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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission ATTN: Document Control Desk Washington, DC 20555-0001

Subject: COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION, DOCKET NO. 50-397; RELIEF REQUESTS FOR LIMITED COVERAGE EXAMINATIONS PERFORMED IN THE THIRD 10-YEAR INSERVICE INSPECTION INTERVAL

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to 10 CR 50.55a(g)(5)(iii), Energy Northwest is submitting the enclosed requests for relief from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Code requirements which have been determined to be impractical to perform during the third 10-year Inservice Inspection (ISI) interval at Columbia Generating Station (Columbia). The third 10-year interval commenced on December 13, 2005 and ended on December 12, 2015 using the 2001 Edition through the 2003 Addenda of the ASME Section XI Code. In addition, relevant ASME Code Cases N-460 and N-663, which were approved for use in Revisions 14 through 17 of Regulatory Guide 1.147, Inservice Inspection Code Case Acceptability, ASME Section XI, Division 1, Table 1 were also used during this interval. There were no limitations or conditions identified for the use of these Code Cases. The specific relief requests are provided in Attachments 1 through 4 of this letter and are numbered 3ISI-16 to 3ISI-19, respectively.

There are no new commitments made in this submittal.

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If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. R.M. Garcia, Licensing Supervisor at 509-377-8463.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this <u>7</u>th day of <u>*Pec ember*</u>, 2016.

Respectfully,

A. L. Jeworik Vice President, Engineering

Attachments: As stated

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Attachment 1

10 CFR 50.55a Request Number 3ISI-16

NDE Coverage Limitations on the RPV Bottom Head Welds

1. ASME Code Component(s) Affected

Description:	Alternative Requirements to the Examination of Pressure Retaining Welds in the Reactor Pressure Vessel
ASME Code Class:	Class 1
Examination Category:	B-A
Item Number:	B1.21, B1.22
Components Affected:	Reactor Pressure Vessel (RPV) Bottom Head Welds (See Table 3ISI-16.1)

2. Applicable Code Edition and Addenda

The Columbia Generating Station (Columbia) Inservice Inspection (ISI) third ten-year interval ASME Section XI Code is the 2001 Edition through 2003 Addenda.

3. Applicable Code Requirement

ASME Section XI, Table IWB-2500-1, Examination Category B-A, "Pressure Retaining Welds in Reactor Vessel":

Item B1.21 requires a volumetric examination of essentially 100% of the weld length of the bottom head circumferential welds in accordance with the examination requirements illustrated in Figure IWB-2500-3.

Item B1.22 requires a volumetric examination of essentially 100% of the weld length of the bottom head meridional welds in accordance with the examination requirements illustrated in Figure IWB-2500-3.

Code Case N-460

This Code Case states that when the entire examination volume or area cannot be examined due to interference by another component or part geometry, a reduction in examination coverage on any Class 1 or Class 2 weld may be accepted provided the reduction in coverage for that weld is less than 10%. The applicable examination records shall identify both the cause and percentage of reduced examination coverage.

4. Impracticality of Compliance

During ultrasonic examination of the RPV bottom head circumferential and meridional welds listed in Table 3ISI-16.1, greater than 90% coverage of the required examination volume could not be obtained. Examinations were performed utilizing a Performance Demonstration Initiative (PDI) Appendix VIII qualified procedure specific to RPV assembly welds.

Due to the geometric configuration of the components, effective volumetric examination could only be performed from outside the RPV bottom head circumferential and meridional welds. The 60° refracted longitudinal (RL) beam angle used in the axial and circumferential direction was not able to achieve greater than 90% code required volume as required by Code Case N-460. The RPV bottom head coverage limitations on the circumferential welds were due to interference from the bottom head penetrations. The RPV bottom head coverage limitations on the meridional welds were due to interference from the bottom head penetrations. The RPV bottom head coverage limitations on the result support skirt (See Figure 3ISI-16.1 and 16.2a & b).

Radiography is not practical on these types of vessel weld configurations, which prevent placement of the film and exposure source. Drawings and scan plans from the Ultrasonic Testing (UT) reports are provided for reference and clarification.

5. Burden Caused by Compliance

To effectively perform any significant additional Code allowable ultrasonic examinations, modification and/or replacement of the component would be required.

6. Proposed Alternative and Basis for Use

No alternative examination is proposed at this time.

Energy Northwest has examined the welds identified in Table 3ISI-16.1 to the extent practical and determined that results are acceptable with no recordable indications.

These RPV welds are also subject to VT-2 visual examination during system pressure testing in accordance with the requirements of Examination Category B-P and successfully passed their VT-2 examinations.

Energy Northwest requests the proposed relief be authorized pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(g)(6)(i).

7. Duration of Proposed Alternative

Relief is requested for the third ten-year inspection interval of the Inservice Inspection Program for Columbia Generating Station.

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	Table 3ISI-16.1 Examination Category B-A							
Cat	ltem No	Comp ID	Item Description	Material 1 and Product Form	Material 2 and Product Form	Examination Code Coverage Obtained	Examination Limitations and Results	
B-A	B1.21	DG	Bottom Head Circumferential Weld	Rolled Plate- SA533 Gr.B CL1	Rolled Plate- SA533 Gr.B CL1	19%	The examination was limited due to proximity of the CRD penetrations. No recordable indications.	
B-A	B1.21	DR	Bottom Head Circumferential Weld	Rolled Plate- SA533 Gr.B CL1	Rolled Plate- SA533 Gr.B CL1	19%	The examination was limited due to proximity of the CRD penetrations. No recordable indications.	
B-A	B1.22	DA	Bottom Head Meridional Weld @ 272°	Rolled Plate- SA533 Gr.B CL1	Rolled Plate- SA533 Gr.B CL1	72%	The examination was limited due to proximity of the vessel support skirt. No recordable indications.	
B-A	B1.22	DB	Bottom Head Meridional Weld @ 332°	Rolled Plate- SA533 Gr.B CL1	Rolled Plate- SA533 Gr.B CL1	72%	The examination was limited due to proximity of the vessel support skirt. No recordable indications.	
B-A	B1.22	DC	Bottom Head Meridional Weld @ 32°	Rolled Plate- SA533 Gr.B CL1	Rolled Plate- SA533 Gr.B CL1	72%	The examination was limited due to proximity of the vessel support skirt. No recordable indications.	
B-A	B1.22	DD	Bottom Head Meridional Weld @ 92°	Rolled Plate- SA533 Gr.B CL1	Rolled Plate- SA533 Gr.B CL1	72%	The examination was limited due to proximity of the vessel support skirt. No recordable indications.	
B-A	B1.22	DE	Bottom Head Meridional Weld @ 152°	Rolled Plate- SA533 Gr.B CL1	Rolled Plate- SA533 Gr.B CL1	72%	The examination was limited due to proximity of the vessel support skirt. No recordable indications.	
B-A	B1.22	DF	Bottom Head Meridional Weld @ 212°	Rolled Plate- SA533 Gr.B CL1	Rolled Plate- SA533 Gr.B CL1	72%	The examination was limited due to proximity of the vessel support skirt. No recordable indications.	

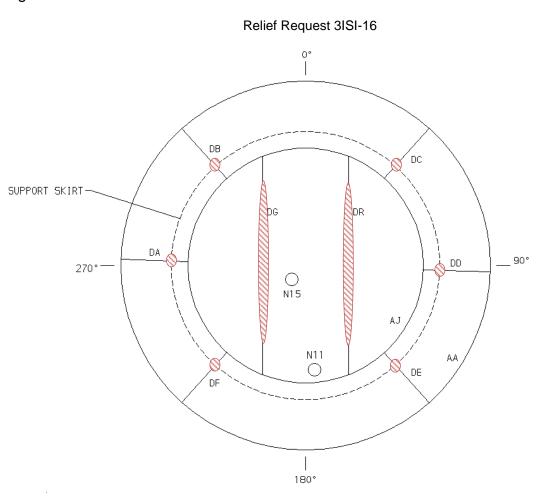
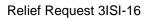


Figure 3ISI-16.1 Bottom Head. Hatched regions are inaccessible due to interferences



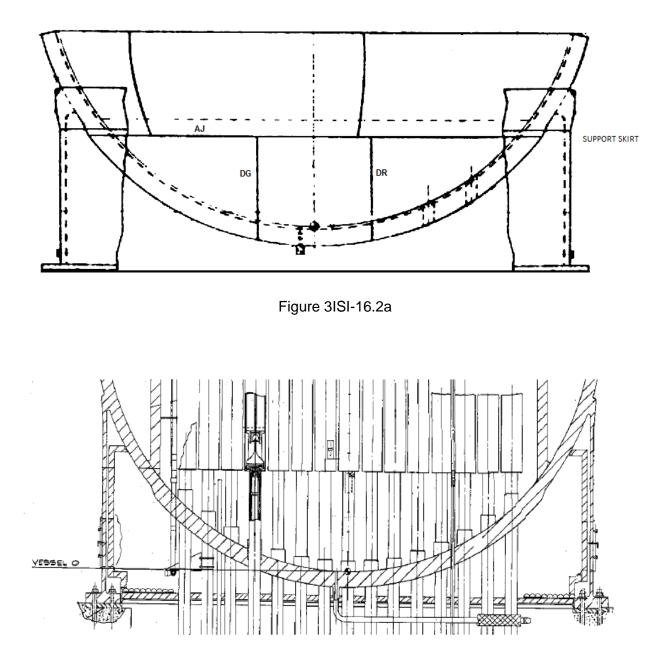


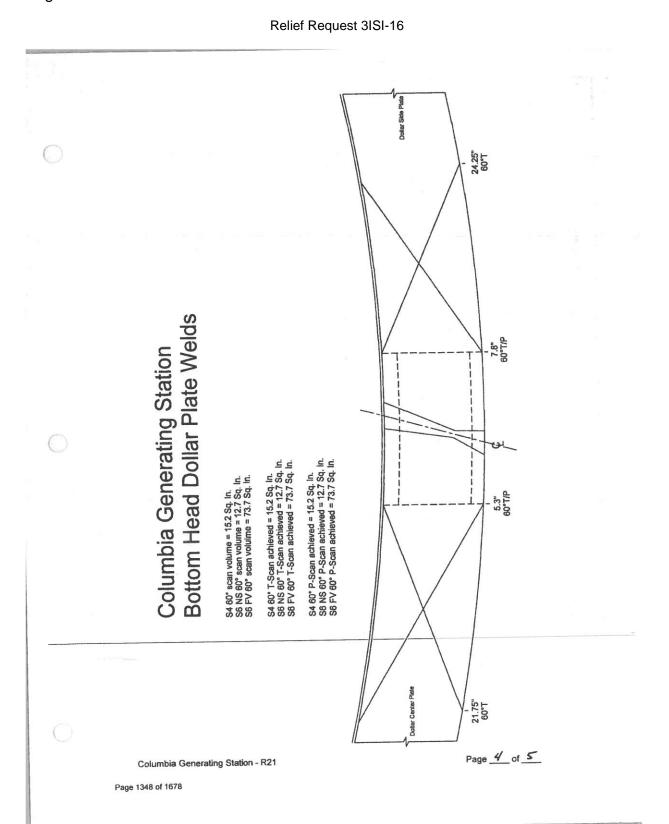
Figure 3ISI-16.2b Bottom Head side view showing relative weld locations and penetration interferences

Dollar Side Plate 24.25° 60°T Columbia Generating Station Bottom Head Dollar Plate Welds 7.8" 60°T/P C 84 60° P-Scan achieved = 15.2 Sq. In. 86 NS 60° P-Scan achieved = 12.7 Sq. In. 85 FV 60° P-Scan achieved = 73.7 Sq. In. 5 S4 60° T-Scan achleved = 15.2 Sq. In. S6 NS 60° T-Scan achleved = 12.7 Sq. S6 FV 60° T-Scan achleved = 73.7 Sq. S4 80° scan volume = 15.2 Sq. In. S6 NS 60° scan volume = 12.7 Sq. In. S6 FV 60° scan voluime = 73.7 Sq. In. 5.3" 60"T/P 21.75" 60"T Dollar Cental Page 4 of 5 Columbia Generating Station - R21 Page 1343 of 1678

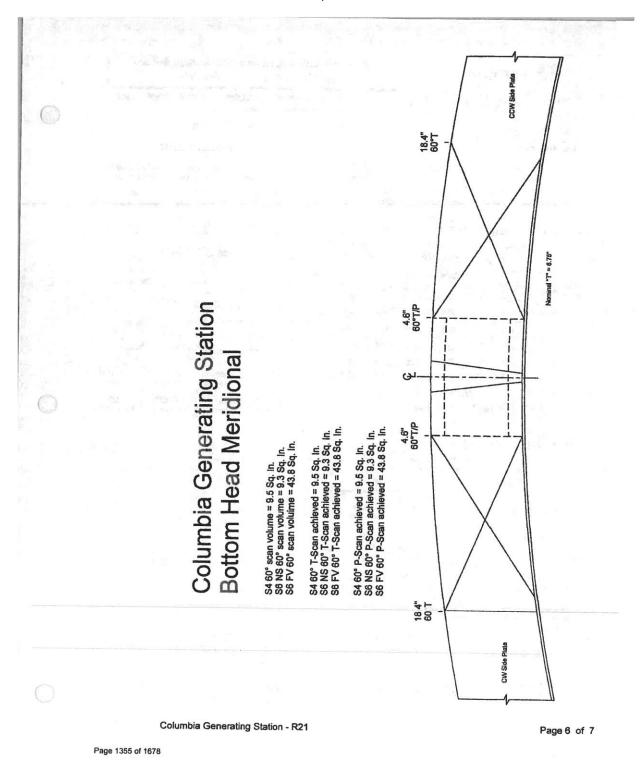
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Scan Plan for UT Report on DG weld

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Scan Plan for UT Report on DR weld



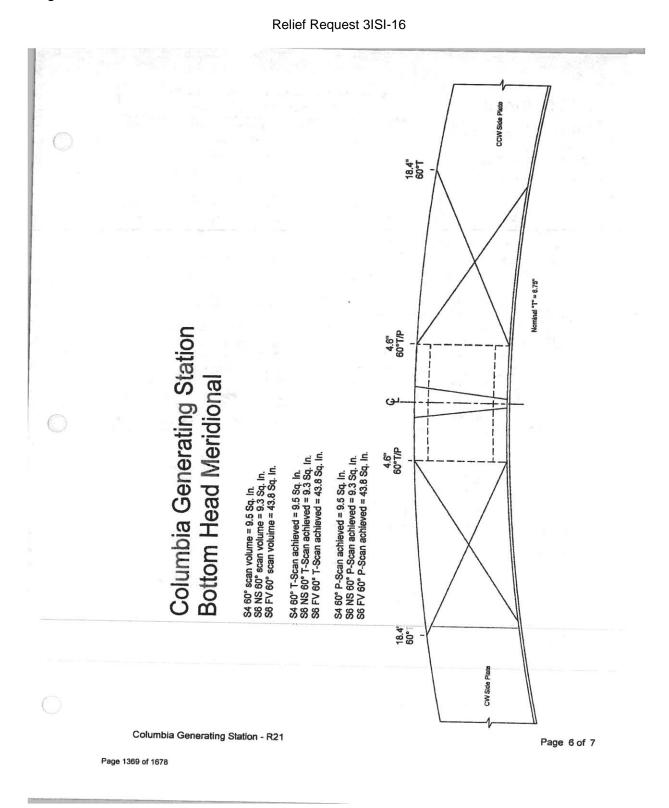
Scan Plan for UT Report on DA weld

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> CCW Side Plate 18.4" 60°T Nominal "T" = 6.75" 4.6" 60"T/P Columbia Generating Station **Bottom Head Meridional** ىي 4.6" 60°T/P S4 60° T-Scan achieved = 9.5 Sq. In. S6 NS 60° T-Scan achieved = 9.3 Sq. In. S6 FV 60° T-Scan achieved = 43.8 Sq. In. S4 60° P-Scan achieved = 9.5 Sq. In. S6 NS 60° P-Scan achieved = 9.3 Sq. In. S6 FV 60° P-Scan achieved = 43.8 Sq. In. S4 60° scan volume = 9.5 Sq. In. S6 NS 60° scan volume = 9.3 Sq. In. S6 FV 60° scan volume = 43.8 Sq. In. 18.4" 60°T **CW Side Plate** Page 6 of 7 Columbia Generating Station - R21 Page 1362 of 1678

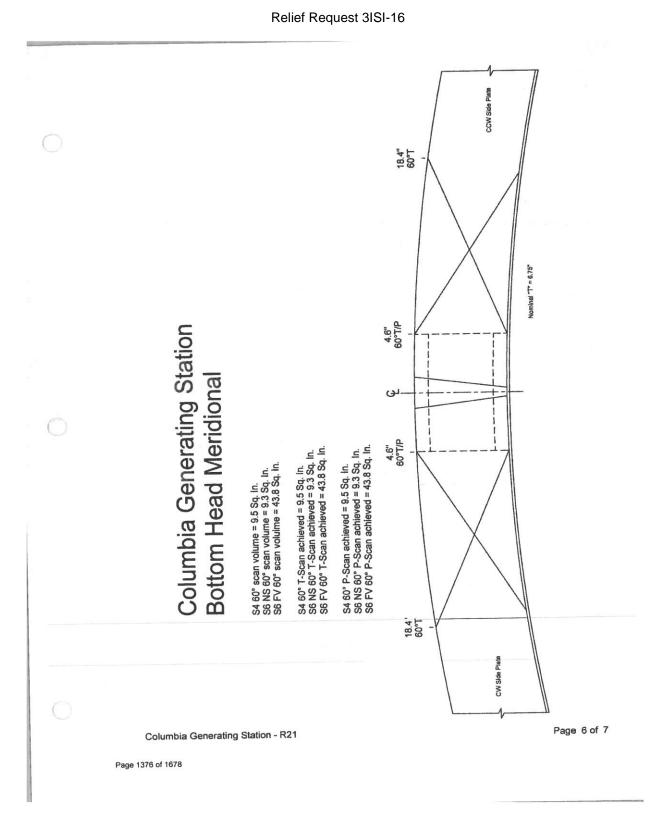
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Scan Plan for UT Report on DB weld



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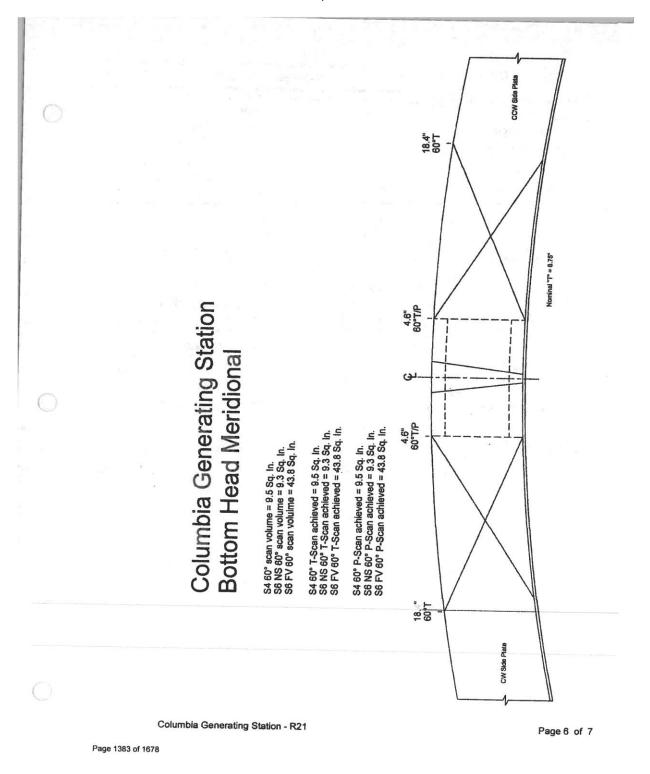
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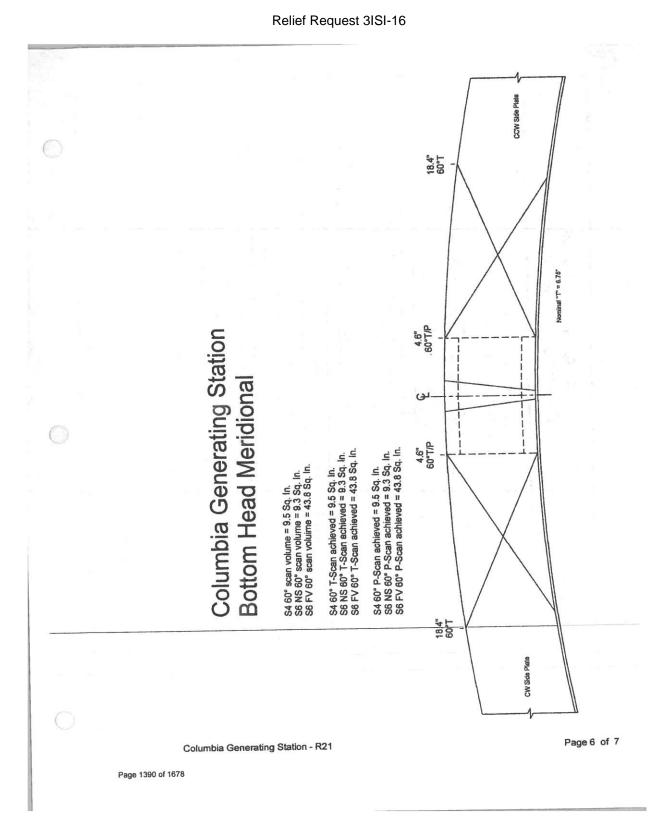
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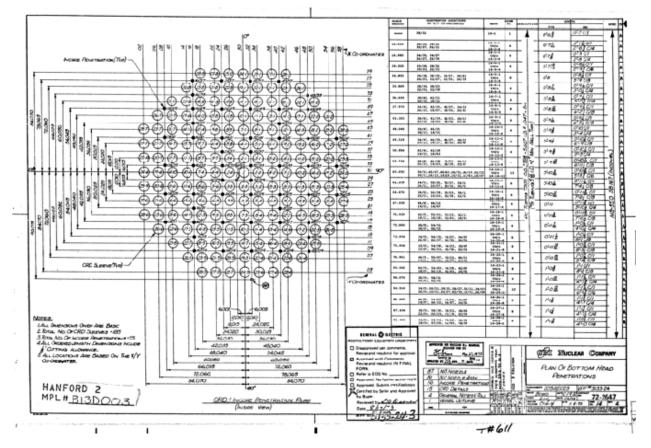


Scan Plan for UT Report on DE weld

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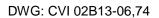


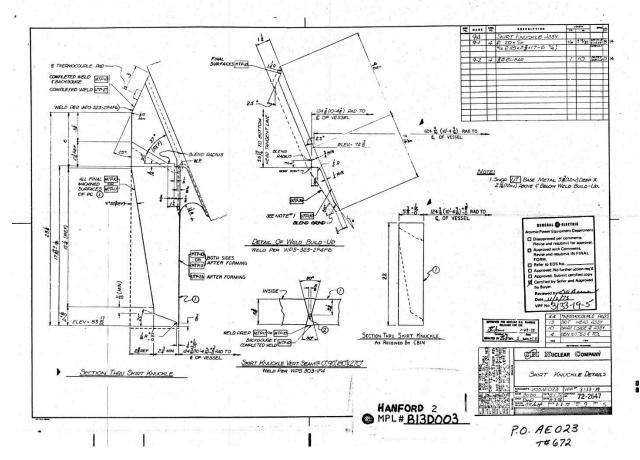
Scan Plan for UT Report on DF weld



DWG: CVI 02B13-06,52

Certified Vendor Drawing showing Bottom Head penetrations that interfered with UT examinations.





Certified Vendor Drawing showing the RPV skirt interference with the UT examinations.

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NDE Coverage Limitations on Dissimilar Metal Piping Welds

1. ASME Code Component(s) Affected

Description:	Alternative Requirements to the Examination of Dissimilar Metal (DM) Piping Welds
ASME Code Class:	Class 1
Examination Category:	B-J
Item Number:	B9.11
Components Affected:	Safe-End to Valve and Safe-End Extension Welds (See Table 3ISI-17.1)

2. Applicable Code Edition and Addenda

The Columbia Generating Station (Columbia) Inservice Inspection (ISI) third ten-year interval ASME Section XI Code is the 2001 Edition through 2003 Addenda.

3. Applicable Code Requirement

ASME Section XI, Table IWB-2500-1, Examination Category B-J, "Pressure Retaining Welds in Piping":

Item B9.11 requires a volumetric and surface examination of essentially 100% of the weld length of circumferential piping welds NPS 4 or larger in accordance with the examination requirements illustrated in Figure IWB-2500-8.

Code Case N-460

This Code Case states that when the entire examination volume or area cannot be examined due to interference by another component or part geometry, a reduction in examination coverage on any Class 1 or Class 2 weld may be accepted provided the reduction in coverage for that weld is less than 10%. The applicable examination records shall identify both the cause and percentage of reduced examination coverage.

4. Impracticality of Compliance

During ultrasonic examination of the circumferential piping welds listed in Table 3ISI-17.1, greater than 90% coverage of the required examination volume could not be obtained. Examinations were performed utilizing a Performance Demonstration Initiative (PDI) Appendix VIII qualified procedure specific to dissimilar metal (DM) piping welds.

Due to the geometric configuration on welds 4RRC(4)A-11 and 4RRC(4)B-12, volumetric examination coverage was limited as noted in Table 3ISI-17.1. The use of 45° shear, 45° and 60° refracted longitudinal (RL) beam angles in the axial and circumferential direction were not able to achieve greater than 90% code required volume as required by NRC approved Code Case N-460. See Table 3ISI-17.1 for additional information.

Welds 4RRC(4)A-11 and 4RRC(4)B-12 were examined using a PDI procedure qualified for single side coverage (50% coverage). The DM welds were scanned using at a minimum 45° RL and 60° RL waves and 45° shear waves. The 4RRC(4)A-11 weld examination was limited to forty-five percent (45%) total composite axial and circumferential coverage due to the proximity of the valve taper (See Figure 3ISI-17.1).

Weld 4RRC(4)B-12 is a similar pipe-to-valve weld with a valve of the same design as 4RRC(4)A-11 (Figure 3ISI-17.1). As such the valve taper interfered with the coverage of the weld in the same manner. Examination of the 4RRC(4)B-12 weld occurred in 2015 using manual DM weld techniques and achieved thirty percent (30%) coverage. The coverage obtained on weld 4RRC(4)B-12 was less than 4RRC(4)A-11 due to additional surface mismatch conditions as shown in Figure 3ISI-17.2.

As noted on Table 3ISI-17.1, weld 10LPCS(1)-3 safe-end taper limited the volumetric examination coverage. This weld was examined with a phased array system utilizing two-dimensional phased array probes. Circumferential flaw examinations require the 45° RL and the 60° RL transducer scans to cover the required volume at a minimum in one direction. The looking down (LKDN) examinations covered 100% of the required volume that included the 45° RL and the 60° RL transducers. No examination was performed in the looking up (LKUP) direction (against the flow) due to the proximity of the safe-end taper. Calculations were performed prior to the setup that revealed the 30° RL transducer could not perform a meaningful examination from the downstream side. Meaningful examination is defined as the qualified angle being able to pass through the weld root area. Circumferential flaw examinations account for 50% of the required examination volume. One hundred percent (100%) of the circumferential flaw examinations were credited, therefore fifty percent (50%) of the overall coverage was obtained.

Examinations for the detection of axial flaws require a minimum of two angles in the clockwise and counterclockwise directions. Code credit was achieved up to the point where the center of the probe lifted off the taper. A total of fifty-four percent (54%) of the axial flaw examinations were credited, equaling twenty-seven percent (27%) of the overall coverage in the circumferential direction looking for axial flaws.

A composite of seventy-seven percent (77%) of the combined coverages in the axial and circumferential directions was achieved. The remaining area was then reviewed to

determine if manual examinations would have resulted in additional coverage. Manual probe sizes and qualifications could not provide any additional coverage than what was already achieved.

NRC approved ASME Code Case N-663, *Alternative Requirements for Classes 1 and 2 Surface Examinations* was applied to these welds. Energy Northwest has not identified these welds as susceptible to outside surface attack, and therefore, they do not require surface examination. Drawings and scan plans from the Ultrasonic Testing (UT) reports are provided for reference and clarification.

5. Burden Caused by Compliance

To effectively perform any significant additional Code allowable ultrasonic examinations, modification and/or replacement of the component would be required.

6. Proposed Alternative and Basis for Use

No alternative examination is proposed at this time.

Energy Northwest has examined the welds identified in Table 3ISI-17.1 to the extent practical and determined that results are acceptable with no recordable indications.

These piping welds are also subject to VT-2 visual examination during system pressure testing in accordance with the requirements of Examination Category B-P and successfully passed their VT-2 examinations.

Energy Northwest requests the proposed relief be authorized pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(g)(6)(i).

7. Duration of Proposed Alternative

Relief is requested for the third ten-year inspection interval of the Inservice Inspection Program for Columbia Generating Station.

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	Table 3ISI-17.1 Examination Category B-J						
Cat	ltem No	Comp ID/ Line Drawing	Item Description	Material 1 and Product Form	Material 2 and Product Form	Examination Code Coverage Obtained	Examination Limitations and Results
B-J	B9.11	4RRC(4)A-11 RRC-108	Safe-End to Valve RWCU-V-100	Pipe, Safe- End – 4" SA- 312 TP304	Valve – 4" SA-105 Gr.II	45%	Examination coverage is limited due to the safe-end to valve configuration. No indications associated with IGSCC were recorded.
B-J	B9.11	4RRC(4)B-12 RRC-109	Safe-End to Valve RWCU-V-106	Pipe, Safe- End – 4" SA- 312 TP304	Valve – 4" SA-105 Gr.II	30%	Examination coverage is limited due to the safe-end to valve configuration. No indications associated with IGSCC were recorded.
B-J	B9.11	10LPCS(1)-3 LPCS-101-2 RPV-109	Safe-End Extension to Safe-End on Nozzle N5	Safe-End Extension – 10" SA-508 Cl.1	Safe-End – 10" SB-166	77%	Examination coverage is limited due to the safe-end configuration. Inside surface geometry, non- relevant indications, and root geometry were recorded during the circumferential flaw examinations. No indications associated with IGSCC were recorded.

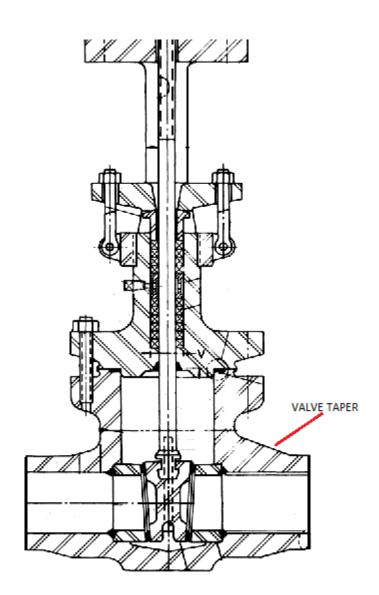
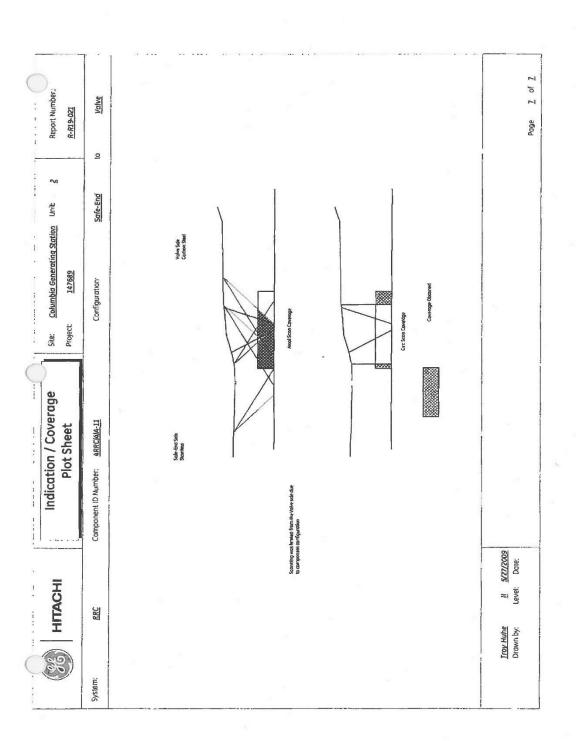


Figure 3ISI-17.1 Valve body associated with welds 4RRC(4)A-11 and 4RRC(4)B-12

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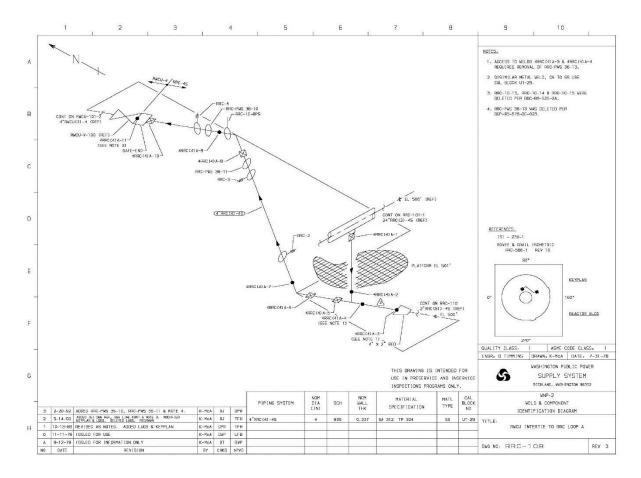


Figure 3ISI-17.2 Photograph of weld 4RRC(4)B-12 highlighting the mismatch in the transition area from the pipe to the valve taper.



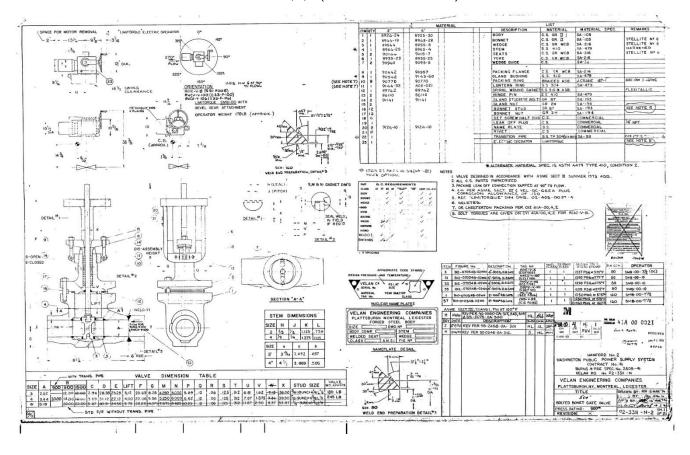
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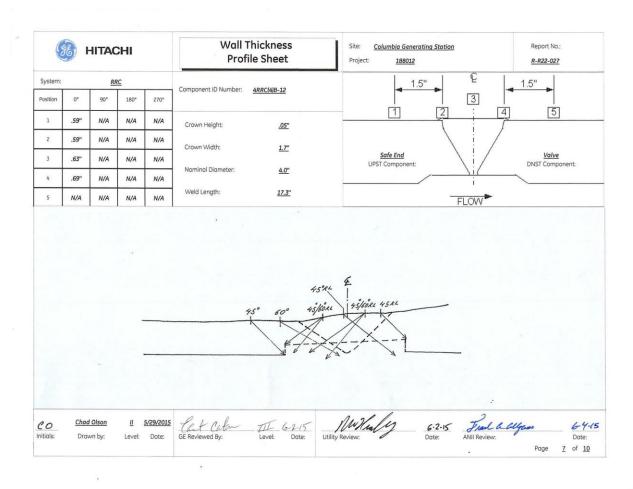
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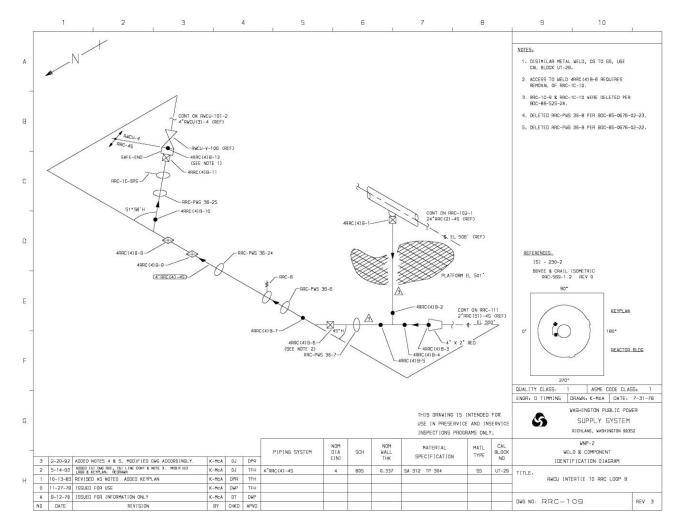
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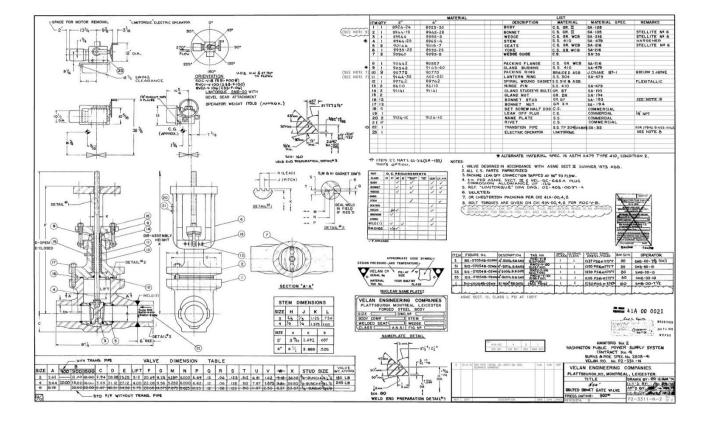
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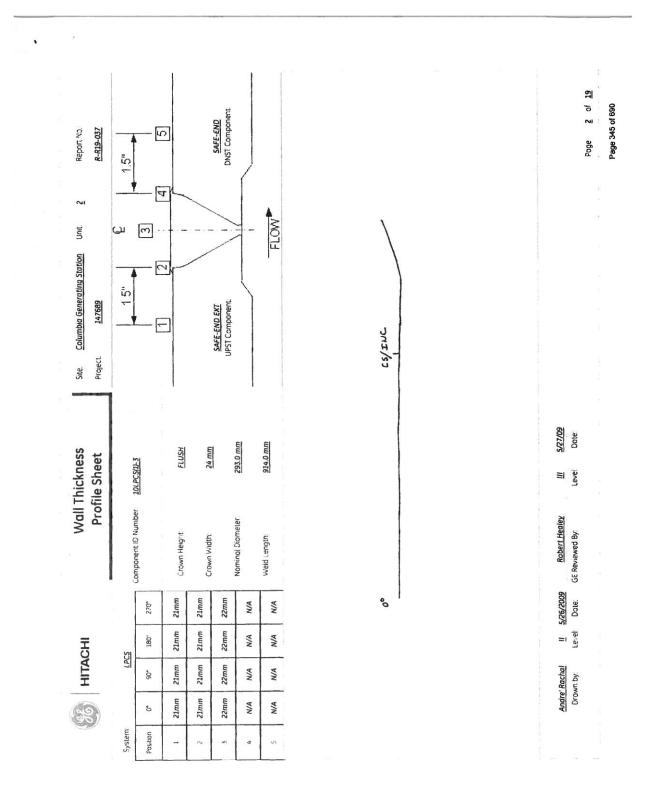
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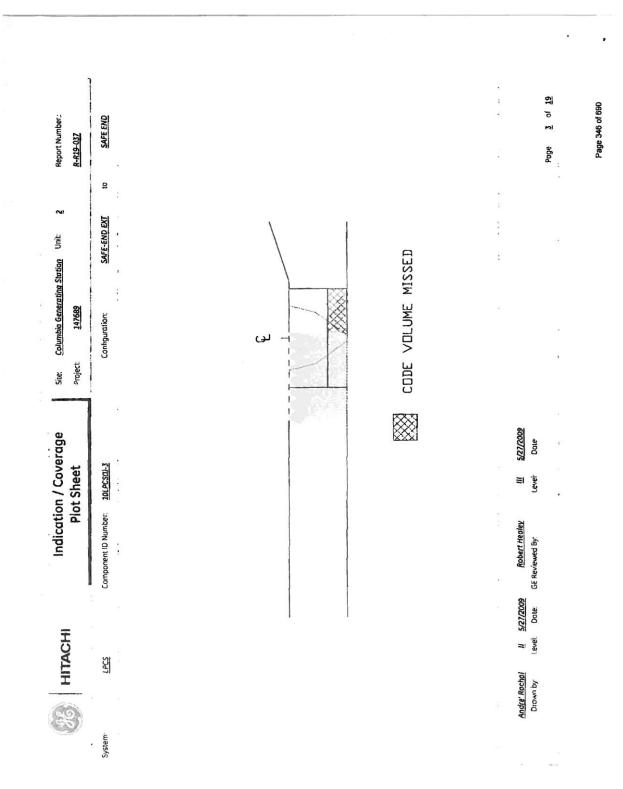
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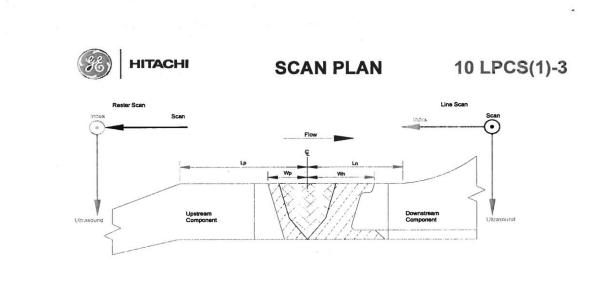


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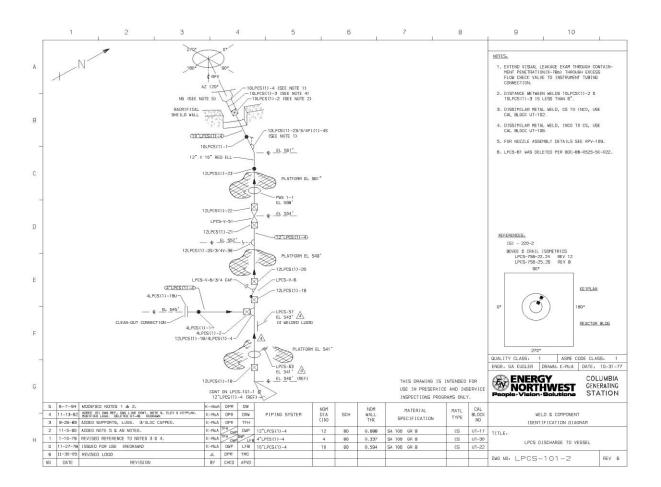
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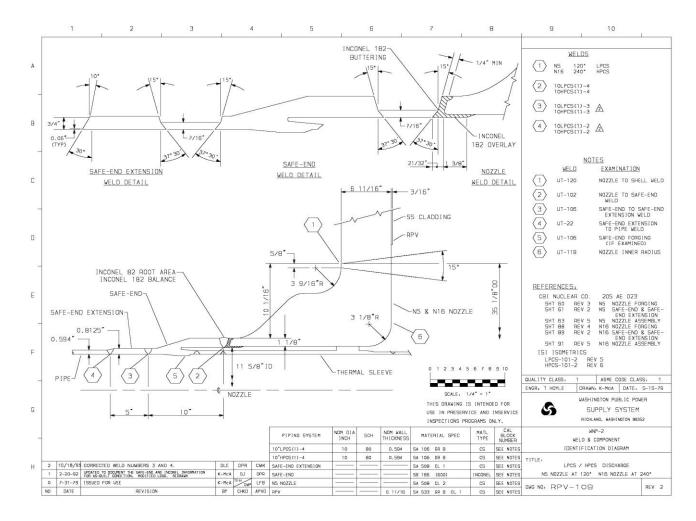


Scan Plan for UT Report on RPV-109 (10LPCS(1)-3) weld









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NDE Coverage Limitations on Austenitic Stainless Steel Piping Welds and Austenitic Stainless Steel Branch Connection Welds

1. ASME Code Component(s) Affected

Description:	Alternative Requirements to the Examination of Austenitic Stainless Steel Piping Welds and Austenitic Stainless Steel Branch Connections
ASME Code Class:	Class 1
Examination Category:	B-J
Item Number:	B9.11 and B9.31
Components Affected:	Valves and Fittings (See Table 3ISI-18.1)

2. Applicable Code Edition and Addenda

The Columbia Generating Station (Columbia) Inservice Inspection (ISI) third ten-year interval ASME Section XI Code is the 2001 Edition through 2003 Addenda.

3. Applicable Code Requirement

ASME Section XI, Table IWB-2500-1, Examination Category B-J, "Pressure Retaining Welds in Piping":

Item B9.11 requires a volumetric and surface examination of essentially 100% of the weld length of circumferential piping welds NPS 4 or larger in accordance with the examination requirements illustrated in Figure IWB-2500-8.

Item B9.31 requires a volumetric and surface examination of essentially 100% of the weld length of branch pipe connection welds NPS 4 or larger in accordance with the examination requirements illustrated in Figures IWB-2500-9, 10, and 11.

Code Case N-460

This Code Case states that when the entire examination volume or area cannot be examined due to interference by another component or part geometry, a reduction in examination coverage on any Class 1 or Class 2 weld may be accepted provided the reduction in coverage for that weld is less than 10%. The applicable examination records shall identify both the cause and percentage of reduced examination coverage.

4. Impracticality of Compliance

During ultrasonic examination of the circumferential piping welds listed in Table 3ISI-18.1, greater than 90% coverage of the required examination volume could not be obtained. Examinations were performed utilizing a Performance Demonstration Initiative (PDI) Appendix VIII qualified procedure specific to austenitic stainless steel piping welds.

Due to the geometric configuration of the components, effective volumetric examination could only be performed as noted in Table 3ISI-18.1. The 45° and 60° beam angles used in the axial and circumferential directions were not able to achieve greater than 90% code required volume as required by NRC approved Code Case N-460. In each case coverage was limited to one side of the weld (50%) due to the configuration of the component. See Table 3ISI-18.1 and Figures 3ISI-18.1, 18.2, 18.3 and 18.4 for additional information.

Drawings and scan plans from the Ultrasonic Testing (UT) reports are provided for reference and clarification.

5. Burden Caused by Compliance

To effectively perform any significant additional Code allowable ultrasonic examinations, modification and/or replacement of the component would be required.

6. Proposed Alternative and Basis for Use

No alternative examination is proposed at this time.

Energy Northwest has examined the welds identified in Table 3ISI-18.1 to the extent practical. Energy Northwest has also examined the B-J welds of other piping as directed by the Inservice Inspection program and determined that results are acceptable with no recordable indications.

These piping welds are also subject to VT-2 visual examination during system pressure testing in accordance with the requirements of Examination Category B-P and successfully passed their VT-2 examinations.

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7. Duration of Proposed Alternative

Relief is requested for the third ten-year inspection interval of the Inservice Inspection Program for Columbia Generating Station.

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Table 3ISI-18.1 Examination Category R-A							
Cat	ltem No	Comp ID/ Line Drawing	Item Description	Material 1 and Product Form	Material 2 and Product Form	Examination Code Coverage Obtained	Examination Limitations and Results
B-J	B9.11	12RRC(7)A-1 RRC-106	Valve RHR-V-112A to Pipe	Valve – 12" SA-182 F316	Pipe – 12" SA-358 CL1 GR 304	50%	Coverage is limited due to single sided exam. No signal from valve side due to valve body taper. No relevant indications were recorded. Figure 3ISI-18.1.
B-J	B9.11	12RRC(7)B-1 RRC-107	Valve RHR-V-112B to Pipe	Valve – 12" SA-182 F316	Pipe – 12" SA-358 CL1 GR 304	50%	Coverage is limited due to single sided exam. No signal from valve side due to valve body taper. No relevant indications were recorded. Figure 3ISI-18.1.
B-J	B9.11	20RRC(6)-1 RRC-105	Reducing Tee to Pipe	Reducing Tee - 24" x 24" x 20" SA-403 WP304	Pipe – 20" SA-358 CL1 GR 304	50%	Coverage is limited due to single sided exam. No signal from valve side due to tee taper. No relevant indications were recorded. Figure 3ISI-18.2.
B-J	B9.31	24RRC(1)A- 13 / 4RRC(8)-4S RRC-101-2	Pipe to Sweep-O- Let	Pipe – 24" SA- 358 CL1 GR 304	Sweep-O-Let 24" SA-403 WP304	50%	Coverage is limited due to single sided exam. No signal from valve side due to Sweep-O-Let taper. No relevant indications were recorded. Figure 3ISI-18.3.
B-J	B9.11	24RRC(1)A- 15 RRC-101-2	Valve RRC-V60A to Pipe	Valve – 24" SA-351 CF8M	Pipe – 24" SA-358 CL1 GR 304	50%	Coverage is limited due to single sided exam. No signal from valve side due to valve body taper. No relevant indications were recorded. Figure 3ISI-18.4.

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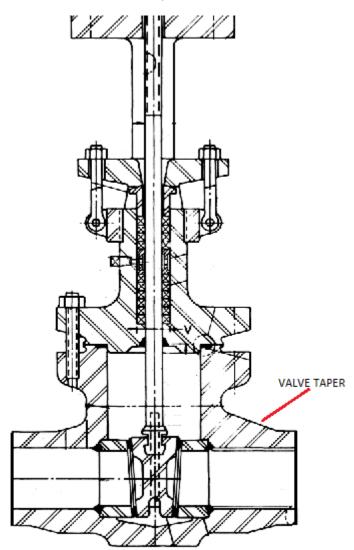


Figure 3ISI-18.1 Valve taper on RHR-V-112A and B for welds 12RRC(7)A-1 and 12RRC(7)B-1.

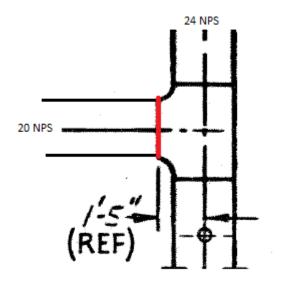


Figure 3ISI-18.2 Taper on 20NPS RRC Reducing Tee for weld 20RRC(6)-1 highlighted in red.

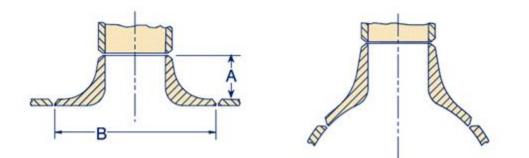


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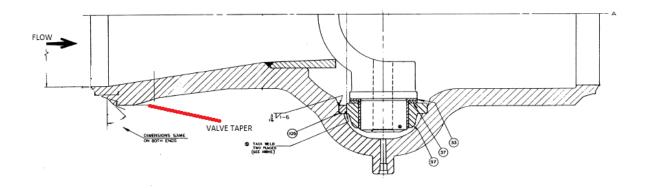
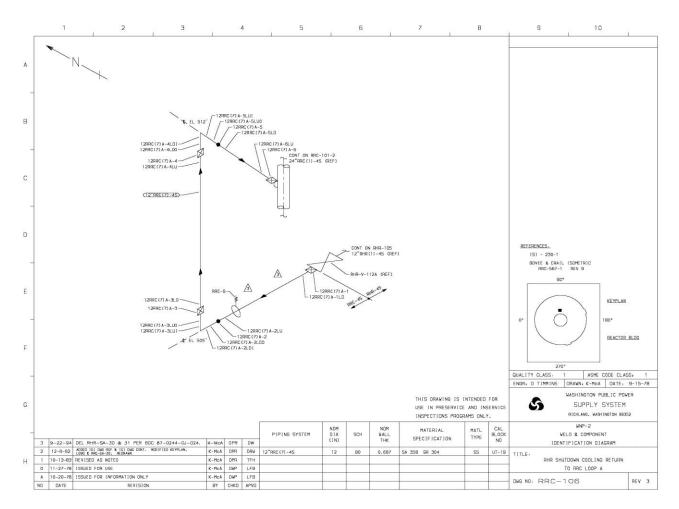
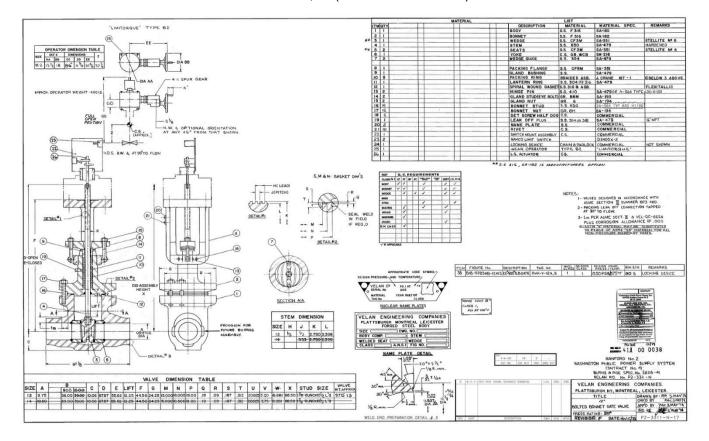


Figure 3ISI-18.4 Valve taper on RRC-V-60A for weld 24RRC(1)A-15



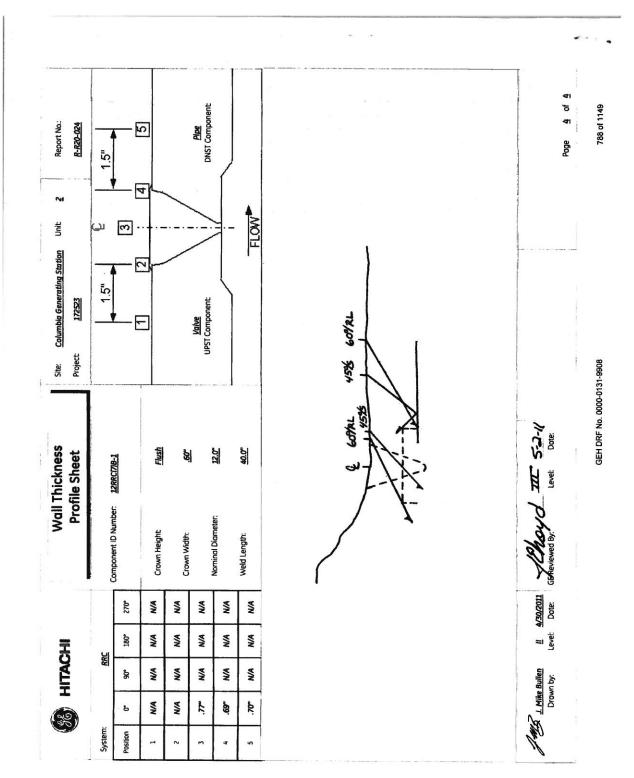
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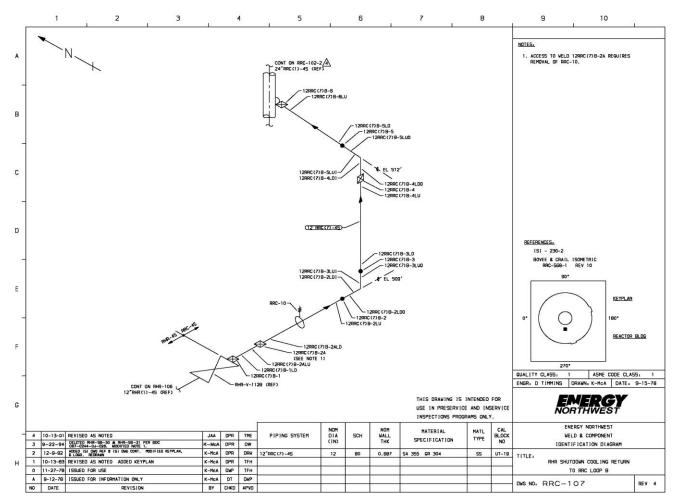
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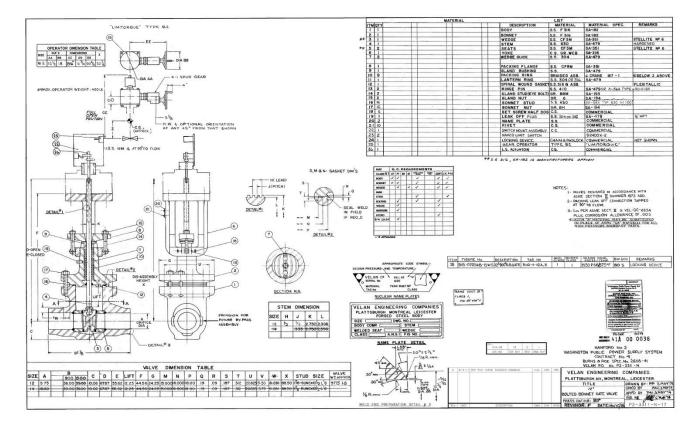
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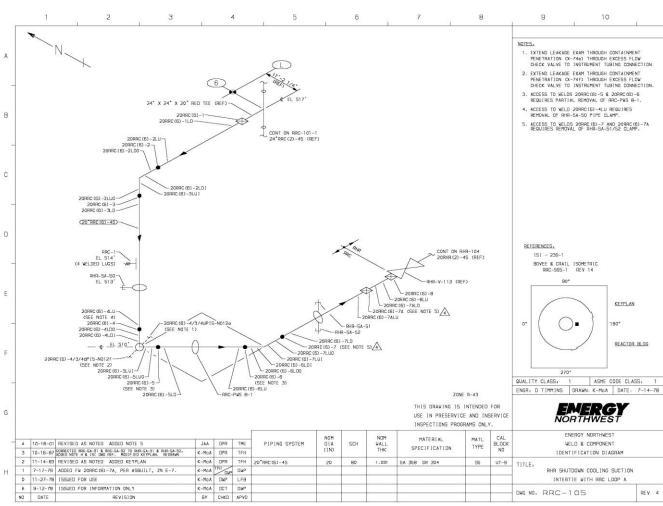
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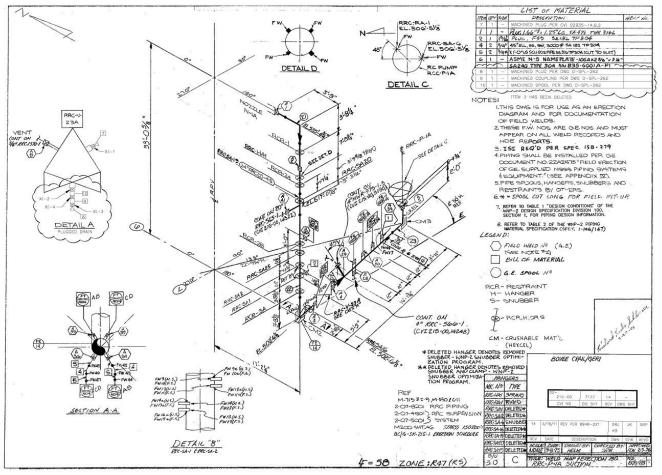


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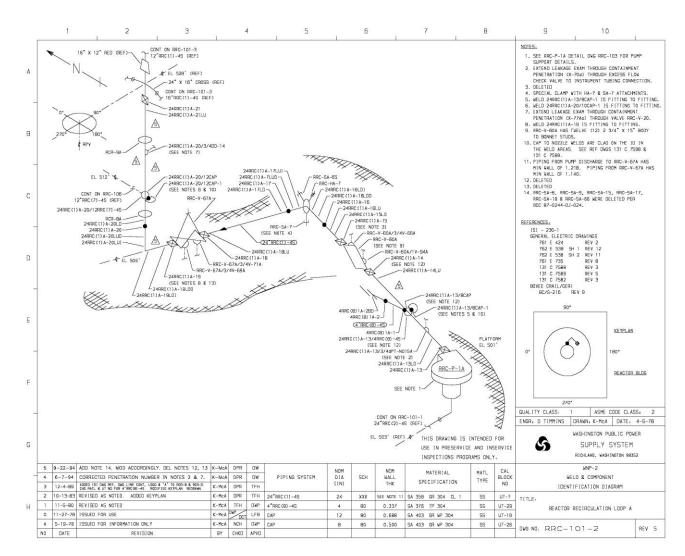
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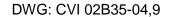


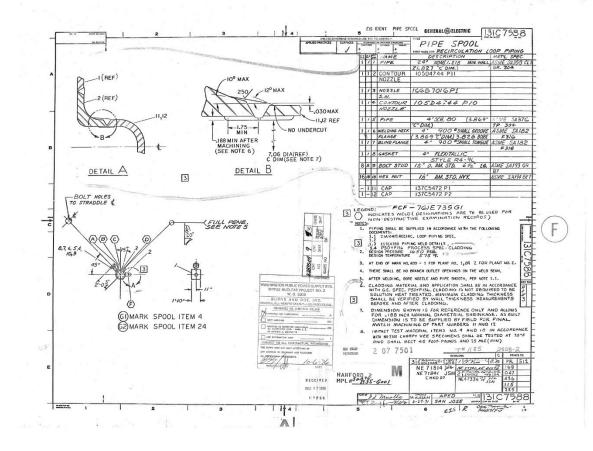


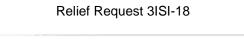
Certified Vendor Drawing showing relative location of branch connection for 20RRC(6)-1.

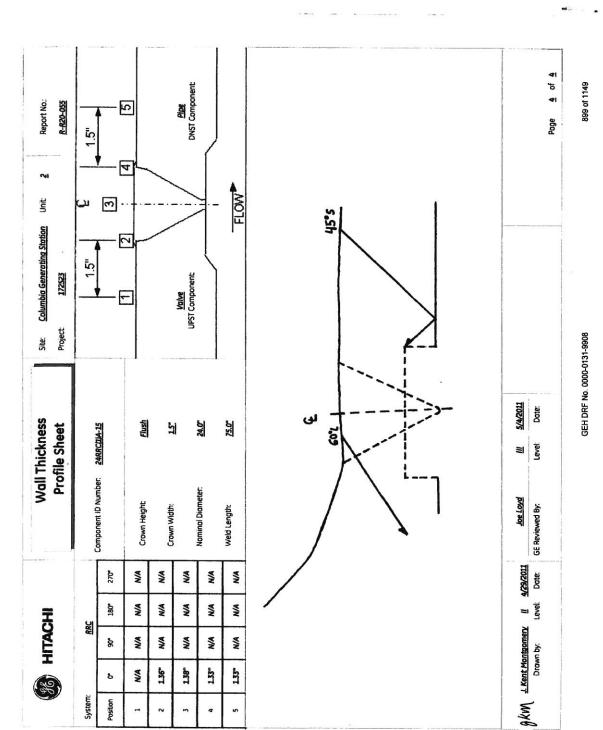
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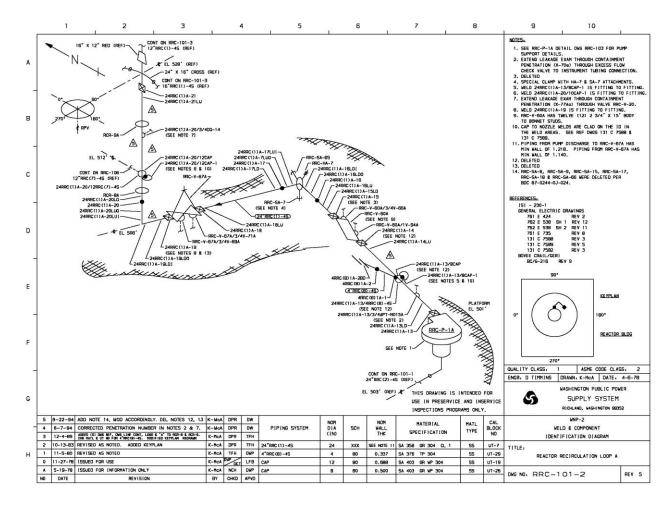






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Attachment 4

10 CFR 50.55a Request Number 3ISI-19

NDE Coverage Limitations on Residual Heat Removal (RHR) Heat Exchanger Support Attachment Welds

1. ASME Code Component(s) Affected

Description:	Alternative Requirements to the Examination of RHR Heat
	Exchanger Attachment Welds
ASME Code Class:	Class 2
Examination Category:	C-C
Item Number:	C3.10
Components Affected:	RHR "A" Heat Exchanger Support Attachment Welds, AS-1

2. Applicable Code Edition and Addenda

The Columbia Generating Station (Columbia) Inservice Inspection (ISI) third ten-year interval ASME Section XI Code is the 2001 Edition through 2003 Addenda.

3. Applicable Code Requirement

ASME Section XI, Table IWC-2500-1, Examination Category C-C, "Welded Attachments for Vessels, Piping, Pumps, and Valves":

Item C3.10 requires a surface examination of essentially 100% of required areas of each welded attachment in accordance with the examination requirements illustrated in Figure IWC-2500-5.

Code Case N-460

This Code Case states that when the entire examination volume or area cannot be examined due to interference by another component or part geometry, a reduction in examination coverage on any Class 1 or Class 2 weld may be accepted provided the reduction in coverage for that weld is less than 10%. The applicable examination records shall identify both the cause and percentage of reduced examination coverage.

4. Impracticality of Compliance

During magnetic particle examination of the support attachment welds to the "A" RHR heat exchanger, greater than 90% coverage of the required examination surface could not be obtained as required by NRC approved Code Case N-460.

The bottom welds on each of four (4) heat exchanger support welded attachments are inaccessible. The heat exchanger is oriented vertically and is approximately 357 inches high, 58 inches in diameter, and 65,000 lbs dry weight. The four supports rest on the

floor at elevation 572'-0" making the bottom welds inaccessible. The horizontal welds are 38 linear inches giving an arc length of 41.5 inches. The vertical weld length is 35 inches. Therefore the total weld length for each welded attachment (4 welds) (using arc length for the horizontal welds) is 153 inches. With the bottom welds being inaccessible, the examinable weld length for each support welded attachment is 111.5 inches. Therefore the examination coverage achieved for each of four RHR "A" heat exchanger support welded attachments is approximately 72% which is less than the Code requirement of greater than 90%.

Drawings are provided for reference and clarification.

5. Burden Caused by Compliance

To effectively perform any significant additional Code allowable surface examination, modification and/or replacement of the component would be required.

6. Proposed Alternative and Basis for Use

No alternative examination is proposed at this time.

Energy Northwest has examined these welds to the extent practical and determined that results are acceptable with no recordable indications. In addition to these examinations, other Category C-C attachment welds are examined as directed by the Inservice Inspection program and these results are also acceptable with no recordable indications.

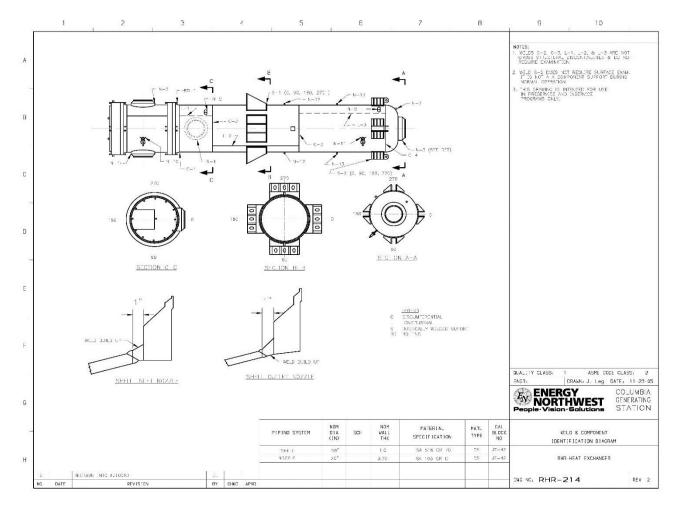
The "A" RHR system is also subject to VT-2 visual examination during system pressure testing in accordance with the requirements of Examination Category C-H. There were no recorded leaks during the "A" RHR system pressure tests last interval.

Energy Northwest requests the proposed relief be authorized pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(g)(6)(i).

7. Duration of Proposed Alternative

Relief is requested for the third ten-year inspection interval of the Inservice Inspection Program for Columbia Generating Station.

DWG: RHR-214



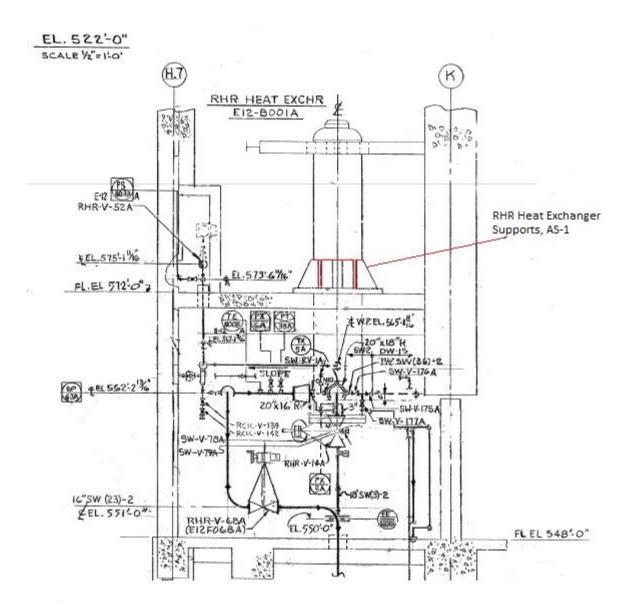


Figure 3ISI-19.1 Schematic of the A RHR Heat Exchanger showing building and physical impediments. Heat exchanger supports are mounted to the floor at elevation 572'.

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Figure 3ISI-19.2 Photograph of RHR heat exchanger S-1 supports with insulation. The Insulation is removed for surface examinations.