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15 The Subcommittee met at the Nuclear
16 Regulatory Commission, Two White Flint North,
17 Room T2-B1, at 1:30 p.m., Dennis C. Bley,
18 Chairman, presiding.

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7 ACRS CONSULTANTS PRESENT:

8 JOHN J. BARTON

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11 NATHANIEL FERRER, NRR

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1 ALSO PRESENT FROM PG&E

2 MICHELLE ALBRIGHT

3 CHRIS BEARD

4 JIM BECKER

5 DAVID GERBER, Structural Integrity

6 Associates

7 DAVID GONZALEZ

8 JOE GORYANCE

9 LEE GOYETTE

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Time: 1:30 p.m.

CHAIRMAN BLEY: The meeting will now come to order. This is a meeting of the Plant License Renewal Subcommittee of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards.

I am Dennis Bley, Chairman of the Subcommittee. ACRS Members in attendance today are Bill Shack, Mike Ryan, John Stetkar, Said Abdel-Khalik, Sam Armijo, Harold Ray and Jack Sieber.

We have Tom Barton as our consultant, and Michael Benson is the Designated Federal Official for this meeting.

The Subcommittee will review the License Renewal Application of the Diablo Canyon Power Plant, Units 1 and 2, and the associated SER with open items. We will hear presentations from the NRC staff and Pacific Gas and Electric, PG&E.

We have received no written comments or requests for time to make oral statements from members of the public regarding today's meeting.

I will mention that the next-door conference room is also following this meeting on the TV

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1 screens. There is an overflow audience today.

2 The entire meeting will be open to
3 public attendance. The Subcommittee will gather
4 information, analyze relevant issues and facts,
5 and formulate proposed positions and actions, as
6 appropriate, for deliberation by the full
7 Committee.

8 The rules for participation in today's
9 meeting have been announced as part of the Notice
10 of this meeting previously published in the
11 Federal Register.

12 A transcript of the meeting is being
13 kept, and will be made available as stated in the
14 Federal Register Notice. Therefore, we request
15 that participants in this meeting use the
16 microphones located throughout the meeting room
17 when addressing the Subcommittee. The
18 participants should first identify themselves and
19 speak with sufficient clarity and volume so that
20 they may be readily heard.

21 We will now proceed with the meeting,
22 and I call upon Brian Holian to begin.

23 MR. HOLIAN: Thank you, Chairman, and
24 thank you -- Good afternoon, Subcommittee. My
25 name is Brian Holian. I am the Director of the

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1 Division of License Renewal, and we are here
2 today for the Diablo Canyon Subcommittee meeting.

3 I will make brief introductions and
4 then quickly go over the agenda and turn it over
5 to the licensee for their part of the
6 presentation.

7 To my left is Melanie Galloway, the
8 Deputy Director for Division of License Renewal.

9 Behind us -- I will just make a couple of
10 introductions, and we will repeat a few and add a
11 few for when our people come to the table, but I
12 wanted to mention that Dave Wrona is the Branch
13 Chief for Diablo Canyon sitting over there behind
14 the stanchion.

15 The Project Manager, you will hear
16 more from later, is Nate Ferrer, and we do have
17 two individuals who escaped Region IV and a
18 quarter-inch of snow or whatever they got. The
19 office is closed today, but they got out
20 yesterday on a plane, and that is Mr. Greg Pick,
21 the Senior Inspector from Region IV -- the
22 Committee has seen him before; he had
23 presentations -- and Neil O'Keefe, his Branch
24 Chief. So I welcome them in from the cold of
25 Dallas.

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1 The agenda today, as I mentioned, is
2 to look at Diablo Canyon, the third STARS plan to
3 come in for an application for a license renewal.

4 We had Wolf Creek several years ago, and then
5 Palo Verde, and the full committee will be
6 hearing from Palo Verde tomorrow morning for
7 their final SER and the closure of their open
8 items.

9 I mention that, because, in
10 particular, some of the items you will see both
11 in Diablo's presentation and the staff's. We
12 have a couple of open items that are still
13 related to scoping, and the Subcommittee might
14 wonder about that.

15 We did see some issues on Palo Verde's
16 scoping, if you remember back on draft SER, and
17 so I just highlight that. The STARS -- The
18 alliance, the STARS group, was learning from the
19 Palo Verde. Folks are here in the audience from
20 Palo Verde for tomorrow, and we know that,
21 through our license renewal quarterly meetings,
22 those lessons learned get passed on, but their
23 application was already in, and our audits were
24 already going when you see a lot of those RAIs.
25 So I think the Applicant will speak to that a

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1 little bit, but I wanted to mention that.

2 The second item that I wanted to
3 really mention overall for the Committee -- the
4 Committee is probably aware of it from general
5 correspondence, but I just wanted to highlight it
6 here at the opening. Diablo, being in
7 California, seismic issues are of concern to the
8 local population there and, of course, the staff
9 also.

10 Last year, as the application came in
11 for Diablo, we got several letters in to the
12 staff requesting a delay, requesting more
13 information be done first. Even the State of
14 California was interested, besides local
15 interested stakeholders, on new information on
16 potential faults or differences in the design
17 basis.

18 I just wanted to highlight that to the
19 Committee. We addressed that in a July letter
20 from the Director of NRR to the stakeholders,
21 saying that those issues would be best dealt with
22 under Part 50. They are current issues. Right
23 now, their current licensing basis is -- although
24 there might be questions on it -- not called into
25 effect.

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1 The staff even looked at a new
2 potential fault back in the '09 time frame. That
3 was the subject. So I just wanted to make the
4 Committee aware that we and the Region have had
5 several public meetings out in the California
6 area to address that potential stakeholder item.

7 So you will see correspondence on that as you
8 look through the docket, but we consider it a
9 Part 50 issue.

10 If at anytime that design basis
11 changes, we would be able to either -- if it
12 happened during the license renewal, be able to
13 supplement an SER, if that was needed to be, or
14 after the fact still do it under Part 50
15 processes to address their licensing basis.

16 With that, I will turn it over to the
17 Applicant, who has the first part. Go ahead.

18 MEMBER SHACK: Can I ask you a generic
19 question. I was looking. You know, they came in
20 with the usual language about PWR internals, and
21 I was trying to remember. I saw Ginna submitted
22 an inspection plan. Was that approved?

23 MR. HOLIAN: Allen Hiser, I will have
24 address that during -- or Jim Medoff, if you want
25 to wait for our staff presentation.

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1 MEMBER SHACK: Yes.

2 MR. HOLIAN: During our staff
3 presentation, we will address that. I know it
4 has come up recently in the GALL.

5 MEMBER SHACK: Yes. The GALL actually
6 has guidance, and that was the next question, is
7 when were you expecting licensees to actually
8 pick up that GALL guidance and incorporate it in
9 their documents?

10 MR. HOLIAN: Yes. We have been -- I
11 will address that more in depth in our
12 presentation, but in general, Diablo has come in
13 here, and now there are seven to nine open items.

14 I know the committees have seen us recently
15 taking our time and asking additional questions
16 to get plants that are in-house up to the
17 significant items of GALL, Rev. 2, which we
18 issued last December.

19 The staff did a kind of an in depth
20 look through the significant items in there, and
21 for the plants in-house, we thought it most
22 appropriate, while we have the SERs in process,
23 to ask those additional requests for information,
24 even if they submit it under GALL Rev 1. We just
25 thought it is the right thing to do.

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1 Utilities have responded well to that.
2 So in general, we have done that, bringing all
3 the plants in-house up to that. So I will
4 address it in particular on the MRP and internals
5 during our presentation.

6 With that, I will turn it over to Mr.
7 Jim Becker, the site VP for Diablo Canyon.

8 MR. BECKER: Thank you, Mr. Holian.
9 So I am Jim Becker. I am the site Vice President
10 at Diablo Canyon, and on behalf of the STARS and
11 PG&E team, it is our pleasure to be here today.
12 We look forward to a good presentation and some
13 good questions and answers, and that is our
14 purpose here today.

15 I would like to start off with some
16 introductions. As I said, I am Jim Becker, the
17 site Vice President.

18 MR. SHARP: I am Loren Sharp, Senior
19 Director of Technical Services.

20 MR. WRIGHT: Mike Wright, Mechanical
21 Systems Engineering Manager.

22 MR. GREBEL: Terry Grebel, License
23 Renewal Project Manager.

24 MR. BECKER: Thank you. And in
25 addition to the folks up here in front of you, we

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1 have a fairly large contingent that has come out
2 to Washington, D.C., with us, and those are
3 members both of the STARS Center of Business and
4 of our own plant staff, and they have been very
5 instrumental in preparing the application,
6 responding to the requests for information, and
7 will assist us in our presentation and answering
8 questions here today.

9 Our agenda for the day: We are going
10 to start off with Loren and I giving the
11 Subcommittee an overview of the site, our
12 history, major improvements, etcetera, that have
13 occurred at the site.

14 Then Terry Grebel will briefly cover
15 GALL consistency and commitments, and with that
16 complete, we are then going to go into some more
17 detailed presentation about the open items, and
18 those are the items you see in front of you there
19 on the agenda.

20 Then when we are done with that, I
21 will have some brief concluding remarks. So that
22 is the agenda that we have planned for you today.

23 This slide shows a site description,
24 and I thought it would be good for the
25 Subcommittee to review with us some basic facts

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1 about the site.

2 Diablo Canyon is located on the
3 central California coast. It is about halfway
4 between Los Angeles and San Francisco. What you
5 see here is the coastline at the site. Miranda
6 has highlighted the Diablo Canyon site itself
7 there.

8 There are about 13,000 acres in the
9 Diablo Canyon lands that PG&E now owns, and the
10 boundary for the company owned property is shown
11 as the dark black line there. The closest town
12 of any size is the town of Avila Beach, and
13 Miranda is now highlighting that.

14 That is a quick overview of our
15 location on the central coast of California.

16 DR. BARTON: What is the population of
17 Avila Beach?

18 MR. BECKER: As a resident of Avila
19 Beach, I will tell you that the population is, I
20 believe, three to four thousand people. It has
21 grown a fair amount in recent years into the
22 hillsides outside the direct village.

23 Okay. Moving on to this site
24 description slide, this is an aerial photograph,
25 and I thought it would be worthwhile to review

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1 the basic layout of the site here.

2 So what you see here are the
3 containment structures, Units 1 and 2. Unit 1
4 lies to the north. They share a common turbine
5 building that you see laid out there in the
6 picture.

7 We take suction at the intake, and the
8 units share a common intake structure, and they
9 also share a common discharge structure that you
10 see in the picture. Of course, we have an
11 administration building.

12 Most of the make-up water to the plant
13 -- Actually, all the make-up water to the plant
14 flows through the raw water reservoirs, which are
15 on the hill to the east of the plant, and we
16 recently began dry cast storage operations. So
17 the ISFSI, or interim spent fuel storage
18 installation, pad is just to the south of the raw
19 water reservoirs. We have completed two ISFSI
20 campaigns thus far, one for each unit.

21 Now a brief station description. So
22 there are two units at Diablo. They share a
23 common operating set of procedures and design.
24 The units are not identical, but they are highly
25 similar. They are both 4 loop Westinghouse units

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1 with a core rating of 3411 megawatts thermal.

2 PG&E was the architect/engineer for
3 Diablo Canyon. We were assisted in the latter
4 stages of the construction time period by
5 Bechtel, and that got us to the point of an
6 actual operating license.

7 It is a once-through cooling facility.

8 Each unit has two circ water pumps. At full
9 power, we pump about 1.5 million gallons per
10 minute of ocean water through the condensers and
11 then back out through that common discharge
12 structure that I showed you earlier.

13 Our containments are free standing, as
14 you see on that slide, steel-lined, reinforced
15 concrete buildings. PG&E is the sole owner and
16 operator for Diablo Canyon.

17 I mentioned that the plant is on the
18 central California coast. We are at the southern
19 end of the PG&E electric service territory. We
20 do own and operate the switchyards and the high
21 voltage transmission system. PG&E's service
22 territory extends from the Oregon border down to
23 about 50 miles south of where Diablo Canyon is
24 located.

25 So that competes my overview of the

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1 facility.

2 MEMBER RAY: Did you say anything
3 about the California ISO?

4 MR. BECKER: We are subject to -- Our
5 generation is subject to the jurisdiction and
6 regulation of the California Independent System
7 Operator, as has been the case for a bit over 10
8 years now.

9 MR. SHARP: Thanks, Jim. I am Loren
10 Sharp. I also welcome the opportunity to appear
11 in front of you to talk about license renewal
12 today. I am the Senior Director of Technical
13 Services, and I will discuss some of the STARS
14 Center of Business, plant history and major
15 improvements at Diablo Canyon.

16 Slide 9. So the Center of Business
17 was created to form a format of consistency for
18 the seven PWR plants that are getting ready to
19 apply or have applied for license renewal.
20 Therefore, we are providing a standard
21 application with additional quality stemming from
22 applying our operating experience, lessons
23 learned from the other STARS plants.

24 Diablo Canyon personnel have
25 consistently provided oversight, leadership and

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1 ownership of the licensing renewal process, as
2 well as the implementation of that process
3 continuing into the future.

4 Slide 10. Unit 1 was issued an
5 operating power license in 1984, with Unit 2 in
6 1985. There was a change to increase power for
7 Unit 1 to 3411, so that both units are
8 essentially equal, and that is one of the reasons
9 why we have a common license renewal application
10 for both units. We have -- Currently, license
11 expires in 2024 and 2025.

12 Slide 11.

13 DR. BARTON: What is the status of the
14 two plants today? Both at 100 percent power?

15 MR. BECKER: Yes. Both units today
16 are at full power.

17 MR. SHARP: For the Slide 11, we have
18 done a number of major improvements. I won't go
19 through the list in total, but I would say we
20 have done significant improvements to make sure
21 we maintain our facility. I will discuss just
22 the steam generators and reactor heads that were
23 recently completed to make sure we have the
24 quality of plant that we need as we go into
25 license renewal as well as the continued

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1 operation of our current license.

2 Now I would like to turn it over to
3 Terry Grebel, our Diablo Canyon License Renewal
4 Project Manager to discuss GALL consistency and
5 some of the commitments made at Diablo Canyon.

6 MR. GREBEL: Thank you, Loren. Good
7 afternoon. My name is Terry Grebel. I am the
8 Diablo Canyon License Renewal Project Manager.
9 My portion of the presentation today covers the
10 highlights of our license renewal application,
11 including the aging management programs,
12 commitments, open items and confirmatory items.

13 Slide 13, please. In preparing our
14 license renewal application, we used the GALL
15 Rev. 1 and NEI 95-10 Rev. 6 guidance with the
16 goal of making the application as consistent with
17 this guidance as possible.

18 In addition, as Brian talked about
19 earlier, the staff has recently asked several
20 RAIs based on recent operating experience. We
21 have been responding to these RAIs as well.

22 We have a total of 42 aging management
23 programs, 31 of which are existing. Nine are
24 new, and we have two plant specific programs.

25 Our aging evaluations are greater than

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1 93 percent consistent with GALL Rev 1 (standard
2 notes A through E).

3 We have 64 license renewal
4 commitments, and these commitments are being
5 tracked through our Diablo Canyon commitment
6 tracking system, which implements the guidance of
7 NEI 99-04.

8 Slide 14, please.

9 MEMBER SHACK: There is only 55
10 commitments listed in the SER. Are these new?

11 MR. GREBEL: These reflect the latest
12 updated members' responding to the --

13 MEMBER SHACK: RAIs.

14 MR. GREBEL: -- to the open items.

15 MEMBER SHACK: The open items. Okay.
16 Thank you.

17 MR. GREBEL: We have -- Diablo Canyon
18 SER has eight open items and two confirmatory
19 items. PG&E has submitted responses to all open
20 and confirmatory items. As Brian talked about
21 earlier, the staff is in the process of reviewing
22 these responses.

23 The eight open items will be discussed
24 further by the other members of the Diablo Canyon
25 team.

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1 MEMBER STETKAR: Terry, I know you are
2 going to discuss the open items. I would like to
3 ask you a couple of questions about confirmatory
4 items, if I could.

5 MR. GREBEL: I was going to jump into
6 that next.

7 MEMBER STETKAR: Oh, were you? Okay,
8 I didn't see a slide. Go on. I'm sorry.

9 MR. GREBEL: The first item dealt with
10 the confirmatory to change our cable testing
11 frequency from 10 years to six years. This
12 aligns it with the GALL Rev 2.

13 The second item dealt with our spent
14 fuel pool leak chase. We have a leak in Unit 2,
15 a minor leak. We have done some inspections of
16 the leak chases, and we have committed to do
17 another inspection.

18 The staff had asked -- We said we
19 would do that during the period of extended
20 operation. The staff asked that, to be in the
21 one-year prior, the period of extended operation,
22 and we have since made that commitment.

23 MEMBER STETKAR: Now my questions.
24 Start from the back first then. Have you made --
25 You have not made any commitments to do any

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1 inspections, at least from what I have read in
2 the SER, of the Unit 1 spent fuel pool leak
3 chase.

4 Now I recognize you don't have any
5 identified leakage, but you don't have any
6 identified leakage. So are you confident that
7 indeed the Unit 1 spent fuel pool leak chase is
8 open? I don't know how you measure the flow,
9 through drains or whatever -- that they are
10 indeed open?

11 In other words, what I am concerned
12 about is do you have leakage that you don't know
13 about and haven't confirmed that indeed your
14 monitoring systems are available over on Unit 1?

15 MR. GREBEL: We are prepared to
16 address that. Mike, could you address that
17 question, please?

18 MR. WRIGHT: Sure, Terry. Mike
19 Wright, Engineering.

20 Both units leak chase systems were
21 visually inspected in the 2006-2007 time frame
22 area, and both units' leak chase valves are
23 opened weekly to verify that we measure the flow,
24 if there is any leakage past the spent fuel pool
25 liners.

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1 Both units' leak chase systems were
2 verified to be free of boron clogging. There was
3 no evidence of blockage on either unit at that
4 time.

5 MEMBER STETKAR: I know that the
6 amount of leakage on Unit 2 is pretty small, and
7 the amount of leakage, at least what I read on
8 Unit 1, is yet much smaller. But when you open
9 the Unit 1 valves, do you get --

10 MR. WRIGHT: You get nothing.

11 MEMBER STETKAR: -- any flow?

12 MR. WRIGHT: No, sir. When we open
13 the Unit 1 valves on a weekly basis, we get zero
14 flow.

15 MEMBER STETKAR: You know those lines
16 are open?

17 MR. WRIGHT: Yes. We inspected them
18 in 2006 time frame with boroscope.

19 MEMBER STETKAR: With boroscope?
20 Okay. Thanks. That's what I was looking for.

21 On the cables, I know that you have
22 committed -- With that confirmatory of the six-
23 year testing, you are essentially consistent with
24 GALL Rev 2, I think, with the exception that you
25 are not doing inspections based on event driven

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1 events. If I recall correctly, just you said
2 that there was no evidence of event driven water
3 accumulation. So I believe you took an exception
4 to that element of the inspection program.

5 I guess my question was: You have had
6 water accumulation in the past, years back. I
7 recognize not in recent years. What was the
8 source of that water, if it wasn't event driven?

9 MR. WRIGHT: I think, in general, I
10 would like to ask my Engineering Manager, Ryan
11 West, to address that question.

12 MR. WEST: Ryan West, Engineering
13 Manager, Diablo Canyon.

14 In the early Nineties, we identified
15 that our pull boxes were full of water resulting
16 in submergence of the cables. The causes that
17 were identified were basically that our pull box
18 drains and sump pumps were not being maintained
19 adequately, resulting in rainwater backing up in
20 the boxes.

21 MEMBER STETKAR: So it was rainwater?

22 MR. WEST: That is correct. It was
23 rainwater. We have not seen any evidence of
24 groundwater leaking into the pull boxes.

25 MR. WRIGHT: Ryan, could you address

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1 the inspection frequency?

2 MR. WEST: Yes. Right now, we have a
3 bi-monthly inspection of the pull boxes looking
4 for evidence of water in the pull boxes. So it
5 is not quite event driven, but during the rainy
6 season we do look in the boxes on a bi-monthly
7 frequency. We have the ability to defer those
8 once we get out of the rainy season and we are
9 not getting rain.

10 MEMBER STETKAR: So in a sense, you do
11 some -- if I understand what you just said, you
12 do inspections more frequently in the rainy
13 season.

14 MR. WEST: That is correct.

15 MEMBER STETKAR: Okay, thanks. I had
16 one other question on cables, which -- I have too
17 many notes here. Oh, I just wanted to confirm.
18 Do all of your underground cable ducts, conduit
19 runs -- I don't know what the configuration is
20 there -- including whatever low voltage cables
21 that are now in scope, positively drain to low
22 points where you have sump pumps installed?

23 What I am asking is: Are you
24 confident that you don't have any intermediate
25 low points where water can collect and remain

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1 stagnant without positively draining to some
2 location that you can either inspect or have an
3 installed sump pump?

4 MR. WEST: So our operating experience
5 has identified that we have some low points in
6 our conduits. Here on Slide 78 is a general
7 layout of our conduit arrangement where there are
8 drains that drain from pull box to pull box to a
9 low point out to a sump area which is drained out
10 to the building sumps.

11 We have identified dips in the pull
12 boxes. We have done -- We are in the process of
13 completing all of them, but we are doing
14 inspections of the accessible portions of the
15 underground loops. We are also removing the
16 seals at the buildings, and it is promoting air
17 flow through the conduits, which is also helping
18 to keep the conduits free of water, and we are
19 going back after we have done all the inspections
20 in the locations that were identified as
21 containing water, we will verify that we are not
22 getting any in-leakage from damage in the
23 conduits.

24 MEMBER STETKAR: Thank you. One last
25 question. In your Generic Letter 2007-1

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1 response, you identified a number of cable
2 failures due to water in-leakage. Now I
3 understand that since then you have replaced, I
4 think it said, all of the in-scope medium voltage
5 cables. Have you experienced any underground
6 cable failures since 2007, in other words since
7 that report was filed?

8 MR. WEST: We have experienced
9 degradation on underground medium voltage cables
10 that had not been replaced. Of the replaced
11 cables, we have not seen any repeat degradation
12 or failures.

13 MEMBER STETKAR: Thanks.

14 MEMBER ABDEL-KHALIK: The degradation
15 that you referred to was measured by, what, the
16 10 delta test?

17 MR. WEST: Seven of the 11 identified
18 degradations or failures were identified by
19 ground alarms. We have a high resistance
20 grounding system. So we have a single phased
21 ground fault. So it was identified, and the
22 equipment was removed from service, and then
23 subsequently we verified through high-pots that
24 the cable was degraded.

25 MEMBER ABDEL-KHALIK: Are you sure it

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1 is cable degradation versus a connection
2 degradation?

3 MR. WEST: Can you clarify that a
4 little bit for me?

5 MEMBER ABDEL-KHALIK: The connections
6 between cable segments -- Are you sure that,
7 really, the problem is with the cable segments
8 themselves or with the connections between
9 segments?

10 MR. WEST: So we are confident it was
11 the cables themselves. We don't typically have
12 splices in the underground portions of the
13 cables. So we are able to isolate and validate
14 that it is the cable itself.

15 MEMBER ABDEL-KHALIK: Okay, thank you.

16 MR. SHARP: So, Mike Wright is the
17 next presenter on flux thimble tube.

18 MR. WRIGHT: Thank you, Loren. Good
19 afternoon, Mr. Chairman, Committee members. My
20 name is Mike Wright, Mechanical System
21 Engineering Manager at Diablo Canyon. I have
22 been at the plant for 22 years and in Engineering
23 for the last 10, for 10 years.

24 I will be presenting some background
25 information on a flux thimble tube leak that

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1 occurred in 2006, a status one open item
2 associated with flux thimbles.

3 Slide 16, please. Unit 2 thimble tube
4 L-13 leaked approximately four months following
5 refueling outage 2R-13 in 2006. The tube had
6 been in service for a little more than three
7 cycles. This graphic depicts the approximate
8 location of thimble tube L-13, and the magenta
9 boxed area would be the approximate location.

10 Historically, L-13 was capped in 1990
11 following refueling outage 2R-3, remained out of
12 service for over 10 years until it was replaced
13 in 2001 with a tube having a 15-inch chrome band
14 designed to be centered around the highest wear
15 location, which is the bottom nozzle of the fuel
16 assembly.

17 Slide 17, please. More history: In
18 2004, 2R-12, we measured approximately 47 percent
19 wear outside of the chrome band of this thimble
20 tube, approximately five feet below the bottom
21 nozzle, and the tube was pulled out five inches
22 to relocate the wear spot.

23 Again in 2006, the subsequent outage,
24 2R-13, we measured 44 percent wear in the same
25 thimble tube in a similar location, and the tube

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1 was pulled out an additional five inches, again
2 to move the wear spot.

3 These two pulls resulted in exposing
4 the non-chrome plated portion of the thimble tube
5 to be bottom nozzle, the higher wear area of the
6 fuel assembly. Approximately four months
7 following 2R-13, L-13 leaked. The leakage was
8 isolated by closing a valve at the seal cable.

9 Slide 18, please. Now I will address
10 the open item. There are two aspects of the open
11 item, the first being that the Diablo acceptance
12 criteria does not specifically include a value
13 for instrument and wear scar uncertainty. We
14 were asked to verify that we have the appropriate
15 margin to account for them.

16 Resolution: Diablo wear methodology
17 was compared to the Westinghouse industry
18 standard, the WCAP-12866 or thimble tube eddy
19 current testing using our site specific wear
20 data. The result of that analysis is that Diablo
21 wear projection methodology was slightly more
22 conservative than the WCAP.

23 The Westinghouse war projection
24 methodology acceptance criteria is 80 percent,
25 which does include instrument uncertainty, and

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1 currently our wear projection methodology or
2 acceptance criteria is 68 percent, which does not
3 include uncertainty.

4 The difference between those two is
5 17.5 percent, more conservative than the
6 Westinghouse industry standard. Typical values
7 used for uncertainty are 10 percent. We believe
8 our 17.5 percent margin from the industry
9 standard represents adequate margin to account
10 for instrument and wear scar uncertainties.

11 As a result of the L-13 cause
12 analysis, again from cycle 14, we have added
13 additional nonlinear wear acceptance criteria
14 that I will describe in a couple of slides. In
15 total, we believe that the combination of the 68
16 percent wear in addition to the nonlinear
17 acceptance criteria is both conservative and
18 comprehensive.

19 MEMBER STETKAR: Mike, let me just
20 make sure I understand this slide, and from what
21 I read in the SER.

22 You are now proposing a 68 percent
23 wear acceptance criteria, and is that -- I know,
24 from what I read, you used to have that, and then
25 the WCAP was issued, and it sounded like you had

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1 increased it to -- I don't know whether it was 78
2 percent or 80 percent or something like that.

3 As a resolution of the open item, you
4 are now dropping back to the 68 percent. Is that
5 correct?

6 MR. WRIGHT: No, sir. We have had 68
7 percent the entire time. We got the WCAP in the
8 Nineties, which said 80 percent. We did not
9 adopt that number.

10 MEMBER STETKAR: Oh, I guess I
11 misunderstood what I read in the SER, because it
12 sounded like you had increased that limit, and
13 that is what the staff was concerned about, that
14 that 80 percent wear limit did not adequately
15 account for the uncertainties, but you have --

16 MR. WRIGHT: We have got the 68
17 percent number. What we did do was remove the
18 uncertainty penalty, and that is the area that we
19 are still working with the staff to --

20 MEMBER STETKAR: So you are actually
21 still negotiating with the staff over this. It
22 is still an open item.

23 MR. WRIGHT: Still working with the
24 staff to get a resolution.

25 MEMBER STETKAR: Thank you. That

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1 helps.

2 MR. WRIGHT: Slide 19, please. The
3 second aspect of the open item requests the
4 additional information on the L-13 cause
5 evaluation and corrective actions.

6 In 2R14, L-13 was removed from the
7 plant in 2\$14 following eddy current testing
8 examination. There were two high wear locations
9 that were identified greater than 90 percent on
10 the L-13 with eddy current examinations.

11 One was in the highly radioactive
12 region at the bottom nozzle of the fuel assembly,
13 and the other about five feet below the lower
14 core plate in the vicinity of the previously
15 identified wear.

16 When we cut the tube out to remove it
17 from the plant, we inspected both portions, the
18 highly radioactive one by video camera since it
19 was highly radioactive, the other one by touch,
20 by feel. Due to the feel of the tube at the
21 location five feet below the lower core plate, we
22 felt that was the wear or the through-wall leak,
23 and that is the piece that we sent off to
24 Westinghouse to be examined by destructive
25 testing.

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1 During that examination by
2 Westinghouse, it was determined that the three-
3 foot section we sent to them did not contain the
4 throughwall leak. However, it did contain the 90
5 percent wear location leak as well as both the 47
6 and 44 percent wear location.

7 The signatures on the eddy current
8 test of both the 90 percent, the graded 90
9 percent locations, were similar, and the cause of
10 the wear of the tube that we did send to
11 Westinghouse was determined to be flow induced
12 wear.

13 Based on this determination and the
14 similarity of the two 90 percent wear locations
15 of the tube and previous Diablo tube violations
16 that we had sent back to Westinghouse -- we sent
17 tubes back to them in the early Nineties in the
18 development of the WCAP-12866 -- the cause was
19 determined to be flow induced wear and plant
20 practices that allowed multiple repositioning of
21 thimble tubes.

22 Repositioning of L-13 exposed the non-
23 chrome plated portion of the tube to the bottom
24 nozzle, and then we have been doing eddy current
25 testing since 1R3, 2R3, and in all that time flow

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1 induced wear is the only degradation mechanism
2 found at Diablo. Cracking has not been
3 identified in any of the eddy currents
4 examinations performed.

5 Slide 20, please. In resolution, this
6 is the slide that I referred to previously. The
7 corrective actions to prevent reoccurrence from
8 the root cause evaluation resulted in additional
9 acceptance criteria to address the non-linear
10 wear. They include: A thimble must be removed
11 from service or repositioned if we experience
12 greater than 25 percent wear per year, or a tube
13 has two wear scars greater than 40 percent.

14 Additionally, a tube may only be
15 repositioned six inches, and they may only be
16 repositioned once. I note that each of --

17 MEMBER ABDEL-KHALIK: If the mechanism
18 is indeed flow induced wear, do you have any idea
19 what the extent of your lower plenum anomaly is?

20 MR. WRIGHT: Well, we detect the
21 degradation through 100 percent eddy current
22 testing. So we know the status of --

23 MEMBER ABDEL-KHALIK; Lower plenum
24 flow anomaly was in the core.

25 MR. WRIGHT: I'd like to get some help

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1 from Mr. Mark Mayer, please.

2 MR. MAYER: My name is Mark Mayer. I
3 am at the Diablo Canyon staff.

4 We have some information on the lower
5 plenum anomaly, but we do not really see any
6 indications of a strong lower plenum anomaly, and
7 we can get you additional information, if you
8 would like that.

9 MEMBER ABDEL-KHALIK: And what would
10 be your indications that you are looking for?

11 MR. MAYER: I would have to get back
12 to you on that particular question.

13 MR. SHARP: The current charts we do
14 have that shows the number of them that are still
15 at that same --

16 MR. BECKER: Yes. I think that would
17 give you some information about it.

18 MR. WRIGHT: Miranda, if you could
19 move to slide Number 70. Slide 70 depicts the
20 current status of all 58 thimble tubes in both
21 units. It represents that approximately half of
22 the thimble tubes in both units are original,
23 non-chrome plated thimble tubes with minimal wear
24 located in various locations, and the remaining
25 half are locations where we have replaced them

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1 with either 15-inch chrome plated thimble tubes
2 or a full 12-foot chrome plated thimble tube, and
3 then 11 of the tubes, total tubes, are either
4 capped or the guide tube is attached.

5 So the flows vary in the lower portion
6 of the lower internals. Again, essentially we
7 used our eddy current testing to determine the
8 locations where we need to put the hardened
9 outside thimble tubes.

10 I would like to go back to Slide 20,
11 please, Miranda. In addition, the -- Each of
12 these four acceptance criteria individually would
13 have resulted in removing thimble tube L-13 from
14 service in 2R13.

15 Since application of these new non-
16 linear acceptance criteria, 31 tubes have been
17 removed from service in the last five refueling
18 outages. Of these 31 tubes, 67 percent were due
19 to this exceeding the non-linear wear criteria.
20 So the message here is the additional criteria we
21 put in place has been effective in identifying
22 tubes to replace.

23 When we do replace them, we replace
24 them with Westinghouse supplied 12-foot chrome
25 plated band to cover the entire area in the lower

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1 head up through the bottom nozzle.

2 Diablo Canyon, again, has not observed
3 any wear in a chrome plated portion of thimble
4 tubes.

5 Slide 21, please. In conclusion, PG&E
6 is confident that the 68 percent acceptance
7 criteria, in combination with the additional non-
8 linear acceptance criteria, is both comprehensive
9 and conservative.

10 MR. SHARP: the next presenter is
11 David Gonzalez, my ISI supervisor at Diablo
12 Canyon.

13 MR. GONZALEZ: Good afternoon. My
14 name is David gonzalez, and I am the ISI
15 Supervisor at Diablo Canyon. Today I am going to
16 discuss the open item addressing the 1997 flaw
17 analysis for Unit 1 piping weld, and the reason
18 that this flaw analysis did not address the
19 stress corrosion cracking.

20 In support of this discussion, I will
21 present PG&E's basis for concluding that this
22 flaw was not service related and, hence, did not
23 need to be analyzed for a stress corrosion
24 cracking flaw growth.

25 Please note that we had previously

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1 submitted and discussed additional information
2 regarding this open item.

3 MEMBER ARMIJO: This is a stainless
4 steel pipe?

5 MR. GONZALEZ: Yes, and I will discuss
6 the characteristics and the isometric drawing.

7 MEMBER ARMIJO: And what grade of
8 stainless steel is this?

9 MR. GONZALEZ: It is 304, and that
10 will be depicted on the following slide. So
11 first I would like to describe this piping
12 system. Miranda, Slide 24, please.

13 So this line is the residual heat
14 removal system, stainless steel pipe, 12 inches
15 diameter, and about .4 inches thick. The
16 specific weld I am addressing is identified as
17 WIC-95, and is pipe to tee weld and as shown on
18 this isometric drawing, Miranda is highlighting
19 that location now.

20 It is located in our auxiliary
21 building in our 100-foot penetration room. This
22 RHR's line's function is to supply flow to the
23 reactor coolant system, hot legs 1 and 2, in the
24 event it is needed post-accident.

25 This line would not normally see flow,

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1 as it is not a standard at-power or refueling
2 outage alignment. I would only see check valve
3 testing operations, and that is typically one
4 time per outage.

5 A routine ISI -- ultrasonic
6 examination in 1997 discovered an indication in
7 this weld. The indication was ultrasonically
8 dimensioned as approximately .4 inches long and
9 approximately .2 inches in through-wall
10 dimension, and it was plotted to be in close
11 proximity to the ID of the pipe.

12 Slide 25, please. This slide is a
13 graphic representation of the pipe to tee
14 configuration and the location of the indication
15 I am discussing.

16 So in answer to your question, sir,
17 the tee is 403 wrought 304 stainless steel. So
18 it a wrought tee, and the pipe is also, as
19 depicted there on the righthand side. That is a
20 12 inch Schedule-40 stainless steel, also 304,
21 and the weld material would be our ER 308.

22 So the indication we are discussion as
23 at approximately 90 degrees on the pipe side of
24 the tee, on the pipe side of the weld. This 12
25 inch line would eventually tie into the

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1 containment flow path and into the loop 1 and 2
2 hot legs.

3 So at the time of the indication's
4 discovery, Diablo Canyon's UT level 3s compared
5 the recorded dimensions of this reflector to ASME
6 Section 11 Code acceptance criteria.

7 MEMBER ARMIJO: Now that flaw was not
8 detected during post-fabrication inspection?

9 MR. GONZALEZ: Actually, there was
10 flaws, and I will discuss that also. There was
11 flaws detected for insufficient penetration
12 during the initial construction radiography, and
13 there was notes that there had been repairs on
14 that weld for insufficient penetration, and that
15 factored into similar confusion regarding the
16 nature of this flaw.

17 So when the dimensions of the
18 reflector were compared to the ASME Section 11
19 Code acceptance criteria, it was found not to be
20 within the standard code table acceptance limit.

21 At this time, supplementary ultrasonic and
22 radiographic examination techniques were applied
23 to attempt to ascertain the size and the nature,
24 the character, of this reflector.

25 Construction period radiographs were

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1 also reviewed. As I had noted, there had been
2 repairs on this weld during construction for
3 insufficient penetration. However, we were not
4 able to positively match up the RT number belt
5 locations and the repairs to this reflector that
6 we had recently recorded.

7 This information was immediately
8 entered into our corrective action program, and
9 an engineering analytical evaluation, as allowed
10 by ASME code, was performed. This evaluation
11 considered relevant material properties,
12 operating loads, and degradation mechanisms using
13 fatigue as a dominant driver.

14 The result of this assessment was that
15 the weld was suitable for continued service. As
16 part of the evaluation actions, Engineering
17 stipulated a repeat UT examination during the
18 next refueling outage.

19 In 1999, the first follow-up UT exam
20 was performed, and no flaw growth was measured.
21 This was also entered into our corrective action
22 program. Again, in the next refueling outage in
23 the year 2000, another successive UT exam was
24 performed, and no flaw growth was measured.

25 Note that ASME Code rules for this

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1 Class II system would have only required one
2 single follow-up examination, but we have
3 performed two.

4 MEMBER SHACK: What is the exact UT
5 method you used?

6 MR. GONZALEZ: This was sheer wave --
7 At the time of its initial examination, a
8 performance demonstration initiative or PDI,
9 Appendix -- Section 11, Appendix 8, requirements
10 were not in effect. So it was standard appendix
11 3 flaw sizing rules. However, at that time, we
12 used what we considered state of the art
13 techniques, which were the Appendix 8 techniques
14 with multiple search units and multiple mode of
15 propagation.

16 Miranda, would you put on Slide 66,
17 please. This is just a graphic representation of
18 some of the UT techniques we applied at that time
19 over a period of a few days, trying to
20 characterize that indication. So we did not rely
21 solely on the specified ASME techniques.

22 We used what we considered state of
23 the art with qualified UT examiners. So you can
24 see, we used 70 sheer waves, 60 degree L-waves,
25 etcetera, focused dual-element transducers,

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1 creeping longitudinal waves. We threw everything
2 we had at it, trying to characterize it.

3 MEMBER SHACK: And in the subsequent
4 exams?

5 MR. GONZALEZ: At that time, PDI
6 requirements were in effect. So we used PDI
7 qualified procedures, including PDI qualified
8 examination of personnel. Yes.

9 MEMBER ABDEL-KHALIK: Is there any
10 vibration monitoring of this line?

11 MR. GONZALEZ: Not to my knowledge. I
12 would expect not, and I would be correct. No,
13 sir. This line, as I noted earlier, would not
14 normally see flow. It would only be used after a
15 post-accident or to flow RHR into loop 1 and 2
16 hot leg, and that is an evolution that would not
17 occur for a number of hours after an accident.

18 MEMBER ARMIJO: So during normal
19 operation then, is that a dead leg? Is there --

20 MR. GONZALEZ: During normal
21 operation, that would not see any flow, and
22 actually, that would be at ambient temperatures
23 with no elevated temperatures and no flow and no
24 pressure or minimal pressure, if any.

25 MEMBER ABDEL-KHALIK: But during

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1 periodic testing of the pumps, would this line be
2 vibrating?

3 MR. SHARP: No. During non-outage
4 situations, we run the RHR pump on recirculation.

5 So it wouldn't see flow, and during outages we
6 mostly flow into the cold legs, not so much the
7 hot legs. So typically, no flow period in those
8 -- in the RHR hot leg line.

9 MR. GONZALEZ: So the fracture
10 mechanics analysis conducted in 1997 considered
11 fatigue as a degradation mechanism. The
12 ultrasonic examination had concluded that this
13 flaw did not have the nature of stress corrosion
14 cracking due to the characteristics of the UT
15 signal envelope and, as had we illustrated, we
16 applied various UT techniques in trying to
17 ascertain the reflector's attributes.

18 So the multiple UT techniques and
19 precisely aligned radiography shots that we
20 employed to characterize this flaw, and in
21 concert with each other, they had concluded the
22 reflector was not stress corrosion cracking.
23 This was a degradation mechanisms that we had
24 reported to Engineering for their flaw analysis
25 was that it was not stress corrosion cracking.

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1 The UT exams had plotted the position
2 of this flaw to be at or near the ID of the pipe.

3 The proximity rules for flaw sizing in ASME
4 Section 11 Code required it to be considered
5 surface connected at this point, regardless of
6 whether it had an actual opening to the ID of the
7 pipe or not. So by default, this placed the
8 reject criteria in the more conservative column
9 of a surface connected flaw for Section 11.

10 Due to the configuration of the piping
11 system, however, there was no practical method
12 for examining the ID of the weld to determine if
13 it actually was or was not open to the surface.

14 Slide 23, please.

15 MEMBER SIEBER: This is a low pressure
16 line. Right?

17 MR. GONZALEZ: It would see maximum
18 RHR pressure, which would be approximately --

19 MR. SHARP: In piggyback mode, less
20 than that, 350 pounds, yes.

21 MR. GONZALEZ: So normally, it would
22 not see extreme pressures, yes.

23 MEMBER SIEBER: Right.

24 MR. GONZALEZ: And normally -- excuse
25 me. It would see a maximum pressure as 350.

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1 MEMBER SIEBER: Schedule 4, right?

2 MR. GONZALEZ: That is correct, 12
3 inch diameter, .4 inches thick, and UT
4 measurements actually measure it slightly thicker
5 than .4 inches thick.

6 So we are back on Slide 23. So a new
7 Engineer analysis has recently been performed on
8 this flaw using both stress corrosion cracking
9 and fatigue as a degradation mechanism. These
10 results continue to find the flaw is currently
11 acceptable.

12 An ISI exam scheduled for the Unit 1
13 refueling outage in 2012 will determine if this
14 indication has experienced any growth. If growth
15 is detected, this information will be immediately
16 entered into our corrective action program system
17 for disposition in accordance with ASME Code
18 requirements.

19 MEMBER ARMIJO: How did you conclude
20 that the -- if the stress corrosion cracking
21 evaluation was acceptable, because of the low
22 temperature of the environment or some other?

23 MR. GONZALEZ: The new engineering
24 analysis, and if we want some detail, I will ask
25 for some assistance on this. But the new

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1 engineering analysis used the material properties
2 and the time at temperature that this would
3 typically see during a normal operating cycle,
4 and it used those inputs to determine what the
5 propagation rate would be for stress corrosion
6 cracking and when we would achieve unacceptable
7 progress.

8 MEMBER ARMIJO: So you had very
9 limited time at temperature.

10 MR. GONZALEZ: That is correct.

11 MEMBER ARMIJO: And you used the crack
12 growth correlation.

13 MR. GONZALEZ: That is correct.

14 MEMBER SHACK: And the crack growth
15 correlation came from what?

16 MR. GONZALEZ: Let me ask Mr. Lee
17 Goyette, who has been very much involved with the
18 fracture mechanics analysis to discuss that.

19 MR. GOYETTE: I am Lee Goyette. I am
20 with PG&E, and we have the calculation done
21 according to -- by Structural Integrity
22 Associates, and they used the latest criteria
23 that was available in the literature for crack
24 growth rates under stress corrosion cracking
25 concerns.

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1 So there is quite a bit of discussion
2 over the crack growth rates that were appropriate
3 in this situation, and --

4 MEMBER SHACK: Yes, I can imagine.

5 MR. GOYETTE: Yes. And the fellows
6 that did the analysis sit on the code committees,
7 and they are aware of the latest what is the best
8 stuff to use. So the analysis was done in a
9 conservative way at the high temperature, the
10 highest temperature that we determined the system
11 to be operating at for a limited time during each
12 refueling outage, and we turned out to have
13 acceptable results, and we will look at the
14 indication again during the next outage and
15 confirm.

16 MR. GONZALEZ: So the information that
17 we have gathered indirectly via the ultrasonics,
18 and using the signal envelope characteristics
19 that are mentioned, that are noted in the PDI
20 approved procedures are used to determine the
21 nature of the flaw, and a linear rise and fall
22 rate, nonspecular reflection, very uniform
23 positioning of the ultrasonic responses, all tell
24 us that it is not stress corrosion cracking.

25 As I had noted earlier, we have done

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1 some specifically aligned radiography to look at
2 this flaw. Aside from the construction period
3 radiography, we have done some specifically
4 aligned radiography to see if we could see a flaw
5 there, and we saw nothing, also telling us that
6 it could be nothing but either lack of fusion or
7 lack of penetration.

8 My experience in construction
9 industry, a repair on a weld -- sometimes they do
10 get the flaw. They do get all the insufficient
11 penetration out or lack of fusion out, and
12 sometimes they will leave a little residual bit
13 of it, but the subsequent radiography will accept
14 it. So it is not uncommon to see a reflector in
15 a previously repaired area.

16 MEMBER ARMIJO: Now you did have
17 instances of IGSEC in your plant early on, 1987,
18 and in your LRA you mentioned some accumulator
19 nozzles, again signature 304 conventional carbon,
20 high carbon. So you detected that by your ISI
21 program?

22 MR. GONZALEZ: Yes, actually, it was
23 spotted visually, and then we had -- WE have
24 implemented a long term program where we
25 ultrasonically examined these accumulator

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1 nozzles, and we were able to see incipient
2 cracking in these accumulator nozzles.

3 A mechanism there was different.
4 Metallurgy found there was considerable
5 contaminants, and we determined that it was due
6 to the original manufacturer.

7 MEMBER ARMIJO: Was that furnace
8 sensitized or heat treated with any other
9 components?

10 MR. GONZALEZ; I believe those nozzles
11 were installed -- and I will be corrected if I am
12 wrong. Those nozzles had been installed prior to
13 the heat treat of the accumulators, and that was
14 a contributor to their cracking.

15 MEMBER ARMIJO: And what did you
16 replace them with?

17 MR. GONZALEZ: With a partial fillet
18 weld accumulator nozzle. They were bored up.
19 These had been full penetration fillet welds on
20 both sides in the accumulators, and we replaced
21 them with a partial penetration fillet weld, and
22 the material is -- I am going to have to ask
23 Chris Beard, who is our Materials Engineer, also
24 of the ISI group.

25 MR. BEARD: Yes. My name is Chris

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1 Beard. I work for PG&E, and we replaced them
2 with 304 L-grade stainless steel.

3 MR. GONZALEZ: And our subsequent
4 exams on those accumulator nozzles have not found
5 any repeat incidences of cracking, and it appears
6 we are over the curve where we saw a lot of
7 cracking early on in these accumulator nozzles,
8 but subsequent examinations have found those, and
9 we actually do those early in every outage.

10 MEMBER ARMIJO: Okay. thank you.

11 MR. GONZALEZ: Non-replaced outage --
12 non-replaced nozzles only.

13 MEMBER ARMIJO: Right. You still
14 monitor the non-replaced.

15 MR. GONZALEZ: That is correct.

16 MEMBER ARMIJO: But you don't have to
17 do it with the 304 L-grade?

18 MR. GONZALEZ: That is correct.

19 MR. WRIGHT: We monitor them with
20 visual inspection only. Yes, sir?

21 MEMBER ABDEL-KHALIK: I understand
22 that this pipe is essentially empty during normal
23 operation and refueling.

24 MR. WRIGHT: No, it would remain full.

25 MEMBER ABDEL-KHALIK: I mean there is

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1 no flow. Excuse me. So what is the state of
2 stress on this pipe, first under normal
3 conditions when there is no flow, and in the
4 event that flow is started?

5 MR. GONZALEZ: I will have to ask Mr.
6 Goyette to answer that.

7 MR. GOYETTE: Lee Goyette. Well, the
8 state of stress during normal plant operation
9 would be dead weight and whatever temperature
10 effects, and in a design seismic event. So a
11 very low state of stress, plus pressure.

12 With the system in service, during an
13 accident mode, normal -- emergency and faulty
14 conditions, it would be at temperature for long
15 term cooling.

16 MEMBER ARMIJO: Do you put in a weld
17 residual stress into your stress analysis when
18 you evaluate for stress corrosion cracking?

19 MR. GOYETTE: Weld residual stress? I
20 think not.

21 MEMBER ARMIJO: That is typically the
22 initiators of stress corrosion cracking compared
23 to dead weight load, but these cracks haven't
24 grown. You have monitored them.

25 MR. GONZALEZ: That is correct. We

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1 have had two subsequent examinations. There has
2 been no measurable change in growth -- in size,
3 excuse me.

4 Continuing on: So the ISI examination
5 that is scheduled for the next refueling outage
6 in 2012 will monitor this flaw for any change in
7 dimensions. If growth is detected, this
8 information will be immediately entered into our
9 corrective action system for disposition in
10 accordance with the current code requirements.

11 If no growth is experienced, this weld
12 will revert to the standard ASME inspection
13 frequency, as specified by the ISI program which
14 will require an examination every 10 years, and
15 examination results from those future inspections
16 will be evaluated against the existing code
17 requirements at those times.

18 So this concludes my presentation on
19 the WIC-95.

20 MR. SHARP: Next presentation is by
21 Dave Miklush of our License Renewal Project.

22 MR. MIKLUSH: My name is Dave Miklush,
23 and I am a member of the Diablo Canyon License
24 Renewal Team. I will be presenting the open
25 items for the scoping and screening portion of

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1 our submittal.

2 Slide 27, please. The first open item
3 deals with non-safety related fluid-filled piping
4 near safety related systems.

5 In our first series of walkdowns, we
6 missed two things. One was we didn't look hard
7 for rainwater entry at the systems, and the
8 second one was the proximity of low pressure
9 piping near a safety system, specifically in the
10 Turbine Building.

11 So we instituted another set of
12 walkdowns, and found that our HVAC ducting,
13 exhaust ducts from Unit 2's 480V switchgear room
14 had an outlet that was oriented upward that could
15 collect rainwater. So it looked like it might be
16 a problem, but when we inspected it further, we
17 found out there were drain holes inside.
18 However, there was some rusting going on where
19 the water had been collecting.

20 So we have elected to add more drain
21 holes in there. I would point out that we have
22 never had a water problem getting into our 480V
23 switchgear rooms from the ventilation system.

24 The second two items had to do with
25 firewater piping near control pressurization,

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1 pressurization fan controls. On our first
2 walkdown, we saw this piping. It was low
3 pressure, and it wasn't very close.

4 After the RAI, we went out and
5 recalibrated our walkdown and said, if we could
6 see low pressure piping within line of sight, we
7 will add it into scope, and that resulted in
8 these two items that we added into scope on the
9 control pressurization fans and on the exhaust
10 opening for the 4kV switchgear rooms, which had
11 firewater and domestic water pipes within 50 or
12 60, again line of sight, of the equipment.

13 Slide 28. slide 28 had to do with the
14 electrical pull boxes and whether or not the pull
15 boxes had pressurized piping going through the
16 pull boxes.

17 Now Ryan West earlier talked to you a
18 lot about the configuration of the drainage and
19 the gravity drains and the external sumps, and we
20 have just confirmed here that there are no
21 pressurized sump pump piping returning into the
22 pull box, electrical pull box. So that was a
23 clarification on that one.

24 Slide 29. Slide 29, in another
25 walkdown we found water trapped in the instrument

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1 air system that was near the exhaust ducting of
2 the fuel handling building supply fans.

3 Although the instrument air system is
4 a very dry system and it is monitored for dew
5 point, we have elected to keep the inlet valve to
6 that water trap closed, because the valve that it
7 supplies is a heating steam valve to the flow
8 handling, and we have never used the system and
9 don't expect to ever use it in the future. So
10 that is how we resolve that one.

11 Slide 30 is a different topic. It is
12 the scope boundary between non-safety related and
13 safety related instrument air tubing. Again,
14 this is a clarification that our scope boundary
15 extends beyond the safety related to non-safety
16 related isolation device to the solenoid valve or
17 check valve into the non-safety related tubing at
18 the first seismic anchor or equivalent seismic
19 anchor.

20 That has been noted on the instrument
21 air system drawings for license renewal scope
22 boundary. That explains to future engineers
23 where the scope boundary ends for the safety
24 related instrument air tubing.

25 Slide 31. This issue had to do with

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1 the pressure boundary status of the air start
2 compressor unloader line, which connects the air
3 compressor directly to the instrument air
4 receiver. The diesels are air start. Motors air
5 start, air receiver.

6 The line as non-safety related, very
7 small line, quarter inch in diameter. In the
8 past, it had been evaluated as acceptable as is,
9 meaning if it had failed, the air receiver could
10 still do its duty. However, in an effort to
11 clean up this design situation, we have rerouted
12 this unloader line upstream into the non-safety
13 related portion of the system, upstream of the
14 safety related isolation device.

15 That modification work has been
16 completed on Unit 1. All three diesels are
17 complete. One Unit 2, one diesel is complete,
18 and two more to go, and that will complete in
19 April of this year.

20 Slide 32 is two items concerning
21 buried valves and piping. The first one had to
22 do with copper valves in the makeup water system
23 that are in contact with soil, and the question
24 that was asked is how we aging manage those
25 valves, and our answer is we will be using the

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1 Buried Pipe and Tank Program to aging manage
2 those copper valves.

3 The second item had to do with the
4 branch line off our raw water reservoir line
5 coming into the plant. There is a branch line
6 that feeds industrial buildings. No safety
7 systems on that branch, and to limit the scope of
8 our license renewal program, we have elected to
9 revise operating procedures to isolate valves to
10 the branch line in case of a branch line leak or
11 the raw water reservoirs are aligned for long
12 term cooling, then we will go out and close those
13 valves to preserve the water supply in the raw
14 water reservoirs.

15 In that way, we have taken that branch
16 line out of scope.

17 DR. BARTON: Do you have cathodic
18 protection on your buried piping?

19 MR. MIKLUSH: There is some cathodic
20 protection on the aux saltwater system. We do
21 not have any on the make-up water system.

22 DR. BARTON: And what is its
23 availability?

24 MR. MIKLUSH: Its availability is very
25 good. I don't have the exact --

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1 DR. BARTON: What is very good?
2 Ninety, 95 percent?

3 MR. SHARP: Mr. Lee Goyette, could you
4 answer that?

5 MR. GOYETTE: Lee Goyette with PG&E.
6 The availability of cathodic protection is
7 monitored monthly, and it is over 90 percent,
8 according to the NACE standards.

9 MEMBER STETKAR: Before you leave, if
10 you are the cathodic protection person, the
11 staff's inspection report noted that you have
12 recently -- that is the term they used --
13 upgraded cathodic protection system. If that is
14 the case, when was that upgrade performed?

15 I understand you are now claiming it
16 is 90 percent available today, but what has it
17 been historically, and if it was indeed improved,
18 when were the improvements made?

19 MR. GOYETTE: That is a good question.

20 MEMBER STETKAR: I thought so.

21 MR. MIKLUSH: The cathodic protection
22 system was installed approximately 1995.

23 MEMBER STETKAR: Installed?

24 MR. MIKLUSH: The aux saltwater
25 system.

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1 DR. BARTON: The original or the
2 upgrades?

3 MR. MIKLUSH: It was installed on the
4 entire supply system from the intake to the
5 turbine building, including the bypass section,
6 which was new pipe at the time, and the old pipe
7 that remained in service. The old pipe was above
8 the ocean tide level.

9 MEMBER ARMIJO: On this chart about --

10 MEMBER STETKAR: Hold on a second. I
11 don't think I got the answer to my question. I
12 heard when it was installed. I asked had it been
13 upgraded at sometime since it was installed, and
14 when was that upgrade performed or was the
15 installation considered an upgrade, going from
16 zero to something?

17 MR. MIKLUSH: When the insulation went
18 in in 1995, that was the upgrade at the cathodic
19 protection system on the aux saltwater system.
20 Now the plant has had other non-safety related
21 cathodic protection systems in service since the
22 early Eighties, and we have had a surveillance
23 program written for those cathodic protection
24 systems for the entire life of the plant.

25 MEMBER STETKAR: Okay, I guess I will

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1 wait and ask the staff.

2 MEMBER SHACK: We have a commitment
3 here to install cathodic protection for the ASW
4 discharge piping.

5 MR. MIKLUSH: There is a portion of
6 the discharge pipe from the turbine building to
7 the intake that is in contact with soil that does
8 not have cathodic protection on it, and --

9 MEMBER SHACK: So that will be an
10 upgrade when it is installed.

11 MR. MIKLUSH: That will be an upgrade.

12 MEMBER SHACK: And that is going to
13 happen when? Prior to the period of extended
14 operation?

15 MR. MIKLUSH: Prior to the period of
16 extended operation. That is right.

17 MEMBER ARMIJO: Now your makeup water
18 system, you said, is not covered by your cathodic
19 protection, or is?

20 MR. MIKLUSH: No, it is not.

21 MEMBER ARMIJO: It is not? Now a
22 copper valve -- I have never heard of such a
23 thing, but there may be. But are these bronze or
24 brass or are they truly copper valves?

25 MR. MIKLUSH: I am not sure of the

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1 exact alloy that they are made of.

2 MEMBER ARMIJO: Maybe some of your
3 people could say. And are they attached to
4 carbon steel piping, bolted or something like
5 that?

6 MR. MIKLUSH: The piping and the
7 firewater makeup water system is concrete
8 asbestos piping..

9 MEMBER ARMIJO: Concrete?

10 MR. MIKLUSH: Concrete asbestos
11 reinforced.

12 MEMBER ARMIJO: With copper valves
13 attached to that?

14 MR. MIKLUSH: And where -- Well, most
15 of the valves in the system are carbon steel.
16 There's a few valves that are copper or bronze
17 material, and those were these three valves that
18 were part of the RAI.

19 MEMBER ARMIJO: so you wouldn't have
20 any galvanic corrosion, because these are
21 concrete that they are attached to, because
22 copper and steel --

23 MR. MIKLUSH: There is not a piping
24 issue, but there is an issue with the metals that
25 are in the ground. So every valve location,

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1 there is a question of long term performance. So
2 those will have to be managed in the inspection
3 program.

4 MEMBER STETKAR: Someplace in the SER
5 I read that you have had problems with some
6 leakage in gray cast iron buried piping in the
7 firewater system, and apparently the corrective
8 actions have been to replace the piping with --
9 to replace the piping.

10 Do you still have buried gray cast
11 iron firewater piping on site or has all of that
12 been replaced?

13 MR. SHARP: Lee Goyette, could you
14 answer that?

15 MR. GOYETTE: Yes, sir. The majority
16 of the underground firewater piping is asbestos
17 concrete, and the risers that go to the hydrants,
18 those are gray cast --

19 MEMBER STETKAR: Okay. So it is only
20 the risers --

21 MR. GOYETTE: -- and they are being
22 replaced with ductile iron.

23 MEMBER STETKAR: They are being
24 replaced?

25 MR. GOYETTE: Yes, sir, they are.

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1 MEMBER STETKAR: But you also have PVC
2 piping in the firewater system. Right?

3 MR. GOYETTE: We do have PVC piping in
4 the firewater system. Yes.

5 MEMBER STETKAR: So you said it was
6 concrete. So it is both.

7 MR. GOYETTE: Both.

8 MEMBER STETKAR: Is one a replacement
9 for the other or you use them in different --

10 MR. GOYETTE: Don't know. I cannot
11 answer that question.

12 MR. SHARP: I can say that the
13 majority, 95+ percent of the buried pipe in the
14 fire protection system is the asbestos concrete
15 pipe. As Lee said, some of the risers have the
16 cast iron that we are replacing with ductile
17 iron. There are small segments of PVC, but
18 primarily the asbestos -- ACP pipe.

19 MR. MIKLUSH: That concludes my
20 presentation.

21 MR. SHARP: The next speaker is
22 Michelle Albright.

23 MS. ALBRIGHT: Mr. Chairman and
24 members of the Committee, good afternoon. I am
25 Michelle Albright, and I am part of the Diablo

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1 Canyon License Renewal Team, and I will be
2 discussing the two open items that we have TLAAs.

3 The first one that I will discuss is
4 on TLAAs identification, which consists of two
5 RAIs. Secondly, I will be discussing the open
6 item on metal fatigue, which is on nine RAIs.

7 Responses to all of these RAIs have
8 been submitted to the staff. We believe that we
9 have provided adequate responses to address the
10 staff's concerns, but they still are under
11 review.

12 Slide 34, please. Open item 4.1-1 is
13 on two topics. The first of these is on the
14 design codes for the reactor coolant pressure
15 boundary valves, and secondly is the managing of
16 the baffle and former bolts.

17 To address the first open item, we
18 reverified that the design codes for our reactor
19 coolant pressure boundary valves do not require a
20 fatigue or any time dependent analyses, and we
21 clarified it in the response to the staff.

22 Secondly, for the baffle and former
23 bolts, we revised the license renewal application
24 to choose Option III, which is to use an aging
25 management program to manage the potential aging

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1 of those baffle and former bolts, and that is the
2 Reactor Vessel Internals Program.

3 MEMBER SIEBER: Do we have any
4 evidence of baffle jetting?

5 MR. SHARP: The answer is yes. We
6 have two over the time frame. We did have
7 evidence of baffle jetting, and that has been
8 remedied with modifications performed -- upflow
9 modifications performed in the last five to
10 eight years.

11 MEMBER SIEBER: And that is replace
12 bolts modification?

13 MR. SHARP: It was to cut some holes
14 in the upper portion of the baffle.

15 MEMBER SIEBER: So you lowered the
16 pressure differential?

17 MR. SHARP: Yes, sir.

18 MEMBER SIEBER: Does that reverse the
19 flow? Does that reverse the baffle flow?

20 MR. SHARP: It does in some cases,
21 yes. Dan Hardesty, could you please come to the
22 microphone and answer that question.

23 MR. HARDESTY: My name is Dan
24 Hardesty, Primary Systems Engineering. In 2R10
25 we performed what is called an upflow mod to the

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1 internals, lower internals and upper internals of
2 the reactor for Unit 2, and that corrected -- It
3 lowered the pressure in the inside of the baffles
4 so that it would jet in the opposite direction.

5 Westinghouse designed and performed
6 the modification.

7 MEMBER SIEBER: Did you have fuel
8 damage associated with the baffle flow?

9 MR. HARDESTY: Yes, sir, we did. In
10 the Nineties we had some damage.

11 MEMBER SIEBER: That is why you did
12 the mod, but the mod did not change the bolting.
13 What it did was reverse the flow.

14 MR. HARDESTY: That is correct.

15 MEMBER SIEBER: Thank you.

16 MS. ALBRIGHT: Slide 35, please.

17 There are nine RAIs associated with
18 open item 4.3-1. For the purposes of discussion
19 today, we categorized the resolution of these
20 nine RAIs into four common areas to give you a
21 feel for the types of responses that we had to
22 these RAIs.

23 The first of these areas would be
24 items that required additional information. For
25 example, in our license renewal application we

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1 provided the conclusions that the replacement
2 reactor vessel head replacement CRDMs and the
3 replacement CETNAs were good past the period of
4 extended operation. However, we did not provide
5 the actual cumulative usage factor values in the
6 application to demonstrate that.

7 So in response to the RAI we merely
8 provided those CUF values, which showed that we
9 had adequate margin.

10 In the second group we provided
11 clarifying information based on four RAIs that we
12 received. An example here is a clarification for
13 the metal fatigue program. Basically, we
14 clarified that we were going to be using the FSAR
15 number of transients in our metal fatigue
16 program. These are lower numbers than are used
17 in the analyses for the upper and lower core
18 plate. So they are more conservative to count
19 to.

20 In the next group of RAIs, we will be
21 enhancing our current licensing basis.

22 MEMBER STETKAR: Before we go to the
23 enhancement, have you completely updated Table
24 4.3-2 in the license renewal application, because
25 all I have is the table from the original LRA,

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1 and looking at the responses to some of the RAIs
2 and the numbers in that table, there are a number
3 of instances where I couldn't make numbers add
4 up.

5 So, for example, your example on
6 charging cycle estimates for auxiliary spray
7 during plant cooldown, in the SER it is noted
8 that -- I have to find my notes; bear with me
9 here -- that there would be -- You are counting
10 two of those events per cooldown, and that
11 resulted in an estimate of 146 occurrences for
12 Unit 1 and 102 occurrences for Unit 2. But if I
13 use the number of cooldown events tabulated at
14 least in the license renewal application for Unit
15 1, I count 176, because there are -- I'm sorry,
16 174 -- I can't read my own writing -- because
17 there are 87 cooldown events projected for Unit
18 1, and 63 for Unit 2, which gives me 126.

19 So I am curious how you got 146 and
20 102. Is it a big deal? Are you close to the
21 margin? I am just interested in multiplying X
22 times 2 and being able to understand how that
23 counting is done.

24 MS. ALBRIGHT: I understand. i would
25 like to ask Mr. Chalmer Myer to address that

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1 question.

2 MR. MYER: This is Chalmer Myer with
3 the Star Center of Business. We are going to
4 need to take it offline and respond later,
5 because it is going to take some review, but we
6 will get you an answer.

7 MEMBER STETKAR: There were some
8 others. In the interest of time, I would
9 encourage you and also the staff when they come
10 up to look at things like consistency. If you
11 are using 2 times X, make sure that X and 2 times
12 X are equivalent numbers. There are a number of
13 those things that I have come across.

14 As I said, in the grand scheme of
15 things, you are well below the margins, but I am
16 talking about consistency, because you are using
17 methods to develop those cycle counts. Thank
18 you.

19 MS. ALBRIGHT: Thank you. For the
20 next group of RAIs, we will be enhancing our
21 current licensing basis and, namely, this is the
22 FSAR. For example, the staff questioned why our
23 FSAR didn't provide the technical basis for us
24 not counting load-following transients. While
25 they agreed with the technical basis of why we

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1 aren't counting them, we didn't have that
2 actually documented in our FSAR. So we will be
3 updating our FSAR, and committed to do so in our
4 response.

5 The last category here is on
6 environmentally-assisted fatigue. For our
7 license renewal application, we performed the
8 environmentally-assisted fatigue analyses per
9 NUREG/CR-6260 using the locations for an older
10 vintage Westinghouse plant.

11 The staff did question why we did not
12 consider other locations than those originally in
13 our application. After discussions with them, we
14 did agree that it would be -- that we would
15 commit to review our existing fatigue analyses to
16 determine if the analyses that we performed for
17 environmentally-assisted fatigue are limiting for
18 the Diablo Canyon reactor cooling environment.

19 Through those evaluations, if we do
20 find more limiting locations, then the most
21 limiting component will be evaluated for
22 environmentally-assisted fatigue through our
23 metal fatigue program, and we will be doing that
24 prior to the period of extended operation.

25 This concludes the presentation on

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1 TLAA open items.

2 MEMBER SIEBER: Have you had any
3 issues with control rod drive mechanism tube
4 split pins that hold the tubes in place within
5 the control rod drive?

6 MR. GREBEL: Dan Hardesty, have we had
7 a previous history with split pins? Dan, could
8 you answer that?

9 MR. HARDESTY: Sorry, I didn't catch
10 the question all the way.

11 MEMBER SIEBER: The question is: In
12 your class of plants around the time this plant
13 was built, there was an issue of cracking of
14 split pins that hold the control rod drive
15 mechanism tubes at the top of the core plate into
16 position so that you would not delay the dropping
17 of the control rod during a reactor SCRAM.

18 Have you examined your split pins or
19 have you replaced them?

20 MR. HARDESTY: We replaced our split
21 pins. I believe we have two different
22 replacements at different times, but the last one
23 was in 2R10 when we did the upflow mod. We took
24 advantage at the time and replaced the split pins
25 with the new versions.

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1 MEMBER SIEBER: And so baffle jettings
2 issue solution is pretty recent?

3 MR. HARDESTY: It was a convenient
4 time to do it, because we had --

5 MEMBER SIEBER: So you did split pins
6 -- some split pins and baffle jetting, flow
7 reversal at the same time, same outage?

8 MR. HARDESTY: Yes.

9 CHAIRMAN BLEY: Any other questions?
10 Yes? Go ahead.

11 MEMBER STETKAR: Thank you. A couple
12 of quick ones. You have apparently had some
13 problems out in the intake structure, because it
14 is a pretty harsh environment on the coast there,
15 and I have noted that it was placed into a higher
16 category of attention with the plans for
17 remediation because of deterioration, I guess, in
18 the structural concrete and things like that.

19 According to the SER anyway, it said
20 that the Applicant had developed a repair plan to
21 return the intake structure to A2 inspection
22 status under the maintenance program by 2010,
23 which implies that it should now be in much
24 better shape. Is it?

25 MR. SHARP: I would say -- a

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1 preemptive comment, and then I will let David
2 Wong answer.

3 We have indeed done repairs on the
4 intake structure to take it back to a better
5 condition. We had some additional degradations
6 identified as we were making those repairs, and
7 so there has been a little bit of delay. That
8 won't be completed now until this spring in 2011.

9 MEMBER STETKAR: Thanks. One more.
10 Let me just make a note on that. This, again --
11 You apparently in Unit 2 during RO-15 identified
12 -- they are characterized as gaps between the
13 concrete floor and the steel liner in the
14 containment, and apparently you have made a
15 commitment to seal the gaps.

16 The way I read the material, it
17 sounded to me as if there had never been any
18 sealant in the gaps. Is that true?

19 MR. SHARP: Yes. The Diablo Canyon
20 design does not include a moisture barrier
21 component seen in other plants. The concrete
22 runs up to the containment liner at the base of
23 containment.

24 MEMBER STETKAR: A couple of
25 questions. If you have now made the decision to

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1 seal the gaps, does that mean you are only going
2 to seal the places where you found the gaps or
3 are you going to actually install circumferential
4 moisture barrier?

5 MR. WONG: This is David Wong, Civil
6 Engineering Supervisor. We are intending to seal
7 only the gaps at this time. The concrete is very
8 hard pressed up against the liner. We inspect
9 them every outage. We have a couple of programs
10 that look at that every outage, our Coatings
11 Monitoring Program, and also the Civil
12 Maintenance Rule Program.

13 DR. BARTON: How do you know you have
14 never had any leakage between the concrete and
15 the liner or there is any corrosion down
16 underneath the floor?

17 MR. WONG: We have never seen any
18 leakage or any signs of degradation of the
19 concrete, any kind of degradation which would re-
20 collect through the liner as popping and spalling
21 the concrete or cracking it.

22 MEMBER STETKAR: Thanks. I am
23 finished.

24 CHAIRMAN BLEY: Any other questions?

25 DR. BARTON: Yes.

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1 CHAIRMAN BLEY: Yes, John?

2 DR. BARTON: The Appendix A, your
3 final safety analysis supplement and also Append
4 B, aging management program, when you talk about
5 your one-time inspection of code Class 1 small
6 bore piping, I don't get what your final
7 commitment is on volumetric testing of socket
8 welds.

9 MR. SHARP: Chris Beard, could you
10 please respond to that?

11 MR. BEARD: Chris Beard. Our final
12 commitment, as responded to in our latest request
13 for additional information, is: Diablo Canyon
14 will volumetrically examine 10 percent with a
15 maximum of 25 welds of each weld type socket and
16 butt welds for ASME Class 1, less than four
17 inches. That is our final commitment.

18 DR. BARTON: Okay. I didn't get that.

19 So I am glad to hear you committed to do that.

20 Also, you have got an opening in
21 containment where you had strain gauges installed
22 for initial structure integrity tests, and those
23 openings are still there on both units. How do I
24 know that you don't have environment gotten into
25 there, and you have got rebar, concrete

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1 degradation enclosed in your environment?

2 MR. SHARP: David Wong, could you
3 respond to that?

4 MR. WONG: This is David Wong. These
5 strain gauge boxes -- Yes, they were originally
6 installed during construction to monitor the
7 strain on the rebar. They are thin gauge 4 x 4
8 by 4 inch in depth thin gauge carbon steel boxes
9 embedded on the exterior part of the containment
10 structure.

11 They were banded in place after
12 testing. The strain gauge access boxes, which
13 were called openings, are actually covered with
14 plastic covers and sealed around with caulking.

15 Due to the age weathering effects, we
16 have seen some damage. Either the covers are
17 missing or they are broken, and we plan on
18 repairing those thin gauge boxes that we find
19 damaged in our next containment exterior concrete
20 inspections.

21 DR. BARTON: How do you know you
22 haven't had any corrosion since then, since you
23 know that you are really not sealed right now?

24 MR. WONG: We would see signs of the
25 concrete spalling or cracking, which we have not

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1 seen.

2 CHAIRMAN BLEY: No further questions?

3 Thank you very much for your presentations. I
4 think we will take a break now, and I would ask
5 everybody to be back at 3:15. We will recess
6 now.

7 (Whereupon, the foregoing matter went
8 off the record at 2:57 p.m. and went back on the
9 record at 3:15 p.m.)

10 CHAIRMAN BLEY: The meeting will come
11 back to order, please. Brian, back to you.

12 MR. HOLIAN: Thank you. Sorry.
13 Waiting for the rest of the NRC staff. This is
14 Brian Holian, Director of License Renewal.

15 Our staff did take good notes during
16 some of the questions there. I know Mr. Shack
17 had a question early on about MRP. Let me just -
18 - So we will be addressing those as part of our
19 staff response to the SER and the open items.

20 Once again, up at the table we have
21 Stan Gardocki. Stan is one of our members from
22 another technical region, DSS, Division of Safety
23 Systems, and he helps out a lot of scoping.

24 You have heard from him before from
25 the floor on this particular plant. We had

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1 issues with the plant walkdowns, and Stan is here
2 to support our discussion of that.

3 Bill Holston, a senior engineer in
4 License Renewal, there for the buried piping
5 issues. You have heard him on previous plants.

6 Alan Hiser, a senior level advisor in
7 Division of License Renewal, will be talking to
8 some of the metal fatigue items there, thimble
9 tube issues.

10 Greg Pick, I mentioned, a senior
11 inspector from Region IV, and Nate Ferrer, our
12 Project Manager. With that, I will turn it over
13 to Nate.

14 MR. FERRER: Thanks, Brian. Good
15 afternoon. As Brian said, I am Nate Ferrer. I
16 am the Project Manager for the Diablo Canyon
17 License Renewal Review, and I am pleased to have
18 the opportunity to present the staff's review, as
19 documented in our Safety Evaluation Report or SER
20 with open items.

21 Before I actually get into the
22 presentation, Allen will address the question
23 that we had earlier on the vessel internals.

24 DR. HISER: I guess, Bill, could you
25 restate the question?

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1 MEMBER SHACK: Two things. One, I
2 know Ginna submitted an inspection plan, and I
3 never saw whether you guys accepted it or not.
4 Since MRP 227 is all over GALL, I assume it was
5 finally accepted, but I haven't really seen that.

6 Then just since you now have the
7 guidance, you have presumably got somebody who
8 had one inspected. When are we going to see
9 people coming in with inspection plans rather
10 than, you know, we are going to follow the
11 industry sort of thing that we see standard here.

12 DR. HISER: A number of plants have
13 come in with inspection plans, because they have
14 already entered the extended period of operation,
15 and those plans are generally due two years ahead
16 of that time.

17 I am not sure of the status of the
18 Ginna plan, but --

19 MEMBER SHACK: Okay, but you have
20 accepted other plans then.

21 DR. HISER: I don't -- I am not sure
22 that we have accepted any. There were some
23 plants -- for example, Calvert Cliffs had
24 proposed specific inspections in their initial
25 application, and so they do not have that type of

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1 commitment and do not owe us a plan.

2 So I will verify the status of Ginna
3 and some of the other plants. I am not aware,
4 though, that we have approved any MRP 227. The
5 SER has not been issued yet, but that will be
6 forthcoming.

7 MEMBER SHACK: Well, GALL-2, as I read
8 it, it seems to imply that you accept that
9 guidance. GALL-2 incorporates a lot of
10 information from MRP 227, the recommendations
11 that are in that report, but also some additional
12 items that the staff thinks is necessary for
13 applicants. There is no a GALL section for it.

14 DR. HISER: Yes, that is correct, and
15 after probably the current set of plants, we will
16 expect plants to come in with a GALL consistent
17 program. Once we finalize the SER for MRP 227,
18 we may modify the GALL program to be consistent
19 with the staff positions that come out of that
20 review. Jeff?

21 MR. POEHLER: Jeff Poehler, Materials
22 Engineer from the Vessel Integrity Branch,
23 Division of Component Integrity.

24 We have not issued an SER or an SE on
25 any of the plant specific reactor vessel

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1 internals inspection plans. We have accepted for
2 review quite a few of them. I can't tell you the
3 exact number. So it is basically waiting on the
4 SE for MRP 227 Rev 0, which is the basis for all
5 these inspection plans, which is supposed to be
6 issued in the next month or so.

7 DR. HISER: Is that the final SER?

8 MR. POEHLER: Correct.

9 MEMBER SHACK: So soon.

10 DR. HISER: But there will be a point
11 at which the commitment is no longer an
12 acceptable method to demonstrate aging management
13 for vessel internals. That answers my question.

14 Thank you.

15 MEMBER SHACK: That answers my
16 question. Thank you.

17 MR. FERRER: Getting back to the
18 presentation for today, I will begin with an
19 overview of the Diablo Canyon review, and I will
20 keep it brief, since this information was
21 previously discussed by the applicant.

22 We will then follow the basic
23 structure of the SER, covering topics of interest
24 and open items on each section. Greg Pick will
25 be presenting the license renewal regional

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1 inspection, as Brian mentioned, and we will try
2 not to repeat all of the information that the
3 applicant has presented. We just intend to
4 ensure that you receive adequate information
5 associated with the staff's review and findings,
6 and as always, feel free to ask questions at
7 anytime.

8 This slide just provides the general
9 details of the license renewal application. The
10 applicant has previously covered all this. So
11 unless there are any questions, I will move on at
12 this time.

13 Staff review teams conducted audits
14 and inspections of the application during the
15 period shown on the slide. I will highlight that
16 issues raised and discussed during the scoping
17 and screening methodology audit led to two LRA
18 amendments related to scoping and screening
19 submitted in the summer of 2010.

20 They provided the applicant's
21 additional scoping and screening evaluations for
22 various plant systems, structures and components.

23 San Gardocki will be covering these topics in
24 more detail during the discussion of Section 2.

25 In preparing the Safety Evaluation

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1 Report and in addition to the audits and
2 inspections already mentioned, the staff
3 conducted in depth technical reviews. We issued
4 approximately 200 Requests for Additional
5 Information to which the applicant responded.

6 The SER was issued to the applicant on
7 January 10, 2011, and contains eight open items
8 and two confirmatory items. The first three open
9 items relate to scoping and screening, which Stan
10 will cover in his discussion of Section 2.

11 Two open items relate to aging
12 management programs. Allen Hiser will cover one,
13 and Bill Holston will be covering the other in
14 discussion of Section 3. The last three open
15 items relate to time limited aging analyses, and
16 Allen Hiser will be covering those in our
17 discussion of Section 4.

18 Two confirmatory items also relate to
19 aging management programs, and again we will
20 cover those in Section 3.

21 CHAIRMAN BLEY: Have you had time to
22 review the responses to these issues?

23 MR. FERRER: We have.

24 CHAIRMAN BLEY: So that is included?

25 MR. FERRER: Yes. We will be

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1 discussing those once we get into more detail on
2 each one.

3 Moving on to Section 2 of the SER.
4 This section concerns structures and components
5 subject to aging management review. The staff
6 has completed its review of scoping and screening
7 methodology and results, with the exception of
8 the open items mentioned earlier.

9 I will now hand it over to Stan
10 Gardocki to discuss the open items and other
11 items of interest from this section.

12 MR. GARDOCKI: Good afternoon. Stan
13 Gardocki. I work in the Balance of Plant
14 Section, Division of Safety Systems, as Senior
15 Reactor System Engineer. I have been involved
16 with the scoping of the plants, and I was on site
17 with the audit conducted in March.

18 The staff reviewed the applicant's
19 scoping and screening methodology and
20 implementation utilizing the resources in the
21 application, the drawings, and the staff
22 augmented that with a physical walkdown of the
23 plant systems during the scoping and screening
24 audit done in March of 2010.

25 During the on-site audit, the staff

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1 walked down selected non-safety areas where the
2 plant people identified where the applicant said
3 there was no or limited safety related
4 components. The staff focused mainly on non-
5 safety related Turbine Building to verify whether
6 there was any additional safety related
7 components in this area.

8 The staff also walked down the safety
9 related areas, mainly the emergency diesel
10 generator rooms, the component cooling heat
11 exchanger room, and the auxiliary building, to
12 verify whether there were any unidentified non-
13 safety related components in these areas that
14 could potentially adversely affect the safety
15 related components.

16 The staff identified several instances
17 where the applicant's scoping of these components
18 did not align with the proposed methodology.

19 In the non-safety related Turbine
20 Building, the staff identified additional safety
21 related components that did not have an adequate
22 evaluation or 10 CFR 54.4(a)(2) for potential
23 adverse effects from the failure of nearby non-
24 safety related components.

25 The additional safety related

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1 components identified in the Turbine Building
2 included control room pressurization system and
3 exhaust ducts for the switchgear HVAC system.
4 Additionally, the staff looked at the safety
5 related cables in the Turbine Building where the
6 applicant credited its mitigation of the conduit,
7 but that was only for the low and medium line
8 breaks, but they didn't evaluate for high energy
9 line breaks.

10 In the safety related areas, the staff
11 identified additional non-safety related
12 components in the vicinity of the safety related
13 components that did not have an adequate (a) (2)
14 evaluation. Some of these examples were inside
15 the Diesel Room and the component cooling heat
16 exchanger room. There were overhead drain lines,
17 and there was additional service water lines in
18 the diesel room.

19 Outside in the yard there were
20 underground vaults and electric pull boxes, which
21 the staff identified sumps and pumps that didn't
22 have an adequate (a) (2) evaluation.

23 In the auxiliary building there was
24 water traps and compressed air system near safety
25 related components. The staff also identified

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1 instances where the applicant did not include
2 into scope non-safety related piping that was
3 directly attached to safety related components
4 past the safety/non-safety related boundary up to
5 the first qualified anchor and, as the applicant
6 said, these were mostly in suppressed gas systems
7 to clean the air, and the nitrogen systems.

8 The staff also identified instances
9 where the applicant stopped its (a)(1) scoping at
10 the code class break on safety related piping at
11 an open valve. The failure of the downstream
12 piping could result in loss of the pressure
13 boundary of the safety related system.

14 One instance of this that was
15 mentioned is the EDG air start system where the
16 unloader line transitted back from the safety
17 related air receiver back to the non-safety
18 related air compressor.

19 After the site out was completed in
20 March of 2010, the staff issued about 17 RAIs to
21 the applicant. The applicant's preliminary
22 response indicated that additional systems
23 components, especially in the Turbine Building,
24 would have to be added to the scope of license
25 renewal. As Nate said, there were two responses,

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1 LER and maintenance.

2 Later, the applicant submitted the
3 changes to the application to include these
4 components in the scope of license renewal, and
5 after reviewing the additional material, the
6 staff was able to resolve all the issues except
7 for three open items identified in the SER.

8 The staff has received the applicant's
9 responses to these open items on January 12,
10 2011. The applicant has already described their
11 proposed resolutions. In conclusion, the staff
12 has reviewed those and their responses, and has
13 now the necessary information from the applicant
14 to satisfactorily resolve these three open items
15 in the final safety evaluation.

16 Do you have any questions on this
17 matter?

18 CHAIRMAN BLEY: I am just curious.
19 When staff does the walkdown you describe, would
20 you consider it a spot check or would you
21 consider it a thorough walkdown?

22 MR. GARDOCKI: We systematically look
23 at the application, look at areas of interest.
24 In this particular application, we looked at they
25 excluded the Turbine Building, and they said

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1 there was nothing safety related in there. so we
2 would focus on something like that.

3 We always walkdown general areas where
4 we find deficiencies in the application, EDG
5 rooms, and we identified some --

6 CHAIRMAN BLEY: So the areas that drew
7 your interest, you did a pretty thorough
8 walkdown?

9 MR. GARDOCKI: Oh, absolutely, and you
10 can tell from the level of detail that we
11 identified quite a significant amount of
12 components.

13 DR. BARTON: What is your assessment
14 of the material condition of the parts of the
15 plant that you looked at in detail?

16 MR. GARDOCKI: The material condition
17 was very good. We walked down the aux building,
18 turbine buildings, and everything had a good coat
19 of paint. We didn't see any spalling or dirt
20 conditions. There were some areas we tried to
21 get around in the aux building to the back of the
22 containment to look at some penetrations, and we
23 just couldn't get to it. So --

24 MEMBER ARMIJO: In the SER there was a
25 mention of a removal of cracked coating on the

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1 liner, and it is a small area, but apparently
2 about two square feet were not re-coated after
3 this repair. I just wondered what the logic was
4 for that. Are you familiar with that?

5 MR. GARDOCKI: I cannot address that
6 matter.

7 MEMBER ARMIJO: Maybe the -- I will
8 read it to you: Defect areas were cleaned and
9 coated at the end of cycle 15, 1R15 and 2R15,
10 total of three square foot cluster; liner plate
11 coatings was found cracked and delaminated at the
12 185 foot and 195 foot elevations. The loose
13 coatings were removed without repair. Two square
14 feet of the three square foot area were left as
15 bare steel after cleaning. This area will
16 require continuous monitoring.

17 I agree with all of that, and I know
18 it is a small area, but I don't understand the
19 logic of not repairing it.

20 DR. HISER: I am not sure that we can
21 address why they didn't repair it.

22 MEMBER ARMIJO: Why does the staff
23 think that is okay?

24 DR. HISER: Well, from our
25 perspective, as long as they ensure that it

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1 doesn't degrade, then we are -- As long as there
2 is aging management program in place to address
3 that and to monitor that, then I think we are
4 satisfied.

5 CHAIRMAN BLEY: I think Diablo Canyon
6 wanted to say something.

7 MEMBER ARMIJO: Does the applicant
8 have a response?

9 MR. WRIGHT: I will start off. This
10 is Mike Wright from Diablo. We do have an aging
11 management program for containment coatings.
12 There are -- Part of that program is to identify
13 all degraded coatings at the start of the outage,
14 and we have remedied as much as possible during
15 that refueling outage, and then we identify
16 coatings that would have to be subsequently re-
17 coated in the following outage.

18 So that will be a remedy. It just
19 wasn't fixed at --

20 MEMBER ARMIJO: So it was just an
21 interim problem?

22 MR. WRIGHT: Yes, sir, that is
23 correct.

24 MEMBER ARMIJO: Oh, okay. I just
25 thought it was some experiment you were running

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1 or something else, and up at that elevation it
2 may not be the most convenient place to repair
3 it. I don't know. Okay, you answered my
4 question.

5 MEMBER STETKAR: Staff, in the SER
6 there are statements like "the applicant applied
7 its evaluation of non-safety related SCs
8 inconsistently throughout the LRA." Quite
9 honestly, there are more RAIs issued and more
10 applicant responses to those RAIs regarding
11 scoping and screening than I have seen in the
12 last two or three years of license renewal
13 applications.

14 Since your walkdowns -- As you said,
15 the areas that you walk down are pretty thorough,
16 and those resulted in rather extensive RAIs that
17 were focused on the areas you looked at. But
18 since there are only selected areas, how do we
19 have confidence in the areas that you didn't
20 walkdown, that there aren't similar kind of
21 scoping and screening issues; and when you found
22 the relatively large number of issues, at least
23 by counting RAIs and looking at the responses to
24 those RAIs -- for example, in the Turbine
25 Building -- did you make any conscious effort to

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1 expand the scope of your samples and audits and
2 walkdowns to inspect other areas to see whether
3 or not it simply was focused out in the Turbine
4 Building and that the scoping and screening of
5 (a)(2) type issues in other parts of the plant
6 had, in fact, been done?

7 MR. GARDOCKI: Okay, I will try it.
8 We looked for -- like if you got the aux
9 building, they say everything in the aux building
10 is in scope of license renewal.

11 MEMBER STETKAR: Okay, that is pretty
12 easy.

13 MR. GARDOCKI: So that was a pretty
14 easy area. So we go in there, and we walkdown
15 something just to make sure scoping values were
16 correct. We were trying to find some
17 penetrations of the makeup water system going
18 through there. We are limited to the
19 radiological areas, and we couldn't access
20 anymore than we could.

21 There was an area between -- Now the
22 areas that stand out is what we have tried to
23 focus on in this very limited time we were out
24 there, and between the aux building and Turbine
25 Building there is another building in between it.

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1 So we asked them, do you classify it
2 as the aux building or do you classify it as the
3 Turbine Building? So those are the areas we kind
4 of focus on and try to clarify that area: Do you
5 classify it as aux building? Everything in
6 scope. For the Turbine Building, nothing in
7 scope.

8 Then we refocus our review when we get
9 back to the office to see if there is anything in
10 that area that has particular interest. So we
11 follow to the main steam piping out there. We
12 asked some RAIs to clarify the boundaries on
13 those.

14 The Turbine Building, when they said
15 they excluded it initially, I mean, we focused
16 right on that area to see if there was anything
17 else in that area, and we found some safety
18 related in there. And if you didn't scope it
19 initially, you don't have any basis to evaluate
20 to. So we had to wait for that additional
21 scoping to come in.

22 Then we focused on the particular
23 lines they called conduit with safety related.
24 They said, well, we use the conduit for
25 mitigation, but then you didn't use it for all

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1 mitigations. So then you had to scope the entire
2 Turbine Building for high pressure piping.

3 So there was a very substantial amount
4 of additional components put in scope after our
5 audit. So we focused our audits mainly on areas
6 where we would think we would find some problems,
7 based on previous audits where we find problems.

8 Then those areas that stand out, like here the
9 Turbine Building or that building between the aux
10 buildings, or if they have main steam piping and
11 feedwater piping that is routed outside of the
12 aux building to go into containment, we would
13 walk those particular areas down to see how they
14 are managed for aging management, or in scope.

15 MR. HOLIAN: This is Brian Holian. I
16 wanted to add to the question maybe and the
17 answer. On the question, it is a question we ask
18 during review, branch chief review and senior
19 management review of the SER for that purpose.

20 Staff -- We are still pushing the
21 staff. But when you ask an RAI on an item, get
22 that right, but ask the Part B to the RAI, which
23 is: We found this one or think we found this
24 one; give us some assurance that you have sampled
25 other areas or you have gone there.

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1 I think we are pretty good on doing
2 that in RAIs. Sometimes we don't also translate
3 that to the SER write-up that says that we kind
4 of asked that second part of the question or
5 during discussions, it had that.

6 So I don't see it all the time in the
7 SER write-up that we are asking the extent of
8 condition question of them to also do that. Stan
9 and -- you know, even in the past week sitting in
10 here, as I have looked back this year -- kind of
11 reiterated that some of those items -- you know,
12 the very specific ones, caused other issues to be
13 found by them as part of that extended condition.

14 So a lot of the detail items came out
15 of that type of questioning, but I agree with you
16 that the staff can be even more overt in
17 translating it into the SER. I have told them to
18 tell the story a bit better about what did you
19 find, and then what did the applicant have to do.

20 MEMBER STETKAR: That helps. Thanks,
21 Brian, because the way I read the SER is there
22 was a large number of individually identified, as
23 you said, focused items, a large number of which
24 were resolved by very focused responses of a
25 handful or whatever, which are still being

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1 discussed, and then there is the overall
2 conclusion that says, with the exception of this
3 handful, everything is fine.

4 MR. HOLIAN: That is right, and it
5 leaves out the in between. Why did the staff
6 have a good feeling that we didn't need to go do
7 a second audit. But we ask ourselves those
8 questions.

9 MEMBER STETKAR: Thank you.

10 DR. BARTON: Along those same lines,
11 in the SER it talks about the external surface
12 monitoring program, and the inspection team noted
13 that the training program for the personnel
14 performing these inspections did not meet the
15 commitment the applicant made for training. So I
16 wonder if the people that the applicant had out
17 there doing external surfaces monitoring weren't
18 probably trained.

19 How was this ever resolved? Did these
20 guys get requalified? Did you guys go look at
21 that?

22 MR. PICK: As an inspection team,
23 during our interviews the system engineers and
24 the people doing aging management -- they had a
25 lot of criteria for what was aging management,

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1 but they weren't comfortable that they had enough
2 background. They were using common sense and
3 their procedures, which were quite good, and they
4 all commented to the external surfaces program
5 reviewer that they would like more training.

6 When we brought that to the
7 applicant's attention, they went and did their
8 own survey, and I will let them respond to what
9 they found.

10 MR. WRIGHT: This is Mike Wright from
11 Diablo. We agreed with the Region IV inspection
12 team. We have committed to doing extensive
13 training for all system engineers prior to the
14 December of this year to close the gap on
15 training, and for sustainability, include that
16 training as part of the qualification for system
17 engineers.

18 DR. BARTON: Thank you.

19 MR. GARDOCKI: Well, if there's no
20 more further questions, that concludes my
21 presentation.

22 MR. FERRER: Thank you, Stan. I would
23 like to highlight just one item on open item
24 2.3.3.14-1. The topic of this item actually
25 became an inspection finding, as documented in an

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1 inspection report dated September 9, 2010.

2 I just highlight that, because just to
3 show sometimes when we are doing the license
4 renewal reviews, we find things that we can pass
5 on to regional staff or residents in current
6 operating space.

7 With that, I would pass it on to Greg
8 Pick from Region IV.

9 MR. PICK: Thanks, Nate. Good
10 afternoon, members of the ACRS Committee.

11 I led the inspection team, and we
12 conducted an extensive review using one of our
13 most experienced teams. The six inspectors
14 shared 170 years of inspection experience. We
15 looked at 60 percent of the aging management
16 programs, instead of the nominal 40 to 50
17 percent.

18 We reviewed 24 of the 40 aging
19 management programs that were in existence at
20 that time, and this included six of the nine new
21 aging management programs.

22 We evaluated whether the applicant
23 properly scoped non-safety related structures,
24 systems and components that could affect safety
25 related structures, systems and components, and

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1 whether they developed aging management programs
2 consistent with the GALL report.

3 We focused on the conditions that
4 existed at the plant and how the applicant
5 implemented their existing programs that were
6 going to be aging management programs, and their
7 plans for implementing their new aging management
8 programs.

9 We also performed a vertical slice
10 evaluation of three systems to assess whether the
11 identified aging management programs could be
12 expected to effectively manage the effects of
13 aging.

14 We also looked at the applicant's
15 treatment of latest industry aging issues and
16 several site specific issues. Next slide.

17 During our reviews, we looked at the
18 conditions of the structures, systems and
19 components needed to withstand a seismic event.
20 These included the supports and restraints, the
21 applicant's program for evaluating the effects of
22 non-safety related equipment affecting safety
23 related equipment and their Class 2 equipment, an
24 the structural inspector also considered the
25 seismic design in his review of the walls -- the

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1 design information.

2 We looked at the buried pipe program
3 with a focus on environmental monitoring. We
4 looked at inaccessible medium voltage cables,
5 because the plant had documented aging experience
6 problems with those cables, and we looked at
7 their metal enclosed bus program because they had
8 experienced bus part failures in their past.
9 Next slide.

10 Related to scoping, when we arrived on
11 site the applicant was in the process of
12 incorporating lessons learned related to scoping
13 from a previous STARS plant, similar to the
14 scoping team.

15 IN addition, I had talked with Stan in
16 detail prior to going to the site to see how I
17 might assist him in getting eyes on some of the
18 requests for additional information responses and
19 verify the information being provided.

20 The items that we assisted
21 headquarters reviewers in resolving included: We
22 verified the configuration of non-safety related
23 service water cooling piping that went into the
24 room; we verified that no safety related electric
25 cables were present in the oily waste sump room.

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1 We verified that the water spray from
2 a service cooling water pump in the Turbine
3 Building would not have affected the control room
4 pressurization system components. We verified
5 the physical configurations reflected in their
6 Turbine Building reviews, that in fact the cables
7 were in conduits, the safety related cables for
8 the high energy line break.

9 During our vertical slice review of
10 the compressed air system, we identified examples
11 of items that had not been considered for aging
12 management.

13 The unloader valves for the diesel
14 generator air compressors -- they were made of
15 two materials, stainless steel and copper, and we
16 asked how they monitored for aging effects.
17 Well, they did, in fact. They have a five-year
18 PM, and they have a line item to look for
19 evidence of corrosion when they do that five-year
20 PM. But they had not included it in their
21 evaluation in their license renewal application.

22 So they updated that.

23 The other one was they had flexible
24 hoses attached to their back-up nitrogen bottles.

25 That was identified as a steel line on their

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1 drawings when, in fact, it was flexible hoses,
2 and they put that in a 10-year PM.

3 In regard to the aging management
4 programs, we already discussed that training was
5 required for the system engineers. We also
6 discussed the one instance related to age related
7 degradation of the silicon seal for the abandoned
8 containment screening stage cover plate, which
9 allowed rain to enter the metal box.

10 We identified this through review of
11 test reports where they did a containment
12 integrated leak rate test in the inspections.
13 They took photographs of the abnormal conditions
14 and had it included as part of the report. So we
15 asked, what are you doing as far as aging
16 management of this, and they have agreed to
17 monitor it, seal them, and then eventually
18 perform a plant modification to seal the metal
19 boxes.

20 For the inaccessible medium voltage
21 cables in the cable vaults, they were routed on
22 supports. They didn't have any criteria when we
23 were on site for looking at the support
24 structures for the cables. So they issued a
25 corrective action document to add that to their

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1 structures monitoring program anytime the vaults
2 are opened.

3 MEMBER STETKAR: Greg, when you did
4 the inspection -- I don't have my notes here
5 complete -- did you actually look in some of
6 those?

7 MR. PICK: We did not look in the
8 vaults.

9 MEMBER STETKAR: Didn't look in any of
10 them?

11 MR. PICK: But we gave the residents
12 criteria, and they agreed to look in the vaults.

13 MEMBER STETKAR: But you didn't
14 actually?

15 MR. PICK: But we did not put eyes on
16 them, no.

17 MEMBER ABDEL-KHALIK: What is the span
18 over which the cables were supported?

19 MR. PICK: It appeared to be about
20 four feet. I am not sure. But the droop based
21 on the span couldn't be anymore than 12 inches.
22 The electrical inspector determined that.

23 The last one, the location selected
24 for fouling: For the closed cooling water
25 inspection criteria, they selected two valves to

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1 look for fouling, because we already had a PM
2 when they opened it.

3 We asked the question, is that a low
4 flow area, because when you read all their
5 experience, they were about closing in the low
6 flow areas. They wrote a notification, took a
7 look, discovered it is not a low flow area. So
8 they are looking for alternate locations as a
9 result of it being in their corrective action
10 program.

11 We also found a couple of minor
12 procedure issues. With their heat exchanger
13 program, right now Generic Letter 13 allows you
14 to do maintenance and did not require heat
15 exchanger testing, but their license renewal
16 application said we will do heat exchanger
17 testing.

18 Their procedure said it was prudent.
19 Well, the fixes are going to take out the option
20 of it being a prudent test, and it is now a
21 required test.

22 The second one was they do predictive
23 maintenance thermography of their metal enclosed
24 bus stops. Well, predictive maintenance isn't
25 required. It is something that they do, but

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1 again the license renewal application said we
2 will do this as our way of monitoring aging. So
3 they now have to keep them as records. They are
4 required, versus being an option of keeping those
5 records.

6 DR. BARTON: Don't most people do that
7 anyhow?

8 MR.PICK: They do the thermography for
9 other plants. I can't answer whether they keep
10 them as quality records. That is why it is
11 minor. They might keep the record, but they are
12 not required to.

13 DR. BARTON: I got you.

14 MR. PICK: Next slide. Overall, we
15 also found that the plant had good material
16 condition. We would go in one of the diesel fuel
17 vaults. Didn't find any issues with that.

18 The applicant had developed procedures
19 for many programs, and it had initiated plans to
20 incorporate aging management evaluations into
21 their day to day activities.

22 They are developing a long term plan
23 that looks to be implemented over the next
24 several years. By the time they get to the
25 period of extended operations, it will just be

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1 part of their routine way of doing business, and
2 the procedures were drafted when we were there.
3 So as inspectors, we had lots of information to
4 review where we could make decisions and comment
5 on whether we thought it would do -- the
6 procedure would accomplish what was expected of
7 it.

8 They already identified that they had
9 replaced several major components, and
10 essentially resets the clock on aging. And you
11 already discussed the intake structure. They
12 also replaced some high voltage insulators on
13 their station blackout lines. Yes, sir?

14 MEMBER SIEBER: What was the reason
15 that they replaced insulators? Was it -- Some
16 insulators have manufacturing --

17 MR. PICK: I do not -- It may have
18 been cracking, but I do not recall.

19 MEMBER SIEBER: Another thing is that
20 plants that are located at salt water collect
21 salt on the insulators.

22 MR. PICK: I know they do. They do
23 spray on their insulators, but I believe they --

24 MEMBER SIEBER: I would sure like to
25 know what steps you go through periodically to

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1 make sure the insulators are not building up salt
2 and capable of flashovers.

3 MR. GORYANCE: My name is Joe
4 Goryance, Diablo Canyon License Renewal, 5R kV,
5 230 kV system engineer and supervisor.

6 Our program is based on General Order
7 95, which is a California order. We have to, by
8 California law, inspect our insulators. Based on
9 our local climate, we have -- We are at a high
10 salt spray area, being close to the ocean, high
11 winds. So we have an inspection program for
12 that.

13 For our 5R kV insulators, we do a hot
14 wash every six weeks. Based on rainfall, we can
15 defer that if we get one inch of rain in a 24-
16 hour period. So that is our program.

17 During the inspection part, we noticed
18 that we started having some rust. The
19 galvanizing on porcelain insulators was starting
20 to show signs of rust. So then we replaced that
21 string of insulators on the 5R kV system, and our
22 230 kVs also have been replaced.

23 MEMBER SIEBER: Thank you.

24 MEMBER ABDEL-KHALIK: You mentioned
25 you do hot wash on the 500 kV, and that is what I

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1 read in the report. I didn't hear anything about
2 hot washing the 230 kV. Do you do that?

3 MR. GORYANCE: Our 230 kV are polymer
4 insulators. They are not porcelain. So we can't
5 wash those. The polymer types have a better
6 creepage distance. So they are not required.

7 MEMBER ABDEL-KHALIK: Thanks.

8 MR. PICK: Thank you. The scoping of
9 -- Our overall conclusions from the inspection:
10 The scoping of non-safety structures, systems and
11 components and the application of the aging
12 management programs to those structures, systems
13 and components were acceptable.

14 Applicant personnel had incorporated
15 actions to manage their aging effects into their
16 programs, and reasonable assurance exists that
17 aging effects will be managed and intended
18 functions maintained.

19 With that, I am going to turn this
20 back over to Nate, unless there are any
21 additional questions.

22 MEMBER STETKAR: Yes, Greg. Since I
23 beat up the applicant, I might as well beat you
24 up. The inspection report says the team
25 determined that the applicant had recently

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1 upgraded the cathodic protection system and
2 programs.

3 Words like recently always send a flag
4 forme, especially because your inspection was
5 done in 2010. What does that phrase mean, since
6 you guys did the inspection? Was the recent
7 upgrade the actual 1995 installation, 15 years
8 before you did the inspection?

9 MR. PICK: I do not know the exact
10 time frame reflected in that phrase.

11 MEMBER STETKAR: You want to ask
12 Diablo. You heard the answer that, well, they
13 installed it in 1995, and its current reliability
14 is 90 percent or better or whatever the
15 requirements are. But this seems to imply that
16 the inspection team discovered something that had
17 been done, quote, "recently," which implies that,
18 before recently, whenever that was, it wasn't so
19 good.

20 DR. BARTON: Depends what you timing
21 is. Is 15 years recent?

22 MEMBER STETKAR: Yes, recent in
23 geologic time perhaps.

24 MR. HOLIAN: Bill, do you want to
25 answer?

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1 MR. HOLSTON: Yes. I was just waiting
2 for the discussion. Yes, the applicant had noted
3 corrosion in their aux salt water system that was
4 down in the lower basin. So in that mid-late
5 Nineties, they bypassed a whole lot of that
6 piping, put new piping in, upgraded the cathodic
7 protection system to ensure that they would
8 protect the newly installed piping.

9 There were some other modifications,
10 too. They had some corrosion of diesel fuel
11 piping. Now instead of cathodically protecting
12 that, they replaced that diesel fuel piping and
13 ran it in underground vaults. So now it is
14 exposed to air. So that is what they have done.

15 Currently, their cathodic protection
16 system is available greater than 90 percent of
17 the time. They conduct annual NACE testing to
18 ensure that the system is effective by measuring
19 the pipe-to-soil potentials.

20 MEMBER STETKAR: Right. I read and
21 heard, and I understand all of that. The
22 question, I guess, then is still: Is 1995 the
23 recent upgrade, and indeed has the cathodic
24 protection system, if that is the recent upgrade,
25 been available 90 percent of the time or better

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1 since 1995 then?

2 MR. HOLSTON: That is my
3 understanding. Yes, sir. And that is from
4 talking to the applicant, working through the
5 request for additional information. I am not
6 aware of any period of time where, once they put
7 the new cathodic protection system in, which
8 again was mid- kind of like '95-'96 or it might
9 have been '94, that they had a period where it
10 went out of effective monitoring.

11 MEMBER STETKAR: I am just triggering
12 on the word recently, you know. That, to me,
13 implies maybe in the last year or two rather than
14 15 years ago. So, thanks.

15 I actually know how some of the people
16 prepare for the license renewal applications, and
17 recent sometimes means six months ago. Thanks.

18 MR. PICK: Any other questions?

19 MR. FERRER: Thanks, Greg. I will now
20 move on to Section 3, Aging Management Review
21 results.

22 Section 3.0 covers the staff's review
23 of the applicant's aging management programs. I
24 will just note that the open and confirmatory
25 items in Section 3 are all discussed in this

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1 section.

2 Sections 3.1 through 3.6 cover aging
3 management review items, and each of the systems
4 within the scope of license renewal. For a given
5 aging management review, the staff reviewed the
6 items to determine whether it was consistent with
7 the GALL report and, if an aging management
8 review is not consistent, then the staff
9 conducted a technical review to ensure adequacy.

10 As the applicant previously stated,
11 they submitted 42 aging management programs, and
12 there were approximately 3,000 aging management
13 review items. Of the 42 aging management
14 programs, 31 were existing, nine are new, and two
15 plant specific.

16 As I noted earlier, there are two open
17 items related to aging management programs.
18 Allen Hiser will discuss the open item related to
19 the flux thimble tube inspection program at this
20 time.

21 DR. HISER: Thanks, Nate. The flux
22 thimble tube inspection program is a GALL
23 program. During the staff's review, the one item
24 that really stuck out to us was the operating
25 experience at Diablo Canyon.

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1 I don't want to rehash much of what
2 the applicant provided earlier, but a lot of the
3 RAIs in the open item relate back to that
4 finding. The one area I guess I did want to
5 highlight was the concern that the staff has that
6 the wear rate projection methodology employed by
7 the applicant may be nonconservative.

8 So it may not give conservative
9 estimates of wear that would be measured after
10 the current operating cycle, and that is one area
11 that we still have the open item that we will
12 review applicant's response to, and we will reach
13 a determination on the acceptability of the
14 program based on that review.

15 MEMBER STETKAR: Allen, the way at
16 least I read the SER, the concern seemed to be
17 focused on the thinning threshold, and I was
18 under the impression it was different from what
19 Diablo said, that they are using 68 percent
20 rather than 80 percent.

21 What is the real concern? Is it the
22 methodology on how they project the rate or that
23 actual acceptance criterion -- the staff's
24 concern.

25 DR. HISER: It really is a combination

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1 of all pieces. The project methodology does not
2 incorporate explicit uncertainty considerations.

3 MEMBER STETKAR: Let me ask you then
4 what is different in Diablo's methodology
5 compared to other previously approved license
6 renewal applications that indeed have used an 80
7 percent thinning acceptance criterion?

8 DR. HISER: Jim Medoff is here.

9 MEMBER STETKAR: Is their methodology
10 different?

11 DR. HISER: The main reviewer on a lot
12 of this.

13 MR. MEDOFF: This is Jim Medoff of the
14 staff. I was the peer reviewer for the flux
15 thimble tube inspection program for Diablo
16 Canyon.

17 The big difference is some of the
18 other applicants have adopted the WCAP 12866
19 methodology. So their acceptance criteria is set
20 to 80 percent on that basis, and then the
21 Westinghouse methodology included uncertainty to
22 derive that 80 percent through-wall wear
23 acceptance criteria.

24 For Diablo Canyon, it is a little bit
25 different. They have a certain procedure that

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1 refers to a different Westinghouse plant specific
2 calculation for them, and that calculation set
3 the acceptable wear criterion to 68 percent
4 through wall, including uncertainty.

5 Then later on, the applicant had done
6 a 50.59 to that Westinghouse methodology to
7 remove the uncertainty based on a comparison to
8 the WCAP methodology, even though it is not
9 really part of their licensing basis.

10 CHAIRMAN BLEY: Compared to the new
11 WCAP methodology?

12 MR. MEDOFF: Yes. Yes. So that is
13 what we are trying to figure out, whether that is
14 an acceptable basis or not, and we are looking
15 that over.

16 The other matter is the wear
17 projections, including whether it should have
18 uncertainties in it, and to figure out whether
19 the way they do wear projection is conservative.

20 Their current program does wear projections on a
21 linear basis, but some of the wear history that
22 we have audited for the program may indicate that
23 they are getting some non-linear wear, and we are
24 wondering whether the linear basis is
25 conservative at this point.

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1 They have given us access to some non-
2 docketed information that we are doing sort of an
3 informal audit of now to see whether we can
4 accept their projected basis. So it is under
5 review right now.

6 MEMBER STETKAR: Is that non-linear
7 wear history specifically focused on that L-3
8 flux thimble tube?

9 MR. MEDOFF: I think there are two
10 others that may have non-linear basis, and that
11 is why we are checking the data right now.

12 MEMBER STETKAR: I will tell you, I
13 plotted out the actual wear history on that tube
14 and, although it is not a perfectly straight
15 line, it is pretty doggone close to a straight
16 line. So a linear projection didn't look too bad
17 to me at least -- well, and the four years of
18 data they had.

19 DR. HISER: But those are three
20 different areas that have worn. It is not the
21 same area.

22 MR. MEDOFF: And the other thing is
23 that the one outage that they had some wear, they
24 have not stated in their slide projection. They
25 had replaced that tube in outage 10, and they had

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1 a certain amount of wear in outage 11. They
2 didn't do any corrective action, because it was
3 so low, and then the subsequent outage, they
4 found even more wear. So it went from like 16
5 percent up to somewhere in the thirties or
6 forties. Then they repositioned the first time.

7 DR. HISER: And then it went up to
8 about 46 percent in the third year, which is
9 another 16 percent.

10 MR. MEDOFF: So this tube was a real
11 anomaly, I think, for the facility. We are
12 looking at some of the other tube data to see if
13 this is happening in other tubs.

14 MEMBER STETKAR: My only concern in
15 terms of consistency in these reviews is that I
16 recognize they had a failure which was an
17 anomaly. You wouldn't have expected a failure
18 after that short a period of time.

19 I hope the staff is not overreacting
20 to that singular event and applying consistent
21 criteria for these programs across the entire
22 fleet, because the small sample that I took
23 seemed to be -- Now I am not familiar with the
24 actual detailed methods. There may be some
25 subtleties in the methods that they are using

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1 that is the concern, because the way I read the
2 SER, it was strictly on the acceptance criterion,
3 whether or not you have applied uncertainties on
4 it. To me, a 68 percent wear without uncertainty
5 probably adequately applies -- you know, covers
6 uncertainty up to an 80 percent that probably
7 does include uncertainties.

8 DR. HISER: Yes. I guess the one
9 concern was the inconsistency within their
10 procedures. The procedure referred to a
11 calculation that said 68 percent, and included 10
12 percent uncertainty. They were not including the
13 10 percent uncertainty, and that basis was what
14 we were seeking.

15 MEMBER STETKAR: So you would have
16 expected them to use 58 percent?

17 DR. HISER: Well, that is what their
18 calculation would have indicated, that that is
19 what they should have used.

20 MEMBER STETKAR: Well, had you earlier
21 looked at the 59.59 that, I think, I heard
22 changed that?

23 DR. HISER: No.

24 MR. MEDOFF: No, and we may -- It is
25 still an open item. We may accept their basis,

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1 but it is under review, at least on the
2 uncertainty. The projection -- The wear
3 projection methodology is something we are going
4 to have to look in a little bit deeper, based on
5 the inspection data that they have given us
6 access to.

7 DR. HISER: I didn't mean to indicate
8 that we overreacted to the one tube that leaked,
9 but we do want to understand from their
10 comprehensive data whether their wear projection
11 methodology is conservative or nonconservative,
12 and just to ensure that they do get conservative
13 projections.

14 MEMBER ABDEL-KHALIK: Now you stated
15 that this is unusual OE. If that is the case,
16 and if the cause is flow induced wear, has the
17 staff asked what would be the possible
18 implication beyond just the impact on wear of the
19 flux thimble tubes?

20 The example would be does that mean
21 that the lower plenum anomaly in this particular
22 plant may be much more severe than what is
23 predicted by the scaled experiments performed by
24 Westinghouse, so that there may be an impact on
25 core design calculations?

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1 MR. MEDOFF: May I address that,
2 Allen? One of the reasons the GALL program is
3 written the way it is, is back for a previous
4 application they did apply the Westinghouse --
5 they were applying the Westinghouse methodology,
6 and I reminded the applicant that the bulletin
7 has directed that you are supposed to use your
8 own plant specific data in coming up with your
9 wear projections and setting your acceptance
10 criteria.

11 MEMBER ABDEL-KHALIK: I think that you
12 and I are talking about different Westinghouse
13 data.

14 DR. HISER: Let me take a crack at
15 that. The excessive accelerated wear in this
16 thimble tube, the applicant has indicated through
17 their failure analysis was due to the tube being
18 repositioned outside of the chrome band, and I
19 think that is the cause of the failure.

20 I am not aware that any lower plenum
21 anomaly would have impacted that. Since that
22 tube was capped, as far as we know, there has not
23 been any other excessive wear locations
24 identified.

25 MEMBER ABDEL-KHALIK: This is a highly

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1 localized phenomenon.

2 DR. HISER: Yes.

3 MEMBER ABDEL-KHALIK: So if that is
4 the case, could be some sub-assemblies that would
5 be relatively starved for flow at the inlet to
6 the core?

7 DR. HISER: I am not that familiar
8 with the thermal hydraulics.

9 ME. MEDOFF: Yes. To get into that,
10 we would have to go back to some of the guys at
11 Division of Systems here at DSS and talk to them
12 about that.

13 MEMBER ABDEL-KHALIK: You promised to
14 give us some information later on. so we will
15 wait for you information then.

16 MR. MEDOFF: He has that information
17 now.

18 MEMBER ABDEL-KHALIK: You do? Well,
19 thank you. Please.

20 CHAIRMAN BLEY: We will let Diablo
21 Canyon tell it.

22 MR. MAYER: My name is Mark Mayer. We
23 checked back with our people back at the plant,
24 and we have had an evaluation performed by
25 Westinghouse, and the conclusion was that our

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1 internals are not susceptible to the phenomenon
2 known in the industry as lower plenum anomaly.

3 What we do have is a fair amount of
4 cross-flow like at the entrance of the core,
5 which does result in some excitation of the flux
6 thimble tubes.

7 MEMBER ABDEL-KHALIK: And that would
8 be the cause of the wear?

9 MR. MAYER: That is correct. Going
10 back to your other half of your question, the
11 indications that we would see for lower plenum
12 anomaly would be a combination of sudden changes
13 in core exit thermocouple indications in
14 conjunction with step changes in the indicated
15 RCS flow.

16 MEMBER ABDEL-KHALIK: You could
17 resolve lower plenum anomaly with core exit
18 thermocouples?

19 MR. MAYER: They correlate.

20 MEMBER ABDEL-KHALIK: Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN BLEY: Said, you accept that,
22 do you?

23 MEMBER ABDEL-KHALIK: No, I don't, but
24 it is not important to this.

25 MR. FERRER: If there is no other

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1 questions, we will move on. Bill Holston will be
2 discussing the buried piping and tanks inspection
3 program open item.

4 MR. HOLSTON: So we discussed some of
5 this in standard pieces throughout the
6 presentation, but to summarize it all, without
7 going through how the applicant adjusted their
8 program based on recent operating experience,
9 they have confirmed that their backfill won't
10 damage coatings or the piping.

11 Steel piping is coated. The soil
12 conditions are acceptable for no coatings on
13 their stainless, their copper, and their asbestos
14 concrete pipe.

15 We have already discussed that they
16 have cathodically protected the steel piping,
17 with the exception of 40 feet of the salt water
18 piping. That is going to be cathodically
19 protected by the period of extended operation
20 and, given that it is not currently cathodically
21 protected, they are augmenting their number of
22 inspections from one to four for that system
23 until it is cathodically protected.

24 Overall, they increased the number of
25 inspections from originally proposed, which was

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1 two over the 30-year period, to 12 inspections.

2 The two items that were still open at
3 the time of the SER, we have talked about, and
4 that was the resolution of where the copper
5 valves in scope are not copper alloy, the bronze
6 valves, and the steel piping that was in the
7 makeup system that was buried, and the applicant
8 talked about how they changed their isolation
9 point and less their boundary of the license
10 renewal such that the steel piping was no longer
11 in scope. They appropriately modified their
12 operating procedures to use that as a boundary
13 valve. Are there any other questions?

14 MEMBER STETKAR: Yes. Simple. I
15 couldn't follow all the bits and pieces. So let
16 me just ask you: Rev 2 of the GALL report has
17 fairly detailed tabulations of the number of
18 inspections and the types of inspections as a
19 function of all of the different parameters you
20 have mentioned, backfill, cathodic protection
21 type of pipe, etcetera, etcetera.

22 With the exception of the current
23 issues that are under discussion, is Diablo's
24 proposed inspection program consistent with those
25 recommendations?

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1 MR. HOLSTON: Yes, sir, it is. And
2 including the 40 feet of piping that is not
3 cathodically protected.

4 MEMBER STETKAR: I just couldn't -- I
5 didn't know the piping lengths. Fine. That is
6 all. Yes is a good answer. Thank you.

7 MR. FERRER: Thanks, Bill. I will now
8 cover the two confirmatory items. Confirmatory
9 item 3.0.3.2.14-1 relates to the inaccessible
10 medium-voltage cables not subject to 10 CFR
11 50.49, Environmental Qualification Requirements
12 Program.

13 The staff requested additional
14 information on how the program would account for
15 recent operating experience. In is response, as
16 the applicant stated previously, they increased
17 the scope of the program, removed the significant
18 voltage screening criteria, and increased their
19 manhole inspections to one year.

20 The staff had identified that we
21 needed clarification on the applicant's
22 justification for not performing the event-driven
23 inspections as well as the use of the 10-year
24 testing frequency, and since then the applicant
25 has, as they stated, submitted a response by

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1 letter dated January 7th. They have provided the
2 additional details, and the staff believes we
3 will be able to close it.

4 Are there any additional questions on
5 this?

6 The structures monitoring program
7 confirmatory item: Again, to recap a little bit,
8 the staff noted that the Unit 2 spent fuel pool
9 has the persistent but minor leakage. As part of
10 the response, the applicant clarified that the
11 leakage is contained within the leak chase
12 system, and that they were inspected in March
13 2010 and were not blocked.

14 Then they initially committed to
15 perform that follow-up inspection, and our
16 concern was about the timing. They have since
17 then submitted their commitment to perform the
18 inspection one year to prior to entering the
19 period of extended operation. So the staff
20 believes it will be able to close this item as
21 well.

22 Are there any questions on that?

23 DR. BARTON: The structures
24 monitoring: Is there any example of exterior
25 containment cracking at the site?

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1 MR. FERRER: Abdul Sheikh can speak to
2 that.

3 MR. SHEIKH: This is Abdul Sheikh on
4 the NRC staff. When we did the audit, we looked
5 at this closely, and the first thing we noticed
6 was the applicant's program for inspection, and
7 we found that they were inspecting the concrete
8 every 10 years instead of the requirement of five
9 years. So we discussed this with the applicant,
10 and the applicant has changed their procedures,
11 and they are inspecting every five years.

12 Then we looked at their criteria for
13 inspection on how they record the degradation of
14 concrete, and we found that it was not consistent
15 with the industry criteria, which is ACI-349. So
16 we asked the applicant about it, and applicant
17 has agreed to change their procedures to inspect
18 it according to the industry criteria.

19 Then we asked them to look at all the
20 discrepancies they have for spalling and
21 degradation in concrete which they have recorded
22 based on the new criteria, and their engineers
23 have looked at it and found all of them are
24 accepted within the criteria.

25 DR. BARTON: Thank you. The reason I

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1 bring that is, in the SER Structures Monitoring
2 Program, the operating experience section of that
3 describes instance of concrete delamination,
4 spalling exterior containment, corrosion of
5 containment and liner, cracking at Turbine
6 Building concrete piers to the turbine pedestal,
7 and conditions of the concrete intake structure.

8 I guess my overall question is: Does
9 the staff feel that the applicant has got all
10 this under control or is the plant crumbling
11 around it?

12 MR. PICK: During our on-site
13 inspection, looking at that same inspection
14 report where we noticed the strain gauge boxes,
15 there were also photographs of cracks on the
16 exterior of the containment, but they were --
17 Many of them did not have a gauge to figure out
18 how wide they were, but a couple of them showed a
19 pop-out the size of an eighth of an inch.

20 So there is some small cracking on the
21 exterior of the containment. But the answer of
22 the concern of whether it is falling down around
23 us, the staff felt that the material condition of
24 the areas that we reviewed looked good.

25 DR. BARTON: That section just

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1 describes a lot of misery in inspector concrete
2 cracks and stuff like that, not just in the
3 containment but turbine piers at a pedestal and
4 stuff like that. So just wonder whether you guys
5 looked at all that and you've got some concern
6 about those areas, or not. That is all I am
7 asking.

8 MR. PICK: Our structural inspector
9 also looked at the base of many of the tanks,
10 even up to the raw water ponds. Basically,
11 everywhere that he could physically walk and
12 access, he did, and he reported back that he did
13 not have any concerns with the concrete.

14 MR. FERRER: Any other questions? We
15 will now move on to SER Section 4, which contains
16 the staff's review of time-limited aging
17 analyses. In this section, we will focus mainly
18 on the three open items and any additional items
19 of interest.

20 Section 4.2 of the SER documents the
21 staff's review of the reactor vessel neutron
22 embrittlement time limited aging analyses. With
23 regard to the pressurized thermal shock, Diablo
24 Canyon has one insensible weld not meeting the 10
25 CFR 50.61 pressurized thermal shock screening

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1 criteria, and this slide provides the information
2 on the Unit 1 lower shell longitudinal weld noted
3 up there.

4 The applicant stated that it would
5 either implement 10 CFR 50.61(a) at least three
6 years prior to exceeding the PTS screening
7 criteria or, if it cannot meet that, it would
8 implement alternate options, such as flux
9 reduction.

10 So unless there are any questions,
11 Allen Hiser will now discuss the three open
12 items.

13 MEMBER SHACK: Is this the first time
14 that they have asked for 50.61(a)?

15 DR. HISER: I believe it is the first
16 time any applicant has asked for it.

17 MEMBER SHACK: Has Beaver Valley come
18 back? I mean, they had sort of committed to
19 something like flux reduction. Right?

20 DR. HISER: I am not sure what their
21 measures are. Within the 54.21(c)(iii) EV
22 management, they have a variety of options that
23 they could implement.

24 MEMBER SHACK: But they haven't come
25 back for them?

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1 DR. HISER: No, I don't believe so at
2 this point. And, generally, they would have
3 flexibility within the PTS rule, for example, to
4 wait until three years before they would exceed
5 the PTS screening criteria before they would have
6 to identify to the staff additional actions that
7 they were going to take.

8 During the staff's review of Section 4
9 on time-limited aging analyses, the staff
10 identified two TLAAs that the applicant had
11 indicated that there was no TLAA, the first area
12 on reactor coolant pressure boundary valves.

13 The staff routinely reviews the
14 application and the design codes that are cited
15 in the application to ensure that there are no
16 TLAAs that relate to those analyses. In the case
17 of this application, there was insufficient
18 information for the staff to do that review, and
19 at this point that is still an open item.

20 We have received a response, but we
21 have not completed our review of that response.

22 On the baffle and former bolts, there
23 is an existing ASME Section 3 cumulative usage
24 factor calculation on fatigue. The applicant
25 indicated that that was not a TLAA, because they

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1 would be providing aging management using MRP-227
2 inspection criteria.

3 Although that is technically one way
4 to manage fatigue, it is not consistent with the
5 Section 3 requirements that you maintain your
6 design basis and maintain a cumulative usage
7 factor. The applicant has provided a response,
8 and again we are evaluating the acceptability of
9 that response.

10 If we move to the next slide, metal
11 fatigue is another area where the staff
12 identified the need for additional information.
13 Even after reviewing that additional information,
14 we ended up with an open item, 4.3-1. It had
15 several parts to it.

16 We have binned those, as indicated
17 here, under cycle counting, environmentally
18 assisted fatigue, and cumulative usage factors.
19 I believe the applicant did a fairly thorough
20 review of the various pieces of this open item.
21 So I don't want to go into anymore detail than
22 that.

23 We have received the open item RAI
24 response, and we are still reviewing that.

25 If there are no other questions?

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1 MEMBER STETKAR: Yes. Let me ask you
2 about cycle counting, because I got a chance to
3 ask Diablo. In the SER, Diablo used some sort of
4 methodology to infer the number of feedwater
5 cycle events, I guess, going to hot shutdown or
6 at hot shutdown transients based on the number of
7 pressurizer heat-up events. So there was some
8 sort of inferred correlation there.

9 I didn't quite understand how they did
10 that, because when I -- this again is a
11 consistency issue, because when I project the
12 number of pressurizer heat-ups using the
13 correlation that I thought they did, I come up
14 with a different number of projected feedwater
15 transients. So I am not quite sure what they
16 did. Do I care? Yeah, I do, for consistency.

17 They are well in the margin, but I
18 like consistent numbers. However, I noted in the
19 SER it says the staff also independently
20 confirmed that the applicant's basis yields a
21 projected feedwater cycling event value of 685
22 events for Unit 1 -- yada, yada, yada.

23 In a separate paragraph, the staff has
24 independently calculated the number of feedwater
25 initiating events to be 685 initiations. Well, I

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1 could independently calculate those, because I
2 can multiple 14 times X and get those numbers.
3 Is that the independent calculation that you did
4 to confirm that 14 times X is --

5 MR. MEDOFF: We take the data they
6 give us, because they are doing --

7 MEMBER STETKAR: It is not an
8 independent calculation, is it? It is a sort of
9 can I multiply check. I am led to infer that you
10 had some other data and did some different type
11 of analysis on that.

12 MR. MEDOFF: We use the cycle counting
13 data they provide for us.

14 MEMBER STETKAR: So you check whether
15 their calculator could multiply. Thanks. I get
16 concerned about independently verified or
17 independently calculated numbers versus audited
18 their calculation and indeed confirmed that they
19 multiplied correctly.

20 MR. MEDOFF: But this is similar to
21 what we do for the PTS assessment that we gather
22 data.

23 MEMBER STETKAR: Well, but in some
24 cases, for example, in other parts of the reviews
25 and audits that the NRC staff does, they actually

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1 run separate, independent analyses; for example,
2 thermal hydraulic analyses or things like that,
3 that are actually independent calculations to
4 confirm an applicant's projections or analysis.

5 MR. MEDOFF: This is more of an
6 independent verification.

7 MEMBER STETKAR: Okay, thanks. I just
8 wanted to make sure I wasn't missing something.

9 DR. HISER: Okay, we are ready for the
10 next slide. Open item 4.7.5-1 covers the RHR
11 piping weld that the applicant described earlier.

12 During the staff's review, the staff
13 noted that the applicant did follow ASME code
14 requirements and that the location of the flaw
15 that they identified met the proximity rule
16 requirements of IWA 3300 of the ASME code and,
17 therefore, in their fracture stability
18 calculation they assumed that it was a
19 throughwall flaw.

20 The staff felt that it was
21 inconsistent then for the applicant to not use --
22 or not assume a stress corrosion cracking or a
23 water environment for that flaw, and asked the
24 applicant to justify its position. As indicated
25 by the applicant, they have gone ahead and done

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1 the stress corrosion cracking calculation and had
2 submitted that to the staff. We have not
3 completed our review of that, but will do so and
4 we will document that in the final SER.

5 So that is the open item related to
6 the RHR weld.

7 MR. FERRER: In closing, the staff is
8 working to resolve the open items and, pending
9 resolution of these items, the staff is working
10 to issue the SER. Again, thank you for the
11 opportunity to discuss the staff's review of the
12 Diablo Canyon license renewal application.

13 CHAIRMAN BLEY: Anymore questions from
14 the Committee? Thank you very much for the
15 presentations.

16 At this point, Diablo Canyon has some
17 answers to questions we had asked earlier.

18 MR. SHARP: Loren Sharp from Diablo
19 Canyon. If I could have David Gerber answer the
20 question on cycles.

21 MR. GERBER: My name is Dave Gerber.
22 I am with Structural Integrity Associates, and I
23 am on the Diablo Canyon License Renewal Team.

24 The question, as I understood it, is
25 why is the baseline number of the aux spray

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1 during plant cooldown events not two times the
2 number of plant cooldown events?

3 MEMBER STETKAR: Yes.

4 MR. GERBER: The answer is that we
5 took two different periods of time to make this
6 evaluation. The first period of time there was
7 no -- The plant data available to do counting was
8 not available. The second period of time, the
9 plant's data was available.

10 For the first period, we applied the
11 two times rule, aux spray during plant cooldown
12 equals two times plant cooldown. For the second
13 period we actually counted both plant cooldowns
14 and aux spray during plant cooldowns. Thus, the
15 projection could and did divert.

16 MEMBER STETKAR: Thanks. Thank you.

17 MR. SHARP: Thank you. I believe that
18 answers all, but we still owe you one, I believe.

19 CHAIRMAN BLEY: At this time, I would
20 ask if there are any comments from the public
21 attending the meeting.

22 I would like to go around and have
23 members of the Committee provide any comments on
24 what we have heard today, and then we get our
25 consultant after that. So if we can start with

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1 Jack Sieber.

2 MEMBER SIEBER: I think that the level
3 of review and the quality application is
4 consistent with most of the plants that we have
5 reviewed. I think there are unanswered questions
6 and, obviously, there are open items, RAIs that
7 we will have to look at before we get to the
8 final meeting, but I think the actions taken for
9 the issues that I am concerned about are
10 consistent with the ways that industry has
11 basically solved the problems at hand, and I
12 think that the applicant is basically aware of
13 the issues that exist with this type of plant and
14 this environment.

15 So I am reasonably satisfied that
16 progress is being made.

17 CHAIRMAN BLEY: Thank you. Harold?

18 MEMBER RAY: I don't have anything to
19 add.

20 CHAIRMAN BLEY: Sam?

21 MEMBER ARMIJO: Yes. I thought it was
22 a very good presentation. I think the plant,
23 based on the inspection results and all the
24 information provided, is in good shape. The
25 arguments about the weld flaw and what it means

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1 and whether it is going to grow are very
2 persuasive to me, particularly when the
3 temperatures are as low as they are, but the UT
4 examination technique, I thought, was very good.

5 So I don't think that is a big concern.

6 Although it wasn't presented, I did
7 review the material on the water chemistry and
8 the material degradation in the plant over the
9 lifetime. I think, based on that information, it
10 has been excellent, and I think the very few
11 stress corrosion cracking events attest to that
12 very good control of the operating environment,
13 and I think that will continue during the period
14 of extended operation.

15 So overall, I think it is in very good
16 shape.

17 CHAIRMAN BLEY: Thank you.

18 MEMBER ABDEL-KHALIK: I have no
19 additional remarks.

20 CHAIRMAN BLEY: John?

21 MEMBER STETKAR: Nothing. Nothing at
22 all. I think the staff did a really good review.

23 So I congratulate them on another good job well
24 done.

25 MEMBER RYAN: I second what has been

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1 said before, and I also appreciate the applicant
2 bringing, I think, promising weather from the
3 plant here today.

4 CHAIRMAN BLEY: There is nothing in
5 the store, Mike. Come on.

6 MEMBER RYAN: I appreciate the fact
7 that you brought everybody here to answer any
8 question we might have. Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN BLEY: Bill?

10 MEMBER SHACK: Nothing additional.

11 CHAIRMAN BLEY: Mike?

12 MEMBER CORRADINI: Nothing additional.

13 CHAIRMAN BLEY: Nothing more from me,
14 although just to check my counting on the
15 questions that Jack raised, did I count right?
16 Are there only two open items left that still
17 need resolution, the flux thimbles and the stress
18 corrosion cracking?

19 MR. FERRER: Also, the TLAA
20 identification of metal fatigue, we are still
21 reviewing those as well.

22 DR. HISER: We just have not completed
23 our reviews of those items, the TLAA.

24 CHAIRMAN BLEY: Did we have a phone
25 line open? I don't think so.

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1 MR. BENSON: Yes, we did have some
2 people call in.

3 CHAIRMAN BLEY: Want to open it up and
4 see if we have public comments from them? Can we
5 do that?

6 CHAIRMAN BLEY: Oh, I am sorry. John
7 Barton. I forgot. I just slid right by.
8 Please. You should have yelled at me.

9 DR. BARTON: I usually don't give out
10 kudos, but I got to give that to the staff. I
11 mean, after seeing the number of RAIs, follow-up
12 RAIs, conference calls -- I mean, it had to get
13 pretty tough.

14 You know, we are doing -- this is 62,
15 63, somewhere in there, in license --

16 CHAIRMAN BLEY: Sixty-three.

17 DR. BARTON: And I guess I have looked
18 at about 42 of them. This application looked
19 like it was the initial plants when GALL was out,
20 before NEI came on board, and I just thought it
21 was not very good quality.

22 I feel a lot better today after
23 hearing the applicant's presentation and the
24 staff's work that they have done in reviewing
25 this thing. But I just expected at this stage of

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1 the process a lot better application than what
2 you people received, and I think those are -- I
3 don't see any major issue that says that this
4 plant doesn't deserve license extension after all
5 the issues are resolved. It just didn't look
6 good from the get-go. That is all I am going to
7 say.

8 CHAIRMAN BLEY: Thank you, John.

9 I think the phone line is open now.
10 If anybody is on the phone, please just say a
11 word so we know you are there, hello or
12 something. Oh, there is somebody there. So if
13 anyone listening in on the phone line cares to
14 make a comment, we would be glad to entertain
15 that at this point in time. Identify yourself
16 and make your comments, please. I take nobody
17 wants to.

18 I want to thank the applicant and the
19 staff for very good presentations and
20 discussions. We appreciate it a lot, and this
21 meeting is adjourned.

22 (Whereupon, the foregoing matter went
23 off the record at 4:31 p.m.)
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Jim Becker
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DIABLO CANYON POWER PLANT

PERSONNEL IN ATTENDANCE

- Jim Becker, Site Vice President
- Loren Sharp, Senior Director Technical Services
- Mike Wright, Engineering Manager
- Terry Grebel, License Renewal Project Manager
- STARS Center of Business and Plant Staff

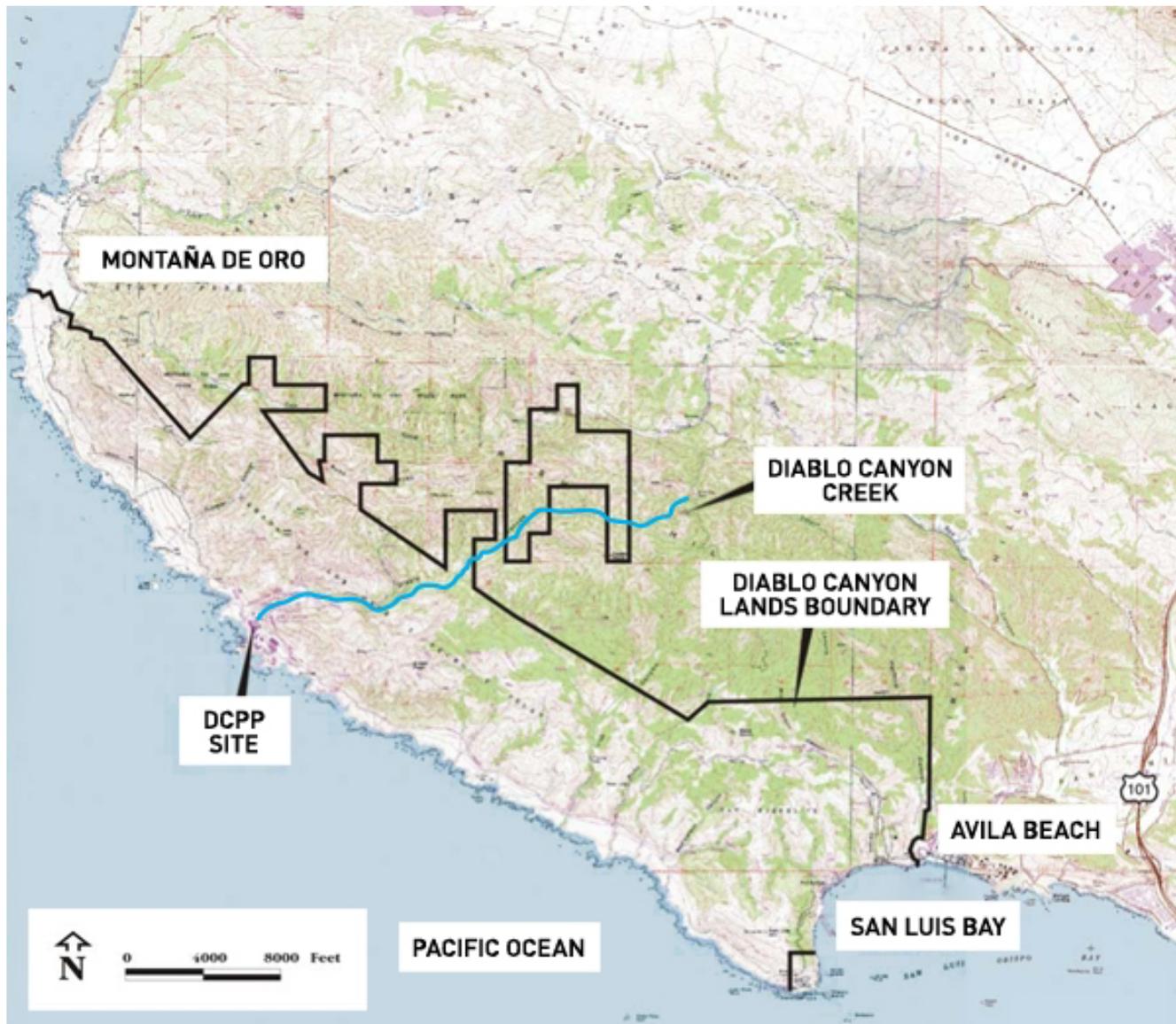


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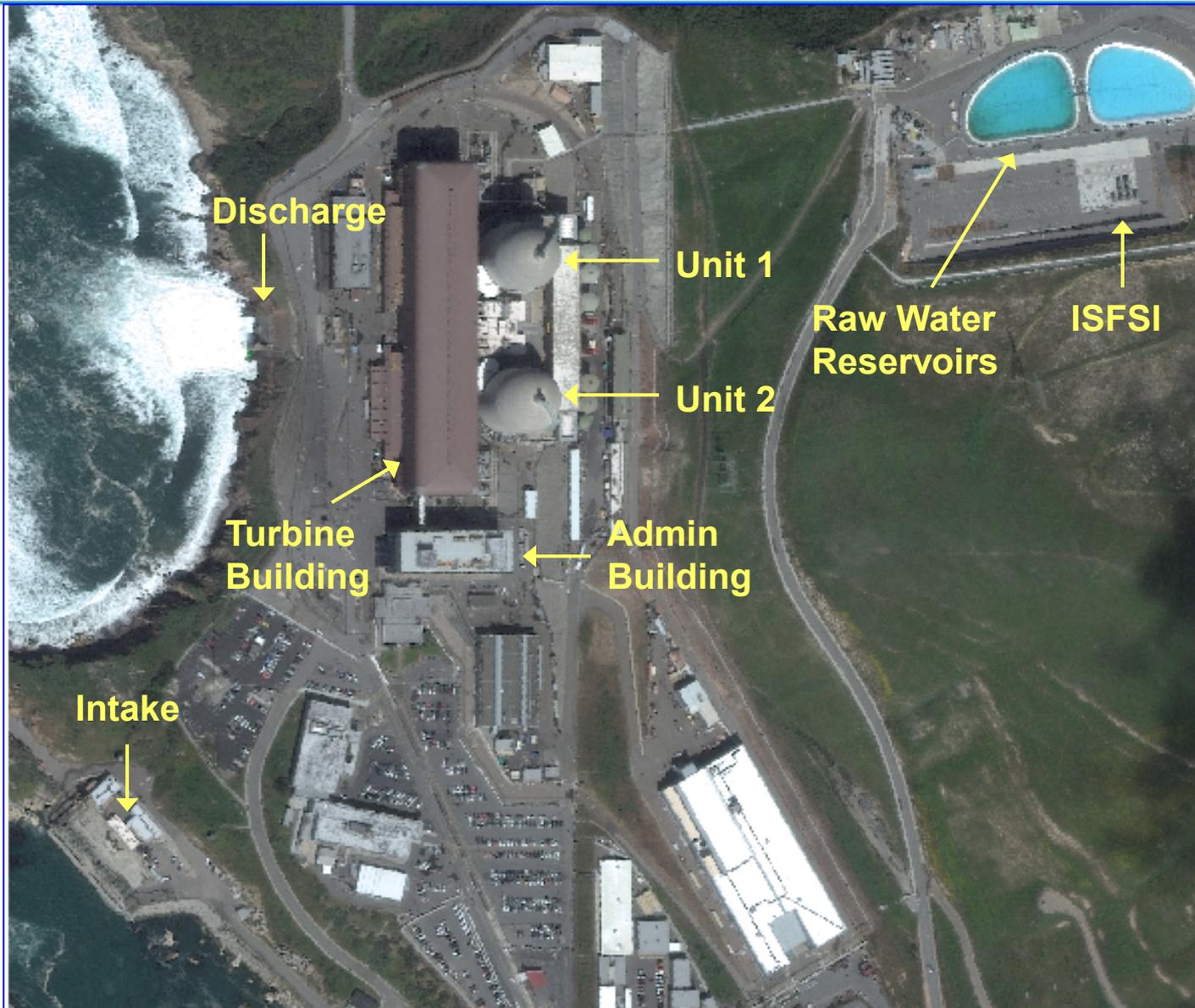
- Introductions
- Site and Station Description
- Plant History
- Major Improvements
- GALL Consistency and Commitments
- Safety Evaluation Report Open and Confirmatory Items
 - Flux Thimble Tube Inspection Program
 - Flaw Growth Evaluation for RHR
 - Scoping and Screening
 - Buried Piping and Tanks Inspection Program
 - TLAA Identification
 - Metal Fatigue
- Concluding Remarks



SITE DESCRIPTION



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STATION DESCRIPTION

- Two Units
 - Common operating procedures/design
- 4 loop Westinghouse NSSS 3411 MWt
- PG&E was architect/engineer with Bechtel support
- Once-through cooling
- Containment – free standing, steel-lined, reinforced concrete building
- PG&E owner and operator
- PG&E owns and operates the switchyards and the high voltage transmission system



Loren Sharp
Senior Director, Technical Services



STARS CENTER OF BUSINESS

- Strategic Teaming and Resource Sharing (STARS) Alliance
Center of Business
 - Seven large PWR stations in Region IV
 - Center of Business created to prepare license renewal applications for the member utilities
- Leadership, oversight and ownership by Diablo Canyon personnel through the License Renewal development and review phases, continuing through implementation



PLANT HISTORY

- Unit 1 full power operating license issued November 2, 1984
- Unit 2 full power operating license issued August 26, 1985
- October 2000, Unit 1 increased licensed power to 3411 MWt
- Unit 1 operating license expires November 2, 2024
- Unit 2 operating license expires August 26, 2025



MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS

- Steam Generators replaced
- Reactor Heads replaced
- Auxiliary Saltwater System piping bypass
- Diesel Fuel Oil tanks replaced
- Low Pressure Turbine rotors replaced
- 4 kV cables replaced
- 6th Emergency Diesel Generator added
- Main Generator Rotors replaced
- Feedwater heaters/MSR copper tubes replaced with stainless steel
- Main Bank and Start-up Transformers replaced
- Analog to Digital Control Systems upgraded
- Extensive FAC piping replacements



Terry Grebel
License Renewal Project Manager



GALL CONSISTENCY AND COMMITMENTS

- Total Aging Management Programs – 42
 - Existing Programs – 31
 - New Programs – 9
 - Plant Specific – 2
- Aging evaluations are greater than 93% consistent with GALL Rev 1 (standard notes A through E)
- License Renewal commitments – 64
- License Renewal commitments managed through the DCPD commitment tracking system which implements the guidance of NEI 99-04, Revision 0, “Guidelines for Managing NRC Commitment Changes”



SAFETY EVALUATION REPORT

- OPEN ITEMS – 8
 - Flux Thimble Tube Inspection Program
 - Flaw Growth Evaluation for RHR
 - Scoping and Screening (3 Open Items)
 - Buried Piping and Tanks Inspection Program
 - TLAA Identification
 - Metal Fatigue

- CONFIRMATORY ITEMS – 2
 - Cable Testing 6 Years Frequency
 - Spent Fuel Pool Leak Chase Inspection Schedule

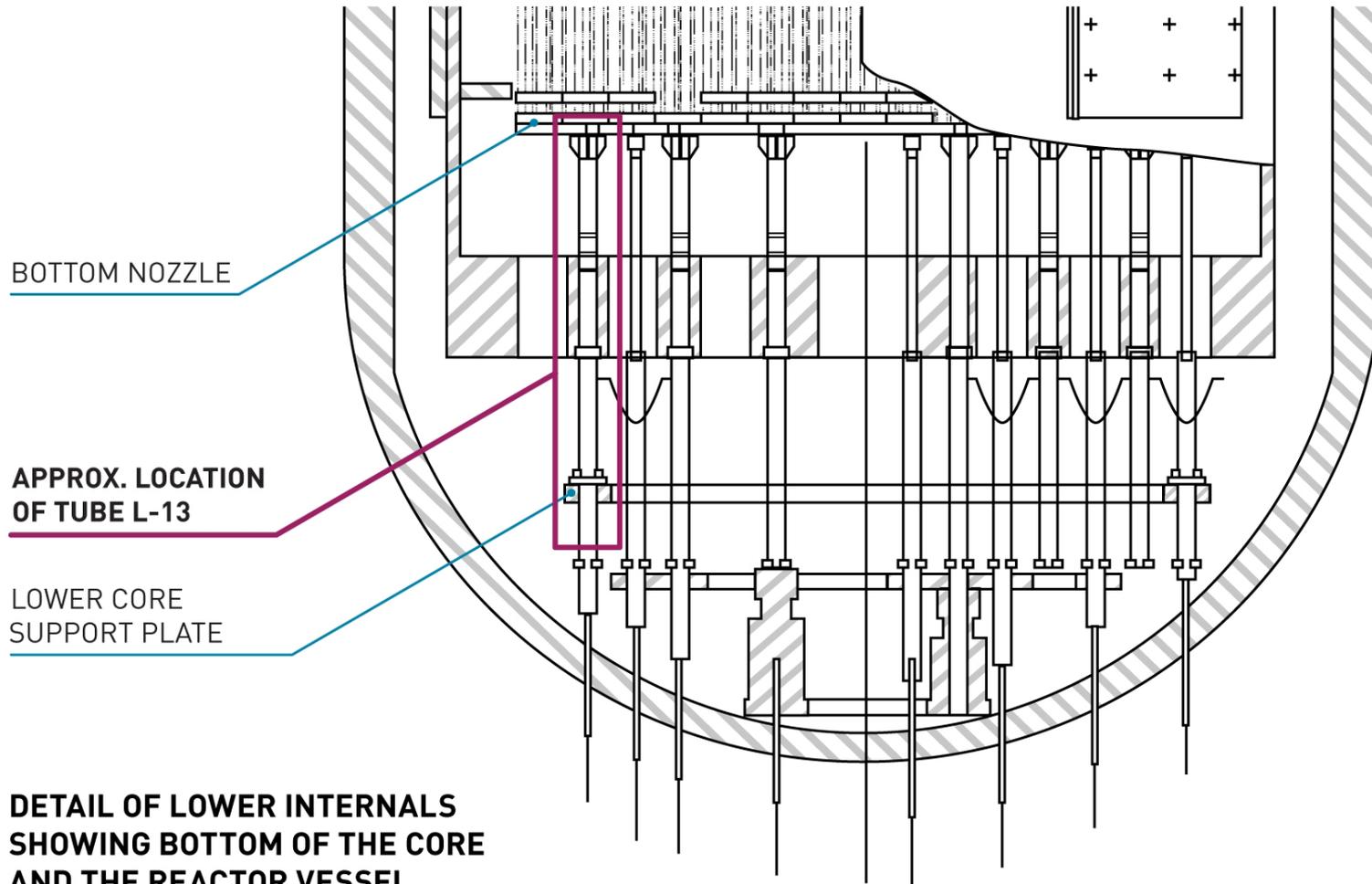


Flux Thimble Tube Inspection Program

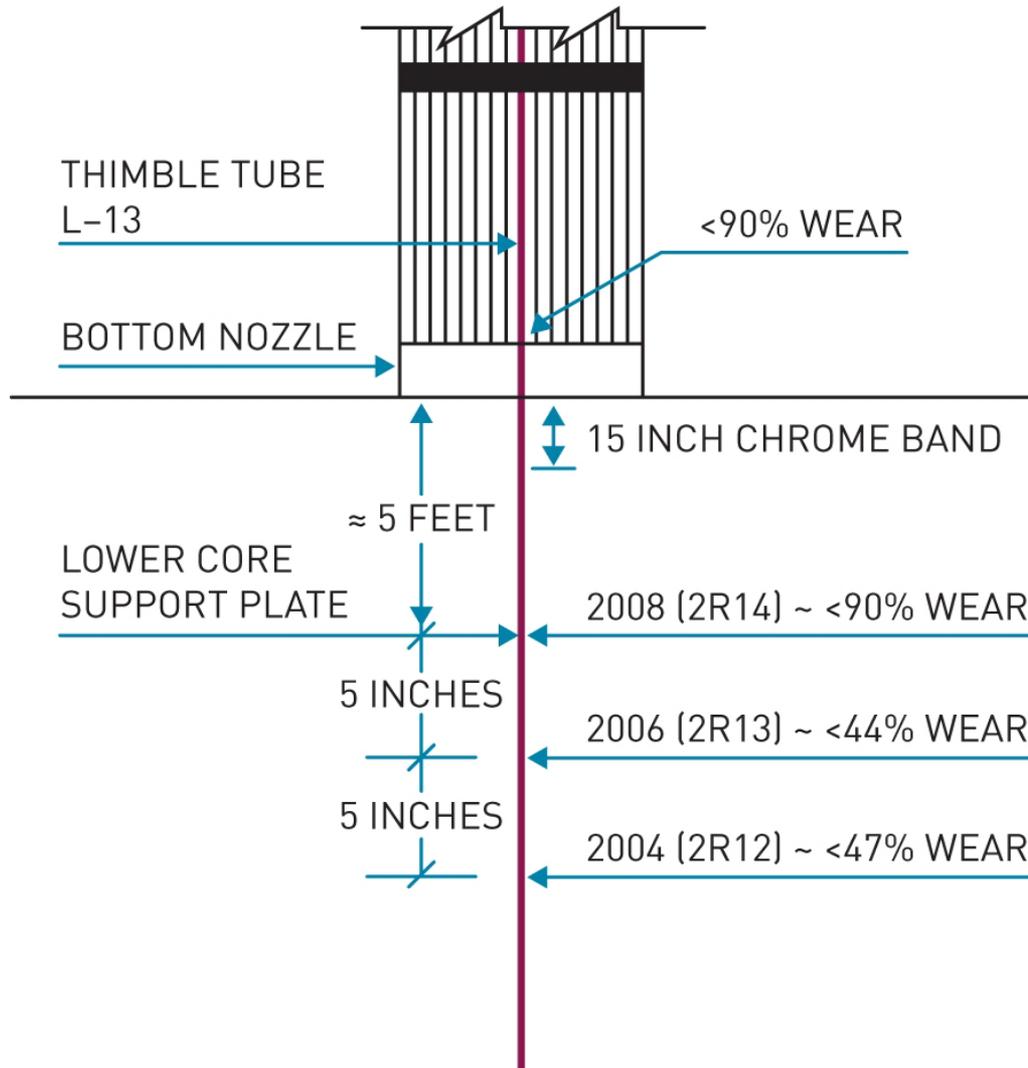
Mike Wright
Engineering Manager



DCPP THIMBLE TUBE BACKGROUND



DCPP THIMBLE TUBE L-13 HISTORY



NOTE: NOT TO SCALE

FLUX THIMBLE TUBE INSPECTION PROGRAM

OI 3.0.3.2.12-1 - RAI B2.1.21-1

- Issue:

- Based on Unit 2 thimble tube L-13 operating experience, justify an appropriate margin to account for NDE measurement and wear scar uncertainties

- Resolution:

- DCPD wear projection methodology was compared to Westinghouse WCAP-12866 using site-specific wear data
- WCAP methodology acceptance criteria is 80% wear (including uncertainties)
- DCPD acceptance criteria is 68% wear (17.5% margin from WCAP)
- DCPD acceptance criteria is conservative and comprehensive



FLUX THIMBLE TUBE INSPECTION PROGRAM

OI 3.0.3.2.12-1 - RAI B2.1.21-2

- Issue:

- Additional information regarding L-13 FTT failure causes and corrective actions

- 2R14 (2008) L-13 actions & cause determination

Cause of Failure:

- L-13 thimble tube failure caused by flow-induced wear and plant practices that allowed multiple repositioning of thimble tubes
- Repositioning practices exposed non-chrome plated portion of the thimble tube to the bottom nozzle
- No cracking has been identified in any thimble tube eddy current examinations



FLUX THIMBLE TUBE INSPECTION PROGRAM

OI 3.0.3.2.12-1 - RAI B2.1.21-2

■ Resolution: Non-Linear Wear

- Procedure acceptance criteria revised to require capping or replacing tubes:
 - > 25% wear per year, or
 - Any tube with multiple wear scars, any two of which measured > 40% wear
- In addition:
 - Tube may only be repositioned 6 inches, and
 - Tube may only be repositioned once
- Replacement thimble tubes are supplied by Westinghouse with a 12 foot chrome plated band

FLUX THIMBLE TUBE INSPECTION PROGRAM

CONCLUSION

- PG&E is confident that the 68% acceptance criteria in combination with the additional procedural acceptance criteria is comprehensive and conservative



Flaw Growth Evaluation for RHR Piping Weld

David Gonzalez
ISI Supervisor



Flaw Growth Evaluation for RHR Piping Weld WIC-95

OI 4.7.5-1 – SER 4.7.5

- Issue:

- PG&E's basis for concluding that the flaw in Unit 1 RHR piping weld WIC-95 is not service-related
- PG&E's flaw analysis for this weld did not address stress corrosion cracking (SCC)

- Background:

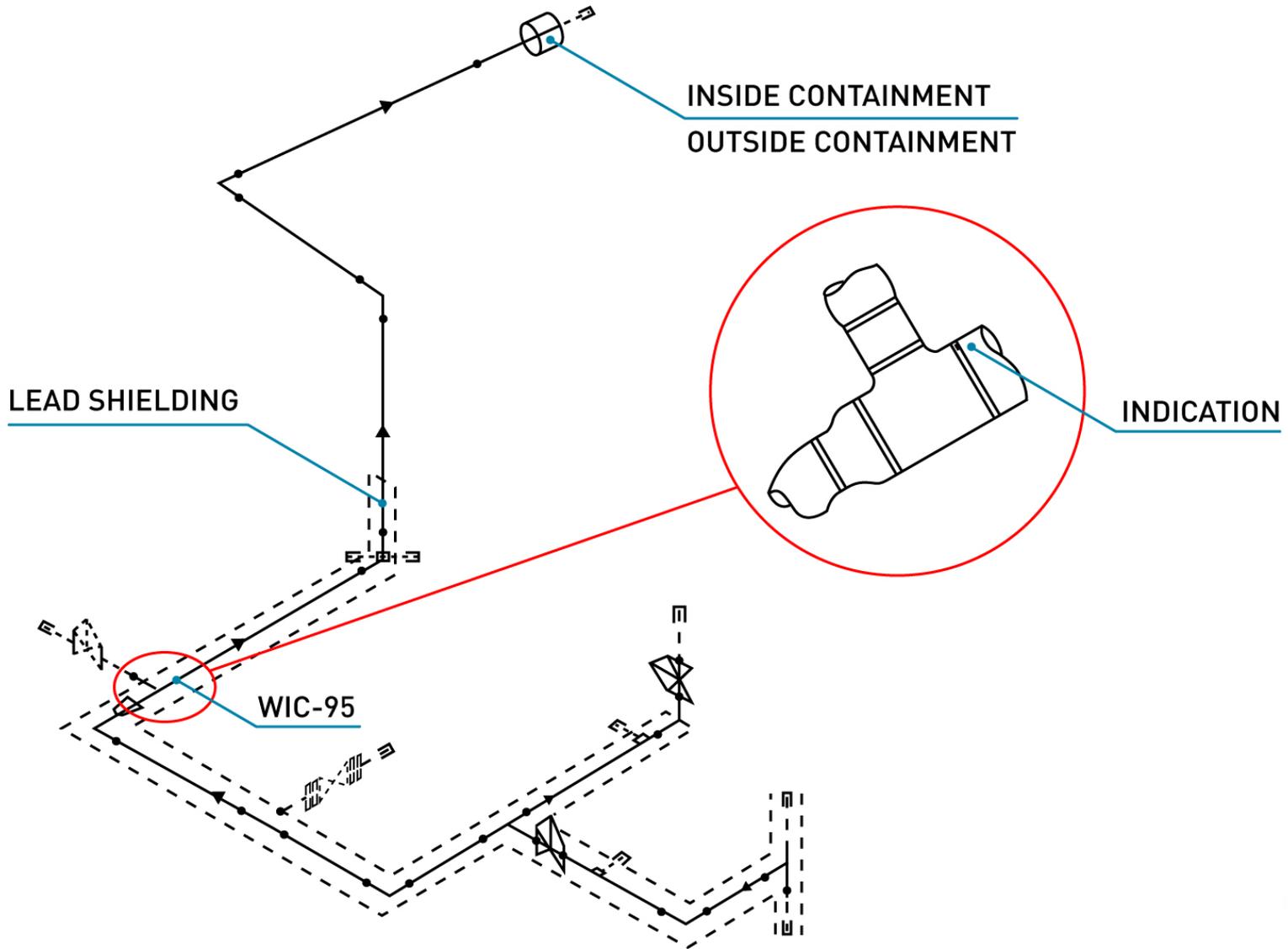
- Evaluated the characteristics of the flaw as non-service induced
- Fatigue crack growth evaluated with acceptable results
- Subsequent 2000 UT inspection result consistent with non-service induced (no growth)

- Resolution:

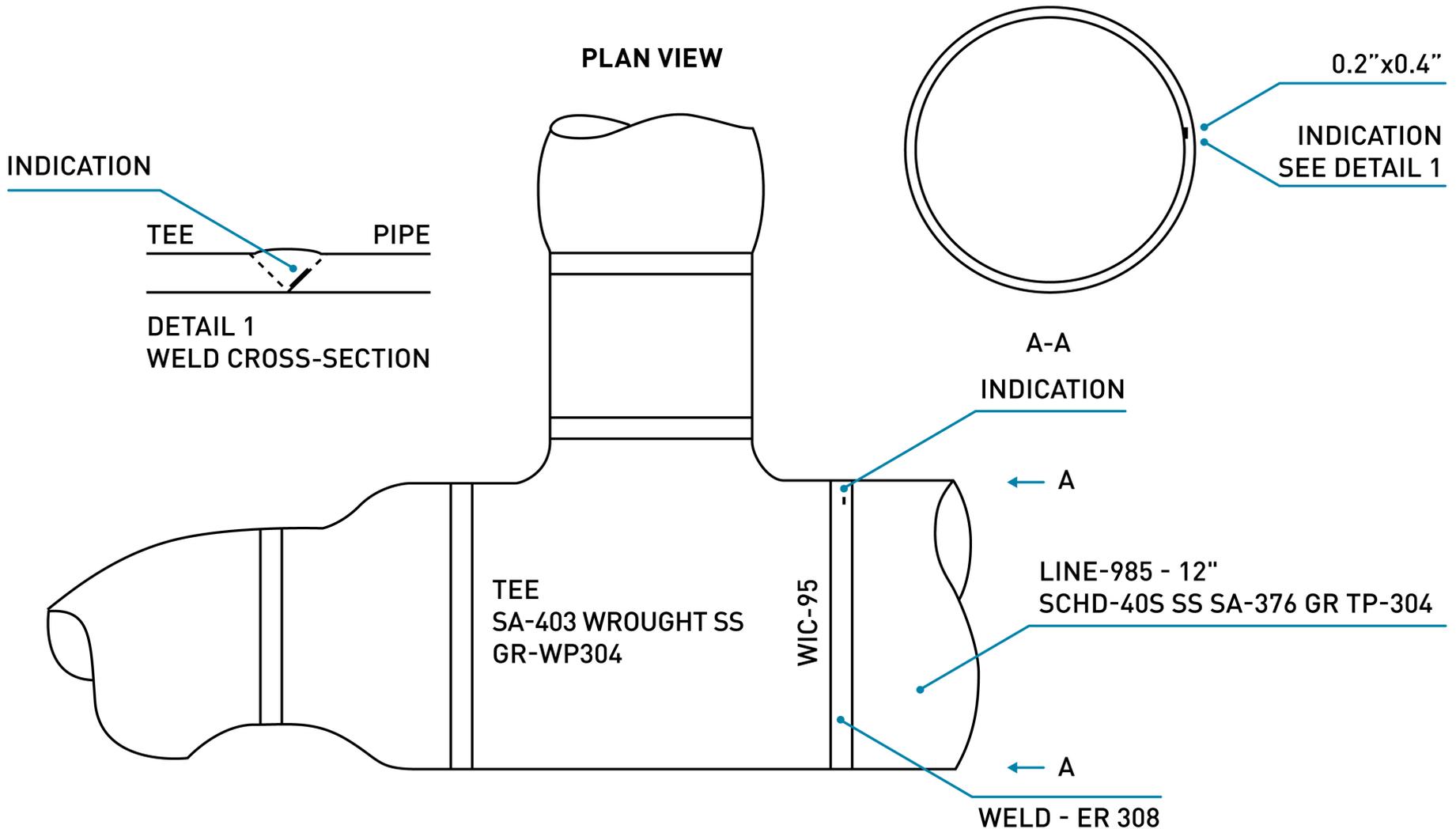
- SCC evaluation performed with acceptable results
- Confirmatory UT inspection of WIC-95 during the 2012 outage



Flaw Growth Evaluation for RHR Piping Weld WIC-95



Flaw Growth Evaluation for RHR Piping Weld WIC-95



Dave Miklush

Diablo Canyon License Renewal Project



SCOPING AND SCREENING

OI 2.1-1 – SER 2.1.4.1.2

- Issue:

- NSR fluid-filled components in the vicinity of SR components
 - (1) Rainwater entering HVAC ducting to vital 480V switchgear room
 - (2) Firewater piping in the vicinity of the Control Room Pressurization System I&C
 - (3) Firewater piping and domestic water piping in the vicinity of HVAC exhaust openings to 4kV switchgear room

- Resolution:

- (1) Enhanced water drainage provisions in Unit 2 HVAC exhaust ducting
- (2) Include in scope firewater piping under 10 CFR 54.4(a)(2)
- (3) Include in scope firewater and domestic water piping under 10 CFR 54.4(a)(2)

SCOPING AND SCREENING

OI 2.1-1 – SER 2.3

- Issue:

- NSR fluid-filled components leaking or spraying onto SR cables in electrical pull boxes

- Resolution:

- Pull boxes drain to building sumps or in-ground sumps
- In-scope pull boxes are physically separated from the sumps and from the pumps and discharge piping

SCOPING AND SCREENING

OI 2.1-1 – SER 2.3.3.7.2

- Issue:
 - NSR fluid-filled water traps spraying onto SR components

- Resolution:
 - This portion of system is not used
 - Commitment to close the upstream isolation valves and drain any contained water from the traps



SCOPING AND SCREENING

OI 2.3-1 – SER 2.3

- Issue:

- NSR tubing directly attached to SR solenoid valves in the compressed air system

- Resolution:

- All NSR tubing directly attached to SR solenoid valves in the compressed air system is included in scope up to the first seismic or equivalent anchor on the NSR side of the code break

SCOPING AND SCREENING

OI 2.3.3.14-1 – SER 2.3.3.14.2

- Issue:

- Scoping methodology of Diesel Generator compressor unloader line endpoint for pressure boundary function

- Resolution:

- Design change relocates unloader tubing to the compressor discharge piping upstream of the pressure boundary isolation check valve
- After design change unloader line is no longer in-scope
- Completed on Unit 1; Unit 2 scheduled for April 2011



BURIED PIPING AND TANKS INSPECTION PROGRAM

OI 3.0.3.2.8-1 – SER 3.0.3.2.8

- Issue:

- Management of aging effect for buried copper valves in the Makeup Water System
- Clarification of in-scope steel pipe in the Makeup Water System

- Resolution:

- Buried copper valves will be managed by the Buried Piping and Tanks Inspection Program
- Commitment to enhance operating procedure to close Makeup Water System isolation valve in event of a pressure boundary failure and removed steel piping and components from scope



Michelle Albright

Diablo Canyon License Renewal Project



TIME-LIMITED AGING ANALYSES IDENTIFICATION

OI 4.1-1

- RAIs:
 - Reactor coolant pressure boundary valves
 - Baffle and former bolts

- Resolution:
 - Confirmed DCCP design codes for the reactor coolant pressure boundary valves do not require a fatigue analysis
 - Fatigue of the baffle and former bolts is managed by the Reactor Vessel Internals AMP



METAL FATIGUE

OI 4.3-1

- **Additional information**
 - Replacement reactor head CUF values
 - AMR revisions for piping system cumulative fatigue damage
- **Clarification**
 - Cycle counting for upper and lower core plates
 - Cycle estimates for the “Auxiliary Spray during Plant Cooldown” transient
 - Charging system cycle estimate methodology during unmonitored periods
 - Electrical raceway seismic evaluation requirements
- **FSAR/CLB enhancement**
 - Load-following transients used in design analyses and the FSAR
 - Monitoring transients in non-CUF type analyses
- **Evaluate DCCP Environmentally-Assisted Fatigue analyses**



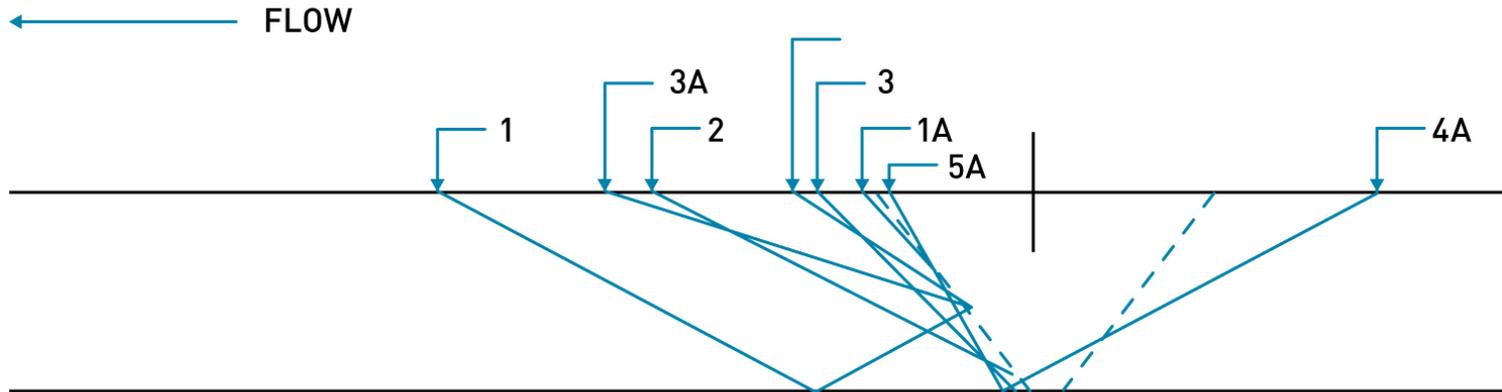
Concluding Remarks

Jim Becker

Site Vice President



Flaw Growth Evaluation for RHR Piping Weld WIC-95



WIC-95

1=70S	(63°)	4/29/97
1A=45L	(41°)	5/02/97
2=70S	(63°)	4/29/97
2A=60L	(58°)	5/02/97
3=45L	(41°)	4/29/97
3A=0D	CREEPER	5/02/97
4A=70S	(63°)	5/02/97
5A=WSY		5/02/97

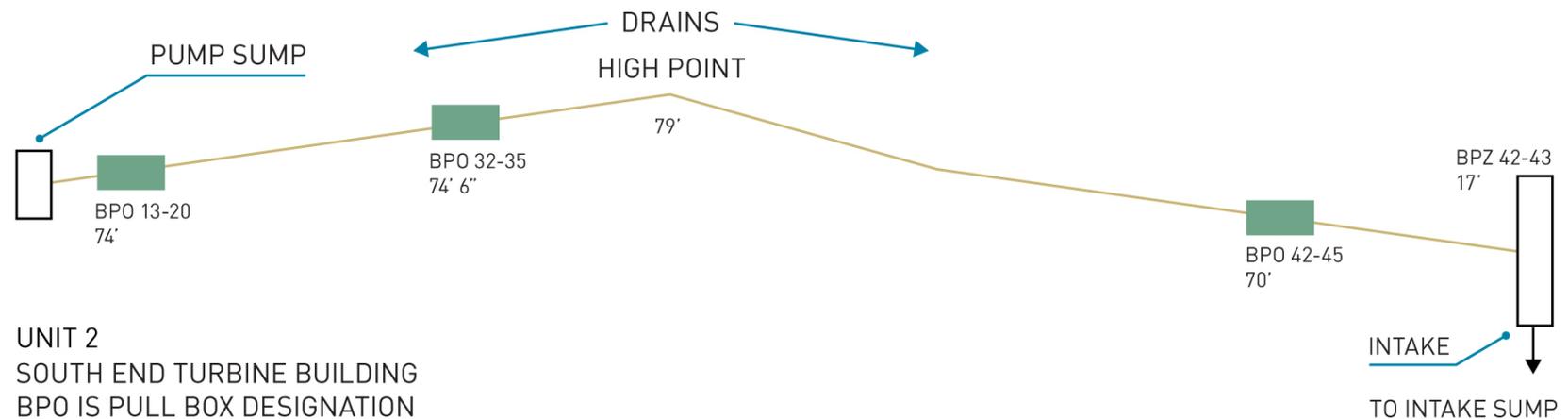
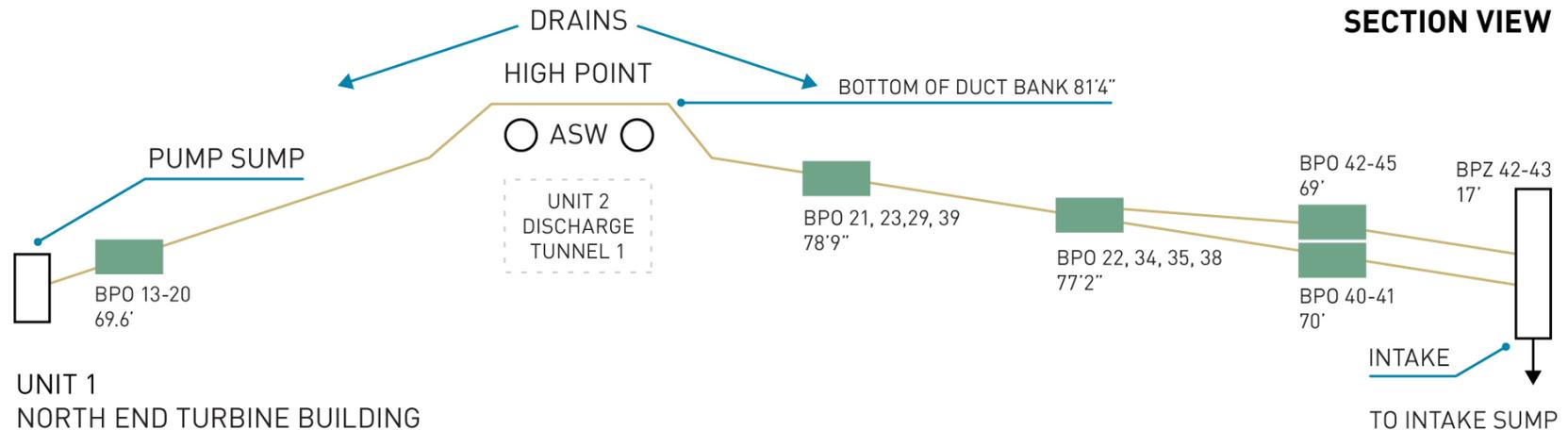
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FLUX THIMBLE TUBE

	Unit 1	Unit 2	Wear Potential	Notes
Original (No Chrome)	24	33	Minimal	
Chrome: 15 Inches	9	7	Minimal (Outside Chrome Band)	No Wear on Chrome Band
Chrome: 12 Feet	21	10	Minimal (Outside Chrome Band)	
Capped	4	7	None Observed	Scheduled for Replacement in 2R16, May 2011
Guide Tube Capped		1 (L-13)	N/A	Thimble Tube Removed
Useable	54	50		44 Needed for Tech Spec Flux Map



CONDUIT LAYOUT (SECTION VIEW)





**Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards
License Renewal Subcommittee
Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2
Safety Evaluation Report
with Open Items
February 9, 2011**

**Nate Ferrer, Project Manager
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation**

Presentation Outline

- Overview of DCPP License Renewal Review
- SER Section 2, Scoping and Screening review
- Region IV License Renewal Inspections
- SER Section 3, Aging Management Programs and Aging Management Review Results
- SER Section 4, Time-Limited Aging Analyses

Overview of LRA

- License Renewal Application submitted November 23, 2009
 - Applicant: Pacific Gas and Electric Company
 - Facility Operating Licenses DPR-80 and DPR-82 expire November 2, 2024, and August 26, 2025, respectively
- Approximately 12 miles west southwest of San Luis Obispo, CA in Avila Beach, CA
- DCPP units are Westinghouse four loop PWRs

Audits and Inspections

- **Scoping and Screening Methodology Audit**
 - March 15-18, 2010
 - Led to submittal of 2 LRA amendments related to scoping and screening
- **Aging Management Program Audits**
 - April 12-15, 2010
 - April 26-29, 2010
 - Over 20 technical reviewers, including contractors from ANL and ORNL
- **Region IV Inspection**
 - August/September 2010

Overview of SER

- Safety Evaluation Report with Open Items issued January 10, 2011
- SER contains 8 Open Items:
 1. 10 CFR 54.4(a)(2) evaluations for nonsafety-related, fluid-filled structures and components (SCs) in the vicinity of safety-related SCs (Open Item 2.1-1)
 2. 10 CFR 54.4(a)(2) evaluations for nonsafety-related piping directly attached to safety-related components (Open Item 2.3-1)
 3. Endpoint for the diesel air start unloader line (Open Item 2.3.3.14-1)

Overview of SER (cont.)

- SER contains 8 Open Items (cont.)
 4. Buried Piping and Tanks Inspection Program (Open Item 3.0.3.2.8-1)
 5. Flux Thimble Tube Inspection Program (Open Item 3.0.3.2.12-1)
 6. TLAA Identification (Open Item 4.1-1)
 7. Metal Fatigue (Open Item 4.3-1)
 8. Flaw Growth Evaluation for RHR piping Weld (Open Item 4.7.5-1)

Overview of SER (cont.)

- SER contains 2 Confirmatory Items
 1. Inaccessible Medium-Voltage Cables Not Subject to 10 CFR 50.49 Environmental Qualification Requirements Program (Confirmatory Item 3.0.3.2.14-1).
 2. Structures Monitoring Program (Confirmatory Item 3.0.3.2.18-1)

SER Section 2 Summary

- Structures and Components Subject to Aging Management Review
 - Section 2.1, Scoping and Screening Methodology (open item)
 - Section 2.2, Plant-Level Scoping Results
 - Section 2.3, Scoping and Screening Results - Mechanical (open items)
 - Section 2.4, Scoping and Screening Results - Structures
 - Section 2.5, Scoping and Screening Results - Electrical

SER Section 2 Open Items

- 10 CFR 54.4(a)(2) evaluations for nonsafety-related, fluid-filled components in the vicinity of safety-related components, Open Item 2.1-1
 - control room pressurization system/HVAC exhaust ducts
 - electrical pull boxes
 - compressed air system water traps
- 10 CFR 54.4(a)(2) evaluations for nonsafety-related piping directly attached to safety-related components, Open Item 2.3-1
 - compressed gas systems
- 10 CFR 54.4(a)(1) evaluations for scoping boundary of safety-related piping, Open Item 2.3.3.14-1
 - EDG air start system – unisolated unloader line from air receiver back to the air compressor
- Applicant has submitted additional information
- Staff is finalizing its review of the response

Regional Inspection - License Renewal Inspections Program Implementation

Greg Pick

Region IV Inspection Team Leader

Regional Inspection Overview

- Six inspectors for 2 weeks
- Scoping & screening inspection
- Aging management programs inspection
- Several focus areas

Regional Inspection Focus Areas

- SSCs needed to withstand a design basis seismic event
- SSCs and programs that prevent leaks to the environment
- Treatment of the latest industry aging concerns
- Prior site-specific aging issues



- Scoping of nonsafety-related systems
 - Spatial interaction issues
 - Some material types incorrect or omitted
- Aging management programs
 - Training required
 - Degraded silicon seal
 - Reviewed electrical vaults
 - Location selected for fouling
 - Procedures developed but some errors

Regional Inspection Observations

- Overall, good material condition
- Procedures developed for the programs reviewed
- Major component replacements
 - 230 kV & 500 kV insulators
 - Intake structure

Regional Inspection Conclusions

- Scoping of non-safety SSCs and application of the AMPs to those SSCs were acceptable
- Applicant personnel had incorporated actions to manage aging effects into their programs
- Reasonable assurance exists that aging effects will be managed and intended functions maintained

Section 3: Aging Management Review

- Section 3.0 – Aging Management Programs (2 open items & 2 confirmatory items)
- Section 3.1 – Reactor Vessel & Internals
- Section 3.2 – Engineered Safety Features
- Section 3.3 – Auxiliary Systems
- Section 3.4 – Steam and Power Conversion System
- Section 3.5 – Containments, Structures and Component Supports
- Section 3.6 – Electrical and Instrumentation and Controls System

SER Section 3

3.0.3 – Aging Management Programs

- 42 aging management programs (AMPs) presented by applicant and evaluated in the SER

	Consistent with GALL	Consistent with exception	Consistent with enhancement	Consistent with exception & enhancement
Existing (31)	16	5	5	5
New (9)	5	4	N/A	N/A
Plant-specific (2)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

- Flux Thimble Tube Inspection Program, Open Item 3.0.3.2.12-1
 - Justification for not including measurement and wear scar geometry uncertainties
 - Wear rate projection methodology and the capability of program to detect degradation in a flux thimble before the occurrence of a through-wall failure
 - Applicant has submitted additional information
 - Staff is reviewing the response

SER Section 3 Open Items

- Buried Piping and Tanks Inspection Program, Open Item 3.0.3.2.8-1
 - Staff requested additional information on how the program would account for recent operating experience
 - Backfill is acceptable
 - Cathodic protection provided
 - Coatings utilized
 - Increased inspections
 - Applicant's initial response did not provide details for:
 - Management of buried copper and steel valves and piping in the makeup water system
 - Alternate methods used for inspections
 - Applicant has submitted additional information
 - Staff is finalizing its review of the response

SER Section 3

Confirmatory Item

- **Inaccessible Medium-Voltage Cables Not Subject to 10 CFR 50.49 Environmental Qualification Requirements Program, Confirmatory Item 3.0.3.2.14-1**
 - Staff requested additional information on how the program would account for recent operating experience
 - Applicant's initial response did not provide sufficient details for absence of event-driven inspections or use of a 10-year testing frequency
 - Applicant has submitted additional information
 - Staff is finalizing its review of the response

SER Section 3

Confirmatory Item

- **Structures Monitoring Program, Confirmatory Item 3.0.3.2.18-1**
 - Applicant initially committed to perform video inspection of the Unit 2 spent fuel pool leak chase during the period of extended operation but did not specify the timing of the inspection
 - Applicant revised its commitment to perform the inspection within 1 year prior to the period of extended operation
 - Staff is finalizing its review of the response

SER Section 4: Time-Limited Aging Analyses

- Section 4.1 – Identification of Time-Limited Aging Analyses (1 open item)
- Section 4.2 – Reactor Vessel Neutron Embrittlement
- Section 4.3 – Metal Fatigue (1 open item)
- Section 4.4 – Environmental Qualification of Electrical Equipment
- Section 4.5 – Concrete Containment Tendon Prestress
- Section 4.6 – Containment Liner Plate, Metal Containments, and Penetrations Fatigue Analysis
- Section 4.7 – Other Plant-Specific Time-Limited Aging Analyses (1 open item)

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SER Section 4.2.2: Pressurized Thermal Shock

Limiting Beltline Material - Unit 1 lower shell longitudinal (axial) weld 3-442C

%CU %Ni	EOLE Fluence (E>1 MeV) 10¹⁹ (n/cm²)	Initial Charpy RT_{NDT} °F	RT_{PTS} °F	Acceptance Criterion per 10 CFR 50.61 °F
0.203 1.018	2.04	-56	280.4	≤270°F

The applicant stated in that it will implement 10 CFR 50.61a at least three years prior to exceeding the PTS screening criteria of 10 CFR 50.61. In the event that the provisions of 10 CFR 50.61a cannot be met, PG&E will implement alternate options, such as flux reduction, as provided in 10 CFR 50.61.

- TLAA Identification, Open Item 4.1-1
 - Justification for absence of TLAAAs for:
 - Reactor coolant pressure boundary valves
 - Baffle and former bolts
 - Applicant has submitted additional information
 - Staff is reviewing the response

- Metal Fatigue, Open Item 4.3-1
 - Issues related to Metal Fatigue TLAAAs
 - Cycle counting
 - Environmentally-assisted fatigue
 - Cumulative usage factors
 - Applicant has submitted additional information
 - Staff is reviewing the response

SER Section 4 Open Items

- Residual Heat Removal Piping Weld WIC-95
Flaw Evaluation TLAA, Open Item 4.7.5-1
 - Applicant did not consider the potential of stress corrosion cracking for a flaw that may be connected to pipe inside surface
 - Applicant has submitted additional information
 - Staff is reviewing the response

Conclusion

- The staff is continuing review to resolve the open and confirmatory items regarding the LRA for DCPP. Pending resolution of the open and confirmatory items, the staff is working towards issuing the SER.