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“Updates to WCAP-17938 Resulting from Sanmen Hot Functional Testing Observations –  
Closed Meeting”

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# Agenda

## Objective:

- Inform NRC Staff about Neutron Shielding observations from Sanmen & proposed revisions to WCAP-17938
- Receive and discuss NRC Staff feedback

## Agenda:

- Issue Overview
- Design Assessment
- Revisions to Topical Report
- Schedule





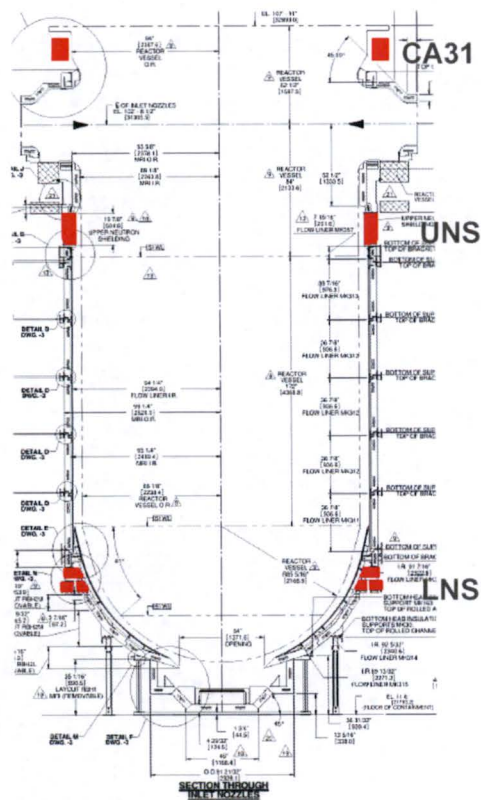
# Issue Overview





# Design Overview

## Reactor Vessel Neutron Shielding Locations

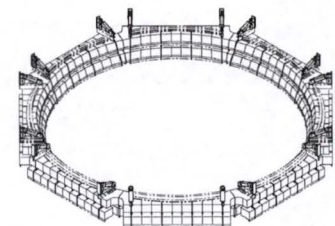
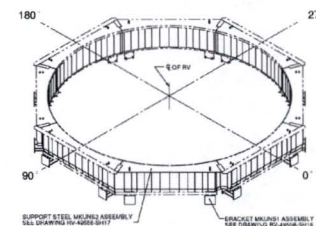
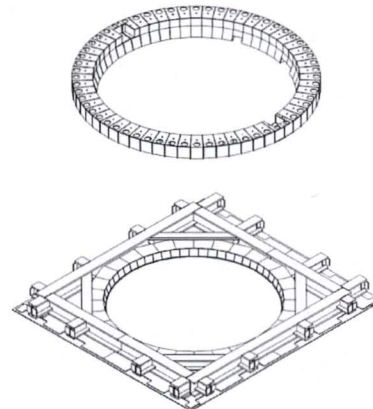


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Upper Neutron Shield  
(UNS)

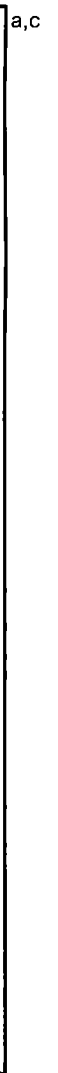
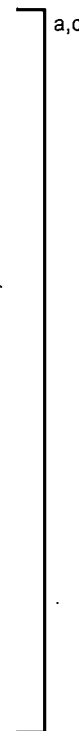
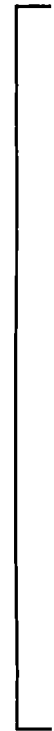
Lower Neutron Shield  
(LNS)

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## CA31 Overview

- Neutron shield blocks are integrally designed into the CA31 module that forms the floor of the refueling cavity.



# CA31 Problem Statement

- Volumetric expansion of shielding material was not properly considered within the design and construction
- Material off gassing was greater than expected causing internal pressurization of the shield blocks

**Level I CAPAL was generated and RCA was conducted**





# CA31 Overview

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# Neutron Shielding Issue Resolution

## Problem Statement – MN20

- Purpose of MN20 blocks is to reduce radiation streaming from the reactor cavity annulus and into the lower reactor cavity.

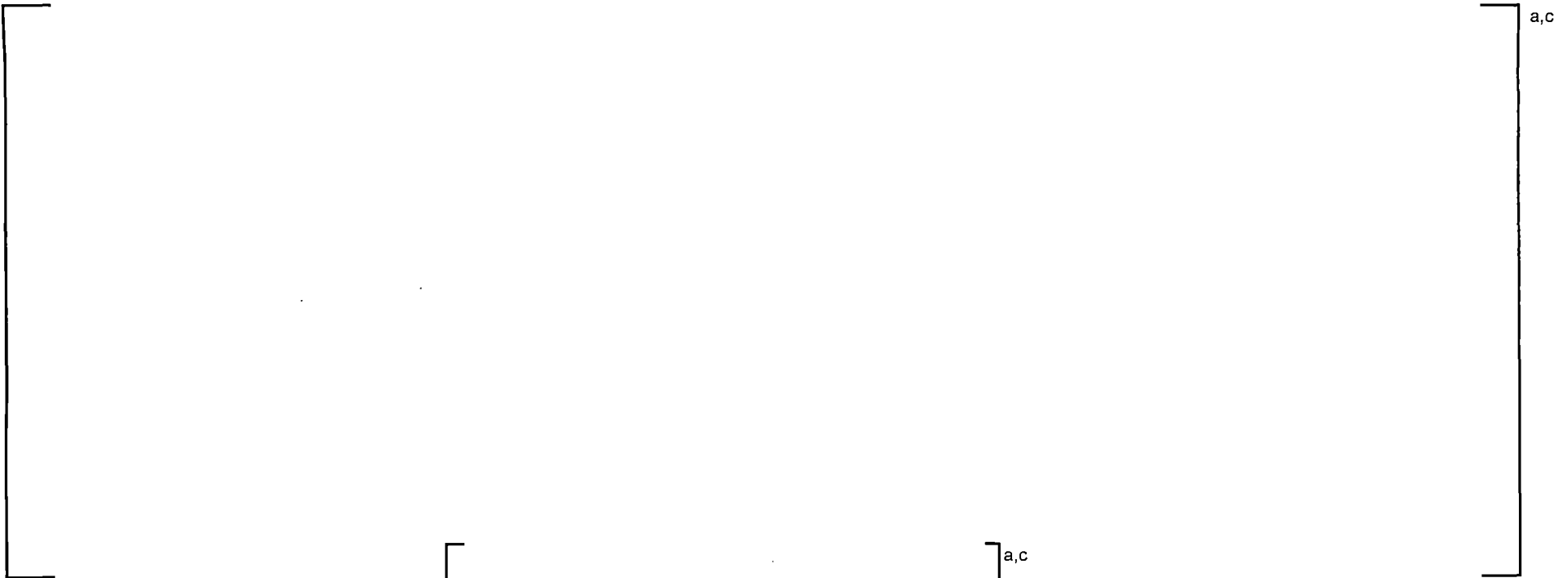
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- Inspection of LNS did not indicate any block displacement or deformation due to thermal expansion



# MN20 Summary of Inspection Results





# Design Assessment



# CA31 New Design

## New shield block configuration

- Reconfigured existing neutron blocks mounted on CA31



# CA31 New Design

## Reconfigure existing neutron block





# CA31 New Design

## New supplemental shielding block



# CA31 New Design Shielding Material

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# CA31 Debris Assessment

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# MN20 UNS Assessment

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# MN20 LNS Assessment

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# MN20 LNS Assessment

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**LNS design is less susceptible to the effects of thermal expansion**

# Revisions to Topical Report





# Impacts to Technical Report (TR) WCAP-17938

## Revision 1

- The overall premise, objectives, and conclusions of the TR do not change.
- The TR will continue to provide an integrated assessment of AP1000 in-containment cables and the suitability of non-metallic insulation (NMI) in the reactor cavity



# Impacts to Technical Report (TR) WCAP-17938

## Revision 1

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- Regulatory impacts remain unchanged



# Schedule



# Topical Report Schedule

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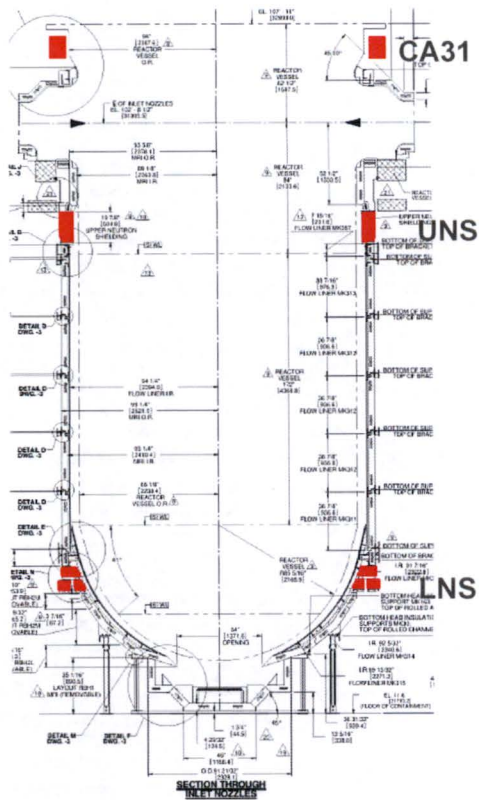
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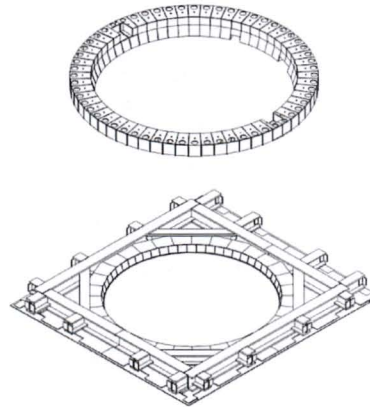


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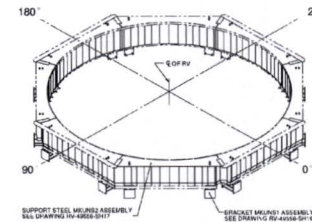
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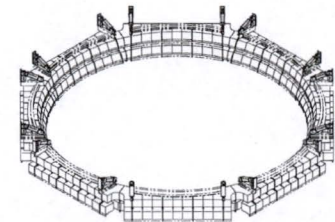
CA31



## Upper Neutron Shield (UNS)



### Lower Neutron Shield (LNS)



## Issue Overview

- CA31 Neutron shield blocks are integrally designed into the CA31 module that forms the floor of the refueling cavity
- During Hot Functional Testing high temperature plateaus, shielding material contained in CA31 volumetrically expanded and extruded out of the shield blocks into the nozzle gallery
- Volumetric expansion of shielding material was not properly considered within the design and construction
- Purpose of MN20 blocks is to reduce radiation streaming from the reactor cavity annulus and into the lower reactor cavity.
- MN20 is susceptible to the same failure mode (thermal expansion) as CA31
  - UNS and LNS contain the same shielding material
- Inspection of LNS did not indicate any block displacement or deformation due to thermal expansion



# Design Assessment





## Design Assessment

- CA31 shielding material has been replaced with a different material, that will not experience similar expansion issues
- Extent of Condition was performed on MN20 locations, considering laboratory testing, site inspections and analysis
- The conservative decision was made to also replace the neutron shielding material in the MN20 UNS
  - These components will no longer require non-metallic insulation
- The evaluations also determined that it was not necessary to replace the neutron shielding material in the MN20 LNS



# Revisions to Topical Report



# Impacts to Technical Report (TR) APP-GW-GSR-012 Revision 1

- The overall premise, objectives, and conclusions of the TR do not change.
- The TR will continue to provide an integrated assessment of AP1000 in-containment cables and the suitability of non-metallic insulation (NMI) in the reactor cavity
- Pertinent sections of the TR will be revised or enhanced to reflect the changes in shielding material
- UNS is removed from the scope of the WCAP since it is no longer a potential debris source



# Impacts to Technical Report (TR) APP-GW-GSR-012 Revision 1

- Jet impingement sections of the TR will be revised to confirm NMI suitability with both types of shielding material
  - The jet impingement testing still defines the ZOI for NMI suitability equivalency
  - Locations used in jet impingement testing still remain conservative
- Sections of the TR related to in-containment cables and debris generation break size remain unchanged
- The justification from the Chemical Debris Evaluation is unchanged, due CA31 and LNS shielding blocks encapsulation
- Regulatory impacts remain unchanged

