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MAY 14, 1997

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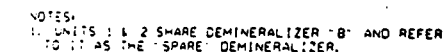
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THIS DRAWING IS A SUMMARY FLUID DIAGRAM, FOR COMPLETE SYSTEM
DESIGN INFORMATION REFER TO Piping Schematic LISTED BELOW

OFD-108A-1.1, 2.1, 3.1	REACTOR COOLANT SYSTEM
OFD-108A-1.3, 2.3, 3.3	REACTOR COOLANT PUMPS
OFD-101A-1.1, 2.1, 3.1	LETDOWN & RC SEAL RETURN COOLERS
OFD-101A-1.2, 2.2, 3.2	HOTPOINT FILTERS & STORAGE TANK
OFD-101A-1.3, 2.3, 3.3	HEAT EXCHANGERS
OFD-101A-1.4, 2.4, 3.4	SSF PORTION
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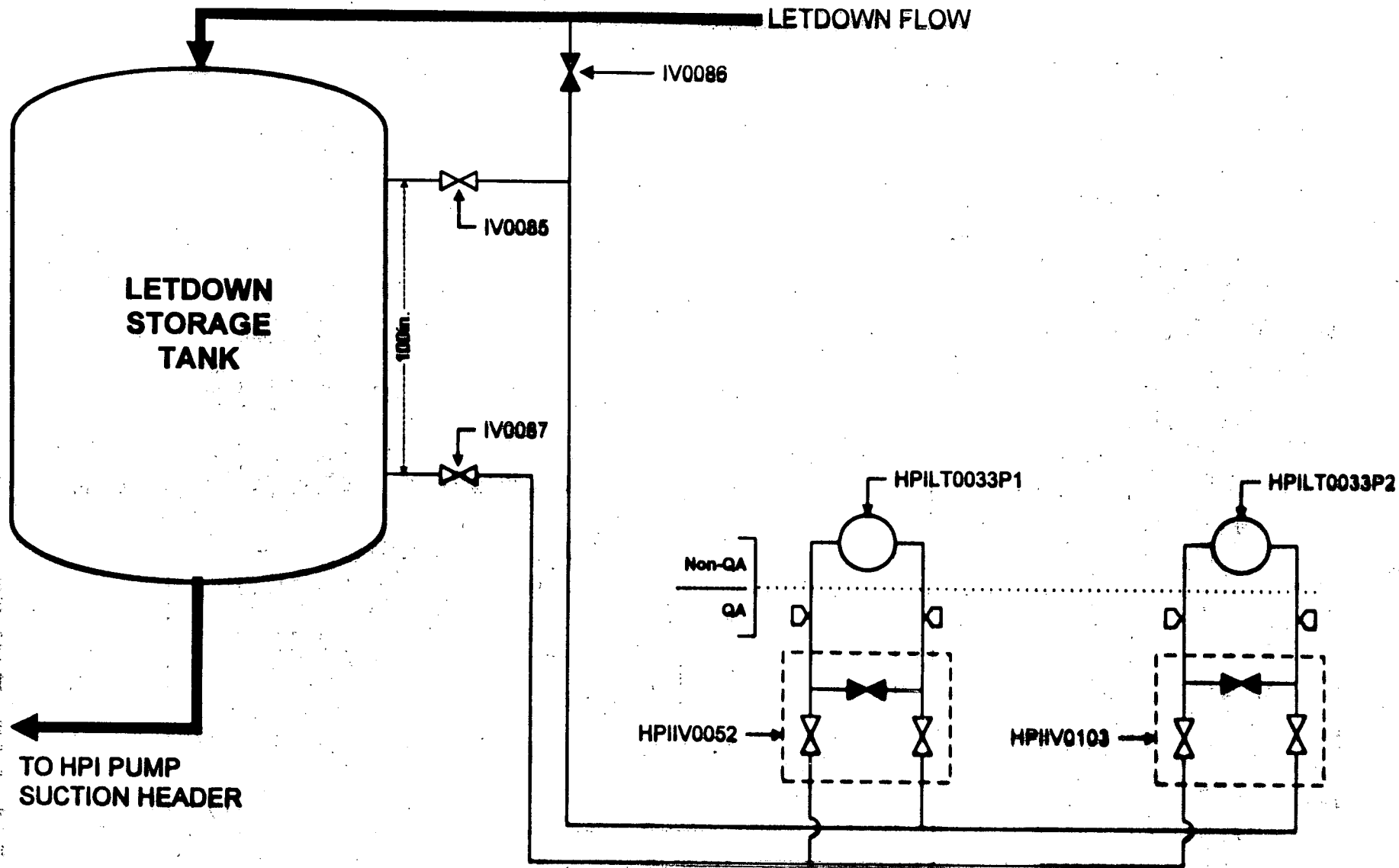
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HIGH PRESSURE INJECTION
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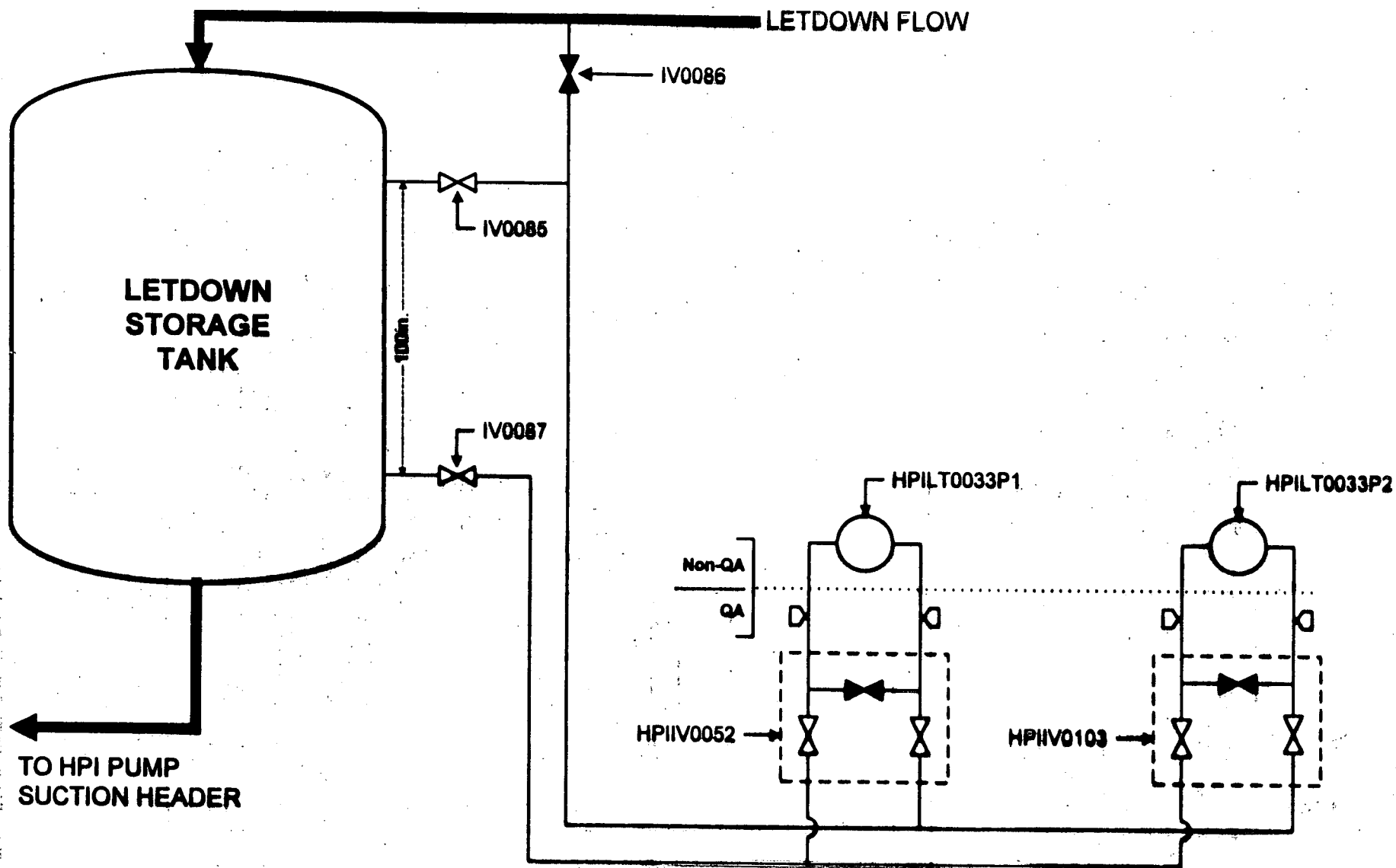
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LETDOWN STORAGE TANK LEVEL
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Oconee Nuclear Station Technical Interface Meeting with NRR

NRC/Duke Meeting

May 14, 1997

Agenda

- Current Plant Status - Joe Davis
- RCS Leak - Joe Davis
 - » Overview, History, and Sequence of Events
 - » Root Cause
 - » Corrective Actions
- Loss of Suction to two HPI Pumps - Jack Peele
 - » Overview and Sequence of Events
 - » Root Cause
 - » Corrective Actions
- Technical Discussion on Nozzles
- Technical Discussion on HPI Pumps
- Clarify Restart Issues - Jack Peele

Current Plant Status

- Unit 2:

- » Progressing toward hot shutdown
- » 2A1 RCS safe end, thermal sleeve, and pipe to 1st valve replaced
- » Other HPI nozzle components examined and found acceptable
- » Significant portions of root cause for RCS leak complete
- » Monitoring equipment on HPI lines installed
- » LDST instrumentation modifications complete

Current Plant Status

- Unit 3:

- » Cold Shutdown
- » 3A1 RCS safe end, thermal sleeve, and pipe to 1st valve being replaced
- » Examination of HPI nozzle components in complete
- » Repairs of HPI pumps in progress
- » LDST modifications in progress
- » Significant portions of investigation of root cause of loss of suction to HPI pumps complete
- » SEIT complete and AIT exited on 5/9

- Unit 1:

- » Operating at 100% Full Power

RCS Leak

- System Overview

- » HPI System serves as high pressure makeup system to RCS
- » HPI System has two normal and two emergency makeup paths
- » HPI System interfaces with RCS piping via nozzle components
- » Nozzle and safe end protected from thermal gradients by thermal sleeve

RCS Leak

- History of Nozzle Component Failures

- » Safe end to pipe weld and thermal sleeve failed resulting in RCS leak at Crystal River Plant in early 1982
- » BWOOG issued report in late 1982 with recommendations to owners regarding HPI nozzle components
- » BWOOG report generally recommended:
 - Inspect and repair/re-roll/replace damaged nozzle components
 - Implement an augmented ISI plan for nozzle components
 - Perform analysis on improved designs
- » Oconee committed to recommendations of BWOOG report
- » NRC endorsed recommendations of BWOOG in GL 85-20

RCS Leak

- Ocone Actions per BWOG Report:
 - » Actions taken on HPI nozzle components for Units 2 and 3 prior to 1985:
 - 2A2, 3A2: Installed new safe end and thermal sleeve
 - 2B2: Replaced existing thermal sleeve with new design
 - 2A1, 3A1, 3B2: Left as originally installed
 - 2B1, 3B1: Rerolled original thermal sleeve

RCS Leak

- Ocone Actions per BWOG Report:
 - » Placed general augmented examination requirements for HPI nozzle components in ASME Section XI ISI Plan per GL 85-20
 - » Performed augmented examinations 1983-1996

RCS Leak

- Oconee Actions per BWOOG Report:
 - » Performed augmented examinations:
 - 1996 results on Unit 2:
 - 2A1 - thermal sleeve gap degrading
 - 2A2, 2B1, 2B2 - no thermal sleeve gap degradation
 - 1996 results on Unit 3:
 - 3A1 - thermal sleeve gap degrading
 - » 1984-1985- observed gap degradation
 - » 1989-1996-observed gap degradation
 - 3A2, 3B1, 3B2 - no thermal sleeve gap degradation
 - Failed to recognize indications of thermal sleeve gap degradation on A1 nozzles

RCS Leak

● Sequence of Events

Time	Event
4/21/97 2245	Reactor Operator (RO) receives indications of a Reactor Coolant System (RCS) leak. Calculated RCS leakage ~ 1gpm
4/21/97 2337	RCS leakage exceeded Technical Specification Limits for unidentified RCS leakage.
4/22/97 0200	Calculated RCS leakage ~ 2.8 gpm
4/22/97 0215	Reactor Building entry to investigate leak source. Unable to determine exact source of RCS leak.

RCS Leak

● Sequence of Events

Time	Event
4/22/97 0352	Commenced Reactor Shutdown due to RCS leakage.
4/22/97 1300	Initiated FIP investigation.
4/22/97 1600	Declared Unusual Event on Unit 2 due to RCS leakage in excess of 10 gpm. Unit shutdown/cooldown in progress.
4/23/97 0547	Reactor Building entry determines source of leak from a crack in HPI 2A1 injection line on safe end to pipe weld.

RCS Leak

● Findings:

- » A leak occurred in the pipe to safe end connection weld at the 2A1 HPI nozzle
- » Crack in weld was circumferential, with a portion being through-wall
- » Crack propagated slowly
- » Details of crack described in JCO for Unit 1

RCS Leak

● Root Cause(s)

- » Ineffective examination program for HPI nozzle components
 - Inadequate examination procedures
 - Unclear acceptance criteria
- » Related finding:
 - Examination commitments inadequately controlled by the ISI program.

RCS Leak

● Failure Mechanisms

- » High cycle low / stress thermal fatigue initiated failure in weld
- » Flow induced vibration contributed to thermal sleeve failure after loosening

RCS Leak

- Completed Corrective Actions:

- » Replaced thermal sleeve and safe end with new design for 2A1 HPI normal injection line
- » Examined other Unit 2 HPI nozzle components
- » Shut down Unit 3 to examine nozzle components
- » Replacing thermal sleeve and safe end with new design for 3A1 HPI normal injection line
- » Installed temporary instrumentation for monitoring of Unit 2 nozzles

RCS Leak

- Completed Corrective Actions
(Continued)

- » Heightened awareness to RCS leakage rate on Unit 1
- » All NRC commitments reviewed to identify all augmented inspection requirements
- » Verified adequacy of most recent NRC-required augmented inspection

RCS Leak

● Long Term Corrective Actions

- » Shut down Unit 1 and perform appropriate examinations
- » Evaluate warming line flow to reduce effects of thermal stress
- » Review of Operations procedures to minimize HPI nozzle component thermal stress and fatigue

RCS Leak

● Long Term Corrective Actions

- » Improve nozzle component examination program
 - Adjust frequency of examination program
 - Develop tracking system for augmented examinations
 - Develop specific examination procedures for augmented examinations
 - Improvements complete by September 1997 refueling outage

RCS Leak

- Summary

- » Unit 2 weld failed due to thermal fatigue
- » Thoroughly investigated the event
- » Reviewed augmented examinations
- » Augmented examination program improvements will assure integrity of the system is maintained
- » Instrumented injection lines will aid in understanding of thermal phenomena

RCS Leak

- Unit 1 JCO Summary

- » Makeup flow through thermal sleeves is higher than other units
- » Maintaining increased makeup flow rate
- » Thermal sleeve is of different design than other units
- » No indications of loose sleeves in exams completed

RCS Leak

- Unit 1 JCO Summary (continued)

- » Administrative measures in place to minimize thermal cycles introduced by variations in makeup flow
- » Increased level of attention to RCS leakage monitoring has been established
- » Leak before break analyses demonstrate that there is a high level of confidence that the plant can be safely shut down if a leak occurs

Loss of Suction to HPI Pumps

● Agenda

- » Brief System Description
- » Sequence of Events
- » Root Causes
- » Contributing Factors and Observations
- » Corrective Actions Complete
- » Corrective Actions prior to Restart
- » Long Term Corrective Actions
- » Summary

Loss of Suction to HPI Pumps

- Initial Conditions

- » Unit 3 being shut down to investigate HPI nozzle components
- » Decay Heat Removal (3C LPI Pump) in service
- » Approaching end of Unit 3 cooldown, lost suction to 3A and 3B HPI pumps

Loss of Suction to HPI Pumps

- System Description

- » 3 HPI Pumps, 300 gpm at 3,100 psig
- » Provides normal makeup and seal injection from LDST
- » Provides emergency makeup from BWST
- » Normal Operation is one pump on, one in standby
- » Standby pump auto starts on low seal injection flow or after some loss of power scenarios
- » All three pumps start on ES signal
- » LDST level and pressure manually controlled in band
- » LDST level instrumentation not used for accident mitigation

Loss of Suction to HPI Pumps

● Sequence of Events

Time	Event
(Initial Conditions)	Unit 3 shut down, cool down in progress, 3B HPI pump in RUN, 3A HPI pump in STBY, RCS < 250 F / 300 psig.
5/3/97 0700-0745	RCS cooldown. Indicated LDST level decreases, indicated pressurizer level decreases
5/3/97 0745-0912	RCS cooldown. Indicated LDST level constant, indicated pressurizer level decreases
5/3/97 0913	Low HPI pump discharge pressure alarm
5/3/97 0915	3A HPI pump auto starts (low seal injection flow) and runs intermittently for 17 minutes

Loss of Suction to HPI Pumps

● Sequence of Events

Time	Event
5/3/97 0917	3B HPI pump secured. 3A HPI pump continues to run.
5/3/97 0921	Opened HP-24 (BWST supply).
5/3/97 0928	Closed HP-24.
5/3/97 0932	3A HPI pump secured. Operators make up to LDST to indicated level of 92". Letdown from RCS isolated. Entered AP for Loss of HPI Makeup.
5/3/97 ~1030	Completed AP for Loss of HPI Makeup. Unit status: RCP running, LPI pump in decay heat removal mode, letdown isolated. Began development of procedure to use 3C HPI pump for RCS makeup.

Loss of Suction to HPI Pumps

● Sequence of Events

Time	Event
5/3/97 ~1030	Site VP requests SEIT Team investigation. FIP investigation initiated.
5/3/97 1504	Unusual Event declared.
5/3/97 1515	LDST level instrument reference leg discovered to be empty by I&E. I&E entered procedure to recalibrate instrument and refill reference leg.
5/3/97 1547	NRC notified of event.

Loss of Suction to HPI Pumps

● Sequence of Events

Time	Event
5/4/97 1030	Contingency plan for Unit 3 shutdown using 3C HPI pump, and backup contingency plan for using no HPI pumps completed and approved.
5/4/97 1124	Unit 3 cooldown commenced using 3C HPI pump for makeup.
5/5/97 1943	Status: Unit 3 cooldown essentially complete. 3C HPI pump secured.
5/5/97 1946	Secured Unusual Event.
5/5/97 2135	HPI system realigned

Loss of Suction to HPI Pumps

- Root Cause of Event:

- » Design weakness of a common reference leg for LDST level instruments combined with a leaking instrument fitting that resulted in inaccurate LDST level indication
- » Failure of Control Room team to properly monitor and detect the inaccurate level indications given the existing plant conditions.

- Contributing Cause:

- » Failure to adequately apply available operating experience

Loss of Suction to HPI Pumps

- Cause of Fitting Leak:

- » Scratches on seating surfaces
- » Over torquing cap

Loss of Suction to HPI Pumps

- Other Issues:

- » Procedure Problems
 - Usefulness of AP
 - Inventory Guidance during Cooldown
 - Coverage during Contingency Planning
 - 3C HPI pump procedure omission
- » Modification Selection

Loss of Suction to HPI Pumps

- Other Issues continued:

- » Configuration and Labeling of Root Valves
- » Operator Training
- » Mixed Vendor Fittings / Calibration Practices
- » Philosophy on Abnormal Procedure Use /
Knowledge vs. Rule Based

Loss of Suction to HPI Pumps

● Completed Corrective Actions:

- » Initiated Detailed (FIP) and General (SEIT) event investigation teams
- » Activated support organizations (OSC, TSC) as necessary to assist plant recovery
- » Recalibrated and refilled reference leg on LDST level instrument
- » Re-established operable HPI makeup path
- » Completed Unit 3 cooldown and depressurization
- » Revised Unit 1 HP to include 1HP-5 closure

Loss of Suction to HPI Pumps

● Completed Corrective Actions:

- » Completed FIP and SEIT investigations
- » Established heightened awareness of monitoring of Control Room instrumentation
- » For Unit 1, verify LDST reference leg weekly; check reference leg tubing fittings for leaks each shift
- » Reported Unit 3 HPI system past inoperability

Loss of Suction to HPI Pumps

● Corrective Actions Prior to Restart:

- » Perform Modifications on Units 2 and 3 to:
 - add separate reference legs for LDST level transmitters
 - add a redundant LDST pressure transmitter
- » Repair, inspect, flush, and test Unit 3 HPI system as required
- » Assess applicability of this event to other tank level instruments
- » Short-term Operations training on this event, and on LDST modifications
- » Improve Abnormal Procedure on Loss of HPI makeup

Loss of Suction to HPI Pumps

● Long Term Corrective Actions:

- » Perform modifications on Unit 1 to:
 - add separate reference legs for LDST level transmitters
 - add a redundant LDST pressure transmitter
- » Review and benchmark applicable procedures and make necessary improvements
- » Review modification selection process to assure proper prioritization in light of this event
- » Operator simulator training on loss of LDST level

Loss of Suction to HPI Pumps

● Long Term Corrective Actions:

- » Improve foreign material and damage inspection work practices for tubing caps and fittings
- » Modify work practices and develop action plans for addressing “mixed” fittings
- » Expand our root valve position verification program to include critical root valves outside containment where position is not self-revealing
- » Examine removed 3A and 3B HPI pumps
- » Perform root cause of failure to adequately apply OE

Loss of Suction to HPI Pumps

● Operating Experience Program

- » Prior to 1986:
 - OEP managed at each site
 - NRC documents administered by NGO
- » 1986:
 - OEP coordinators centralized at NGO to gather, assess, and disseminate operating experience

Loss of Suction to HPI Pumps

● Operating Experience Program

» 1994 and later:

- Dedicated staffing with operational focus to provide daily screening of operating experience
- Significant item ownership and monitoring
- Corrective actions assigned where appropriate
- Significant items tracked to completion by owner
- OEP database available to site personnel by PC
- Corrective action program requires OE review of appropriate items
- Daily OE updates to NGD
- Daily OE reviews by sitemanagement

Loss of Suction to HPI Pumps

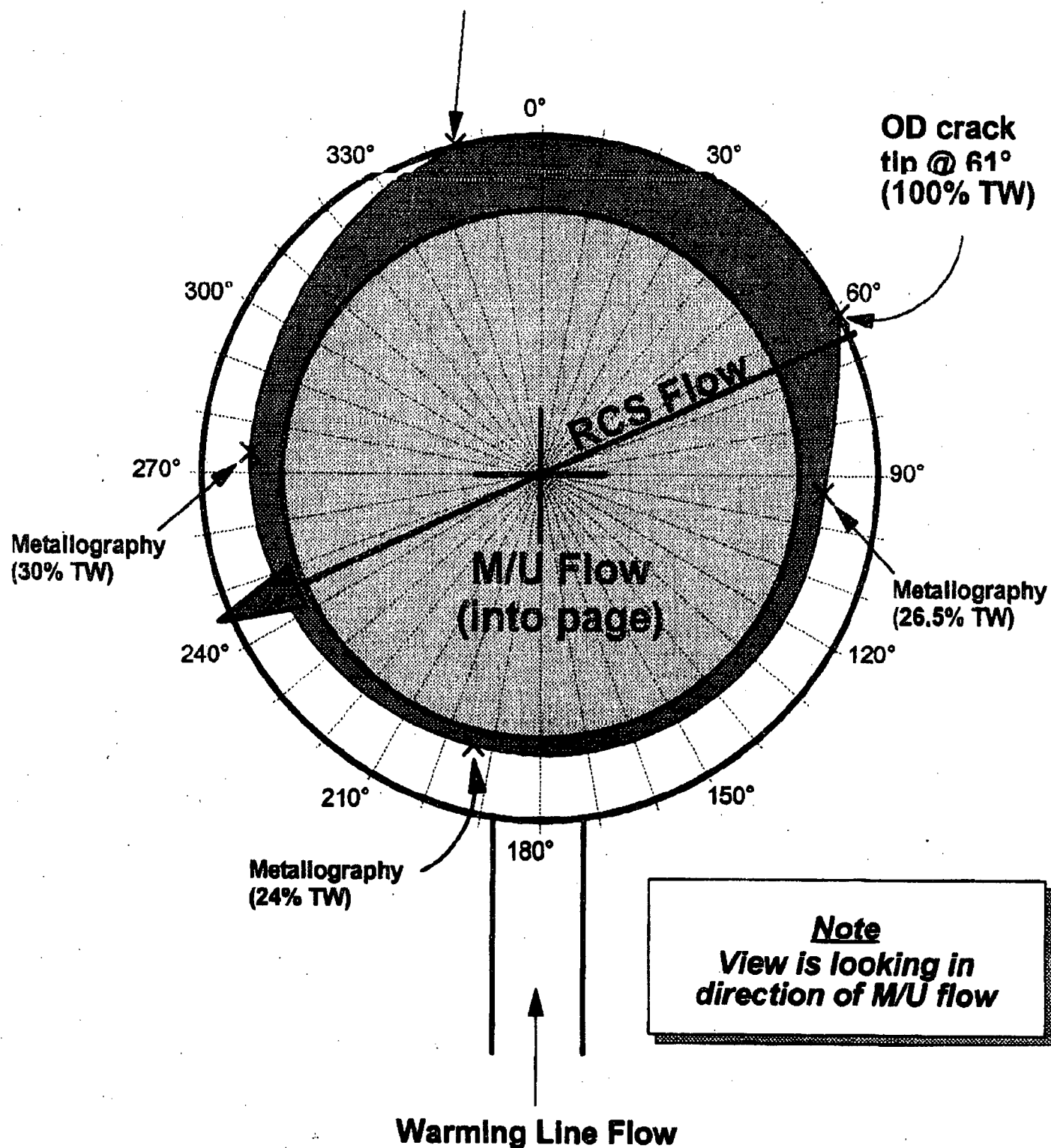
● Summary:

- » HPI pumps failed due to loss of suction
- » Thorough investigations completed, root cause well understood
- » Corrective actions are comprehensive:
 - Address all three units
 - Address other similar instrumentation
 - Focused on prevention of recurrence

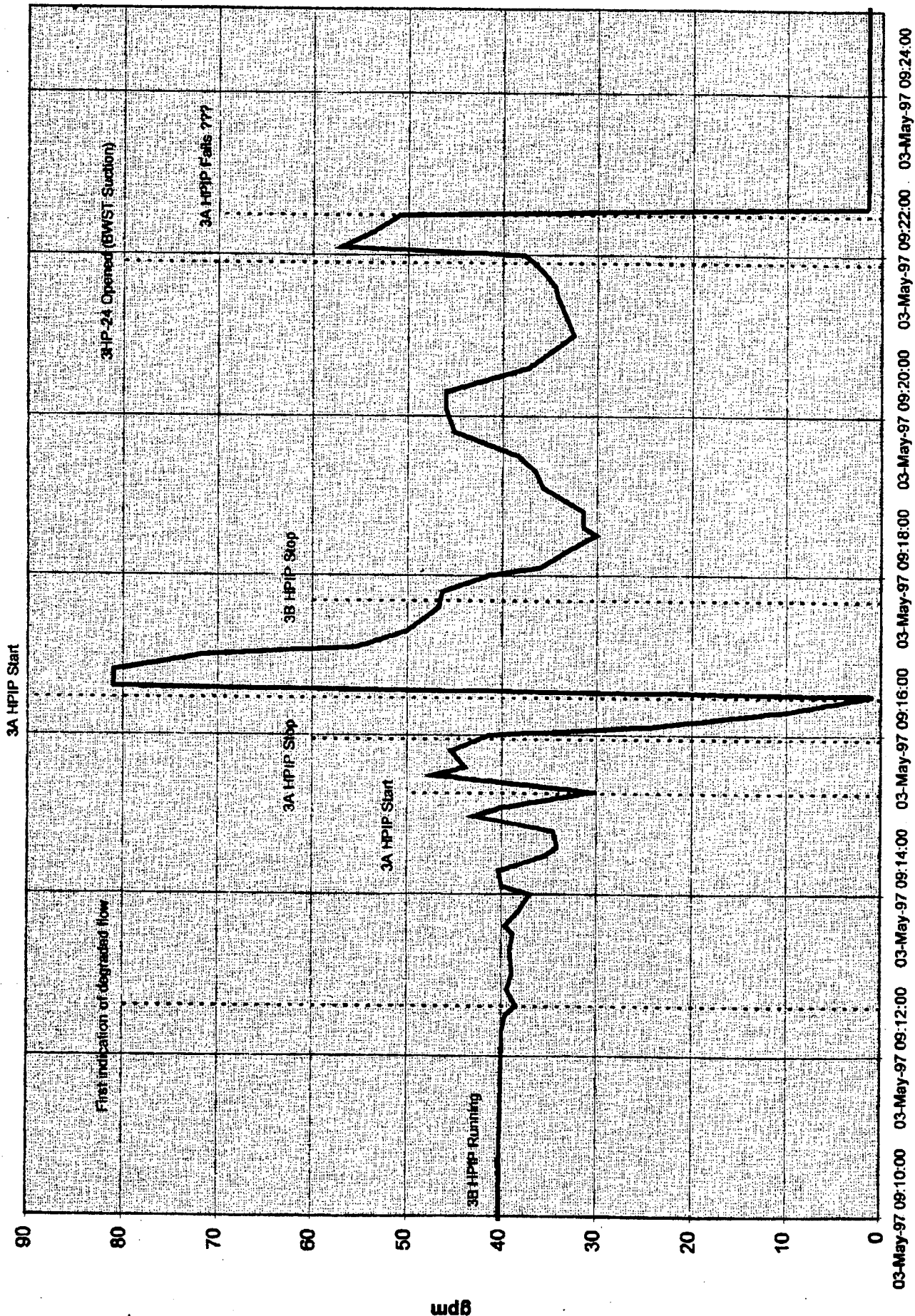
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- Unit 2
 - » Restart projected for third week of May
- Unit 3
 - » Restart projected for end of May
- Unit 1
 - » Continuing Operation under JCO until Units 2 and 3 return to steady state power operation
 - » Maintenance outage to perform LDST level inst mod and HPI nozzle inspections
 - » Refueling outage scheduled for early September, 1997
- Coordinate closure of restart issues with Senior Resident Inspector prior to restart

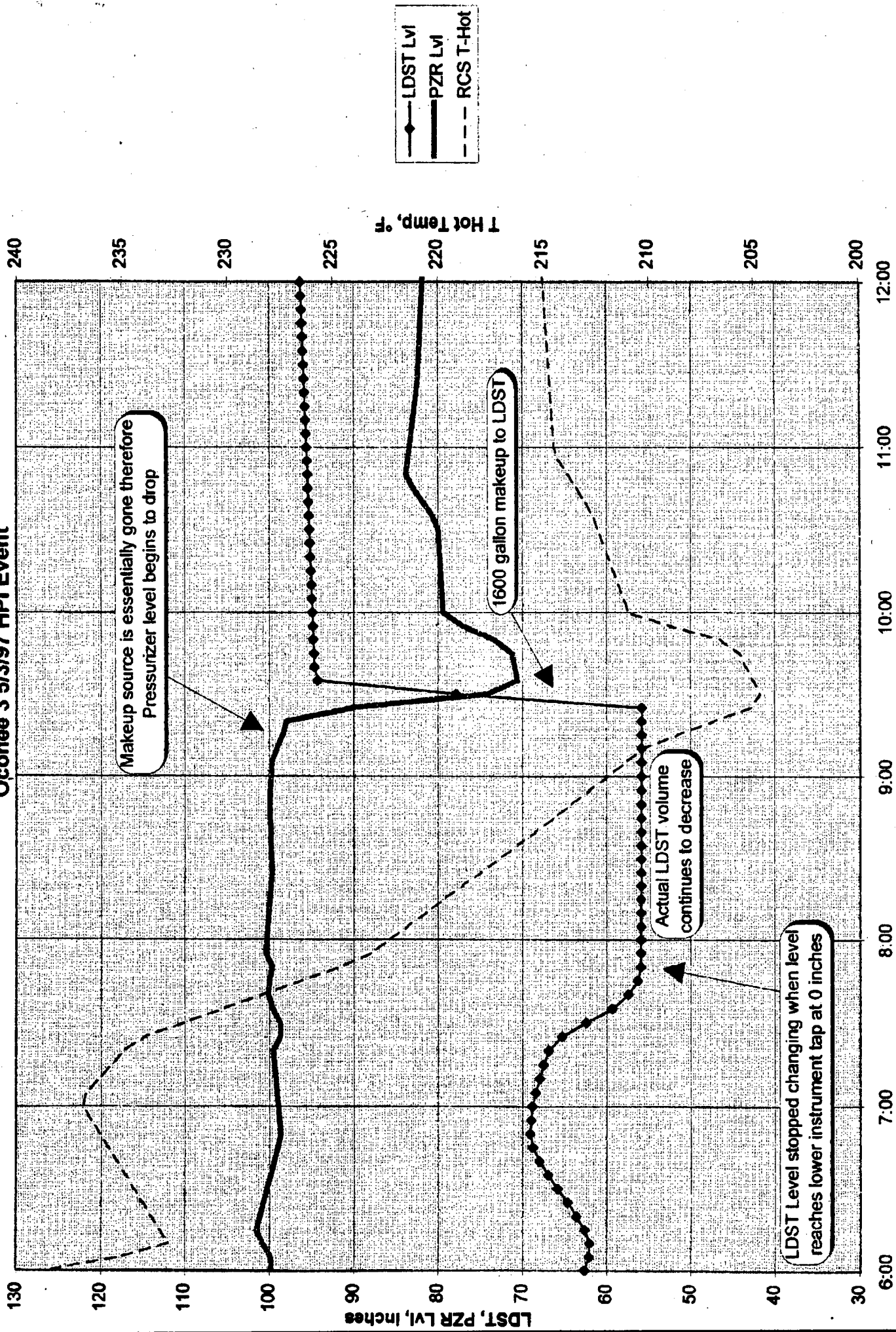
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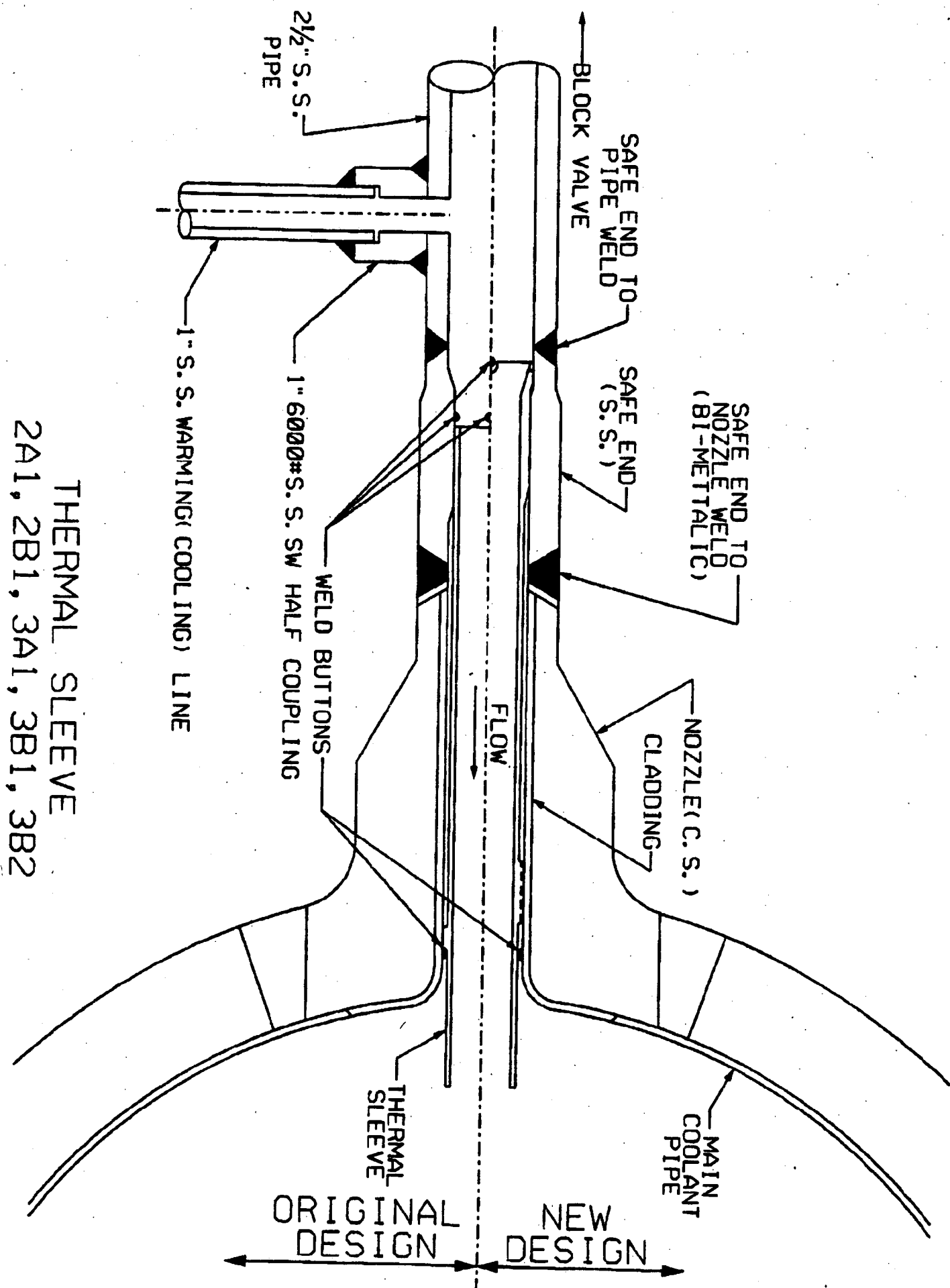


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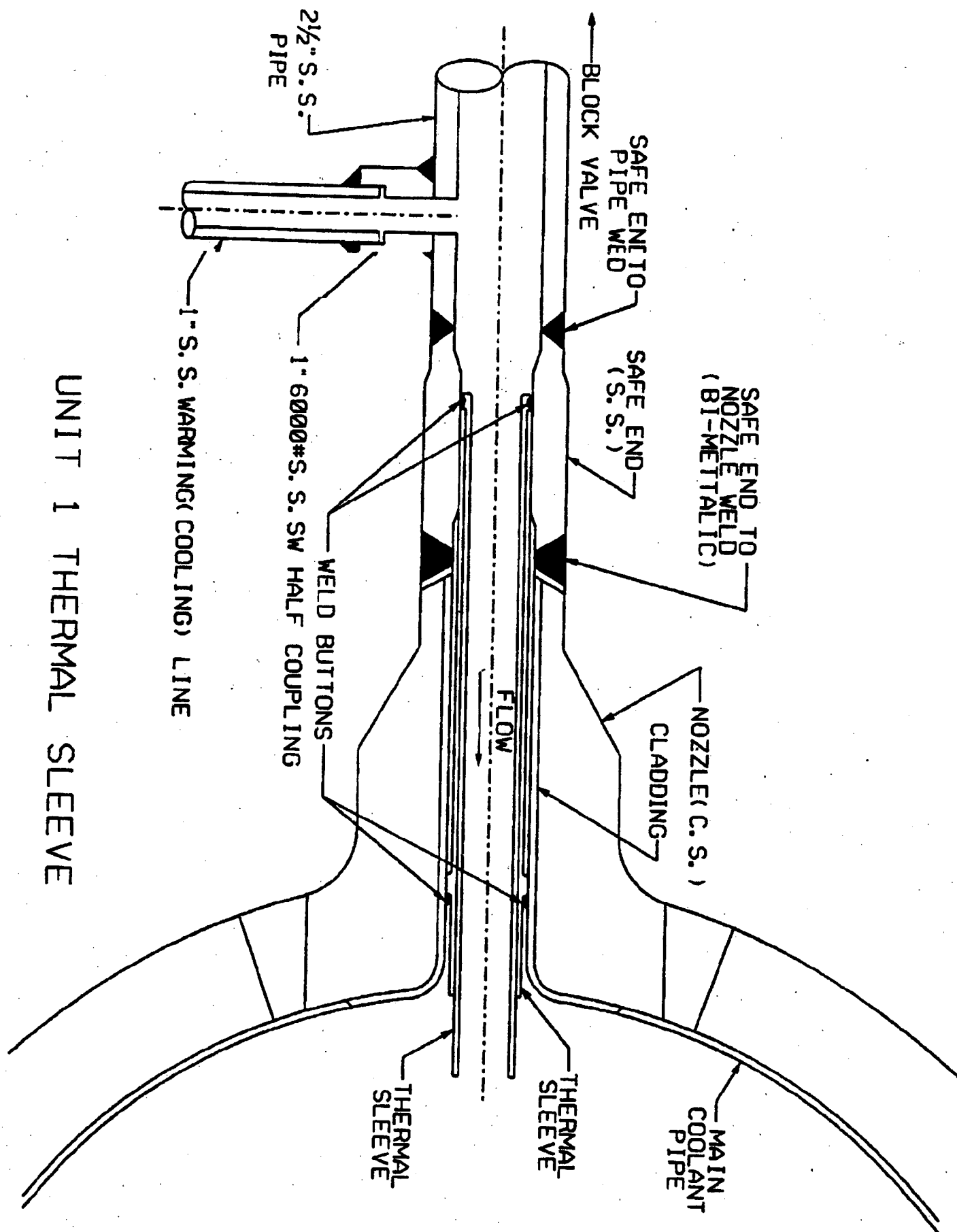
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THERMAL SLEEVE

2A1, 2B1, 3A1, 3B1, 3B2



UNIT 1 THERMAL SLEEVE