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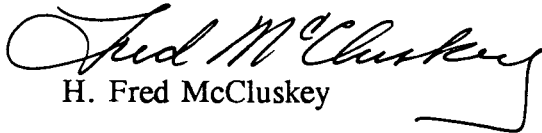
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The subject deficiency was reported to the NRC Operations Center on June 23, 1993 in accordance with 10 CFR 50.55(e)(3) as Significant Corrective Action Report (SCAR) BLSCA930005. Enclosed is TVA's final report on this subject.

Should there be any questions regarding this information, please telephone Greg Pierce, BLN Site Licensing Manager, at (205) 574-8058.


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ENCLOSURE 1
BELLEFONTE NUCLEAR PLANT (BLN) UNITS 1 AND 2
FAILURE OF AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS (ASME)
CLASS 1 AND CLASS 2 PIPING WELDS TO MEET DESIGN REQUIREMENTS -
SIGNIFICANT CORRECTIVE ACTION REPORT (SCAR) BLSCA930005
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FINAL REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF DEFICIENCY

BLN is conducting a Level III radiographic review of all piping radiographs (ASME Class 1 and 2, and ANSI B31.1). This review has determined that as of July 12, 1993, 14 ASME Class 1, 85 ASME Class 2, and 17 ANSI B31.1 welds had been identified that do not meet the weld quality acceptance criteria for radiographic examinations. These welds are listed in the attachment. These welds represent approximately two percent (2%) of the reviewed population. Approximately 83% of the radiographs have been reviewed for Unit 1 and common.

SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

The ASME Class 1 and 2 welds identified as not meeting the weld quality acceptance criteria are located in a variety of ASME systems. Some of the welds are integral to the Reactor Coolant System, the Decay Heat Removal System, the Core Flood System, and the Makeup and Purification System. Should any of these weld indications propagate and lead to fracture of the associated piping, inadequate core cooling could result.

CAUSE

The cause of this inadequacy is attributed to:

- the subjective nature of weld quality attribute evaluation on radiographic film
- no program or procedure existed which required independent reviews
- the evolution of industry standard practices and expectations for the review of radiographic film to a more conservative interpretation of radiographic acceptance criteria.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

The Level III review of all piping radiographs will be completed for both units. Welds which do not meet the weld quality acceptance criteria as defined by design documents will be identified. Rework/repair of the welds will be done to bring these welds into compliance

with the requirements of the design documents and BLN's Code of Record (1974 Edition through Summer 1974 Addenda of the ASME Section III Code).

Current procedures require 100% second-party final acceptance by a Level III radiographer on all piping radiographs. Therefore, procedural controls are in place to preclude recurrence.

These corrective actions will be completed prior to transfer of the final ASME system for each unit.

ATTACHMENT

**BELLEFONTE NUCLEAR PLANT (BLN) UNITS 1 AND 2
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# WELDS IN SYSTEM	CLASS	WELD NUMBER	PIPE DIAMETER	WELD LENGTH INCHES	REJECT INCHES	COMMENTS		
1	2	ASME 2	0NB00474	1.50	4.71	0.125	LACK OF FUSION	
2			0NB00643B	1.50	4.71	0.100	ROUNDED	
3	18	B31.1	1CF00002 R2	22.00	69.12	1.690	ROUND & ELONGATED	
4			1CF00004 R1	22.00	69.12	1.125	ELONGATED	
5			1CF00008	22.00	69.12	1.400	ROUND	
6			1CF00010 R1	22.00	69.12	0.700	ELONGATED INDICATIONS	
7			1CF00027 R1	28.00	87.98	4.650	ELONGATED INDICATIONS	
8			1CF00031 R1	28.00	87.98	2.910	ROUND & ELONGATED	
9			1CF00032 R1	28.00	87.98	0.250	LACK OF PENETRATION	
10			1CF00037	22.00	69.12	0.300	ROUND	
11			1CF00042	20.00	62.84	1.250	LACK OF PENETRATION & LACK OF FUSION	
12			1CF00077 R1	22.00	69.12	1.100	ROUND & ELONGATED	
13			1CF00079	22.00	69.12	2.600	LACK OF FUSION	
14			1CF00080	22.00	69.12	0.150	ROUND	
15			1CF00088	22.00	69.12	2.350	ROUND & ELONGATED	
16			ASME 2	1CF00316 R1	8.00	25.14	0.500	ELONGATED
17				1CF00322 R1	20.00	62.84	0.350	ROUND
18				1CF00383	6.00	18.85	0.625	ELONGATED
19				1CF00400	20.00	62.84	0.500	ROUND
20				1CF00415	16.00	50.27	2.500	ELONGATED
21	9	ASME 2	1CR00171 R6	8.00	25.14	0.500	LACK OF FUSION	
22			1CR00177A S1	8.00	25.14	1.530	ROUND & ELONGATED	
23			1CR00393	4.00	12.57	0.094	LACK OF FUSION	
24			1CR00398	4.00	12.57	2.375	LACK OF FUSION	

# WELDS IN SYSTEM	CLASS	WELD NUMBER	PIPE DIAMETER	WELD LENGTH INCHES	REJECT INCHES	COMMENTS	
25		1CR00458 S1	8.00	25.14	0.550	LACK OF FUSION	
26		1CR00565	4.00	12.57	0.500	LACK OF FUSION	
27		1CR00565C	4.00	12.57	0.450	ROUND	
28		1CR00616	4.00	12.57	2.000	ROUND	
29		1CR00642 S1	4.00	12.57	2.000	ROUND	
30	1	ASME 2	1IO00754H	0.38	1.19	0.219	LACK OF PENETRATION
31			1KE03928	16.00	50.27	0.300	LACK OF FUSION
32			1KE03967 S2	12.00	37.70	0.555	ROUND & LACK OF FUSION
33			1KE03972A	12.00	37.70	2.150	LACK OF FUSION & LACK OF PENETRATION
34			1KE04148A S1	6.00	18.85	1.040	ROUND & LACK OF FUSION
35			1KE04197	12.00	37.70	0.500	LACK OF FUSION
36	12	ASME 2	1KE04212 S1	12.00	37.70	0.750	ROUND & LACK OF FUSION
37			1KE04222 S3	16.00	50.27	6.150	ROUND & LACK OF FUSION
38			1KE04246	6.00	18.85	0.140	ROUND
39			1KE04258	12.00	37.70	0.963	ROUND & ELONGATED
40			1KE04272	12.00	37.70	0.425	ROUND
41			1KE04309 R3	16.00	50.27	0.250	LACK OF FUSION
42			1KE04336A S1	6.00	18.85	2.750	ROUND
43			1NC00001 R2	28.00	87.98	13.500	ROUND & ELONGATED
44			1NC00007 R2	28.00	87.98	0.200	ROUND
45			1NC00009 R3	32.00	100.54	23.785	ROUND & ELONGATED
46	9	ASME 1	1NC00015 R2	28.00	87.98	2.150	ROUND & ELONGATED
47			1NC00016D	0.75	2.36	0.125	ELONGATED
48			1NC00019 R3	32.00	100.54	1.125	ELONGATED
49			1NC00020 R1	32.00	100.54	0.300	ELONGATED
50			1NC00022 R2	32.00	100.54	0.450	ROUND
51			1NC00037	4.00	12.57	0.280	ELONGATED

# WELDS IN SYSTEM	CLASS	WELD NUMBER	PIPE DIAMETER	WELD LENGTH INCHES	REJECT INCHES	COMMENTS		
52	26	ASME 2	1ND00002	24.00	75.41	0.100	ROUND	
53			1ND00004D	18.00	56.56	0.725	ROUND & LACK OF FUSION	
54			1ND00009B U1	24.00	75.41	0.150	LACK OF FUSION	
55			1ND00033	18.00	56.56	12.000	LACK OF PENETRATION	
56			1ND00038 R1	18.00	56.56	1.375	ROUND	
57			1ND00064 T3	14.00	43.99	1.255	LACK OF PENETRATION	
58			1ND00066 S1	14.00	43.99	1.755	ROUND & ELONGATED	
59			1ND00068	10.00	31.42	0.150	LACK OF FUSION	
60			1ND00093	10.00	31.42	0.250	LACK OF PENETRATION	
61			1ND00093D	1.00	3.14	0.750	LACK OF PENETRATION	
62			1ND00102L	0.50	1.57	0.300	LACK OF PENETRATION	
63			1ND00127 S2	10.00	31.42	0.500	ROUND & LACK OF FUSION	
64			1ND00162B	1.50	4.71	0.060	TUNGSTEN INCLUSION	
65			1ND00220	1.00	3.14	0.187	LACK OF FUSION	
66			1ND00244A	12.00	37.70	0.875	ELONGATED	
67			1ND00255 R7	12.00	37.70	1.150	ELONGATED	
68			1ND00267 R5	14.00	43.99	0.750	LACK OF FUSION	
69			1ND00268 R3	14.00	43.99	4.550	LACK OF FUSION	
70			ASME 1	1ND00273	14.00	43.99	2.500	LACK OF FUSION
71			ASME 2	1ND00304 V1	14.00	43.99	2.200	LACK OF FUSION
72				1ND00309 R2	14.00	43.99	0.125	LACK OF FUSION
73				1ND00387	2.00	6.28	0.200	LACK OF FUSION
74				1ND00423M S1	0.38	1.19	0.025	ROUND
75				1ND00518 S1	2.00	6.28	0.700	LACK OF FUSION
76				1ND00581 S1	2.00	6.28	0.140	ROUND
77				1ND00667 T1	1.50	4.71	0.390	ROUND & LACK OF FUSION
78	1	ASME 2	1NK00027	0.75	2.36	0.045	TUNGSTEN	

	# WELDS IN SYSTEM	CLASS	WELD NUMBER	PIPE DIAMETER	WELD LENGTH INCHES	REJECT INCHES	COMMENTS
79	5	ASME 2	1NL00012	14.00	43.99	1.475	LACK OF FUSION & LACK OF PENETRATION
80		ASME 1	1NL00016	14.00	43.99	4.750	LACK OF PENETRATION
81			1NL00020	14.00	43.99	4.500	LACK OF PENETRATION
82			1NL00021B	14.00	43.99	0.900	ELONGATED
83		ASME 2	1NL00179B	0.38	1.19	0.375	LACK OF PENETRATION
84	6	ASME 2	1NM00075	12.00	37.70	1.500	LACK OF FUSION
85			1NM00078A	0.75	2.36	0.250	LACK OF PENETRATION
86			1NM00086 R3	12.00	37.70	0.700	LACK OF FUSION
87			1NM00102	4.00	12.57	0.080	ROUND
88			1NM00102A S1	4.00	12.57	0.500	CONVEX
89			1NM00107	4.00	12.57	0.200	LACK OF FUSION
90	10	ASME 2	1NS00128C S3	12.00	37.70	0.500	LACK OF PENETRATION
91			1NS00129A	12.00	37.70	5.000	LACK OF FUSION
92			1NS00130 R4	12.00	37.70	0.800	LACK OF FUSION
93			1NS00267	8.00	25.14	3.000	CONCAVE
94			1NS00270 R2	8.00	25.14	0.375	LACK OF FUSION
95			1NS00271A R1	8.00	25.14	0.375	LACK OF FUSION
96			1NS00468A R1	6.00	18.85	0.125	ROUND
97			1NS00470	8.00	25.14	0.500	LACK OF FUSION
98			1NS00472	8.00	25.14	0.250	LACK OF FUSION
99			1NS00487 R1	8.00	25.14	0.500	LACK OF PENETRATION
100	4	ASME 2	1NV00464	4.00	12.57	0.250	LACK OF FUSION
101			1NV00548	4.00	12.57	0.350	LACK OF PENETRATION
102		ASME I	1NV00663 U1	2.50	7.86	0.215	ROUND
103		ASME 2	1NV00713	6.00	18.85	0.300	LACK OF PENETRATION
104	12	B31.1	1SM00010 R3	42.00	131.96	1.000	ELONGATED
105		ASME 2	1SM00061 R4	32.00	100.54	2.025	ROUND & ELONGATED

# WELDS IN SYSTEM	CLASS	WELD NUMBER	PIPE DIAMETER	WELD LENGTH INCHES	REJECT INCHES	COMMENTS		
106		1SM00073	32.00	100.54	3.780	ELONGATED & LACK OF PENETRATION		
107		1SM00075A	32.00	100.54	1.750	ELONGATED		
108		1SM00103 T1	2.50	7.86	0.375	LACK OF FUSION		
109		1SM00125 R5	32.00	100.54	1.750	ROUND & ELONGATED		
110		1SM00166 R6	32.00	100.54	3.650	ELONGATED & LACK OF PENETRATION		
111		1SM00286E	4.00	12.57	1.000	LACK OF FUSION		
112		1SM00305 R5	42.00	131.96	3.750	LACK OF FUSION		
113		B31.1	1SM00307	32.00	100.54	0.375	LACK OF PENETRATION	
114			1SM00312 R3	32.00	100.54	2.000	LACK OF FUSION	
115			1SM00336	10.00	31.42	0.400	ELONGATED	
116		1	ASME 2	1SV00019B	6.00	18.85	2.950	LACK OF FUSION

ENCLOSURE 2
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COMMITMENTS

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