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Purpose of Meeting  
(copy from meeting notice)

TO DISCUSS THE ARKANSAS NUCLEAR ONE, UNIT 1, REACTOR PRESSURE VESSEL HEAD WELD REPAIRS

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# **ANO-1 Reactor Vessel Nozzle Repair**

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**Entergy Operations Inc.  
October 16, 2002**

# Agenda

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- ❖ Introduction/Purpose Craig Anderson
  - ❖ 1R16 (Spring 2001) Findings/Repair William Sims
  - ❖ 1R17 NDE Findings Steve Lewis
  - ❖ 1R17 Weld Repair Details William Sims
  - ❖ Evaluation of Weld Repair Steve Lewis
  - ❖ Assurance for Not Having Leakage Path to Annulus Steve Lewis
  - ❖ Safety Perspective Mike Krupa
  - ❖ Concluding Remarks Craig Anderson

# Introductory Remarks

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Craig Anderson

# **Status of ANO-1 CRDM Nozzle Examinations**

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- ❖ 100% Bare Metal Visual Exam Completed
  - Periphery Nozzle 56 was identified to be leaking
- ❖ Volumetric Examinations in Progress
- ❖ Liquid Penetrant and Eddy Current Exams Performed on Nozzle 56

# **1R16 (Spring 2001) Findings/Repair**

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**William Sims**  
**Entergy A600 Technical Lead**

# Repairs Performed During 1R16 on Nozzle 56

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- ❖ Visual Inspection Performed Identified Nozzle 56 was the Only Leaking Nozzle
- ❖ UT and PT Performed
  - Flaw was determined to be axial in the weld to nozzle interface at ~30 degrees from low hill side
  - Extended above J-weld in the nozzle
  - Circumferential flaw in nozzle below J-weld

## **Repairs Performed During 1R16 on Nozzle 56 (cont.)**

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- ❖ Severed Nozzle above the OD Circ Crack
- ❖ Excavated the Flaw in nozzle/J-Weld to Butter Region At Triple Point
- ❖ Excavated Area Filled with 152 Weld Material to Surface of Existing 082/182 weld
- ❖ New Weld was PT Cleared with Progressive Exams

# **1R17 NDE Findings**

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**Steve Lewis**  
**Supervisor, Engineering**

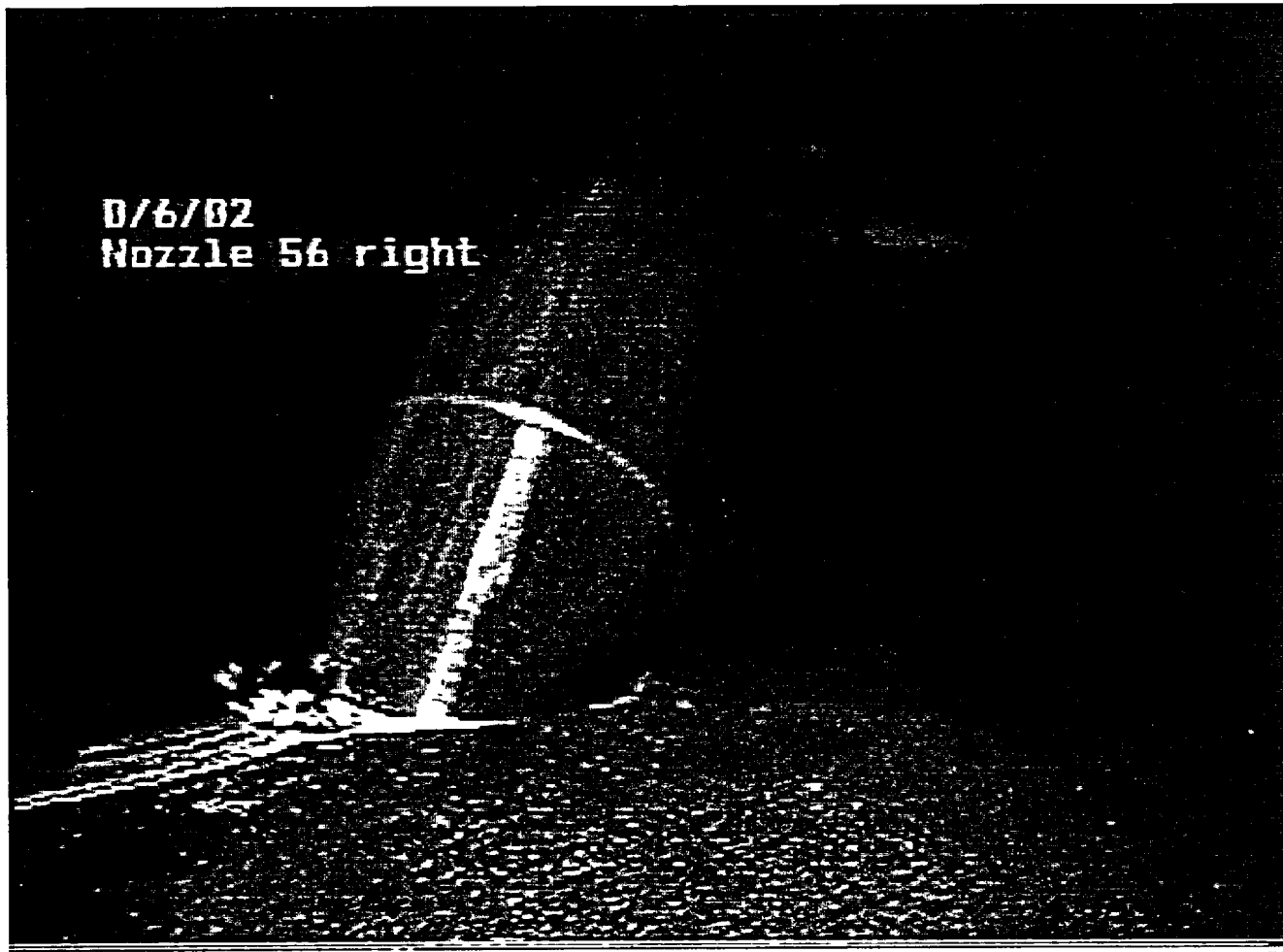
# Status of Current Findings of Examinations of CRDM Nozzles

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## ❖ Top Head Bare Metal Visual Inspections

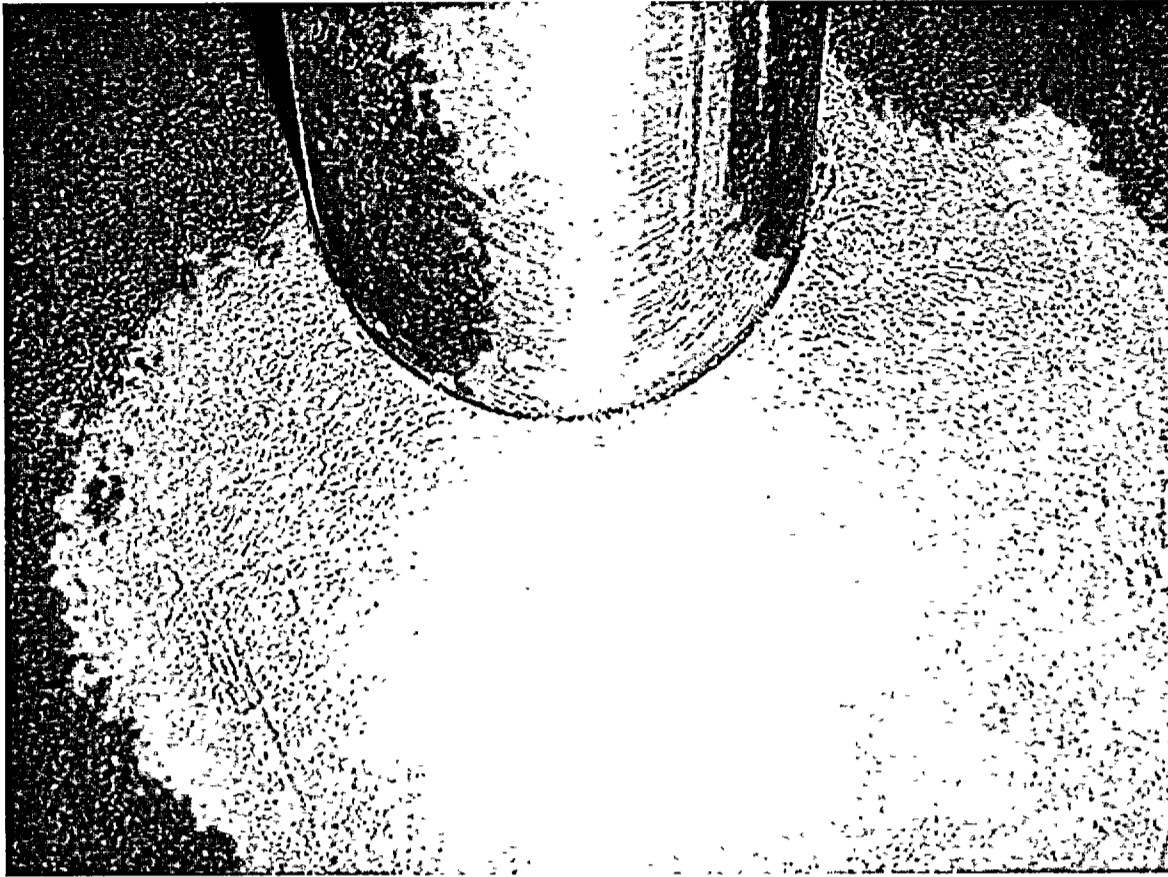
- Nozzle 56 Determined to be the only leaking nozzle
- No evidence of wastage.

# 1R17 Nozzle 56 Boric Acid



# 1R17 Post Cleaning of Nozzle 56

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# Status of Current Findings of Examinations of CRDM Nozzles (cont.)

## Nozzle 56 Ultrasonic Data

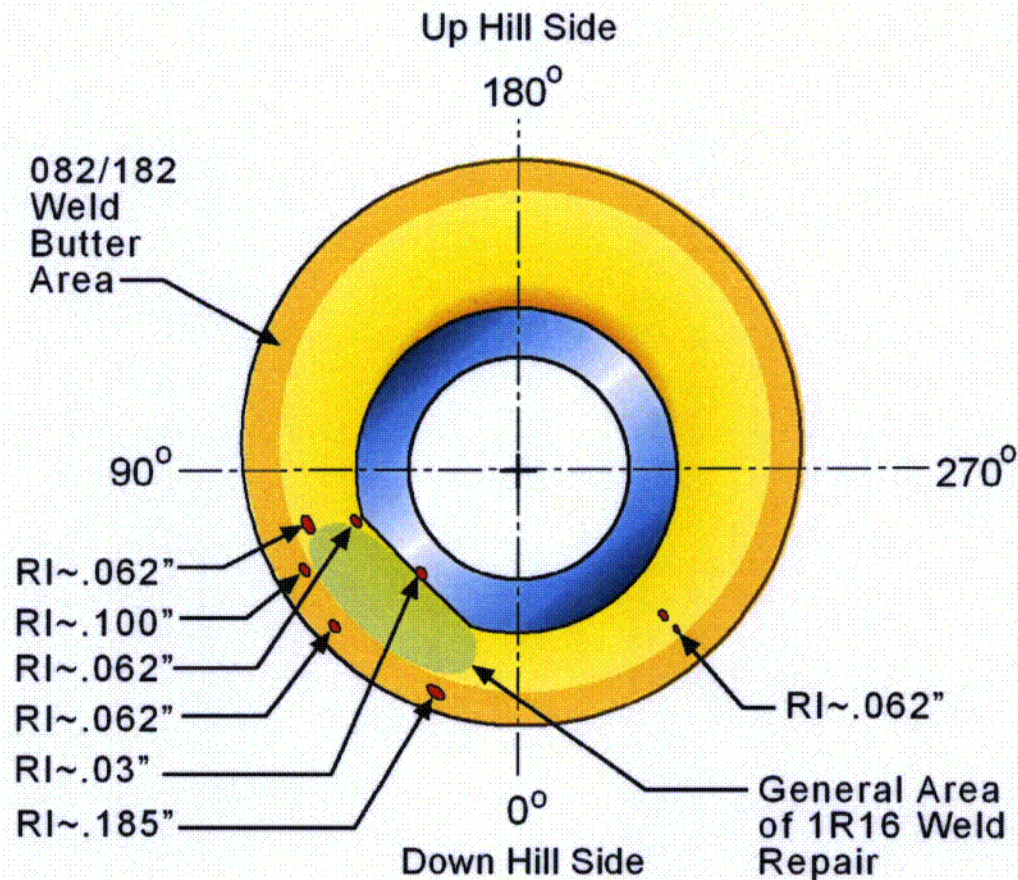
- ❖ Four Indications Adjacent to 1R16 Weld Repair
- ❖ Two Indications on Hill Side of Nozzle

Flaw #	Depth	Length	Az.	Above	Below
1A	0.177	0.56	20°	.16	---
2A	0.145	0.44	37 °	.12	---
4A	0.177	0.28	175 °	.16	---
5A	0.125	0.6	164 °	0	.12
1C	0.266	0.4	24 °	--	*
2C	0.180	0.68	39 °	.32	--

\*With uncertainty below weld only

- ❖ No Indications Identified to Have Circumferential Extent

# PT Layout of Nozzle 56 (General Representation)



# **Preliminary Results of Nozzle 56 Findings**

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- ❖ No Evidence of Alloy 052 cracking
- ❖ No Wastage Identified at Nozzle Bore Annulus Area from Bare Metal Visual Inspection (Boric Acid Showed No Discoloration)

# **1R17 CRDM Nozzle Weld Repair**

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**William Sims**  
**Entergy A600 Technical Lead**

# **Design Repair Objectives**

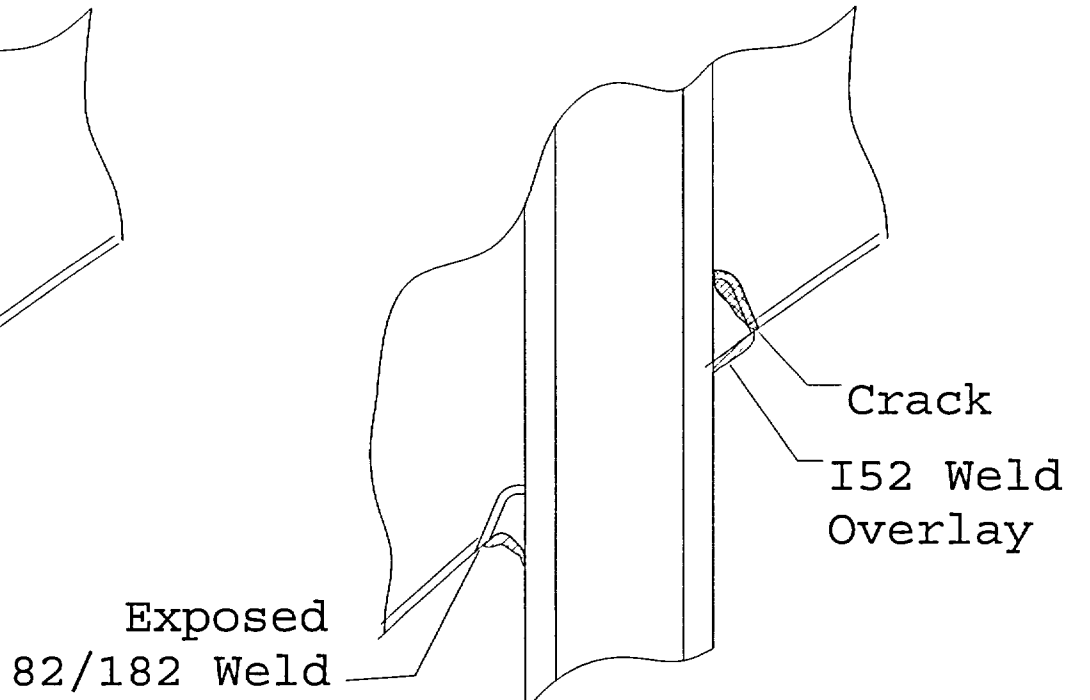
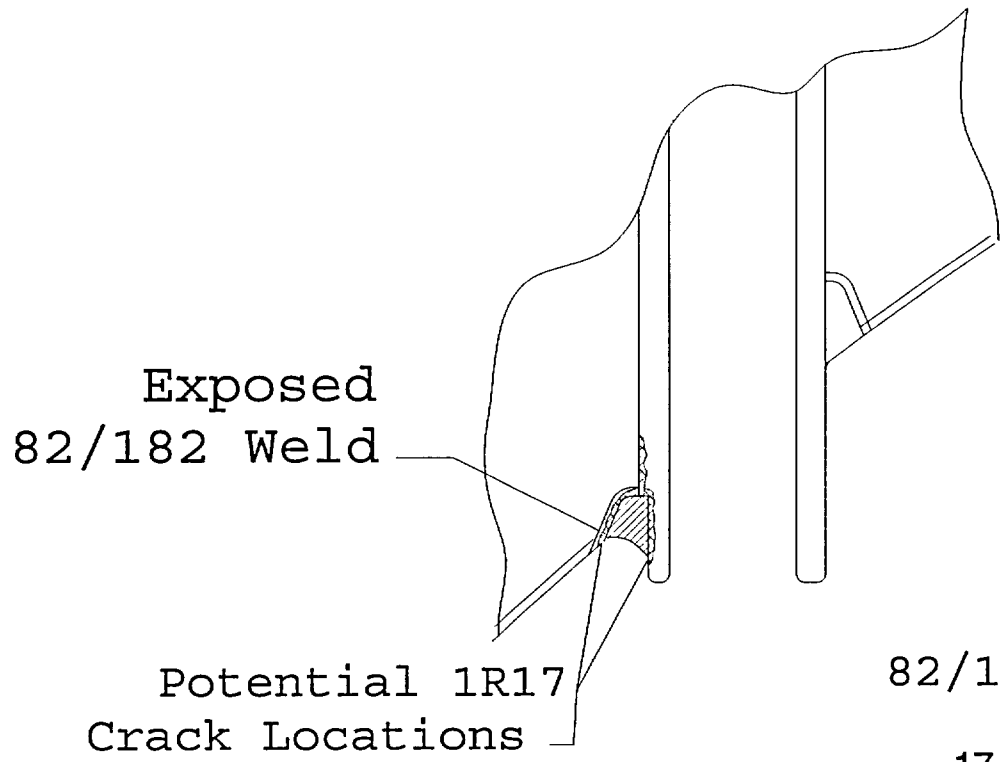
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- ❖ **Maintain Safe Operation of the Unit**
  - Provide ASME Code Compliance for Two Cycles of Operation
    - Maintain Code margins
  - Isolate the Flaw from the PWSCC Environment
    - Use of PWSCC resistant material
    - Control of repair processes
  - No leaks
- ❖ **Incorporate Lessons Learned**

# Incorporate Lessons Learned

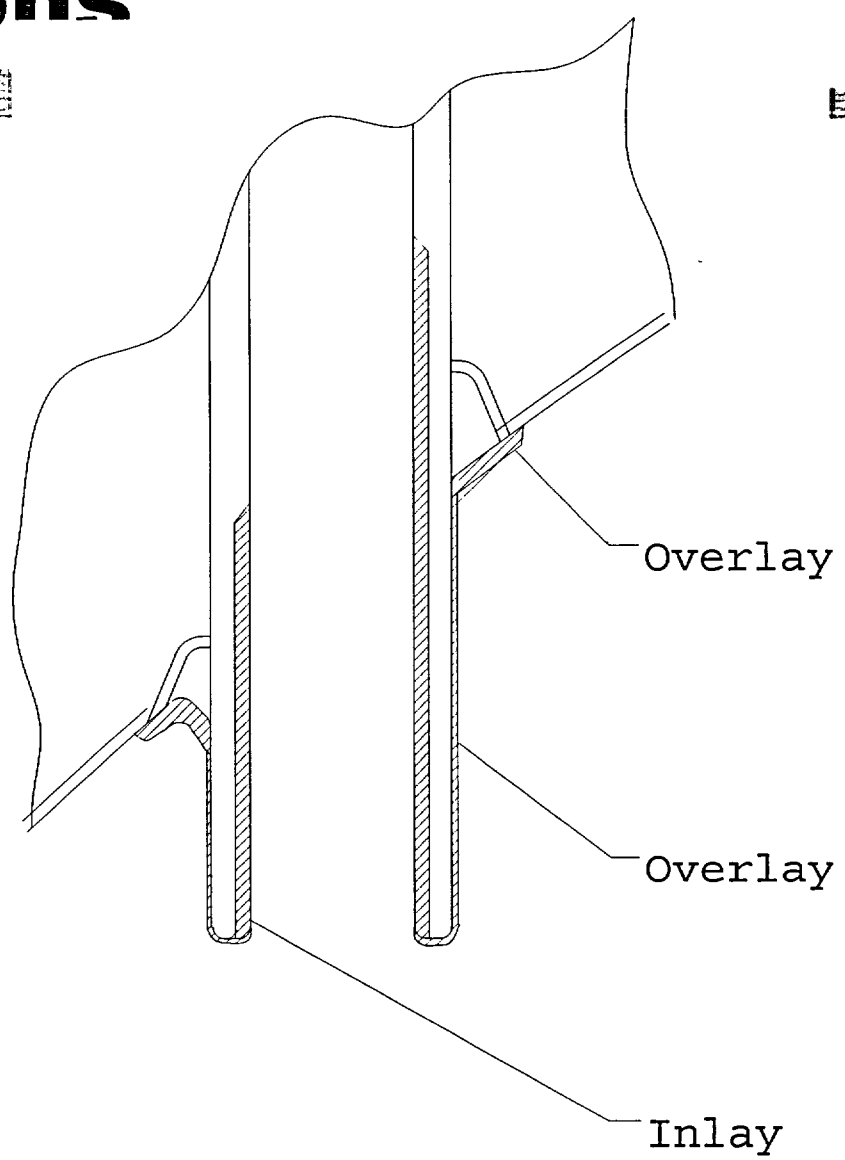
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# Description of Weld Repair Options

- ❖ Embedded Flaw Repair Features (used in combination or individually)
  - 360° J-Groove weld and butter overlay
  - 360° Nozzle inlay or overlay
  - 90° Nozzle inlay
  - Weld overlay on nozzle OD surface to mitigate crack initiation
- ❖ Or Just Remove The Flaw



# **Weld Repair Process**

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- ❖ Identification of 082/182 Material Boundary
  - Entergy will identify boundary between existing 082 material and SS clad using “ferrite” tool
  - Marks will be applied to location of 082/182 SS clad interface to identify boundary
  - Personnel will be trained and qualified by blind mockup
  - Independent verification will be performed
  - Welds will overlap SS Clad by a minimum of 1/2”
  - Written instructions will control this process

# Weld Repair Process

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## ❖ Weld Process Applied at ANO-1

- J-weld overlay will be at least 3/8" thick  
(minimum of 3 layers)

## ❖ Post Weld NDE

- Surface exam of J-weld overlay and nozzle inlay
- Volumetric exam of nozzle inlay
- Visual of weld surfaces

# **Weld Repair Design**

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**Steve Lewis**  
**Supervisor, Engineering**

# Weld Repair Design

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- ❖ Repairs were Designed by Detailed State of the Art Analysis
  - Repairs are Designed by Detailed 3D FE Analysis
  - Stress determination performed by Dominion Engineering
  - All other analysis performed by Structural Integrity Associates

# Weld Repair Design (cont.)

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- ❖ Testing and history to date has shown that 052 integrity is established for greater than two cycles
  - EPRI NP-3061, *SSC of A600 and A690*, May 1983
    - Tests @ 680°F for 6300 hrs
    - Could not get 052 to crack due to PWSCC
  - McDermott Tech Report, Evaluation of 82, 152 and 052 SSC, Constant Extension Rate Tests performed
    - 152(052) Materials tested at 650°F
  - Westinghouse Bettis Pub. PWSCC Crack Growth (1999)

# **Weld Repair Design**

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- ❖ Westinghouse Bettis Publication on PWSCC Crack Growth Results for Alloy 82H and Alloy 052
  - Fracture mechanics crack growth test at 360°C (680°F)
  - Results compared to industry data
  - Alloy 82H crack growth rates consistent with industry data for Alloy 600
  - No crack extension in Alloy 52 at high stress intensity and extended times

# **Recent Industry Experience with Alloy 052/152**

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- ❖ DC Cook Inlay Repair
- ❖ VC Summer Butt Weld Repair
- ❖ Canopy Seal Weld Overlay Repairs
- ❖ BWR Nozzle to Safe End Weld Overlay Repairs
- ❖ North Anna Overlay Repairs
- ❖ ANO-1 Repair in 1R16

To Date, No Problems Have Been Reported

# **Weld Repair Design (cont.)**

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## ❖ Summary

- Material Demonstrated to be Resistant to PWSCC Initiation and Growth
- Repair Qualified to Meet All Pertinent ASME Code Section III & XI Criteria

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# **Repair Assurance for Not Having Leak Paths to Annulus**

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## ❖ Evaluation of Leak Paths to Annulus

- Boron from above RV nozzle annulus
- Flowpath through ID of nozzle to annulus
- Flowpath through 052 weld material
- Flowpath around 052 weld repair

# **Boron from Above RV Nozzle Annulus**

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- ❖ Geometry and Temperature Result in Low Probability of Maintaining a Wetted Surface
- ❖ Not Considered to be a Credible Condition

# **Flowpath Through ID of Nozzle to Annulus**

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- ❖ Volumetric Exam of Nozzles Performed
- ❖ No Indications will be Left in Service
- ❖ Adequate Assurance is Being Provided to Prevent Leakage through ID of Nozzle

# **Flowpath Through 052 Weld Material**

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- ❖ Previously Discussed the Integrity of the 052 Weld Material
- ❖ Not considered to be a Credible Leak Path

# **Flowpath Around 052 Weld Repair**

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- ❖ Existing 082/182 Weld Boundary Will Be Clearly Identified
- ❖ Lessons Learned on Ensuring Adequate Coverage of 082/182 Material with Repair Weld Included in Repair Procedures
- ❖ Repair Process Will Ensure Integrity of Weld Repair

# **Safety Perspective**

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**Mike Krupa**  
**Director, Nuclear Safety Assurance**

# **Safety Perspective**

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- ❖ Repair Plans will Remove All Mechanistic Failures that Can Create Leak Paths
- ❖ Repair meets ASME Section XI Code Requirements
- ❖ Repair Process Has Incorporated Industry Lessons Learned
- ❖ Boundary of 082/182 and SS Clad will be Defined
- ❖ Appendix B Program will Ensure Proper Weld Application and Quality Control

# Safety Perspective

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- ❖ Annulus Will Be Isolated from PWSCC Environment
- ❖ Industry/MRP Analyses Have Demonstrated that Alloy 600 Will Not Become a Safety Concern when Properly Managed

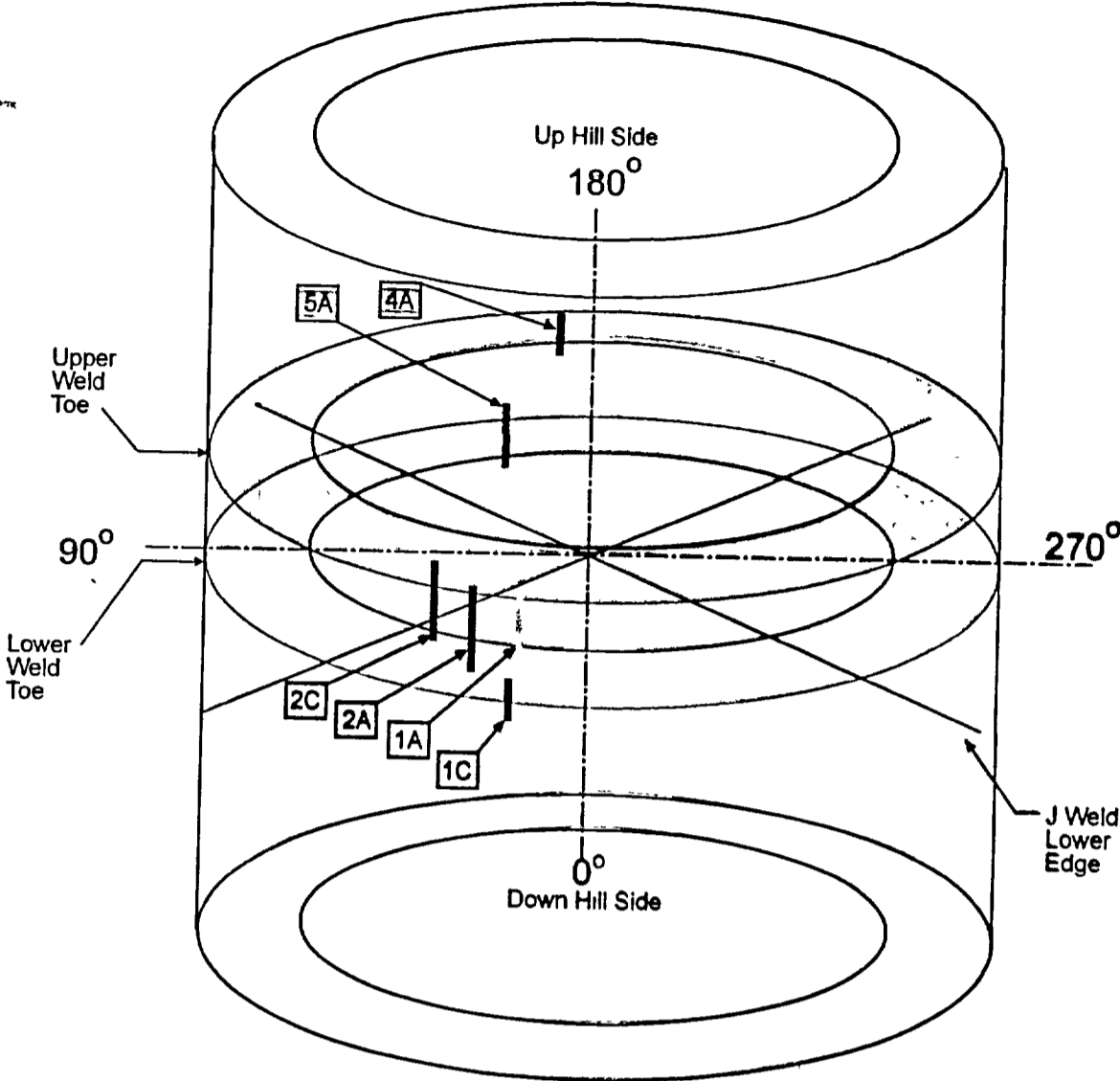
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# **Concluding Remarks**

# Backup CRDM Nozzle Slides

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# Nozzle 56 UT Scans



# UT Graphic of 1R17 Nozzle 56

