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Harold,

The licensee issued CAP056890 which describes a large repair weld made on the lower vessel head during initial fabrication. Dimensions of the two repair locations at 180 degrees apart are, 5-6 feet in length, 3 feet in width and 2-3/4 inch in depth. Note that original plate thickness was 4.5 inches thick. This CAP identified that this repair weld is not in the licensee's Inservice Inspection program Category B-A, item No. B1.50. vessel welds. Assuming this information is correct, the licensee is in noncompliance with the Code and with 10CFR50.55a(6)ii(A) "Augmented Examination of Reactor Vessel." They have missed the deadline in this section of the CFRs to request NRC relief. Thus, my question is, can they restart without either inspecting this repair weld or seeking relief???

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