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## **1 BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

All Alloy 82/182 butt welds in Combustion Engineering (CE) plants that are exposed to temperatures equivalent to the cold leg temperatures must be volumetrically inspected by December 2010 in accordance with the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Code Section XI (Reference 1), Appendix VIII, and Supplement 10 of Appendix VIII requirements per MIRP-139 (Reference 2). CE plants have a number of dissimilar-metal (DM) butt welds in the cold leg. In particular, the large-diameter cold leg reactor coolant pump (RCP) suction and discharge nozzle Alloy 82/182 butt welds have an as-built configuration that is not conducive to meeting the 90 percent inspection coverage of Electric Power Research Institute's (EPRI) Materials Reliability Program (MRP) requirements in MRP-139 and ASME Code Appendix VIII. In addition, the cast stainless steel material at the safe-end of these nozzles is not addressed by Appendix VIII or Supplement 10 and, therefore, would only allow for a one-sided examination.

The large-diameter pump nozzle butt welds and the smaller-diameter safety injection nozzles are exposed to nominal cold leg temperatures of 550'F, and therefore, are less susceptible to PWSCC crack initiation than nozzles in the hot leg. In addition, the crack growth rate in the cold leg is significantly less than that of a similar crack in the hot leg.

Required inspection coverage is often difficult to obtain because of additional nozzles that penetrate the pipe and obstruct the weld region. Figure 1-1 illustrates this type of obstruction. These obstructions can also make mitigation difficult, creating the need for strong technical arguments to ensure the integrity of these nozzles.

This document serves as an assessment of the flaw tolerance of the regions, using the rules of ASME Code, Section XI. The calculations in this WCAP present the maximum allowable initial flaw sizes in the DM welds and the associated PWSCC growth, both calculated for the temperatures and loadings of interest.

These allowable flaw sizes were determined for both axial and circumferential flaws, and can be used for several purposes. First, they support the argument that frequent, high-percentage (90 percent) coverage inspections are not necessary because crack initiation in these regions is highly unlikely. The results presented in this document support less frequent and lower-percentage coverage inspection.

This work also provides documented flaw evaluations of the regions of interest, in the case that an indication is discovered during a routine ultrasonic testing (UT) examination. Specifically, the work presented herein covers the RCP suction and discharge nozzles for all the CE designs that have DM welds. in the region, as well as safety injection (SI) nozzles with the same dissimilar weld configurations. Participants in the program are listed in the table at the beginning of this report. To ensure coverage of all fuel cycles, the evaluations were carried out for both 18- and 24-month fuel cycles.

Since this evaluation is a feasibility study, long service times were not assessed. This avoided the need for a treatment of fatigue crack growth because PWSCC growth will be dominant for short periods. Thus, the time and cost of performing fatigue crack growth calculations are avoided until such time they are needed.

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Revision 1 contains no technical changes. This revision was prepared to identify the proprietary portions of the report so that it may be submitted to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.



Figure **1-1** Example of Built-in Obstructions for an RCP Nozzle DM Weld

## 2 SUMMARY OF **RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS**

A feasibility assessment was performed to determine the maximum flaw size that can be supported for periods of 18 and 24 months. The RCP suction and discharge, and the SI nozzles were chosen as the representative nozzles in the feasibility assessment. Impacts of residual stresses for both the as-welded condition and the presence of inside surface weld repairs were considered in conjunction with normal operating steady-state piping reaction loads. Operating temperatures for various CE plants were taken into consideration. Alloy weld Z-correction factors recommended by ASME were used in the analysis. Aspect ratios of 2 for axial flaws, and 6 and 10 for circumferential flaws, were assumed in the analysis.

For the RCP suction and discharge nozzles, maximum allowable initial flaw sizes for periods of 18 and 24 months were determined for various cases and are shown in Section 4. Based on the results shown in Section 4, the maximum flaw size that could be supported for a period up to 24 months was a 48 percent part through-wall inside surface axial flaw, or a 53 percent part through-wall inside surface circumferential flaw. These allowable initial flaw sizes represent a high flaw tolerance and could be greater if plant-specific conditions are taken into account.

Safety injection nozzles on Millstone Unit 2 have been mitigated already and are not a part of this investigation. Calvert Cliffs Units 1 and 2 SI nozzles have been examined and flaw evaluations performed prior to this investigation; therefore, they are not included here. Safety injection nozzles for San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) Units 2 and 3 and Palo Verde Units 1, 2, and 3 were not included in this study.

Safety injection nozzles including St. Lucie Units 1 and 2, ANO Unit 2, and Waterford Unit 3 were evaluated for the PWSCC crack growth in the Alloy DM welds. The initial fabrication weld residual stress and the inside surface weld repairs have significant impacts on the maximum allowable initial flaw sizes. The maximum allowable initial flaw sizes for periods of 18 and 24 months considering the impacts of inside surface weld repairs were determined and are discussed in Section 4. The results were obtained with and without inside surface repairs. For axial inside surface flaws with or without inside surface weld repairs, the allowable flaw depth for a period up to 24 months is 41 percent through-wall. For inside surface circumferential flaws, if there is no inside surface weld repair, flaw evaluation would support continual operation for a period of 24 months with a 54 percent part-through wall flaw. If inside surface weld repair is assumed, flaw evaluation would support continual operation for a period of 18 months with a 12 percent part through-wall inside flaw, and a 5.4 percent inside surface flaw for the 24-month period.

The acceptable initial inside surface flaw sizes for the nozzles of interest are summarized in Table 2-1. These were determined using the flaw evaluation procedures of Section XI of the ASME Code.



Notes:

1. Aspect ratios of 2 for axial and 6 to 10 for circumferential flaws were considered in the analysis.

2. Results include the required margins of Section XI for Pipe Flaw Evaluation.

#### Recommendations

Based on the preceding feasibility assessment results, RCP suction and discharge nozzles are quite flaw tolerant, while the SI nozzles with inside surface weld repairs and high piping reaction loads show mixed results.

## RCP Suction/Discharge Nozzles

The flaw tolerance is very good for all of these nozzles, indicating that the structural integrity of these regions can be maintained with less rigorous inspection requirements than those presented in the current governing industry document, MRP-139. The authors of MRP-139 have recognized this, and have inserted an option into MRP-139, Revision 1, to allow an evaluation such as that herein to be usedto soften the examination requirements. It is recommended that the following items be considered and action be pursued as soon as possible to give utilities more flexibility in this area.

## Safety Injection Nozzles

The existing calculations do not support the recommended actions for these nozzles in all of the plants. Therefore, the best option is to mitigate these nozzles, as there are fewer difficulties here than with the RCP nozzles.

## **3 CALCULATIONS**

## **3.1** LIMITS OF APPLICABILITY

This WCAP applies to the Alloy 182/82 welds for the CE plant RCP suction and discharge nozzles, and SI nozzles with the design temperatures and Design Specification loads collected, reported, and used here for the flaw evaluation.

## 3.2 METHOD **DISCUSSION**

#### **3.2.1** Loading Conditions

The first step is to determine the appropriate loadings for these service conditions. Both the maximum allowable end-of-evaluation-period flaw sizes and stress intensity factors are functions of the piping stresses, crack geometry, and the material properties. The maximum allowable end-of-evaluation flaw depths are determined for both axial and circumferential flaw configurations, and are used as part of the input to calculate the initial allowable flaw sizes for 18- and 24-month periods. The limit load approach used to determine the maximum allowable end-of-evaluation-period flaw depths are based on the methodology of Appendix C, Section XI of ASME Code Section XI (Reference **1).** The first set of maximum allowable flaw depths is calculated using stresses from the governing normal, upset, and test conditions. The second set is calculated based on stresses for the governing emergency and faulted conditions.

The RCP suction and discharge nozzles dissimilar-metal (DM) weld and the SI nozzle DM weld regions are subject to the piping reaction loads resulting from pressure, thermal expansion, self-weight, seismic, and accident loading conditions. The self-weight is generally small, often not available separately, and included with the normal operating condition. Therefore, it is not included in the detailed flaw evaluations performed here. Upset, emergency, and faulted load conditions such as operating or design basis seismic, safe shutdown seismic, LOCA, BLPB, and accident conditions were obtained from the engineering specifications (References 15 to 23) and summarized in References 7and 14 for the RCP suction and discharge, and safety injection nozzles. Load combinations are plant specific. For this analysis, all load conditions were classified as:

1. Normal operation (NOP) represents thermal loading.

2. Normal operation + operating basis earthquake (NOP + OBE) represent upset load level.

3. Normal operation **+** safe shutdown earthquake (NOP **+** SSE) represent emergency load level.

4. Normal operation **+** accident (NOP **+** SSE **+** LOCA, NOP **+** SSE **+** BPLB, NOP + accident)

represent faulted load level.

The normal operation loading condition pipe forces and bending moments, along with the internal pressure loads, were used for the PWSCC flaw growth estimation.

Load condition 2, which is listed above, was used for the maximum allowable end-of-evaluation-period flaw size for the normal and upset load conditions, as well as conditions 3 and 4 of the corresponding flaw size for the emergency and faulted load conditions. Normal operation loads (without pressure) were used as secondary thermal stresses. The internal pressure load and additional loads beyond the normal operation are assumed to be due to the additional pipe mechanical loads (seismic, LOCA, BLPB, and accident), and are used for the primary membrane and bending stresses.

Piping stresses for all the plants are calculated using the corresponding weld geometries provided in Table 3-1, and in Table 3-2 for the SI nozzles. These stresses are bounded first within each plant, and then bounded again to obtain overall maximum values to be used as a generic candidate for the flaw evaluation. Nominal dimensions shown in Table 3-3 were then used in actual calculation of PWSCC crack growth and maximum end-of-evaluation-period flaw sizes.







Operating pressure is 2,250 psi, and the temperature ranges between 543°F and 553°F. The design pressure of 2,500 psi and temperature of 553'F were used in all flaw evaluations.

The stresses at the DM welds for normal, upset, emergency, and faulted conditions were determined using the following equations in the evaluation:

$$
\sigma_{m-tot} = \frac{F_{a-tot}}{A} \tag{3-1}
$$

$$
\sigma_{b-tot} = \frac{M_{b-tot}}{Z} \tag{3-2}
$$

$$
\sigma_e = \frac{F_{a-nop}}{A} + \frac{M_{b-nop}}{Z} \tag{3-3}
$$

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where:



The piping loads are tabulated in Section 3.4 of this WCAP.

For the PWSCC analysis, only the steady-state operating loads (due to pressure, self-weight, and thermal) are used. Along with the operating loads, the hoop and axial residual stress distributions from MRP- 113 (Reference 3) are used to calculate the PWSCC crack growth. External loads, such as seismic and accident conditions, which take place for only a short duration, would not have any significant impact on the overall PWSCC growth.

## **3.2.2** Generation of Stress Intensity Factors (SIFs) for Surface Flaws

The stresses at the DM welds determined in Section 3.2.1 are used to determine the stress intensity factors for both the axial and circumferential surface flaw configurations. Once the stress intensity factors are determined, stress corrosion crack growth calculations (Section 3.2.3) can be performed using a PWSCC crack growth rate model developed by EPRI in Reference 5.

The bounding total stress distribution (piping plus residual stresses) was used to calculate the stress intensity factor, except as noted.

#### Stress Intensity Factor

The SIFs for the part through-wall longitudinal (axial) and circumferential surface cracks are calculated by using the **KCALPWSCC** program (References 10 and 11) based on methodology from Reference 12. For axial inside surface flaws, as shown in Figure 3-1, solutions are available in Reference 12 with cubic polynomial stress distributions across the pipe wall thickness for different flaw aspect ratios. Circumferential inside surface flaw solutions, available in Reference 12, are for pipe axial membrane stress and pipe remote bending type loads only. Reference 13 published the circumferential inside surface flaw solutions for cubic polynomial stress distributions across the pipe wall thickness and remote pipe bending moments suitable for the flaw evaluations included in this WCAP. However, axial inside surface solution options in the KCAL PWSCC program were also used for circumferential flaws. This is considered to be either comparable or conservative when compared to the circumferential flaw solutions available in Reference 13.



#### Figure **3-1** Axial Inside Surface Finite-Length Flaw in a Pipe

The stress distribution profile through the pipe wall thickness is represented by a cubic polynomial:

$$
\sigma(x) = A_0 + A_1 x + A_2 x^2 + A_3 x^3 \tag{3-4}
$$

where:



The stress intensity factor calculations for semi-elliptical surface flaws with an aspect ratio (AR) of  $2c/a = 2.0$  (c is half-flaw length, and a is flaw depth) for the axial model were carried out using the expressions developed in Reference 12. For axial flaws, an aspect ratio of 2 is considered to be adequate for the expected flaw shapes in the DM welds, since any axial flaws are restricted to the width of the DM welds. For circumferential flaws, aspect ratios of 6 and 10 were considered. These are assumed to represent the realistic flaw sizes observed in the actual inspections.

The flaw solution influence coefficient at any points on the crack front can be obtained by using an interpolation method. SIF can be expressed in the general form as follows:.

$$
K_1 = \sqrt{\frac{\pi \alpha}{Q}} \sum_{j=0}^{3} G_j (a/c, a/t, t/R_i, \phi) A_j a^j
$$
 (3-5)

where:



Shape factor Q is based on the complete elliptical integral of the second kind and is approximated by:

$$
Q = 1 + 1.464(a/c)^{1.65} \text{ for } a/c \le 1 \tag{3-6a}
$$

$$
= 1 + 1.464(c/a)^{1.65} \text{ for a/c} > 1 \tag{3-6b}
$$

For finite-length inside surface circumferential flaws, as shown in Figure 3-2, the **SIF** expression in Reference 13 can be used. Solutions for axial flaws from Reference 12 built into the KCAL PWSCC program were used with aspect ratios of 6 and 10. In this case, the pipe remote stretching and maximum bending stresses are added to the through-wall stress profile to obtain the total stress distribution across the pipe wall. The stress profile was represented as a cubic polynomial.

Once the SIF has been determined, crack growth analysis of the postulated flaw in the DM welds was performed. The SIFs are calculated for all axial and circumferential surface flaws.



## Figure **3-2** Circumferential Inside Surface Finite-Length Flaw in a Pipe as Modeled in K, Solution

#### 3.2.3 PWSCC Growth Rate

After the stress intensity factors are calculated, as discussed in Section 3.2.2, the crack growth calculations are performed using the PWSCC growth curve.

The recommended PWSCC growth curve for Alloy 82/182 materials is as follows (Reference 5):

$$
a = exp\left[-\frac{Q_g}{R}\left(\frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{T_{ref}}\right)\right] \alpha(K)^{\beta}
$$
\n(3-7)

where:



Based on an operating temperature of 549°F, the PWSCC growth rate (in m/sec) is as follows:

$$
\frac{da}{dt} = 2.581 \times 10^{-13} (K)^{1.6}
$$
 (3-8)

Here, K is expressed in MPa $\sqrt{m}$  units. The PWSCC growth analysis results for circumferential and axial flaws are shown in Section 4.2 of this WCAP.

For the operating temperature range of 543°F to 553°F for all the CE plants analyzed, crack growth rate curves are given in Figure 3-4.







Figure 3-4 PWSCC Crack Growth Rates over the CE Plant Cold Leg Operating Temperatures

## 3.2.4 Maximum Allowable End-of-Evaluation-Period Flaw Size Determination

The maximum allowable end-of-evaluation-period flaw size, including a safety margin, is calculated to determine the flaw size required to cause nozzle failure due to plastic collapse. The limit load approach used is based on the methodology in Appendix C of ASME Code Section XI (Reference 1).

## Circumferential Flaws

For circumferential flaws not penetrating the compressive side (Figure 3-3) of the nozzle such as  $(\theta+\beta) \leq \pi$ , the relation between the applied loads and flaw depth at incipient collapse is given by:

$$
\sigma_{b}^{c} = \frac{2\sigma_{t}}{\pi} (2\sin\beta - \frac{a}{t}\sin\theta)
$$
\n
$$
\beta = \frac{1}{2} (\pi - \frac{a}{t}\theta - \pi\frac{\sigma_{m}}{\sigma_{t}})
$$
\n(3-9)

where:

 $a = \text{flaw depth, in.}$  $t = pipe$  wall thickness, in.  $\sigma_b^c$  = bending stress at incipient plastic collapse, ksi  $\theta$  = one-half of the final flaw angle, radians  $\beta$  = angle to neutral axis of flawed pipe, radians  $\sigma_f$  = flow stress is given by

$$
\sigma_f = \frac{S_y + S_u}{2} \tag{3-11}
$$

where:

 $S_y$  = material yield strength, ksi

 $S_u$  = material tensile strength, ksi

For longer or continuous flaws penetrating the compressive bending region, where  $(\theta + \beta) > \pi$ , the relation between the applied loads and the flaw depth at incipient collapse is given by:

$$
\sigma_b^c = \frac{2\sigma_f}{\pi} \left(2 - \frac{a}{t} \sin \beta\right) \tag{3-12}
$$

$$
\beta = \frac{\pi}{2 - \frac{a}{t}} (1 - \frac{a}{t} - \frac{\sigma_m}{\sigma_f})
$$
\n(3-13)

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For shielded-metal arc welds (SMAW) and submerged arc welds (SAW), the allowable bending stress, S<sub>c</sub>, is given in ASME Section XI Appendix C as follows. Code equations in Article C-6000 are used to calculate the maximum allowable end-of-evaluation-period flaw sizes for the DM welds:

$$
S_c = \frac{1}{(SF_b)} \left[ \frac{\sigma_b^c}{Z} - \sigma_e \right] - \sigma_m \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{Z(SF_m)} \right]
$$
 (3-14)

where:



For the pipes with nominal outside diameter specification nominal pipe size (NPS) over 8 inches,

$$
Z = 1.1355 + 0.0064 \text{ (NPS)} - 0.0002 \text{ (NPS)}^2 + 0.0000022 \text{ (NPS)}^3 \tag{3-15}
$$

All RCP suction and discharge, and SI nozzles have NPS greater than 8 inches. Z-factors from the above equation are shown in Figure 3-5. The upper bound of the flaw depth is limited to 0.75t.

#### Axial Flaws

For axial flaws, the allowable flaw depth is determined by the limit load criterion using the following expression for part through-wall axial flaws:

$$
\sigma_h \le \frac{\sigma_f}{(SF_m)} \left[ \frac{1 - \frac{a}{t}}{1 - \left(\frac{a}{t}\right)/M_2} \right]
$$
(3-16)

where:

 $\sigma_h$  = nominal hoop stress, ksi  $M_2$  = shell parameter

Hoop stress is given by Lame's equation:

$$
\sigma_h = P \frac{\left(R_0^2 + R_i^2\right)}{\left(R_0^2 - R_i^2\right)}\tag{3-17}
$$

where:

 $R_0$ ,  $R_i$  = outside and inside radii of pipe, in.  $P =$  internal pressure, ksi



Figure 3-5 Alloy 182/82 Weld Material Correction Z-Factor for ASME Limit Load Calculation

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Shell parameter  $M_2$  is given by the equation:

$$
M_2 = \sqrt{1 + \frac{1.61}{4R_m t} \ell^2}
$$
 (3-18)

where:

$$
\ell = \text{flaw length, in.}
$$
  
R<sub>m</sub> = mean radius, in.

The limits of applicability of the above equation are:

$$
\frac{a}{t} \leq 0.75
$$

and:

$$
\ell < \ell_{\text{allow}}
$$

where:

$$
\ell_{\text{allow}} = 1.58 \sqrt{R_{\text{m}} t} \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_f}{\sigma_h}\right)^2 - \ell} \tag{3-20}
$$

The maximum allowable end-of-evaluation-period flaw sizes for circumferential and axial flaws are calculated in Section 4.1 of this WCAP.

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## **3.3 INPUT**

The nominal nozzle DM weld dimensions for CE plants considered are given in Table 3-1 and Table 3-2. These dimensions were used in detailed plant-specific stress calculations. Generic dimensions in Table 3-3 were used in PWSCC crack growth and maximum end-of-evaluation-period flaw sizes. Cold leg operating temperatures of 543°F to 553°F are given in Table 3-4. Normal operating pressure is 2,250 psi. However, design pressure loading of 2,500 psi was used for all flaw evaluations.

The PWSCC crack growth rate applied to all inside surface and through-wall cracks at the Alloy 82/182 welds was obtained from Reference 5. Figure 3-4 shows the crack growth rate for the range of the CE plant cold leg operating temperatures.



#### Nozzle Loads

The nozzle loads for the RCP suction and discharge, and SI nozzles are from the Design Specifications for various CE plants considered. Loads for suction and discharge nozzles are given in Table 3-6 through Table 3-12. These loads and stresses are first enveloped for each plant; that is, for the eight pump suction and discharge nozzles. The enveloped stresses are shown in Table 3-13. For the SI nozzles, individual plant loads are shown in Table 3-14 through Table 3-17 for the four SI nozzles, enveloped loads in Table 3-18, and enveloped stresses in Table 3-19. Table 3-20 shows stresses due to internal, pressure load for all the plants. The maximum representative stresses shown in Table 3-21 were used in PWSCC crack growth analysis and in Table 3-22 for the maximum end-of-evaluation-period flaw size calculation.



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1. Designates pump number, S for suction side, and D for discharge side.

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## Note:

1. Designates pump number, S for suction side, and D for discharge side. Stresses due to internal pressure and residual stresses are added to these stresses to obtain total stresses.

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## Residual Stresses

The axial and hoop residual stresses used in this evaluation are from MNRP-113 (Reference 3). The residual stresses were combined with the normal operating steady-state nozzle loads to obtain the total through-wall stress distributions used in the PWSCC crack growth analysis. The MRP-113 report provides a set of residual stresses with and without inside diameter (ID) repair on the Alloy. 82/182 butt welds for a typical RPV discharge nozzle, a typical pressurizer surge nozzle, and a typical pressurizersafety nozzle. Sensitivity studies to determine the'effects of various residual stress profiles on the PWSCC crack growth results are shown in Section 4.2 of this WCAP. The residual stresses without ID repair are digitized and tabulated in Table 3-23, while the residual stresses with the ID repair are shown in Table 3-24.



Notes:

1. Residual stresses are from EPRI MRP-113 (Reference 3).

2. Residual stress profile is applicable to the CE plant suction and discharge nozzles due to similarity in nozzle weld

geometry.

3. Bounding residual stress profile from the surge and safety nozzle is applicable to the CE plant safety injection nozzles.

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Notes:

**1.** Residual stresses are from EPRI MRP- **113** (Reference 3).

2. Residual stress profile is applicable to the St. Lucie Units 1 and 2 RCP suction and discharge nozzles due to similarity in nozzle weld geometry.

3. Bounding residual stress profile from the surge and safety nozzle is applicable to the St. Lucie Units 1 and 2 safety injection nozzles.

For the RCP suction and discharge nozzle, the through-wall residual stress distributions were approximated by those for the reactor vessel nozzle shown in MRP- 113 due to similarity in the nozzle sizes. For the SI nozzles, bounding through-wall residual stress distributions from both the surge and the safety nozzles shown in MRP-113 were used in the feasibility assessment. For sensitivity study purposes, surge nozzle axial residual stress distribution was also used for the SI nozzle circumferential crack growth feasibility assessment, since the geometries of both the SI nozzle and the surge nozzle are similar.

The applicable residual stress profiles to be used for the CE RCP suction and discharge nozzles are shown in Figure 3-6 for hoop direction, and in Figure 3-7 for axial direction, while the corresponding stresses for the SI nozzles are. shown in Figure 3-8 and Figure **3-9.**

#### Material Properties

The material properties used in the DM weld region are based on the yield and ultimate strength of Alloy 82/182 at 550'F (Reference 0). This is an acceptable assumption because the actual normal operating temperatures for CE plant cold leg DM welds are in the narrow range of 543°F to 553°F. A yield strength of 30.1 ksi and an ultimate strength of 80 ksi were used for the material flow stress calculation.

#### Maximum Allowable End-of-Evaluation-Period Flaw Size

In order to determine the end-of-evaluation-period flaw sizes as discussed in Section 3.2.4, the nozzle geometry, material properties, and applicable nozzle loads are required as inputs. The nozzle geometry at the weld location is shown in Table 3-3.

For the axial maximum allowable end-of-evaluation-period flaw size evaluations, a design pressure of 2,500 psi is used to calculate the limiting flaw size at each nozzle.

For circumferential maximum allowable end-of-evaluation-period flaw size calculation for the pump suction and discharge nozzles, the nozzle loads used are tabulated in Table 3-22.



Figure 3-6 Residual Stresses without ID Weld Repair for RCP Suction and Discharge Nozzles



Figure 3-7 Residual Stresses with ID Weld Repair for RCP Suction and Discharge Nozzles

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Figure 3-8 Residual Stresses without ID Weld Repair Used for the SI Nozzle DM Weld Region



Figure 3-9' Residual Stresses with ID Weld Repair Used for the SI Nozzle DM Weld Region

# 4 **EVALUATIONS, ANALYSIS, DETAILED CALCULATIONS, AND RESULTS**

## 4.1 MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE **END-OF-EVALUATION-PERIOD** FLAW **SIZE**

The maximum allowable end-of-evaluation-period flaw size calculation is performed in accordance with the evaluation procedure and acceptance criteria given in "WB-3640 and Appendix C of ASME Code Section XI. This methodology is based on limit load solution for plastic collapse failure mode for austenitic alloys such as Alloy 82/182. The methodology is described in Section 3.2.4 of this WCAP; both the maximum circumferential and axial allowable end-of-evaluation-period flaw sizes are determined based on the equations shown in that section.' The maximum allowable end-of-evaluation-period flaw size evaluation for axial and circumferential flaws incorporated all the CE plants considered. All the loads were first bounded within each plant, and then bounded over all the plants. Stresses were calculated for each pump nozzle based on its geometry, and then the maximum stress level within each plant was selected to represent that plant. Z-factors for the Alloy 82/182 welds, as implemented in the 2009 Addenda of Section XI, IWB 3640, were considered in the limit load or limit bending stress calculations. The maximum allowable end-of-evaluation-period flaw sizes were determined based on the most limiting stress condition from normal/upset and emergency/faulted conditions as discussed in Section 3.2.1.

#### Axial Flaws

For axial flaws, an aspect ratio (flaw length/flaw depth) of 2 is considered adequate to represent the expected flaw shape in the DM weld regions for the nozzles of interest. A pressure loading of 2,500 psi is the only loading used to calculate the maximum allowable end-of-evaluation-period axial flaw sizes. The maximum hoop stress listed in Table 3-20 was used in the calculation. The material property values for Alloy 82/182 weld used in the calculation is documented in Section 3.4, while the nozzle geometry used is obtained from Table 3-1.

Maximum allowable end-of-evaluation-period axial flaw sizes calculated for the Alloy 82/182 welds for the suction and discharge, and SI nozzles using the ASME Code equations show that they all exceed the Code limit of 75 percent of the wall thicknesses. Therefore, they are limited to 75 percent of the DM weld thickness per **ASME.** Code Section XI, Article IWB-3640, as shown in Table 4-1.



## Circumferential Flaws

For circumferential flaws, aspect ratios of 6 and 10 were assumed and the maximum allowable end-of-evaluation-period circumferential flaw sizes were calculated. The bounding stresses for all the CE plants, as listed in Table 3-22 for the pump suction and discharge, and SI nozzles, are used in the calculation. It should be noted that the self-weight is considered small; normal operation loads are assumed to represent the thermal expansion; combined upset, emergency, and faulted loads are the total applied piping loads; and the difference in the total load and the normal operation loads are the additional loads over the normal operation in the ASME Code, Section XI, Appendix C Criteria. The circumferential maximum allowable end-of-evaluation-period flaw sizes for all the CE plants are tabulated in Table 4-1. These flaw sizes are used to determine the maximum allowable initial flaw sizes that support continued plant operation for a specific period of time based on the PWSCC crack growth analysis results.

## 4.2 **PWSCC** CRACK GROWTH **ANALYSIS AND RESULTS**

Detailed PWSCC crack growth evaluations at normal operating loads were performed to obtain the final flaw sizes at the end of 18- and 24-month periods. The enveloped normal operation piping hoop stress listed in Table 3-20 was used for the axial flaws. Enveloped axial piping stresses in Table 3-21 were used in the circumferential flaw growth analysis. These normal operation piping stresses are superposed over the corresponding internal pressure stresses.

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The computed crack tip SIFs for various flaw depths are shown in Figure 4-5 for axial flaws in suction and discharge nozzles, and in Figure 4-6 for SI nozzles. Figure 4-7 shows SIFs for circumferential flaws in suction and discharge nozzles. Figure 4-8 shows SIFs for circumferential flaws in the SI nozzles.

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Crack growth analysis results for axial flaws in suction/discharge nozzles are shown in Figure 4-9, and in Figure 4-10 for SI nozzles. Corresponding results for circumferential flaws in suction/discharge nozzles and SI nozzles are shown in Figure 4-11 and Figure 4-12, respectively. These figures show the results for the cases without fabrication residual stresses, with weld residual stresses, and with ID weld repair residual stresses. Figure 4-9 through Figure 4-12 also illustrate the limiting maximum allowable end-ofevaluation-period flaw size computed from the ASME Code. The combination of flaw growth and the maximum allowable flaw sizes from these figures is used to estimate the maximum allowable initial flaw sizes for the 18- and 24-month periods. These initial flaw sizes are listed in Table 4-2 as a ratio of wall thickness. This table illustrates that all the suction and discharge nozzles have adequate allowable initial flaw depths with a minimum of 48 percent of the wall thickness for a 24-month operating period. SI nozzles also have adequate initial flaw axial sizes with a minimum of 37 percent for the case without residual stress or weld repair, for a 24-month operating period. For the case with ID weld repair, the allowable initial flaw depth is reduced and ranges from 5.4 percent to 12 percent for a 24- and 18-month operating period, respectively.

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## Table 4-2 Maximum Allowable Initial Flaw Sizes



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Figure 4-1 Total Hoop Stress with ID Weld Repair at Normal Operation for Suction/Discharge Nozzles

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Figure 4-2 Total Axial Stress with ID Weld Repair at Normal Operation for Suction/Discharge Nozzles

## Figure 4-3 Total Hoop Stress with ID Weld Repair at Normal Operation Used for SI Nozzle

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Figure 4-6 Stress Intensity Factors for Axial Flaw in SI Nozzles



Figure 4-7 Stress Intensity Factors for Circumferential Flaw in Suction/Discharge Nozzles

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Figure 4-8 Stress Intensity Factors for Circumferential Flaw in SI Nozzles



Figure 4-9 Axial Flaw Growth for Pump Suction/Discharge Nozzles

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Figure 4-10 Axial Flaw Growth for SI Nozzles







Figure 4-12 Circumferential Flaw Growth for SI Nozzles
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