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Update on the Tensile Testing Resolution Paths for Welds Joining Couplers to Carbon Steel and Stainless Steel Embedment Plates (Non-Proprietary)

May 26, 2016



Meeting Purpose and Agenda

Meeting Purpose

- Address Staff feedback received on 4/14 related to the nondestructive examination (NDE) code nonconformance
 - Perform NDE on all welds with UNSAT Visual Examination (VT)
 - Ensure static sample size is sufficient to represent installed population
- Provide update on stainless steel embedment testing
- Receive and address Staff feedback

Agenda

- Recall Problem Statement & Initial Proposed Resolution Paths
 - Vogtle Carbon Steel (CS) Couplers
 - V.C. Summer (VCS) CS Couplers
- Updated CS Proposed Resolution Paths
- Carbon Steel Coupler Tensile Testing
- LAR Submittal Timing



Recall Problem Statement & Initial Proposed Resolution for Carbon Steel

Problem Statement:

- Contrary to AISC N690-1994, Q1.26 MT/PT examination requirements, populations of CS embedment plates with weldable couplers were installed at Vogtle and VCS without the requisite NDE having been performed

Proposed Resolution Paths:

- NDE code nonconformance to be addressed via two independent CS LARs:
 1. LAR-134 for CS weld population at Vogtle
 2. LAR-140 for CS weld population at VCS
- Differences between the Vogtle and VCS LARs is primarily in the data and the vendors supplying the welds



LAR-134: Vogtle Carbon Steel

LAR-140: VCS Carbon Steel



LAR Approach Prior to 4/14/2016 NRC Technical Exchange Meeting

- Licensing Basis Change
 - LAR to demonstrate that the coupler welds are suitable for performing their intended design function
- The evidence of suitability to perform intended design function will be demonstrated by a combination of:
 1. VT successfully performed on original weld population
 2. Static testing successfully performed on original weld population
 3. MT successfully performed
 - Recognizing that the MT sample population was not completely representative of the installed welds

LAR Approach Following 4/14/2016 NRC Technical Exchange Meeting

- NRC provided feedback on 4/14
 - WEC/Licensees need to further review the evaluation methods for the testing of the CS populations and determine if additional tensile testing is warranted for these populations
- WEC has reviewed the evaluation of CS static testing populations and has determined that additional static testing is needed
 - Tensile testing method is being developed and will be performed on uninstalled coupler welds from original population
 - Sample preparation and testing methods will be similar to the stainless steel (SS) coupler testing as discussed on 4/14
 - Tensile testing to demonstrate that the strength of the welds meets or exceeds the design strength



**Additional discussion on CS testing
provided on next slides**

Carbon Steel Coupler Testing

- Selection of welding considered factors such as: Welder ID, Welding Process and Procedure, Coupler Size, Start & Finish Date of Plate Production and VT/NDE Status



Carbon Steel Coupler Testing (cont.)

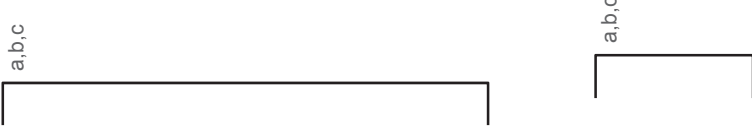


Stainless Steel Testing for LAR-129



Update on Stainless Steel Testing

- Tensile testing is progressing for the Vogtle and VCS SS coupler weld populations
- Hardness testing complete on SS coupler weld samples



LAR Submittal Dates

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Questions & Discussion

