the surface indication could grow to the ASME Code allowable flaw size during the service life of the canister.

The evaluation concluded that the maximum credible defect in the forging is relatively small compared to the ASME Code Section XI allowable flaw size. Further, there are no potential flaw growth mechanisms that would propagate the defect to encroach upon the ASME Code Section XI allowables. Therefore, although RANOR did not fully perform the PT on the final machined surfaces of the bottom forging, the canister will be able to provide an acceptable level of quality and safety and is acceptable for use.

Further, being required to comply with ASME Paragraph NB-4121.3 would result in hardship and unusual difficulty without a compensating increase in the level of quality and safety because we would be required to disassemble the canister to complete the inspection. This would cause a significant delay in completing the removal of all of the spent fuel from the spent fuel pool and significant additional expense with the potential for ruining some of the canister components. Accordingly, granting the requested exception to ASME Paragraph NB-4121.3 is acceptable.

If you, or members of your staff, have questions requiring additional information or clarification, please contact Bob Jones at (916) 732-4843.

Sincerely,

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Steve Redeker Manager, Plant Closure & Decommissioning



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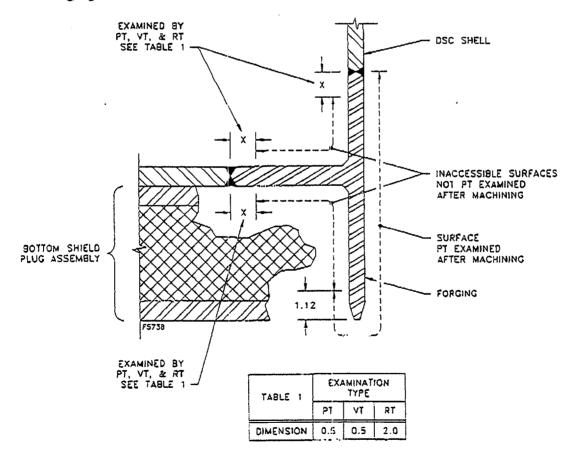
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DISPOSITION DISCUSSION

The fabrication specification NUH-05-113 specifies that machining operations required in the fabrication of the FF-DSC be performed in accordance with the requirements of the ASME Code Section III. Article NB-4000, as applicable.

The bottom end forging is to be fabricated to Subsection NB in accordance with procurement drawing NUH-05-1032. While the material supplier examined the bottom forging material using PT and UT, additional machining of the forging (approximately 1/8 in. removed from all surfaces) was performed during the fabrication process. Subsequent to the additional machining, surface examination of some forging surfaces was not performed in accordance with ASME Paragraph NB-4121.3. Once this nonconformance was discovered, accessible areas of the forging were PT examined in accordance with NB-4121.3. Areas that were and were not PT examined after final machining are shown in the following figure.



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NONCONFORMANCE: Fabrication Process

- <u>TN Requirement:</u> PT examination of the bottom end forging per NB-4121.3 following machining.
- Nonconformance: Some areas were not PT examined after machining (See attached RANOR NCR).

Disposition: Use-as-is

DISPOSITION JUSTIFICATION:

Although a PT examination of some areas of the post-machined bottom forging was not performed in accordance with NB-4121.3, the existing configuration is deemed acceptable and is dispositioned "Use-as-is" for the following reasons:

1.0 Examinations performed by the fabricator during fabrication.

- 1.1 The material supplier performed a complete NB compliant surface PT and UT volumetric examination of the bottom forging material.
- 1.2 All the weld joint preparations on the bottom end forging passed PT and visual examinations after machining:
- 1.3 The weld joints between the bottom end forging and the DSC shell and the bottom inner cover plate and forging surfaces adjacent to these weld joints passed PT (within 0.5 in.), visual (within 0.5 in.) and RT (within 2 in.) examinations after final machining.
- 1.4 The forging formed part of a shell that was successfully pressure tested and helium leak tested.
- 1.5 The bottom end forging joints to the shell and inner bottom cover plate were visually examined after pressure and leak testing.

2.0 Engineering Evaluations, Analysis and Justification

- 2.1. Brittle failure of the forging is not credible owing to the lack of cyclic loads and excellent fracture toughness behavior of the austenitic stainless steel material.
- 2.2 The consequences of an undetected surface flaw have been evaluated and shown to have no effect on the structural design margins. This evaluation is documented in Attachment 2. Attachment 2, SIA technical evaluation (TN File No. 2069.0103) report, concludes that in spite of the fact that PT was not performed on the final machined surface of the FF-DSC forging, the canister is acceptable for use.
- 2.3 The consequences of any surface imperfections that could possibly go undetected without a PT exam would be minimized due to the excellent fracture toughness of the austenitic stainless steel material of the forging.



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- 2.4 The most critical loading that is analyzed for the bottom end forging is the side drop event. The stresses in the forging are predominantly compressive in nature and therefore are not conducive to crack propagation.
- 2.5 The nonconformance does not impact the following FF-DSC analyses:

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- Thermal: The material properties and geometry of the bottom end forging are unchanged, so there is no impact on the thermal evaluation.
- Shielding: The material properties and geometry of the bottom end forging are unchanged, so there is no impact on the shielding evaluation.
- Criticality: The material properties and geometry of the bottom end forging are unchanged, so there is no impact on the criticality evaluation.
- Confinement: There is no impact on the confinement capabilities of the FF-DSC as there are no new leak paths introduced.

Based on the above considerations that demonstrate the extensive examinations that have been performed on the forging and that the consequences of a flaw do not affect the structural design basis, it is justified to accept the PT nonconformance with a "Use-as-is" disposition.

Conclusion:

The nonconforming condition does not result in a significant adverse impact on the structural, thermal, shielding, criticality, or confinement capability of the FF-DSC.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1.0 RANOR NCR 02-101 & Material Certifications (10 Pages)
- 2.0 SIA Report, TN File Number 2069.0103 (13 Pages)



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TECHNICAL JUSTIFICATION (CONTINUED):

A review of the Level 1C Routing Sheet identifies the following fabrication activities:

RANOR P.O. No. 501643: Forging was Liquid Penetrant examined by GULFCO (Heat No. 2F830, FO No. 6376H) as a rough-machined component – 67.420" OD x 57.180" ID (rib) x 11.250" long. Specification – NB-2546, Acceptance Criteria – NB-2546.3. See Page 3 of NCR for GULFCO Liquid Penetrant Examination Report, MO# 15746-001

Sequence 45: Machine the Inner Plate & Forged Cylinder per Sketch #3 (Rev. 0).

Note: Material removal per sketch: 0.115"/ wall on OD, 0.15"/per wall on ID, 0.13" on Rib Top surface, 0.12" on Rib Bottom surface.

Sequence 60: (In part) PT Inspect the weld joint WJ-4 and record on the NDE Report Page 2. PT Inspect the weld bevel on both ends of the machined cylinder and record on the NDE Report Page 2, Level 1C. PT completed 11-27/28-01, and include a surface minimum of 1 in. from area to be examined (Procedure No. TNW/FF-PTE-2 Rev. 0). No indications identified. See Page 4 of NCR for RANOR Inspection/Nondestructive Examination Record - Liquid Penetrant Examination Report, Level 1C Page 2.

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Per e-mail from JW Axline, TN West dated 4-26-02, a Liquid Penetrant Examination of the accessible surfaces of the Outside Diameter of the Forging is to be performed per Procedure No. TNW/FF-PTE-2. See Page 5 for Rework Routing Sheet for performance of this activity.

CONDITIONAL RELEASE

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Conditional Release issued to allow continuation of fabrication activities to continue through Parent Level Sequence 155, operation "QC to prepare Documentation Package". NCR to be closed before final acceptance and signature of Certificate of Compliance.

Approved By:

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The purpose of this e-mail is to provide direction on a corrective action for RANOR NCR 02-101.

This NCR addresses the surface inspection requirements of NB4121.3, which were not satisfied for the bottom T-forging of the FF13P-R21 DSC. The T-forging is now installed in the DSC and both the basket and BSPA are welded in place.

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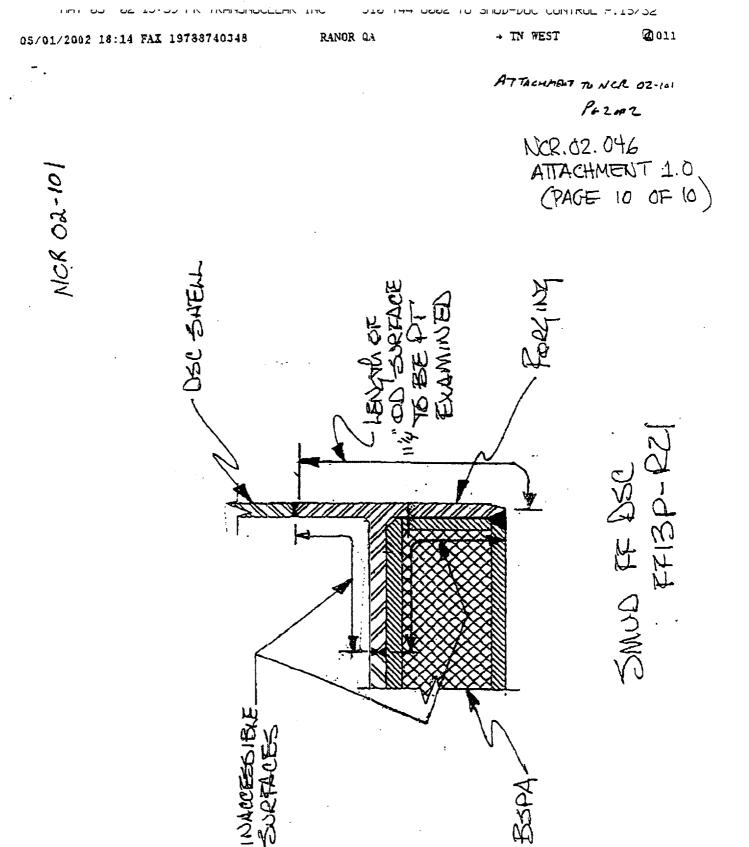
This prevents access to the inside surfaces of the forging and no surface examination is possible. However the external (OD) surface of the forging is available for surface examination. Performance of this surface examination, and the successful results, will assist in justifying the "Use-Az-Is" disposition for the inner surfaces.

RANOR is therefore directed to perform a surface examination of the OD section of the forging as shown in the attached figure. This inspection may be performed @ any time prior to cleaning and packaging.

This inspection shall use approved procedure, TNW/FF-PTE-2 and qualified personnel. The inspection shall be documented on an NDE form and that documentation shall be included as part of NCR 02-101 in the final data package.

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Subject: Flaw Evaluation of Potential Defects in the NUHOMS[®] FF DSC Stainless Steel Bottom Forging

Dear Jim:

) This letter documents the flaw evaluations performed by Structural Integrity Associates (SI) to address the acceptability of potential indications in a NUHOMS[®] FF dry shielded canister (DSC) stainless steel bottom forging. This evaluation became necessary because liquid penetrant examination (PT) of final machined surfaces of the forging was not performed as required. Hence, there is concern that there may be potential indications on the surface of the forging.

BACKGROUND

It is our understanding that the fabrication process of the forging required inspection of all final machined surfaces by PT. Although PT was performed on the rough machined surfaces of the forging, PT was not performed as required on the final machined surfaces. Because of this, there is a possibility that a flaw may exist on the final machined surface that could challenge the integrity of the canister under certain loading conditions. It is the intention of Transnuclear, Inc. (TN) to examine the accessible surfaces of the canister by PT to ensure that those surfaces are free from defects. However, there are some surfaces that are not accessible for inspection. The objective of the evaluation contained herein is to perform flaw evaluations to demonstrate the acceptability of the canister for operations without the final PT examination of the bottom forging.

TECHNICAL APPROACH

The forging is fabricated from SA-182 Type 304 stainless steel. Several studies performed on stainless steel bare metal (wrought and forgings) have shown this material to be very ductile and tough [1]. As such, the net-section plastic collapse methodology (limit load) can be used to

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determine critical and allowable flaw sizes [1]. This methodology is therefore used to determine the allowable flaw size in the NUHOMS[®] FF canister bottom forging. In addition, the most credible surface indication that could be on the forging is determined. Flaw growth evaluation is performed to determine if the most credible surface indication can grow to the ASME Code allowable flaw size during the service life of the canister.

EVALUATION

Flaw Model

The maximum stress in the forging occurs in the cylindrical shell portion, and so a flaw was postulated at this location. The flaw could either be oriented in the axial direction (parallel to the length of the cylinder), or in the circumferential direction. The geometry of the forging makes circumferential flaw size more critical because the length of the forging limits an axial flaw in the cylinder. Also, an axial flaw in the cylinder eventually becomes intercepted by the "web" of the forging, which is the portion of the forging welded to the bottom of the canister. As will be discussed later, there is no active growth mechanism that would drive a flaw beyond the forging boundary. As such, a circumferential flaw in the cylindrical portion of the forging is evaluated as the bounding flaw.

The flaw model considered for this evaluation is shown in Figure 1. It consists of part throughwall, part-circumference flaw in a cylinder. At the point of plastic collapse, the applied load has to be resisted by the un-cracked ligament in the section that is fully plastified. The classic netsection plastic collapse equations that form the basis for the ASME Code Section XI flaw evaluation procedures [1] can be used to determine the allowable flaw size in the forging. These equations are expressed as:

For
$$(\theta + \beta) \leq \pi$$
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 $\mathbf{P}_{h} = \frac{6S_{st}}{\pi} \left(2\sin\beta - \frac{a}{t}\sin\theta \right) \tag{1}$

where:

$$\beta = \frac{1}{2} \left(\pi - \frac{a}{t} \theta - \pi \frac{P_m}{3S_m} \right)$$

For $(\theta + \beta) > \pi$

$$\mathbf{P}_{h} = \frac{\delta S_{n}}{\pi} \left(2 - \frac{a}{t} \right) \sin \beta \tag{2}$$

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where:

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 $\beta = \frac{\pi}{2 - \frac{a}{t}} \left(1 - \frac{a}{t} - \frac{P_m}{3S_m} \right)$ $\theta = half flaw angle$

P₄ is the failure bending stress

Figure 1 provides definition of the geometric terms used in the above equations.

Stresses

Stress analyses for several load cases have been performed by TN. They include:

- 10 psi internal pressure
- horizontal deadweight
- 60 kip retrieval
- 80 kip retrieval
- side drop
- side drop plus internal pressure.

The maximum stresses associated with these loads were provided by TN [2] and are shown in Table 1. It should be noted that all stress components are provided since the components, rather than the stress intensity, are the driving force for crack extension and are therefore used in fracture mechanics evaluations to determine the allowable flaw size.

As can be seen from Table 1, the maximum stresses occur in the axial direction in the shell (zdirection) for all load cases. This justifies the use of a circumferential flaw in the shell as the bounding flaw for this evaluation. In the flaw evaluation, the most conservative load combination for the various service loads is used. For the Service Level A/B load combination, internal pressure plus deadweight plus 60 kip retrieval stresses are considered. This results in a maximum axial tensile stress in the shell of 13.4 ksi. For Service Level C combination, internal pressure plus deadweight plus 80 kip retrieval stresses are considered. The resulting axial stress in the shell is 17.5 ksi. For Service Level D, the side drop load cases are considered. As noted in Table 1, these stresses were obtained from elastic-plastic analysis and as such, they cannot be used directly in limit load analysis since the methodology is based on applied levels being clastically determined. In lieu of this, maximum factored stresses of 2.7, 2.8, and 2.9 S_m are considered for Service Level D case. These stresses are considered very conservative since they are very close to the allowable Code value of $3S_m$. The results of the TNI elastic-plastic analysis verifies that the stress is well below the collapse point.

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Material Properties

The material of the forging is SA-182 Type 304 stainless steel [3]. The most important material property required in the limit load analysis is the flow stress, σ_f In ASME Section XI flaw evaluations, the flow stress is equal to three times the basic material stress intensity factor, S_m [1] for austenitic steels. Table 2 shows S_m as a function of temperature obtained from the ASME Code [4] and the corresponding flow stress. For this evaluation, the operating temperature of the canister is conservatively chosen at 400°F. The corresponding S_m is 18.7 ksi, which results in $\sigma_f = 56.1$ ksi.

Allowable Flaw Size

The allowable flaw size is determined using Equations 1 and 2. The evaluation is performed separately for Service Levels A/B, C and D. For Service Level A/B, a safety factor of 2.77, consistent with ASME Code Section XI, Appendix C is used. For Service Level C and D, ASME Code Section XI safety factor of 1.39 is used. The results of the allowable flaw size determination plotted as a/t as a function of fraction of the canister circumference, are shown in Figures 2, 3, and 4 for Service Level A/B, C and D, respectively for the stresses discussed above.

As can be seen from these allowable flaw size figures, the maximum acceptable defect per ASME Code Section XI in the forging, (a/t = 0.15 and fracture circumference of <1%) to be discussed below is far smaller than the allowable flaw sizes for all the Service Levels. This indicates that this defect can be accommodated in forging without challenging its structural integrity.

It should be noted that even if a flaw was through-wall, the maximum allowable through-wall flaw length is approximately 2.5 inches.

Maximum Credible Indication in Forging

As presented in Reference 5, the ultrasonic inspection (UT) requirements for the as machined forging is to meet the requirements of paragraph NB-2542 of Section III of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code. This paragraph and the supporting calibration standards on ASME Section V allow that the maximum acceptable flaw consists of a flat bottom hole which is 3/32-inch diameter (15% of nominal thickness) and 1-1/2-inches long (less than one percent of total circumference of canister). This flaw is identified as the largest subsurface or surface flaw that can exist in the forging as the component is put into service. For purposes of crack growth analyses, the defect is evaluated as a surface connected semi-circular crack with a length of 1-1/2 inches and a depth of 3/32-inch.

In order to provide additional evidence as to the quality of the final machined forging, the specified surface examinations have been performed on all accessible surfaces. These

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examinations revealed no surface defects approaching the maximum acceptable flaw. These results provide assurance that indications in the un-inspected regions are not likely.

Flaw Growth Considerations

For comparison with the ASME Code Section XI allowable flaw size, possible growth of the maximum credible defect in the forging must be considered. Potential crack growth mechanisms that could be acting on the defect are discussed in the following paragraphs.

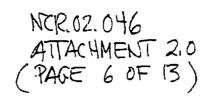
For environmental assisted degradation to occur, including general corrosion, corrosion fatigue. or stress corrosion cracking (SCC), the flaw must be exposed to a corrosive environment. As identified in Reference 6, and illustrated in Figure 5 [7], there are three surfaces that may be subjected to environmental assisted degradation either during final fabrication or in service. These surfaces are identified from Figure 5 as surface A-C, from weld A to weld C on the outside of the forging, surface A-B, on the inside of the forging, and surface B-C, on the inside of the forging. Surface A-C is accessible following all machining and welding and will be subjected to a PT surface examination following the completion of all fabrication activities, in accordance with the ASME Code requirements. Surface A-B has never been wetted, has been sealed as a result of the welding of the plug to the forging, and will not be exposed to any environment, other than the minute air or inert gas environment to which it was exposed during welding. The maximum temperature seen by this surface is 300°F and the nominal temperature is less than 200°F. Surface B-C is the inside surface of the canister and will see a mild boric acid environment representative of the PWR primary environment at the fuel pool at a maximum temperature of 110°F. The surface is then dried and exposed to an inert helium overpressure, then it is vacuum dried twice, and back-filled with helium as its final environment. The maximum temperature of this surface is 300°F.

Based upon the examinations performed and the environmental conditions to which each of these three surfaces are exposed, it is extremely unlikely that any environmental degradation is possible. The only surface to be exposed to an aqueous environment following a final surface examination is surface B-C. The exposure of surface B-C to a dilute boric acid environment is of no concern, as stainless steel is not susceptible to boric acid SCC or boric acid wastage. Any sensitization associated with welding of this surface should be minimal as this heat of Type 304 stainless steel forging contains very low carbon, of the order of 0.017 wt % [3]. This carbon level would meet the requirements for nuclear grade austenitic stainless steel, which has been approved by the NRC as acceptable material for nuclear power plant application even in high temperature oxidizing environments [8].

There are no postulated fatigue loads to which this forging is to be subjected, so any crack propagation by fatigue or corrosion assisted fatigue is not credible. The only significant reversible loading on the canister during service is thermal loads due to slight variations in ambient temperature and seismic loads. The number of cycles associated with these events

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and/or the magnitude of the stresses is such that fatigue over the service life of the canister is not a concern.

CONCLUSION

The maximum credible defect in the forging is relatively small compared with ASME Code Section XI allowable flaw size shown in Figures 2, 3, and 4. There are no potential flaw growth mechanisms identified which will propagate this defect to encroach upon the ASME Code Section XI allowables. It is therefore concluded that in spite of the fact that PT was not performed on the final machined surfaces of the bottom forging of TN's NUHOMS[®] FF DSC, the canister is acceptable for use.

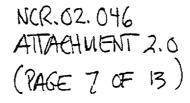
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Structural Integrity Associates appreciates the opportunity to be of assistance to TN on this project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call any of the undersigned.

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Table 1Maximum Stresses in Canister Bottom Forging [2]

		Stresses (ksi)					
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	σ _x	σγ	σz	σι	σy	∽z	
10 psi internal pressure	0.263	0.323	0.837	0.854	0.401	0.502	
Horizontal deadweight	0.267	0.062	0.274	0.027	0.028	0.057	
60 kip retrieval	2.100	7.709	12.294	4.061	4.331	5.023	
80 kip retrieval	2.800	10.279	16.392	5.415	5.775	6.698	
Side Drop ⁽¹⁾	7.875	20.840	27.734	7.772	2.079	7.437	
Side Drop + Pressure (1)	7.568	21.289	28.609	6.930	2.097	8.723	
Note: (1) The stress analysis for this case was performed using elastic-plastic analysis.							

x = radial, y = tangential, z = axial

Table 2

Design Stress Intensity and Flow Stress

Temp	S _m (ksi)	0r (ksi)
100	20.0	60.0
2.00	20.0	60.0
300	20.0	60.0
400	18.7	56.1
500	17.5	52.5
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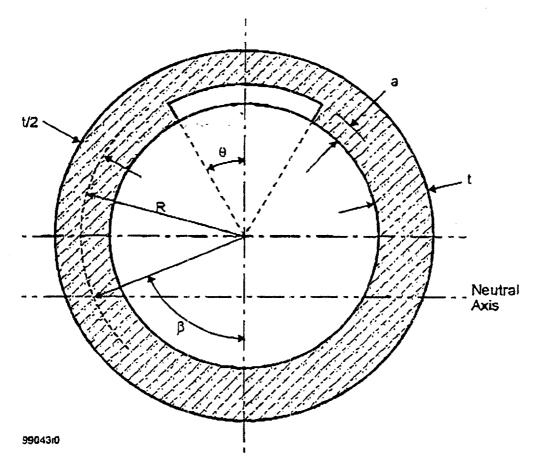


Figure 1. Flaw Model used in Evaluation

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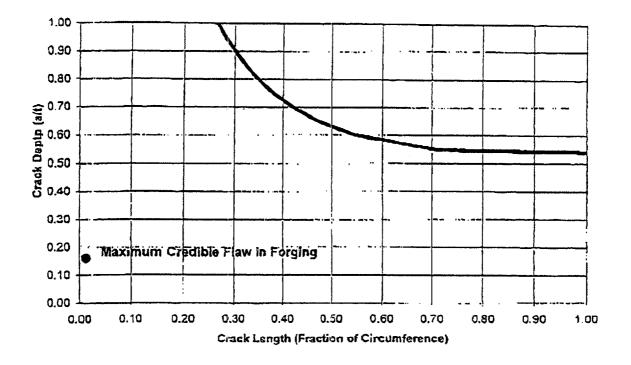
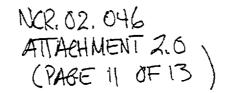


Figure 2. Allowable Flaw Sizes for Service Level A/B

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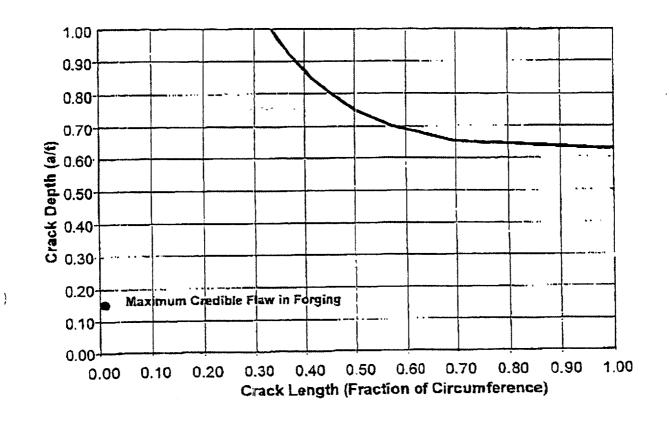
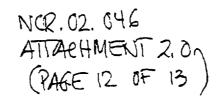


Figure 3. Allowable Flaw Sizes for Service Level C

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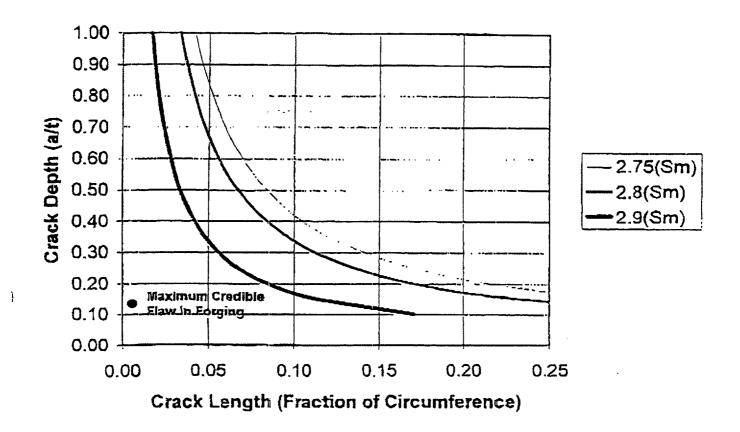


Figure 4. Allowable Flaw Sizes for Service Level D

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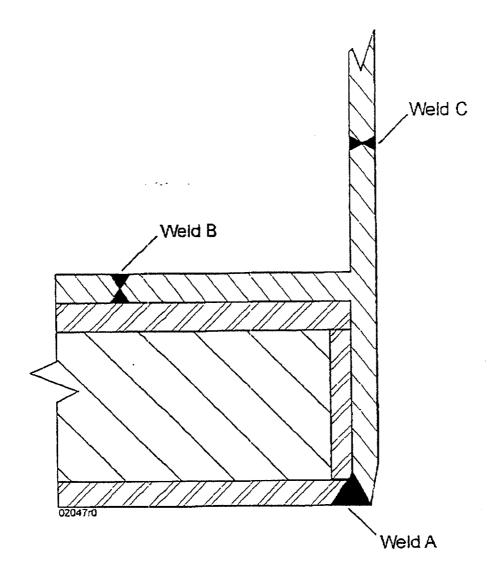


Figure 5. Section of Bottom Flange of NUHOMS® FF Canister



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SMUD FF-DSC

Brief Description of Change:

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This SRS screens TN NCR.02.046 (RANOR NCR 02-101)

The FF-DSC fabrication specification, NUH-05-113, specifies that machining operations required in the fabrication of the FF-DSC be performed in accordance with the requirements of the ASME Code Section III, Article NB-4000, as applicable.

The material for the bottom end forging was volumetrically (UT) and surface examined (PT) by the material supplier. RANOR performed additional machining of the forging, but did not repeat the surface examination of all forging surfaces after machining in accordance with ASME Paragraph NB-4121.3.

Preparer: H. Ilisko // // /	Qualified Reviewer: N. P. Abayan					
Signature Allow Date: 05/02/07		Date: 5/03/02				
Question #1		Conclusion:				
Does the proposed change alter the package design as design the CoC?	X YES					
If YES, indicate the affected drawings listed in the CoC (ar	Amendment to the C of C is required	1):				
material. The option to use an ASME Code Sect was submitted as Amendment 7 to the MP187 S 02.101 pertained to a noncompliance to the ASM	NUH-05-4005, Revision 13 shows the bottom end of the FF-DSC that is fabricated from plate material. The option to use an ASME Code Section III Subsection NB forging for the bottom end was submitted as Amendment 7 to the MP187 SAR. The nonconformance identified in TN NCR 02.101 pertained to a noncompliance to the ASME Code requirement associated with the use of a forging. Therefore, the nonconformance is considered a change for this screening.					
If NO, provide justification and list the documents reviewer	d:					
Reviewed NUH-05-4005 R/13						
Question #2		Conclusion:				
Does the proposed change alter the authorized contents of the package as listed in the CoC?						
If YES, indicate the affected CoC section (an Amendment to the CoC is required).						
If NO, provide justification and list the CoC sections review	If NO, provide justification and list the CoC sections reviewed:					
The CoC section was reviewed, and the "use-as-is" disposition to the nonconformance does not alter or affect the authorized contents as listed in the CoC. The maximum payload as specified in Section 5.b.(2).(b) is not affected by this condition.						

Reviewed CoC 71-9255, Revision 6, Section 5.b.

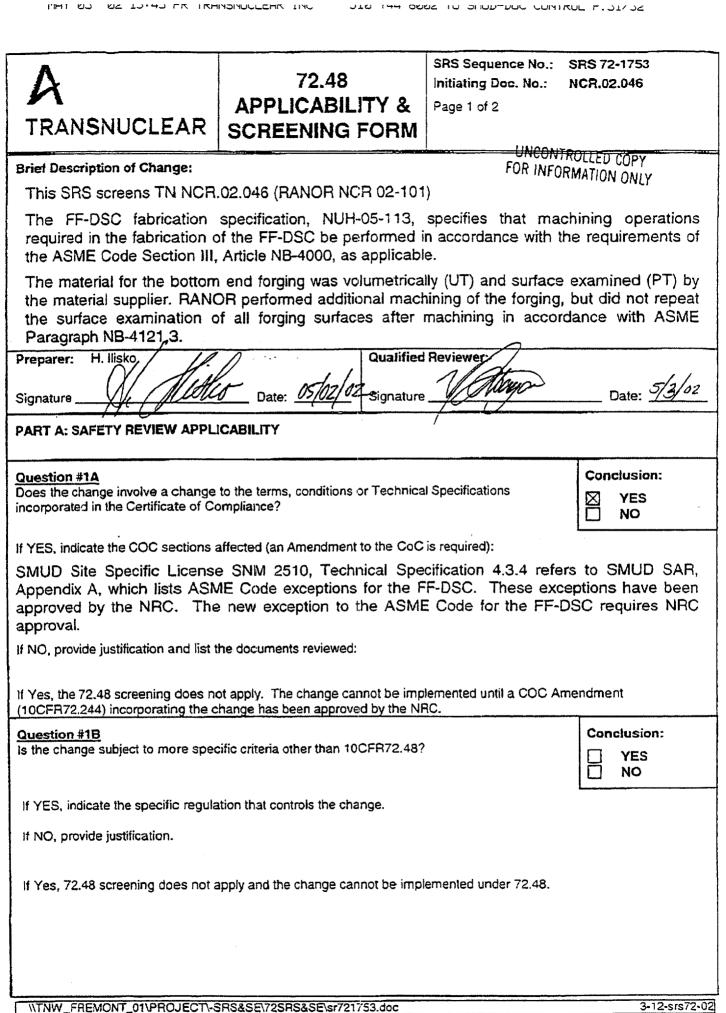
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Question #3 Conclusion: Does the proposed change alter the package operating controls and procedures as listed in the CoC? Conclusion:							
If NO, provide justification and lis	If YES, indicate the CoC sections affected (an Amendment is required): If NO, provide justification and list the CoC sections reviewed: The CoC section was reviewed and this "use-as-is" disposition does not alter or affect the MP 187 Cask transfer, procedures or operations. This nonconformance does not involve a change						
	55, Revision 6, Section 7						
Question #4 Does the proposed change alter th	Canolitaian						
If YES, indicate the CoC sections affected (an Amendment to the CoC is required): IF NO, provide justification and list the CoC sections reviewed: The PT nonconformance is on the bottom end of the FF-DSC and is not related to any type of test or experiment described in the CoC. There are no fabrication acceptance tests listed in the CoC that are affected by this nonconformance.							
Reviewed CoC 71-92255, I	Reviewed CoC 71-92255, Revision 6, Section 7.b. If the answer to question 1, 2, 3, or 4 above is YES, prepare a CoC Amendment SE No.:						
and submit it to the NRC for approval. Licensing Manager Approval*: Signature Date:							
U.B. Chopra - Licensing Manager # Subject to NRC approval of Amendment 5 CoC 9255.							

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Question #2 Does the change involve a change t	to the system design as described in	the FSAR?	Conclusion: YES NO
If YES, indicate the FSAR sections	affected. Give a description of revis	sion required for each affe	ected section:
If NO, provide justification and list t	he FSAR sections reviewed:		
Question #3 Does the change affect the method the FSAR?	of performing or controlling a design	n function as described in	Conclusion:
If YES, indicate the FSAR sections	affected:		
If NO, provide justification and list t	he FSAR sections reviewed:		
Question #4	<u> </u>		Conclusion:
Does the change affect the methods the intended design function will be	s of evaluation described in the FSA accomplished?	R, that demonstrate that	YES
If YES, indicate the FSAR section	s affected.		
IF NO, provide justification and list	the FSAR sections reviewed:		
Question #5			Conclusion:
Does the change involve a test or ex	xperiment <u>NOT</u> described in the FSA	AR?	YES NO
If YES, identify and describe the ba	sis for the yes answer:		
IF NO, provide justification and list	the FSAR sections reviewed:		
the change without a Safety Eval	ations 2, 3, 4 and 5 above is a NO, uation (SE). If the answer to any prepare the applicable SE. Note th	ONE of the).:
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