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MEMORANDUM FOR: John Voglewede

FROM: Michael McNeil

STRESS CORROSION CRACKING OF CARBON STEELS SUBJECT:

On December 16-17, John Beavers attended a stress corrosion/cracking workshop at Battelle's Seattle Research Center. I attach the program and Dr. Beavers' trip report.

I think the casual remark that the welds need to be stress/relieved (which has a parallel in Dr. Marsh's presentation on the U.K. program given at the December 1985 MRS nuclear waste meeting) is disturbing. I have tried to envision a practical way of stress relieving welds in DOE salt and basalt design overpacks, without a great deal of success.

As you know, our welding program is on hold pending a clearer view of our FY 1988 budget and a resolution of the FFRDC question, but I do think that it is something that ought to be raised with DOE at a future meeting or Appendix 7 visit.

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