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ATTENTION:

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SUBJECT:

Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant Unit No. 1; Docket No. 50-317

60 Days After Plant Restart Report - First Revised NRC Order EA-03-009, Interim Inspection Requirement for Reactor Pressure Vessel Heads at Pressurized Water Reactors

REFERENCES:

- (a) Letter from Mr. R. W. Borchardt (NRC) to Holders of Licenses for Operating Pressurized Water Reactors, dated February 20, 2004, Issuance of First Revised NRC Order (EA-03-009) Establishing Interim Inspection Requirements for Reactor Pressure Vessel Heads at Pressurized Water Reactors
- (b) Letter from Mr. C. F. Holden, Jr. (NRC) to Mr. G. Vanderheyden (CCNPP), dated May 4, 2004, Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Unit No. 1 – Relaxation of the Requirements of First Revised Order Modifying License (EA-03-009), Regarding Reactor Pressure Vessel Head Inspections (TAC No. MC1921)

The purpose of this letter is to forward Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Inc's "60 Days After Plant Restart" report requested in Section IV(E) of First Revised Nuclear Regulatory Commission Order EA-03-009 (Reference a). Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant completed the inspection of Unit 1 reactor vessel head penetrations required by Reference (a), as modified by Reference (b), and returned the plant to operation on May 9, 2004.

Attachment (1) to this letter provides the requested report. Should you have questions regarding this matter, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

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Attachment:

(1) 60 Days After Plant Restart Report – First Revised NRC Order EA-03-009, Interim Inspection Requirement for Reactor Pressure Vessel Heads at Pressurized Water Reactors

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60 DAYS AFTER PLANT RESTART REPORT

FIRST REVISED NRC ORDER EA-03-009, INTERIM INSPECTION

REQUIREMENT FOR REACTOR PRESSURE VESSEL HEADS AT

PRESSURIZED WATER REACTORS

60 DAYS AFTER PLANT RESTART REPORT - REVISED NRC ORDER EA-03-009, INTERIM INSPECTION REQUIREMENT FOR REACTOR PRESSURE VESSEL HEADS AT PRESSURIZED WATER REACTORS

Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant completed the inspection of Unit 1 reactor vessel head penetrations required by Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Order EA-03-009 (Reference 1), as modified by Reference (2), and returned the plant to operation on May 9, 2004.

Calvert Cliffs Unit 1 is in the highest susceptibility category as a result of having accumulated greater than 12 Effective Degradation Years, which was calculated in accordance with the methodology provided in the Order. For those plants in the High category, reactor pressure vessel (RPV) head and head penetration nozzle inspections must be performed using the following techniques every refueling outage;

- (a) Bare metal visual examination of 100% of the RPV head surface (including 360° around each RPV head penetration nozzle). For RPV heads with the surface obscured by support structure interferences which are located at RPV head elevations downslope from the outermost RPV head penetration, a bare metal visual inspection of no less than 95 percent of the RPV head surface may be performed provided that the examination shall include those areas of the RPV head upslope and downslope from the support structure interference to identify any evidence of boron or corrosive product. Should any evidence of boron or corrosive product be identified, the licensee shall examine the RPV head surface under the support structure to ensure that the RPV head is not degraded.
- (b) For each penetration, perform a nonvisual NDE [nondestructive examination] in accordance with either (i), (ii), or (iii):
 - (i) Ultrasonic testing of the RPV head penetration nozzle volume (i.e., nozzle base material) from 2 inches above the highest point of the root of the J-groove weld (on a horizontal plane perpendicular to the nozzle axis) to 2 inches below the lowest point at the toe of the J-groove weld on a horizontal plane perpendicular to the nozzle axis (or bottom of the nozzle if less than 2 inches); OR from 2 inches above the highest point of the root of the J-groove weld (on a horizontal plane perpendicular to the nozzle axis) to 1.0-inch below the lowest point at the toe of the J-groove weld (on a horizontal plane perpendicular to the nozzle axis) and including all RPV head penetration nozzle surfaces below the J-groove weld that have an operating stress level (including all residual and normal operation stresses) of 20 ksi tension and greater. In addition, an assessment shall be made to determine if leakage has occurred into the annulus between the RPV head penetration nozzle and the RPV head low-alloy steel.
 - (ii) Eddy current testing or dye penetrant testing of the entire wetted surface of the J-groove weld and the wetted surface of the RPV head penetration nozzle base material from at least 2 inches above the highest point of the root of the J-groove weld (on a horizontal plane perpendicular to the nozzle axis) to 2 inches below the lowest point at the toe of the J-groove weld on a horizontal plane perpendicular to the nozzle axis (or the bottom of the nozzle if less than 2 inches); OR from 2 inches above the highest point of the root of the J-groove weld (on a horizontal plane perpendicular to the nozzle axis) to 1.0-inch below the lowest point at the toe of the J-groove weld (on a horizontal plane perpendicular to the nozzle axis) and including all RPV head penetration nozzle surfaces below the J-groove weld that have an operating stress level (including all residual and normal operation stresses) of 20 ksi tension and greater.
 - (iii) A combination of (i) and (ii) to cover equivalent volumes, surfaces, and leak paths of the RPV head penetration nozzle base material and J-groove weld as described in (i) and (ii). Substitution of a portion of a volumetric exam on a nozzle with a surface examination may be performed with the following requirements:

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- 1. On nozzle material below the J-groove weld, both the outside diameter and inside diameter surfaces of the nozzle must be examined.
- 2. On nozzle material above the J-groove weld, surface examination of the inside diameter surface of the nozzle is permitted provided a surface examination of the J-groove weld is also performed.

CCNPP Inspection Results

The bare metal visual examination was accomplished with no indications of leakage. Every penetration was examined 360° around. The head was clean, with no evidence of degradation of any kind.

The vent line and in-core instrument (ICI) penetrations were examined using a rotating ultrasonic testing (UT) probe. These examinations included all of the nozzle material from the bottom of the nozzle to greater than 2 inches above the J-groove weld. There were no indications of cracking or degradation.

For the ICI penetrations, an assessment to determine if leakage has occurred into the interference fit zone was performed using an ultrasonic technique. There was no evidence of leakage.

For the vent line, a UT leakage path assessment could not be performed because the vent line was installed with a clearance fit. For the vent line the assessment to determine whether leakage has occurred into the interference fit zone was accomplished by performing an eddy current examination (ET) of the J-groove weld surface. No evidence of leakage was found.

All of the control element drive mechanism penetrations were inspected using UT techniques. The assessment to determine if leakage has occurred into the interference fit zone was performed using an ultrasonic technique. All nozzles were examined from the bottom of the nozzle to a minimum of 1.67 inches above the highest point of the root of the J-groove weld (on a horizontal plane perpendicular to the nozzle axis). The majority of the nozzles were inspected to a distance≥ 2 inches above the highest point of the root of the J-groove weld (on a horizontal plane perpendicular to the nozzle axis) 360° around. No indications of degradation, cracking, or leakage were identified. Results of the RPV head penetration examinations are provided in Table 1.

Calvert Cliffs requested and was granted relaxation from the requirements to examine the nozzle from the bottom of the nozzle to 2 inches above the J-groove weld (Reference 2). The relaxation provided the alternative scope of inspecting the nozzles from the bottom of the nozzle to a minimum of 1.67 inches above the J-groove weld.

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TABLE 1

RESULTS OF THE RPV HEAD PENETRATION EXAMINATIONS FOR CCNPP UNIT 1

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Extent of UT Coverage in Reactor Vessel Head Penetration Nozzle Material Flaws						
			Leak Path			
D #	Min Distance	Circumferential Coverage Achieved	Assessment	Flaws/Leak Path		
Pen#	Above Up-Hill	(Degrees)	Determination	Detected (Yes/No)		
	Weld Root		Possible?	, ,		
1	> 2.0	360	Yes	No		
2	> 2.0	360	Yes	No		
3	> 2.0	360	Yes	No		
4	> 2.0	360	Yes	No		
5	> 2.0	360	Yes	No		
6	2.0	360	Yes	No		
7	> 2.0	360	Yes	No		
8	> 2.0	360	Yes	No		
9	> 2.0	360	Yes	No		
10	> 2.0	360	Yes	No		
11	> 2.0	360	Yes	No		
12	> 2.0	360	Yes	No		
13	> 2.0	360	Yes	No		
14	> 2.0	360	Yes	No		
15	> 2.0	360	Yes	No		
16	> 2.0	360	Yes	No		
17	> 2.0	360	Yes	No		
18	> 2.0	360	Yes	No		
19	> 2.0	360	Yes	No		
20	> 2.0	360	Yes	No		
21	> 2.0	360	Yes	No		
22	> 2.0	360	Yes	No		
23	> 2.0	360	Yes	No		
24	> 2.0	360	Yes	No		
25	> 2.0	360	Yes	No		
26	> 2.0	360	Yes	No		
27	> 2.0	360	Yes	No		
28	> 2.0	360	Yes	No		
29	> 2.0	360	Yes	No		
30	> 2.0	360	Yes	No		
31	> 2.0	360	Yes	No		
32	> 2.0	360	Yes	No		
33	> 2.0	360	Yes	No		
34	> 2.0	360	Yes	No		
35	1.88*	360	Yes	No		
36	1.96*	360	Yes	No		

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TABLE 1

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Extent of UT Coverage in Reactor Vessel Head Penetration Nozzle Material Flaws						
Pen#	Min Distance Above Up-Hill Weld Root	Circumferential Coverage Achieved (Degrees)	Leak Path Assessment Determination Possible?	Flaws/Leak Path Detected (Yes/No)		
37	1.97*	360	Yes	No		
38	> 2.0	360	Yes	No		
39	> 2.0	360	Yes	No		
40	> 2.0	360	Yes	No		
41	> 2.0	360	Yes	No		
42	> 2.0	360	Yes	No		
43	1.90*	360	Yes	No		
44	> 2.0	360	Yes	No		
45	1.95*	360	Yes	No		
46	1.86*	360	Yes	No		
47	1.96*	360	Yes	No		
48	> 2.0	360	Yes	No		
49	1.96*	360	Yes	No		
50	1.95*	360	Yes	No		
51	> 2.0	360	Yes	No		
52	1.95*	360	Yes	No		
53	1.74*	360	Yes	No		
54	2.00	360	Yes	No		
55	1.70*	360	Yes	No		
56	1.86*	360	Yes	No		
57	> 2.0	360	Yes	No		
58	2.00	360	Yes	No		
59	1.86*	360	Yes	No		
60	1.67*	360	Yes	No		
61	1.85*	360	Yes	No		
62	> 2.0	360	Yes	No		
63	> 2.0	360	Yes	No		
64	> 2.0	360	Yes	No		
65	1.91*	360	Yes	No		
ICI1	> 2	360	Yes	No		
ICI2	> 2	360	Yes	No		
ICI3	> 2	360	Yes	No		
ICI4	> 2	360	Yes	No		
ICI5	> 2	360	Yes	No		
ICI6	> 2	360	Yes	No		
ICI7	> 2	360	Yes	No		

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TABLE 1 RESULTS OF THE RPV HEAD PENETRATION EXAMINATIONS FOR CCNPP UNIT 1 (Page 3 of 3)

Extent of UT Coverage in Reactor Vessel Head Penetration Nozzle Material Flaws						
Pen#	Min Distance Above Weld Root	Circumferential Coverage Achieved (Degrees)	Leak Path Assessment Determination Possible?	Flaws/Leak Path Detected (Yes/No)		
ICI8	> 2	360	Yes	No		
Vent line	> 2	360	Yes**	No		

- * Relaxation from the Order requirement to inspect two inches above the J-groove weld was granted.
- ** Leak path assessment performed by ET of weld.