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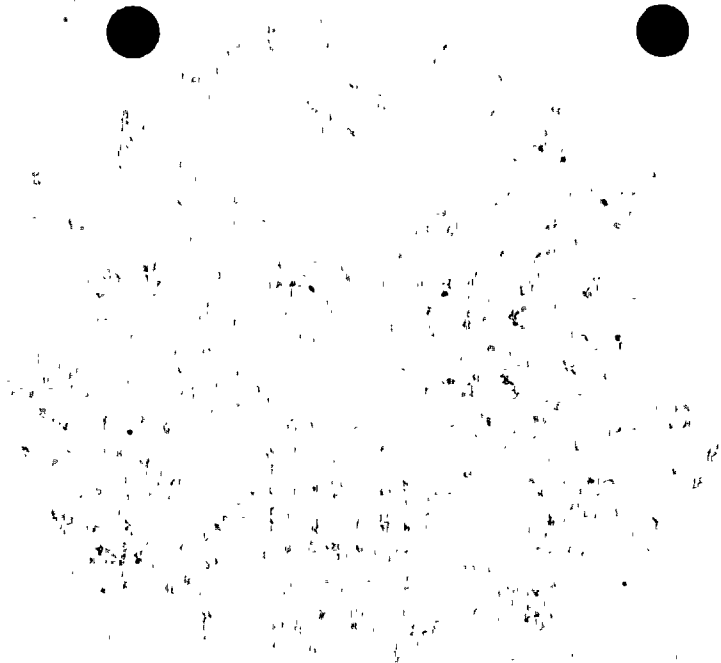
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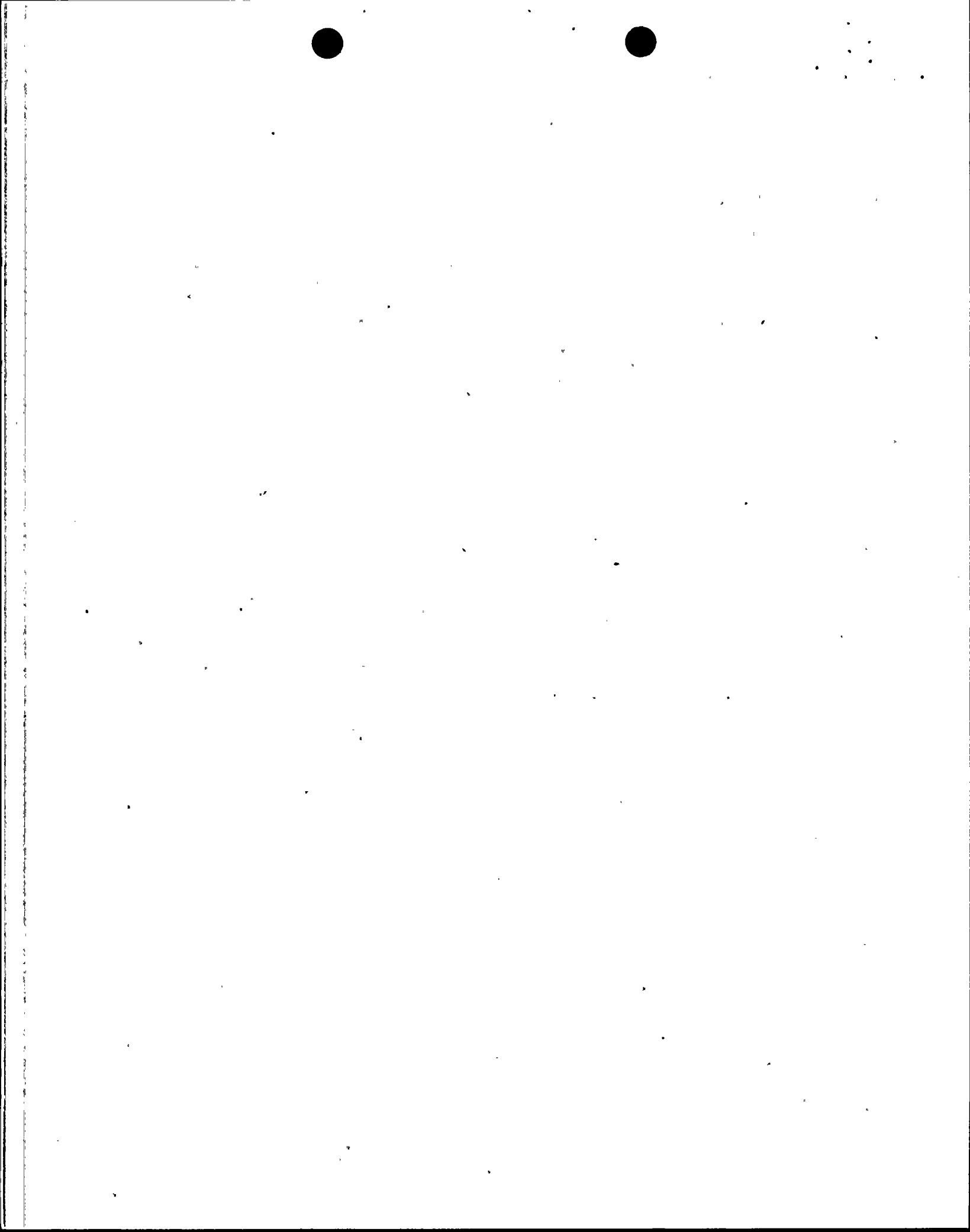
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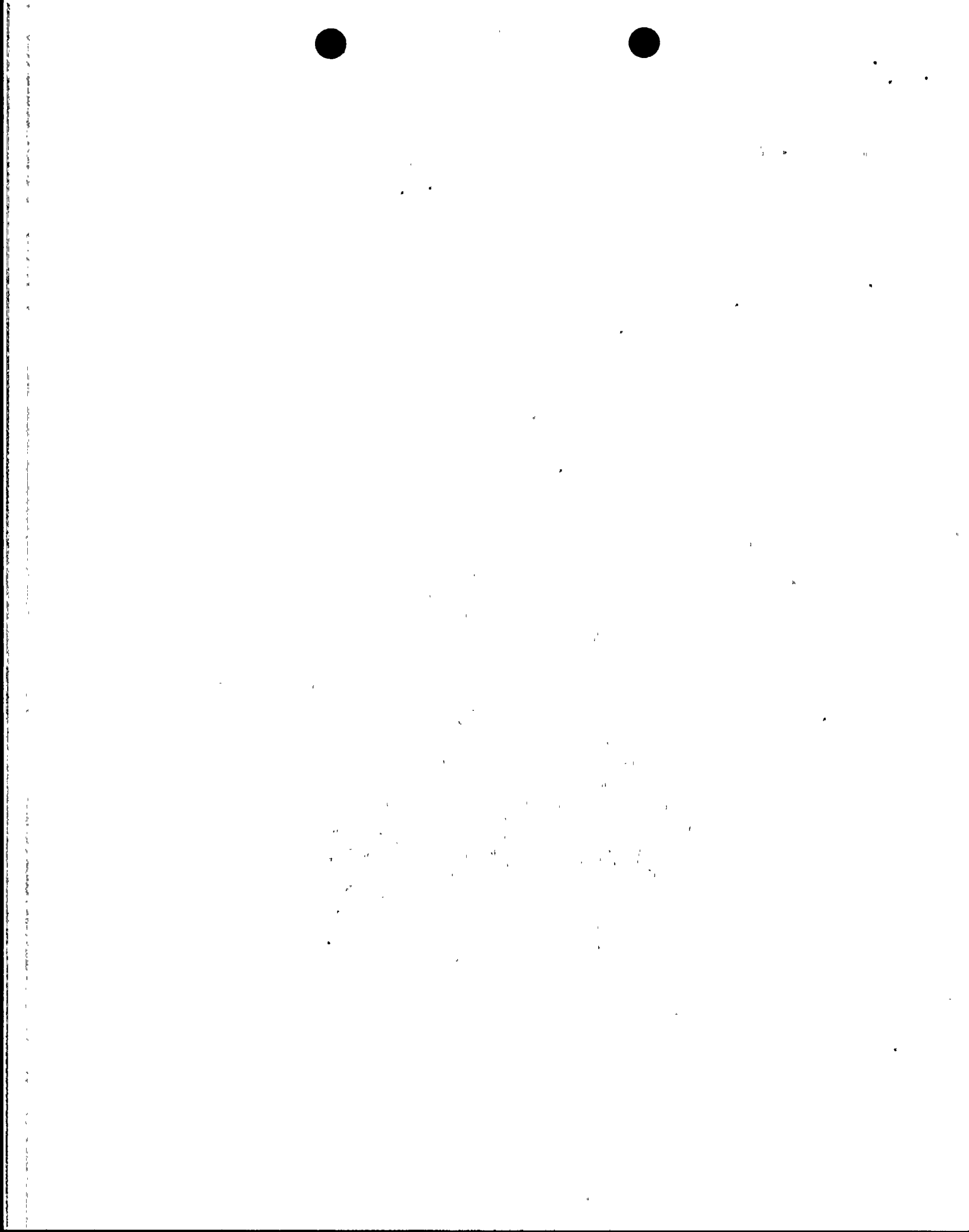
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STEAM GENERATOR REPLACEMENT

NRC/APS

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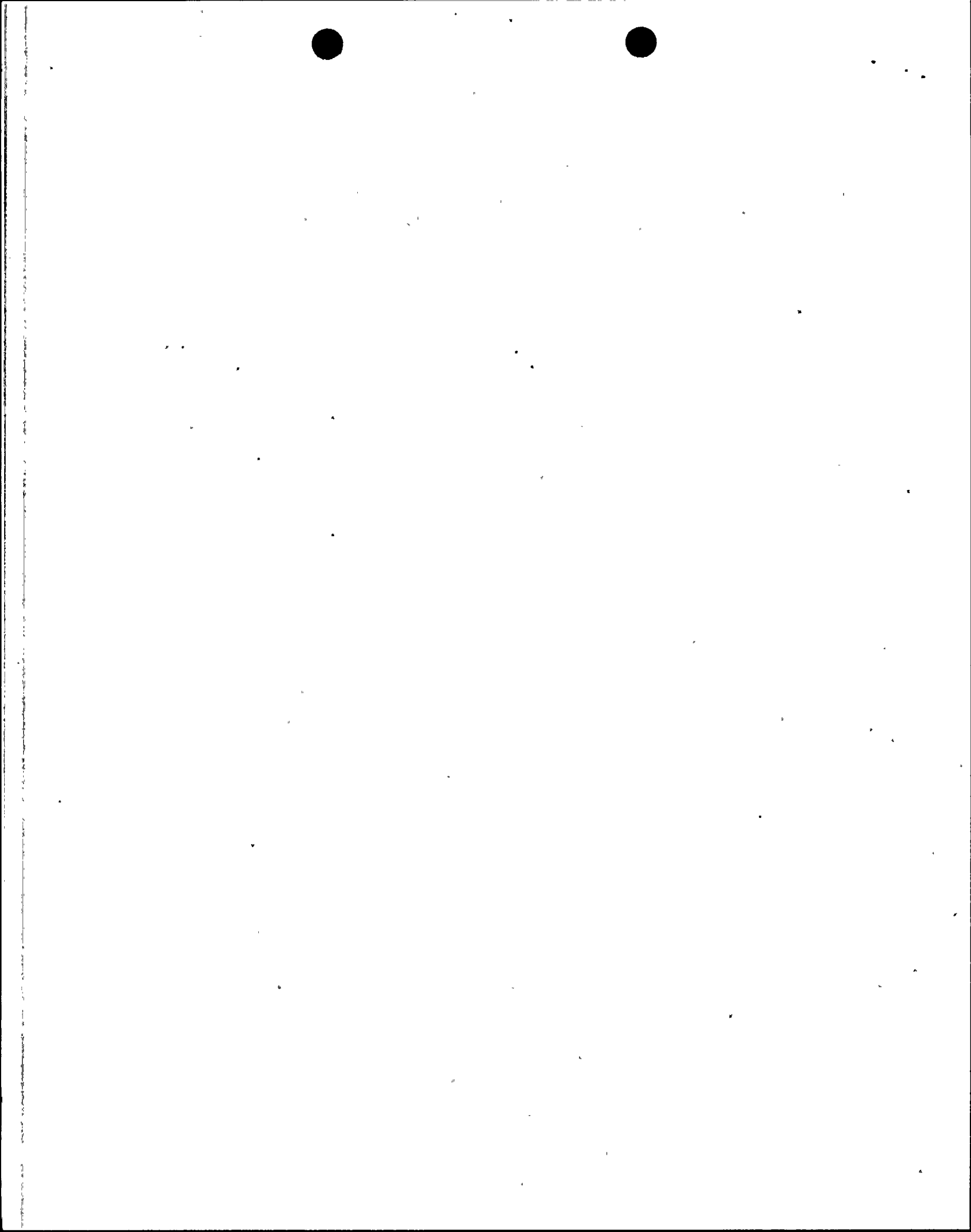
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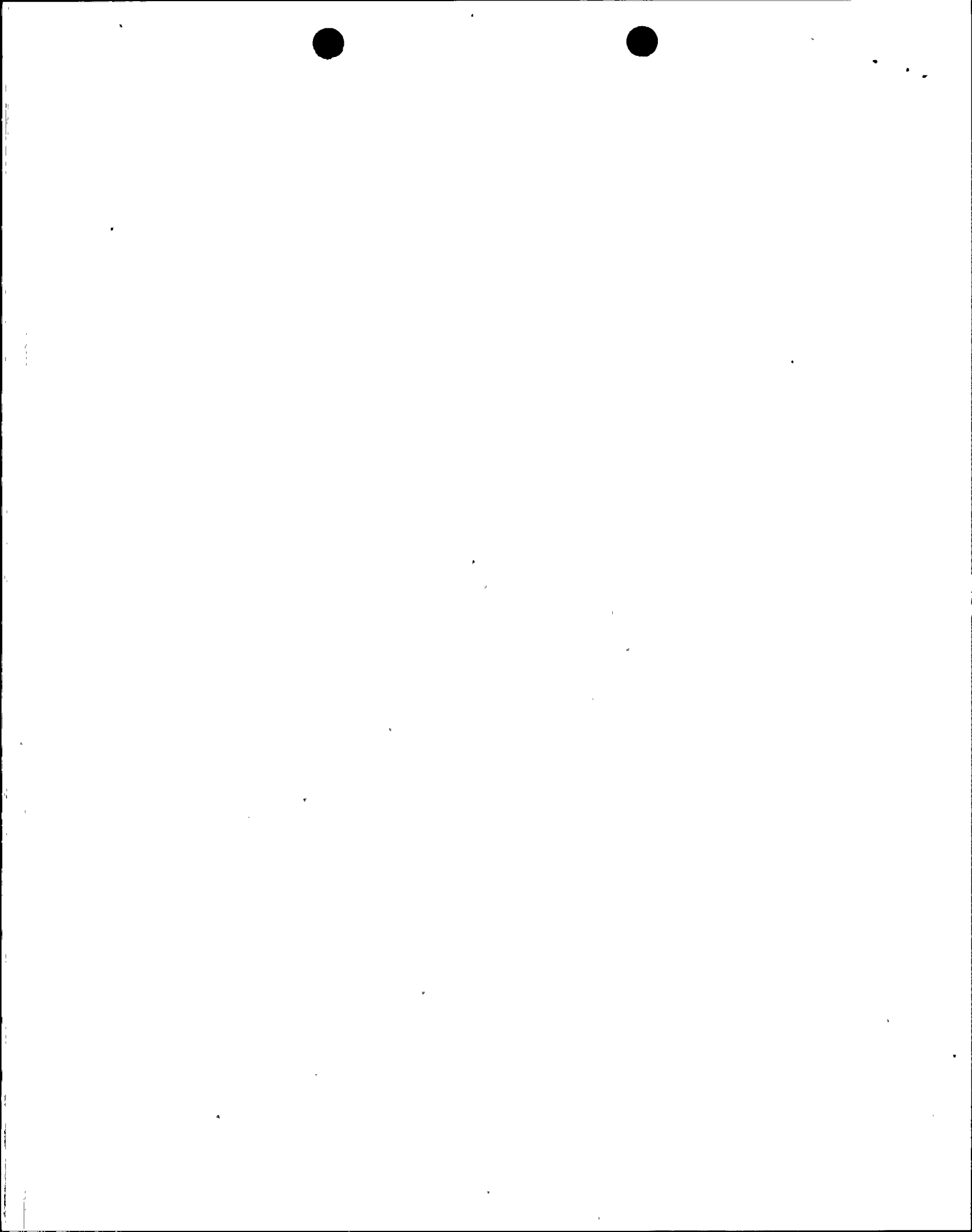
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PROPOSED DRY CASK STORAGE FACILITY

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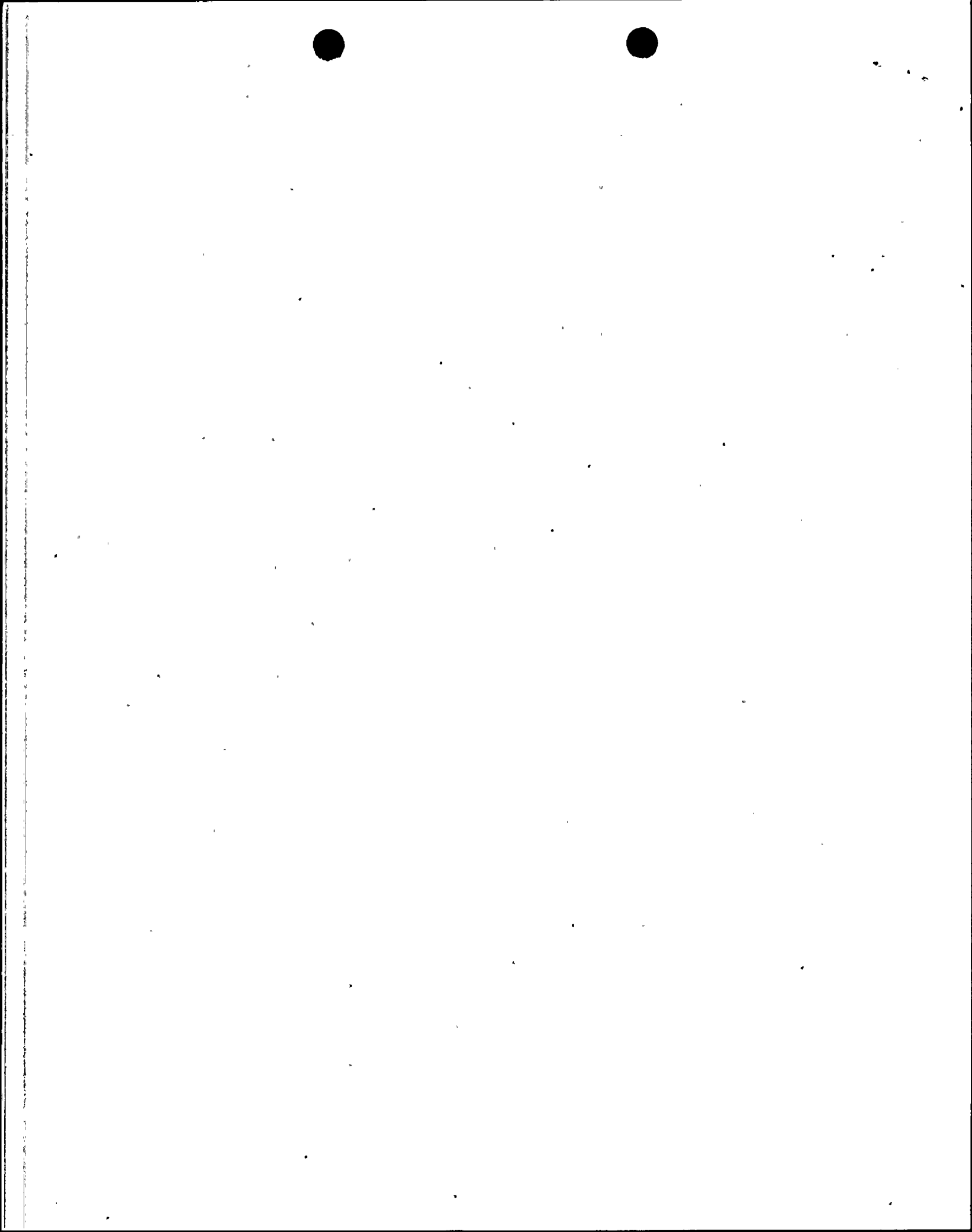
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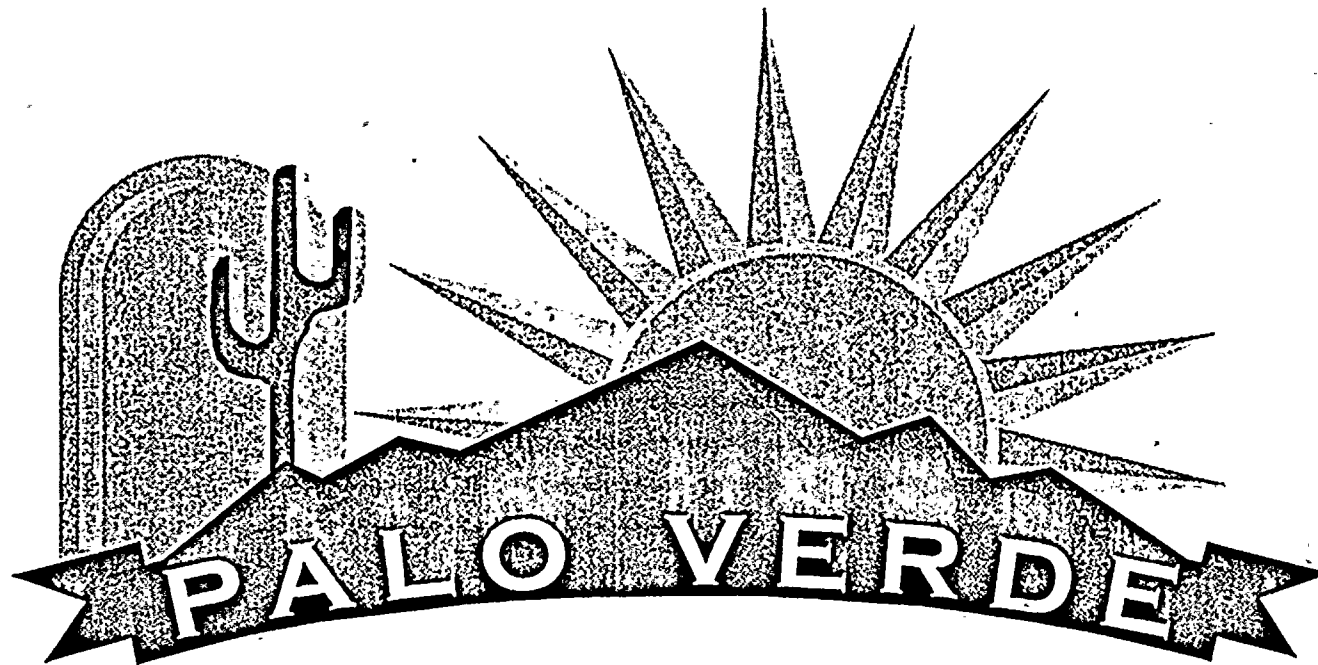


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MEETING SLIDES



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Tech Spec Revision for Offsite Circuits



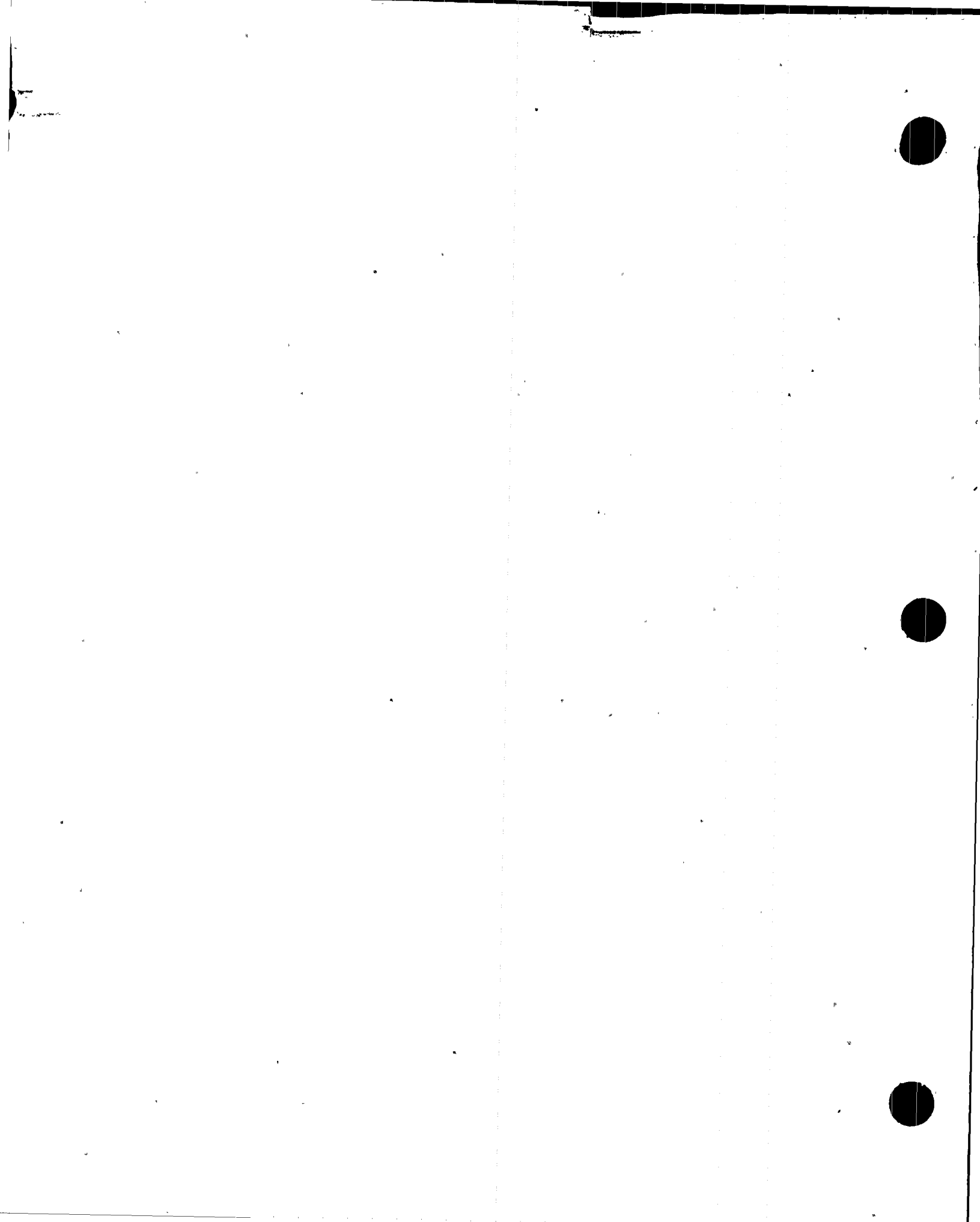
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Agenda

- ◆ **Substandard Voltages**
- ◆ **Double Sequencing**
- ◆ **Offsite Power Circuit Operability**
- ◆ **Completed Actions**
- ◆ **Proposed Technical Specification**





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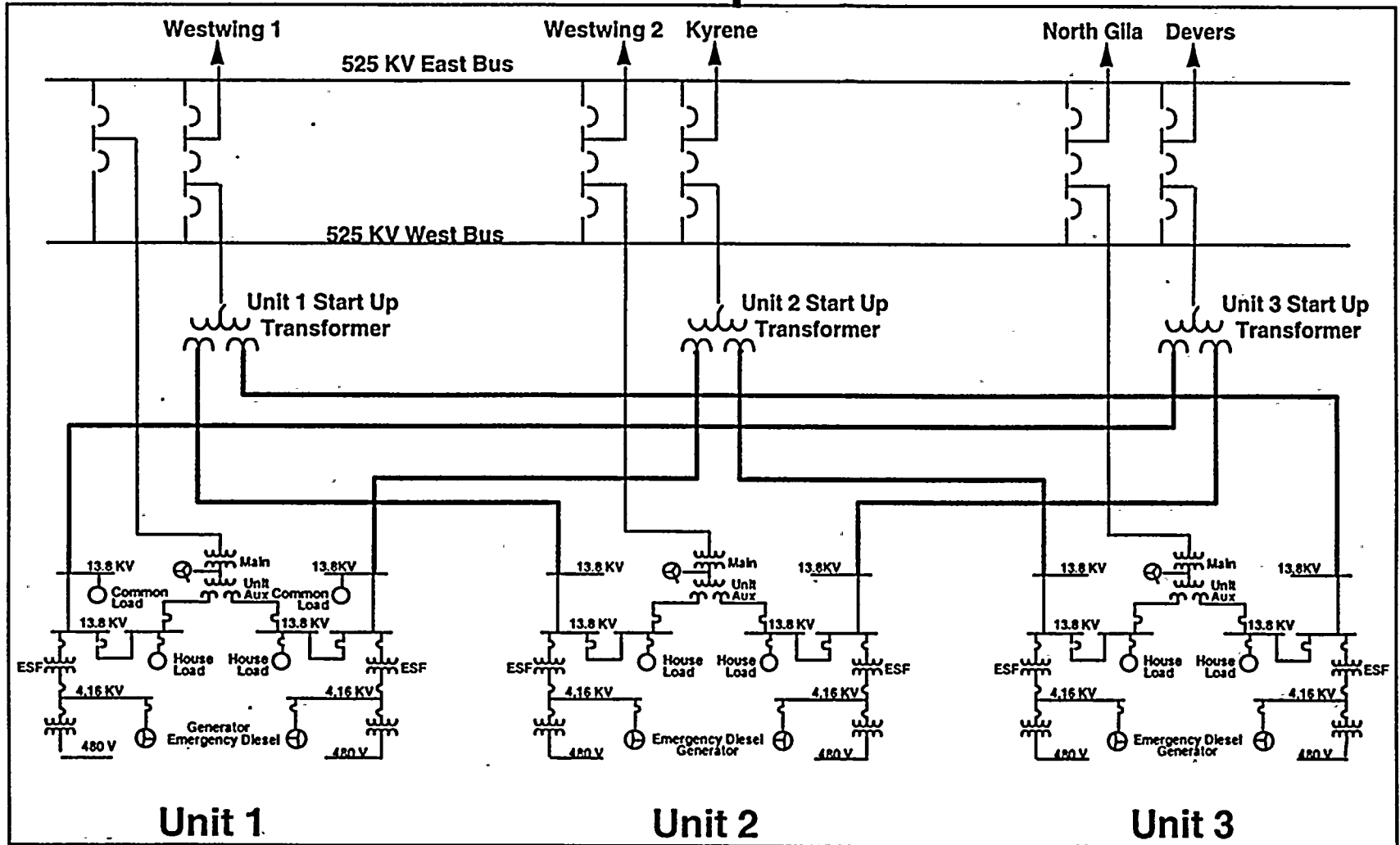
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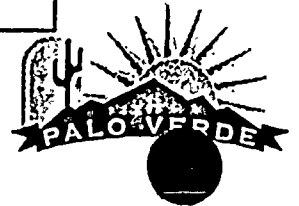
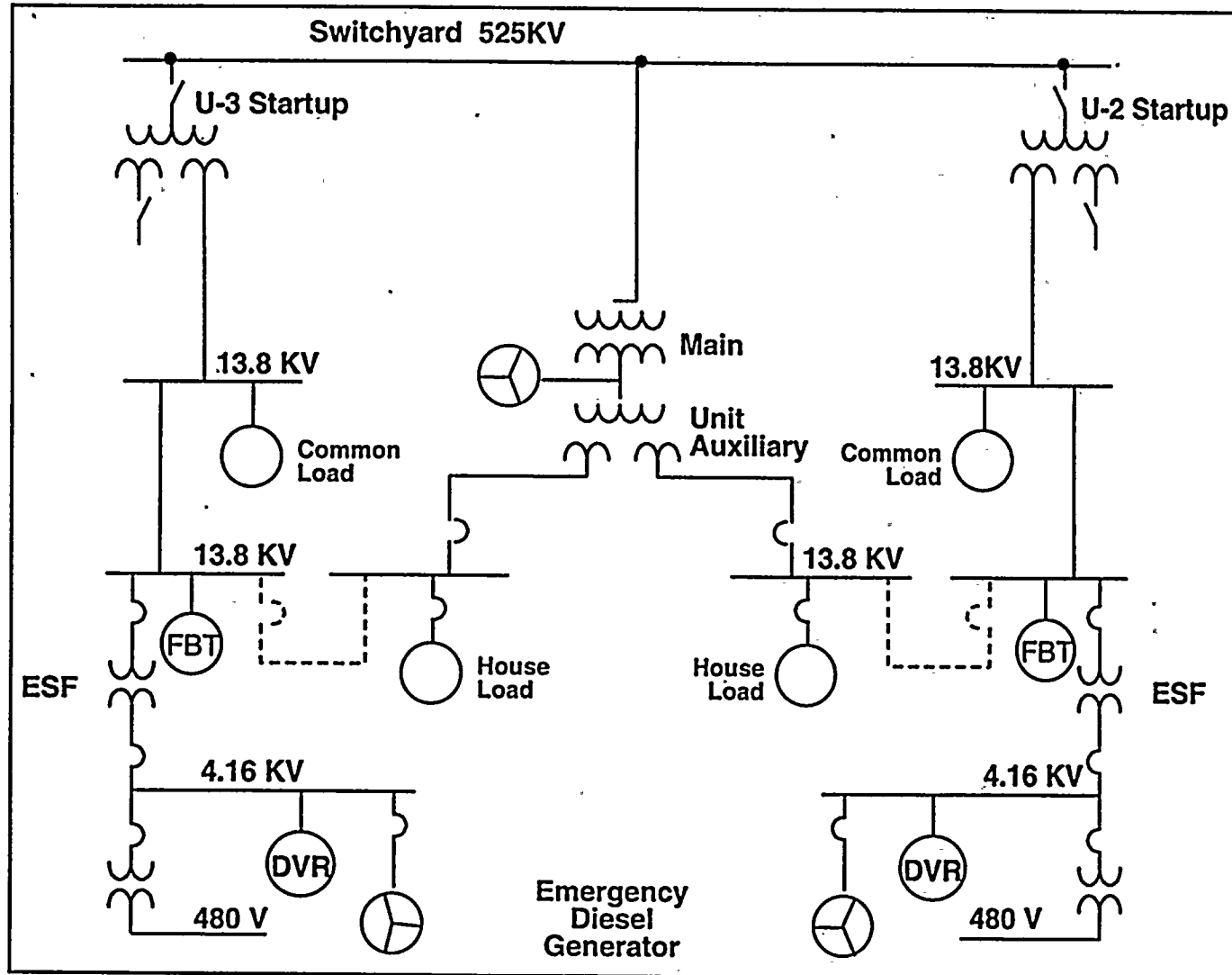
Palo Verde Offsite Power

Normal Operation





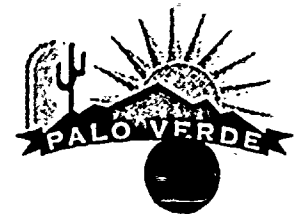
Simplified U1 Single Line Diagram





Actions Taken

- ◆ Restrict switchyard normal operating range
- ◆ Implemented LCO/Admin Controls
- ◆ Replaced DVR's with more accurate relays
- ◆ Revised Class 1E transformer tap settings
- ◆ Upgraded Unit 1 switchyard voltage meter
- ◆ Unit 1 control room low voltage alarm
- ◆ Trip of WRF load on SIAS and low voltage
- ◆ Replaced Class 1E control power transformers
- ◆ Relocated CEDM fan sequence step





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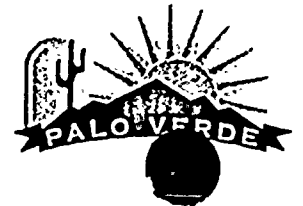


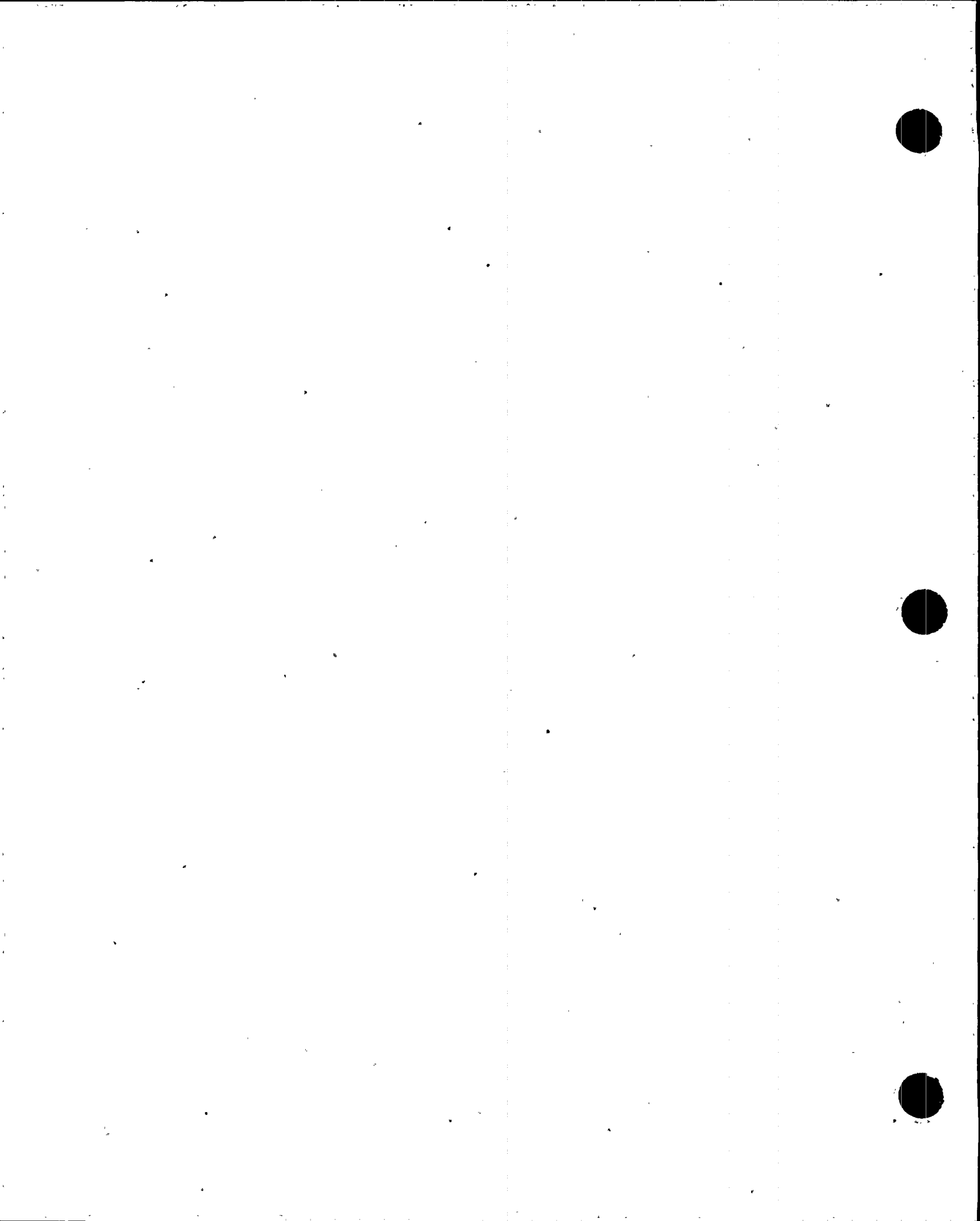


NRC Letter

October 8, 1997

- ① Provide the basis for concluding that PVNGS will be operated in accordance with the regulations
- ② Provide an analysis of the risk impact of the proposed administrative controls
- ③ Review the Final Safety Analysis Report to verify that it adequately describes the plant as it relates to degraded switchyard voltage and double sequencing





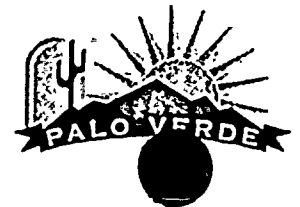
Compliance With Regulations

- ◆ **10CFR50 Appendix A: General Design Criteria**

“Provisions shall be included to minimize the probability of losing electric power... as a result of... the loss of power generated by the nuclear power unit” (GDC 17)

- ◆ **10CFR50.36(c)(2): Limiting Conditions for Operation**

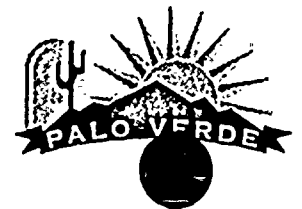
Offsite power source is Inoperable when it “does not have the capability to effect a safe shutdown and to mitigate the effects of an accident” (RG 1.93)

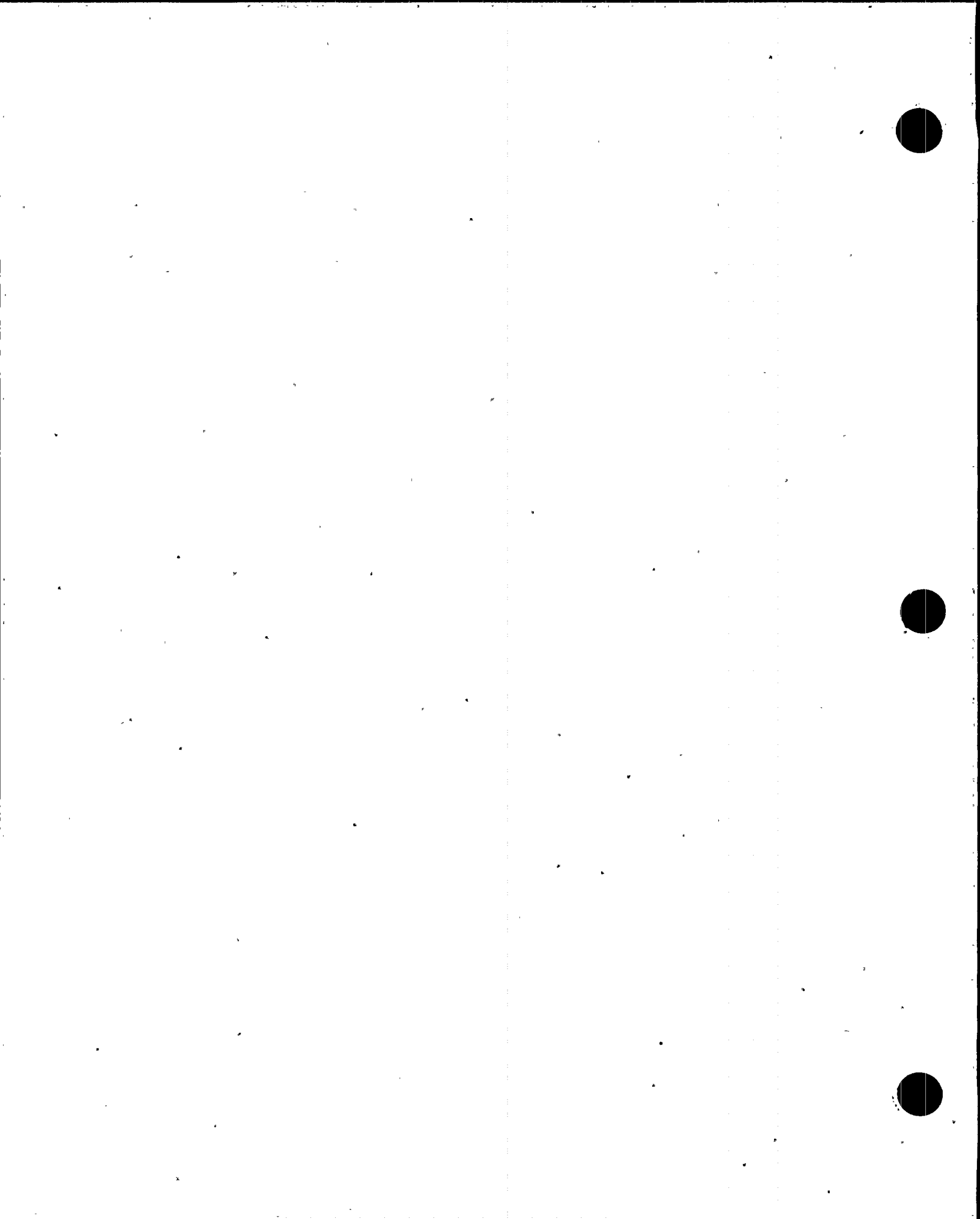




Proposed Tech Spec Revision

- ◆ **Enhances compliance with RG 1.93**
- ◆ **Establishes LCO**
 - **Involves monitoring of key parameters**
- ◆ **Establishes required actions**
 - **“Administrative controls”**
- ◆ **Establishes required completion times**

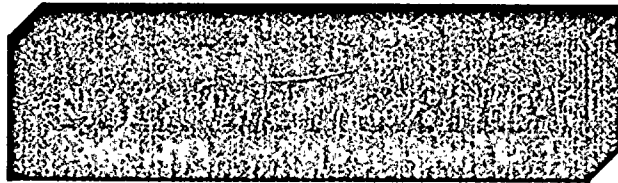




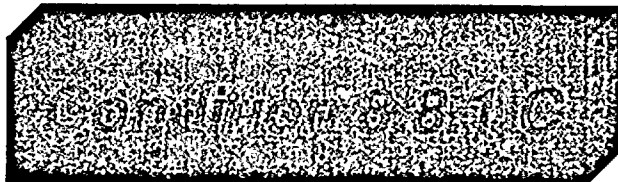
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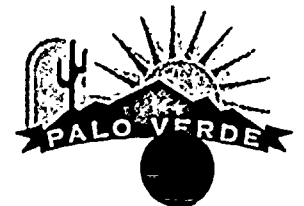
Both offsite circuits available



One offsite circuit unavailable



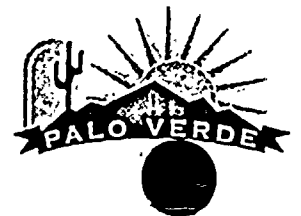
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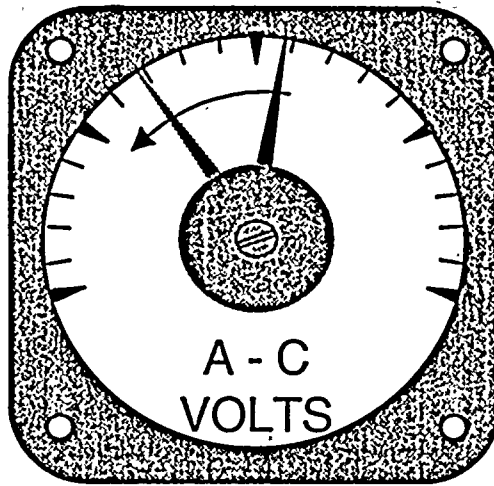
LOCA / Consequential LOOP

- ◆ LOCA effects cause tripping of the degraded voltage relays (DVRs)
- ◆ Causes transfer of safety bus from offsite circuit to diesel generator
- ◆ When this vulnerability exists, the offsite circuit...
 - lacks the capability to mitigate the effects of an accident
 - is therefore inoperable per RG 1.93 definition

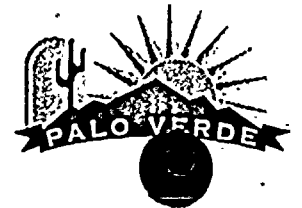


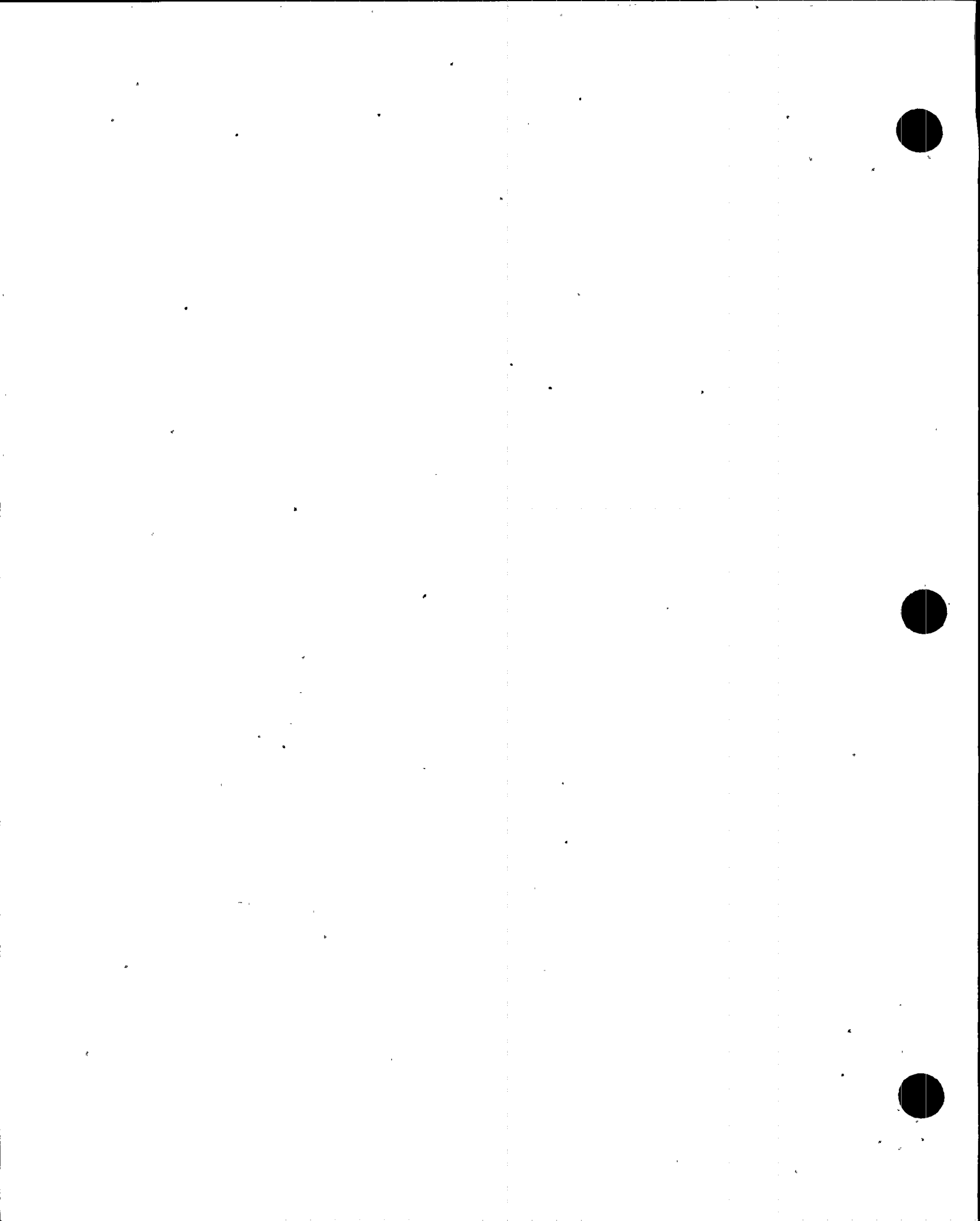


Voltage Effect of LOCA

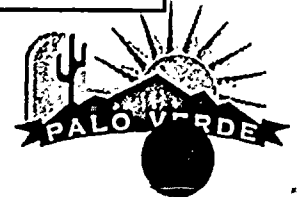
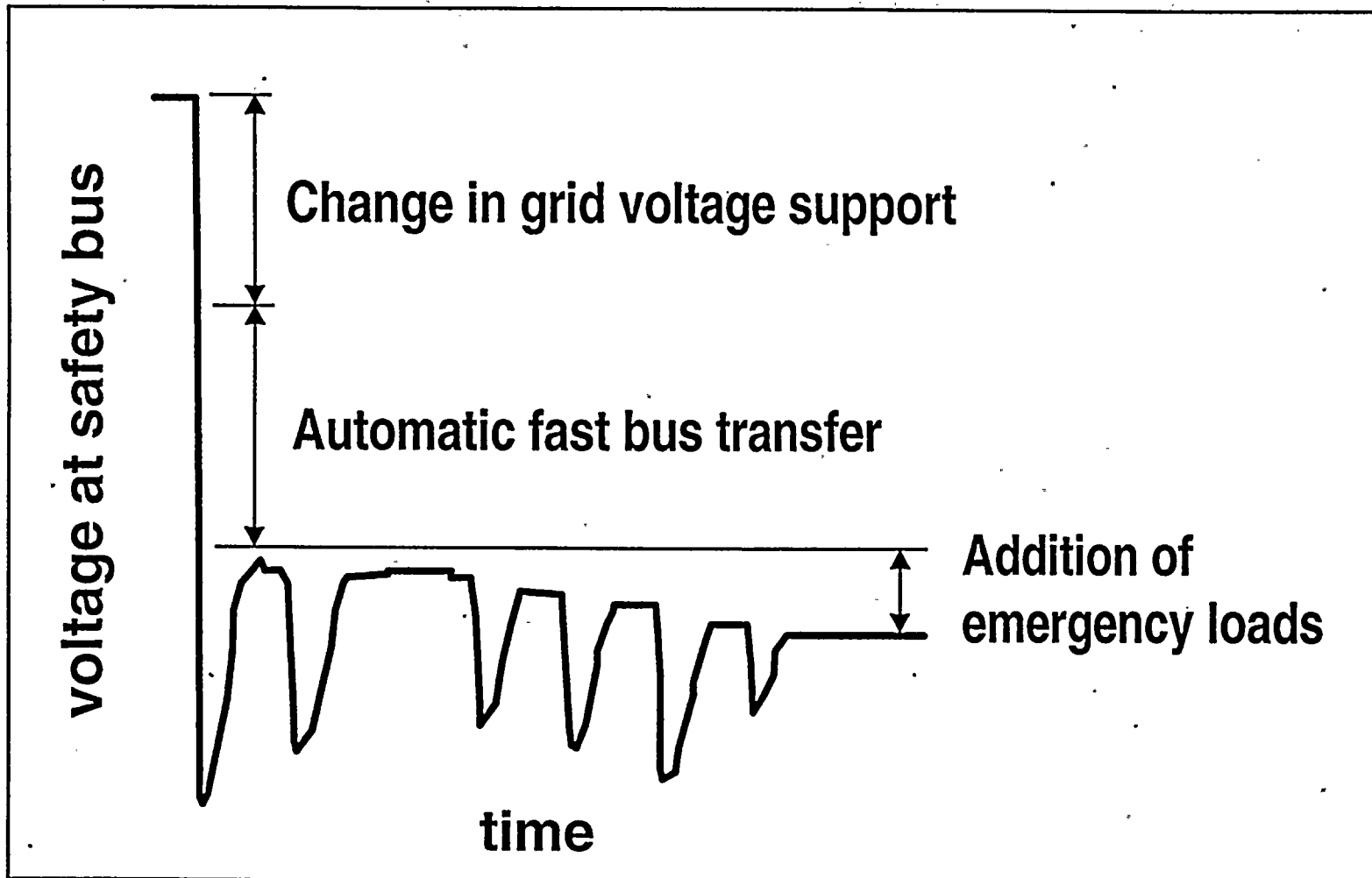


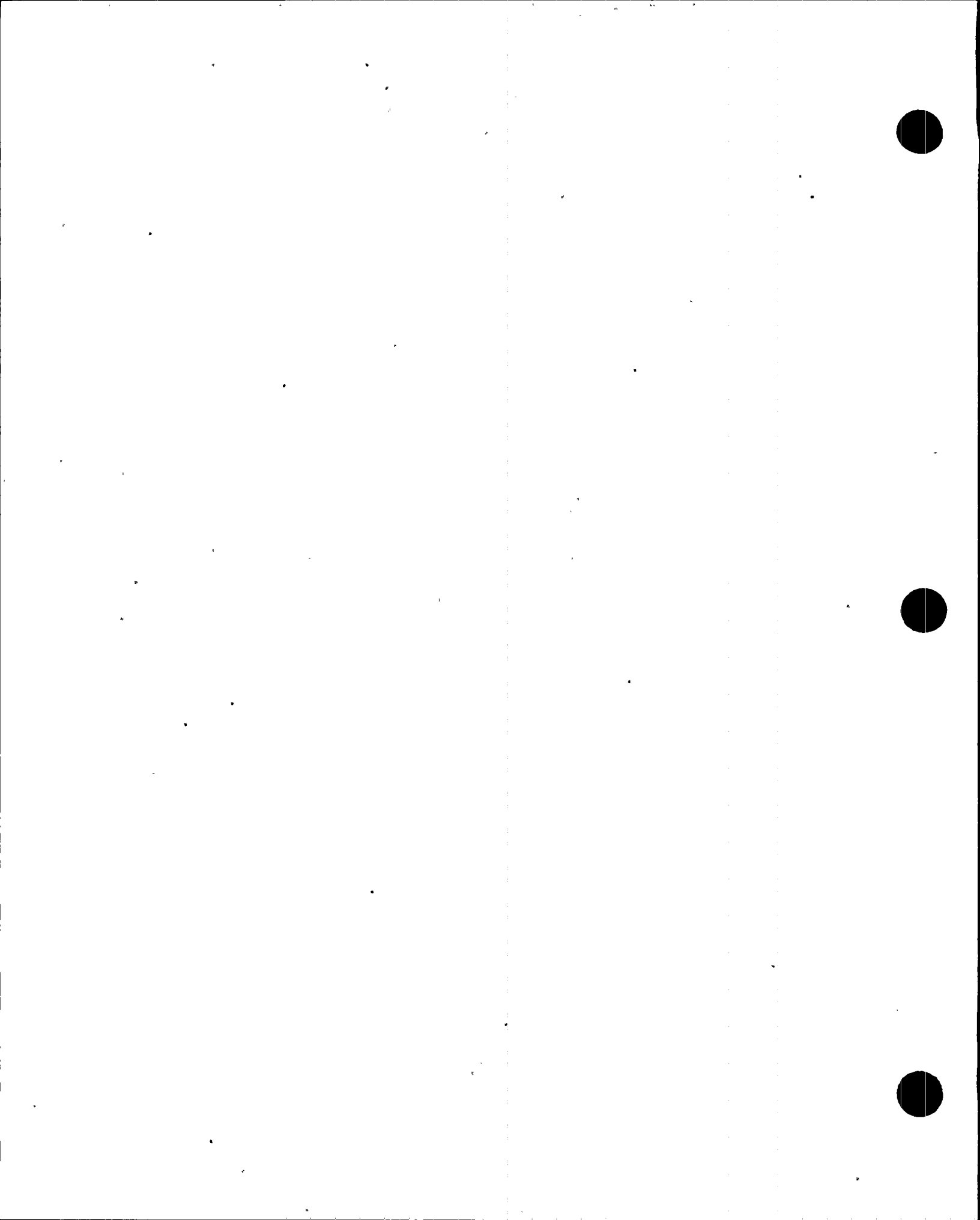
- ◆ Voltage changes at safety buses
- ◆ Voltage could drop into DVR trip range



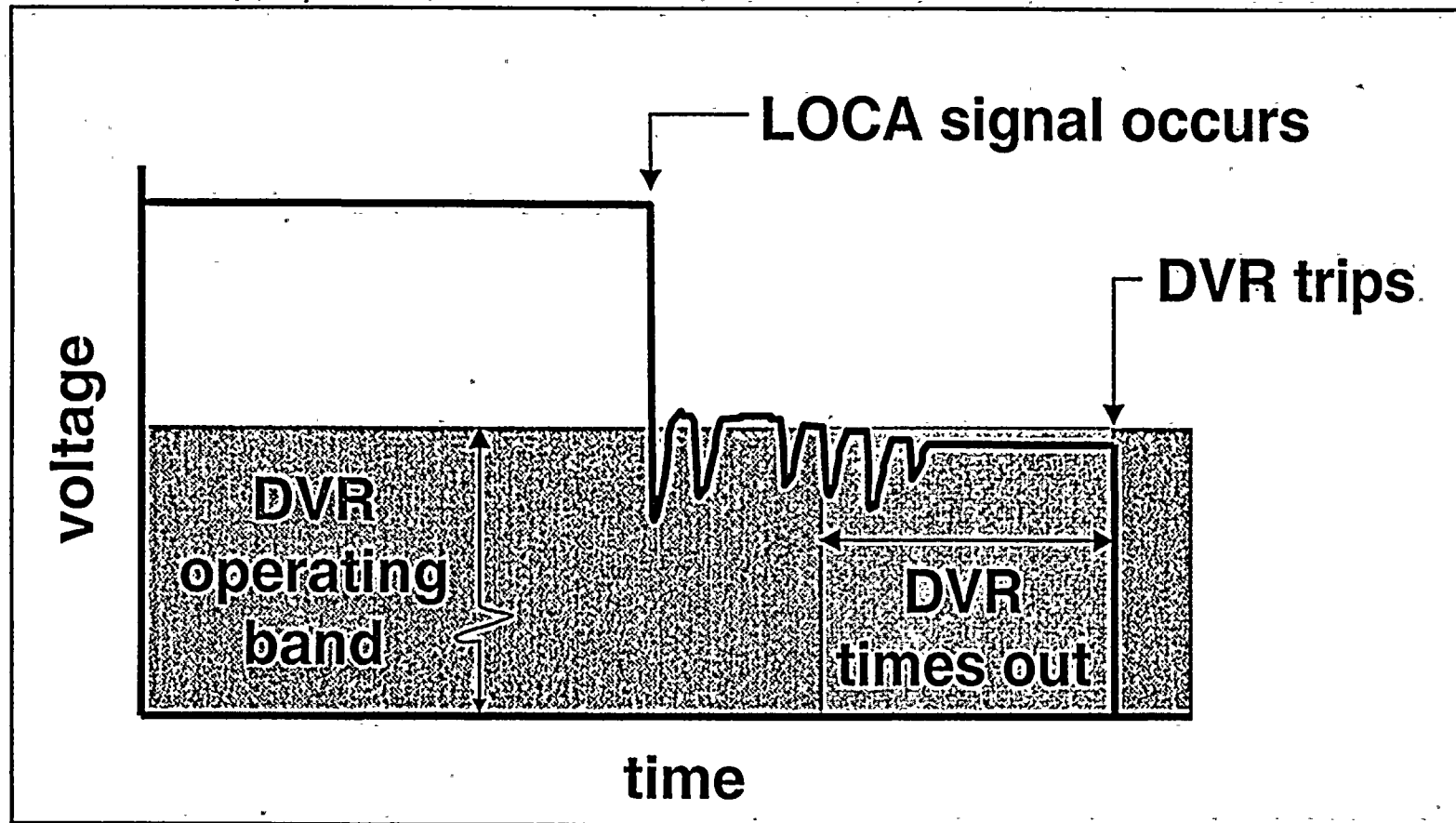


Voltage Is Affected By...





LOCA / Consequential LOOP Sequence of Events





Enhanced TS Approach

Operable

Both offsite circuits available

Condition 3.8.1 A

One offsite circuit unavailable

Condition 3.8.1 C

Both offsite circuits unavailable

Condition 3.8.1 G

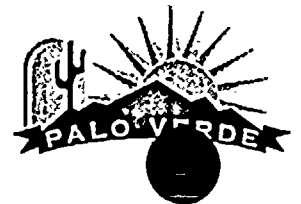
LOCA could cause LOOP





3.8.1G Completion Time

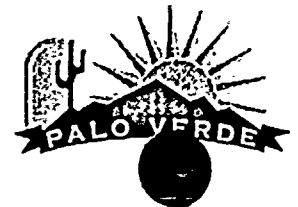
- ◆ **LOCA / Consequential LOOP results in double sequencing**
- ◆ **Could have adverse effects on both trains**
- ◆ **1 hour action is appropriate**

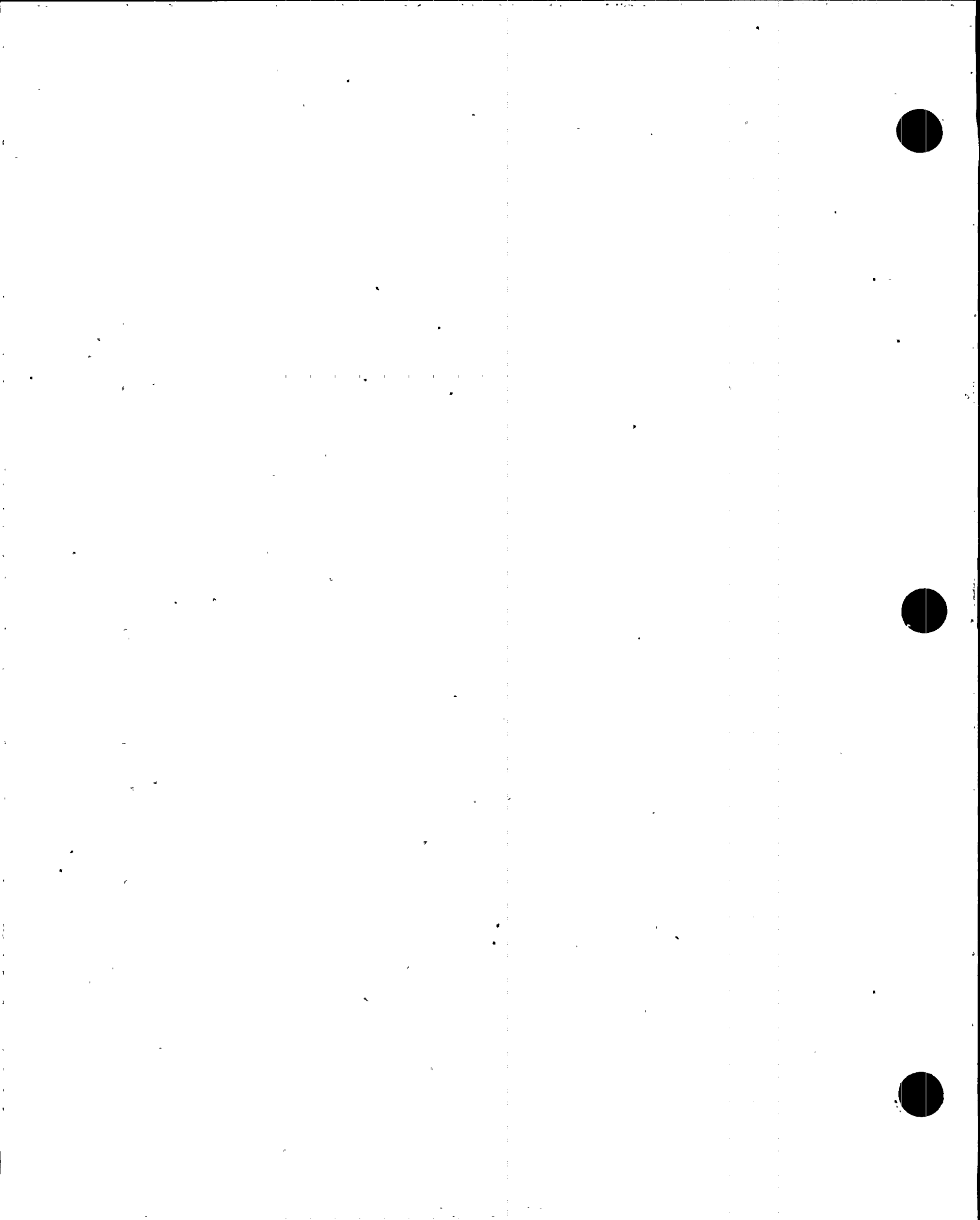




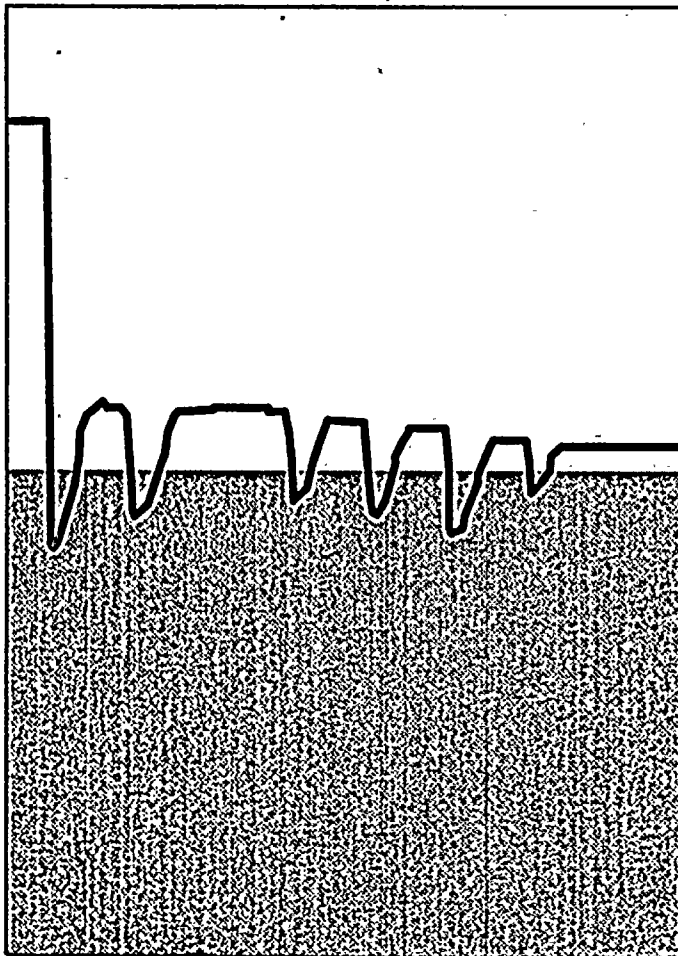
Alternative 3.8.1G Actions

- ◆ **Restore operability**
 - Reduce post-trip loading
 - Remove loads
 - Block fast bus transfer
 - Increase post-trip switchyard voltage
 - Modify grid parameters
- ◆ **Or reduce level of degradation**
 - Transfer to DG
- ◆ **Or shut down**





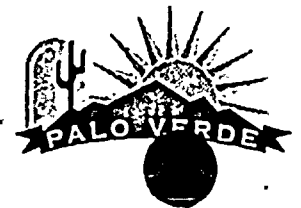
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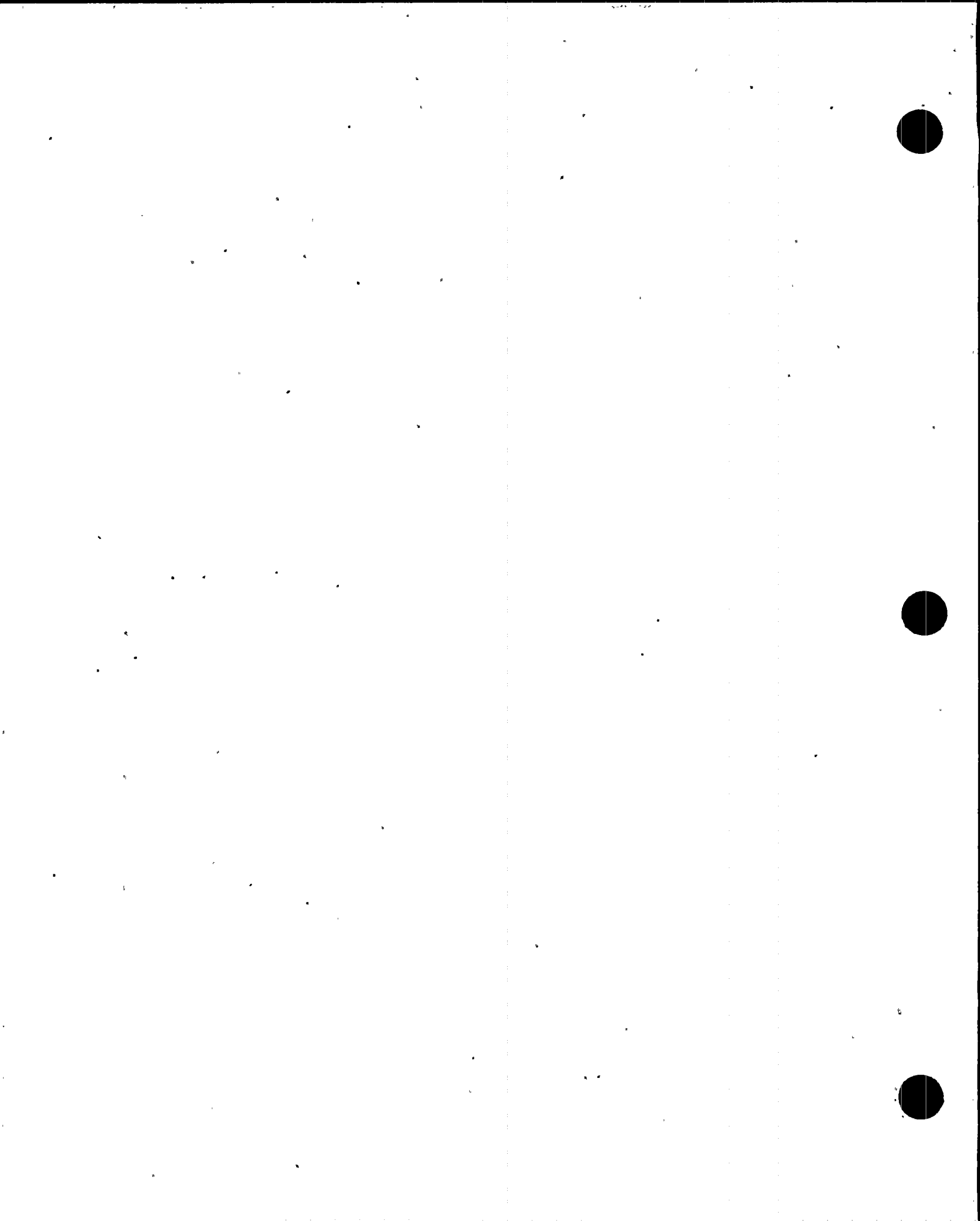


$$V_e > V_t$$

V_e = steady-state voltage
during event

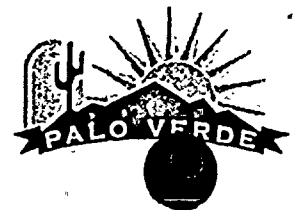
V_t = DVR trip voltage





Critical Parameters

- ◆ V_t (DVR trip voltage)
 - Nominal DVR setting = 3744 V (90% of 4160 V)
 - Loop uncertainty taken into account
 - Reset characteristics taken into account
- ◆ V_e (steady-state voltage during event)
 - Is not observable before-hand
 - Cannot be predicted by conventional relay scheme
 - Can be calculated

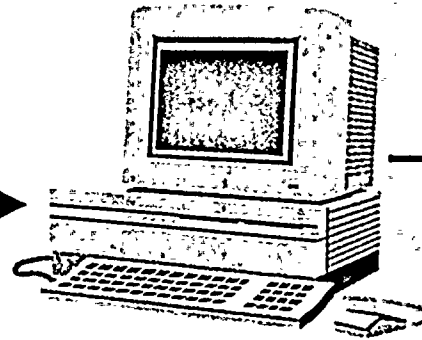




Calculation of V_e

PRE-TRIP

- 525 kV line status
- Grid loading
- MVAR supply
- PV status
- Etc.



POST-TRIP

Switchyard
Voltage

OFFSITE

ONSITE

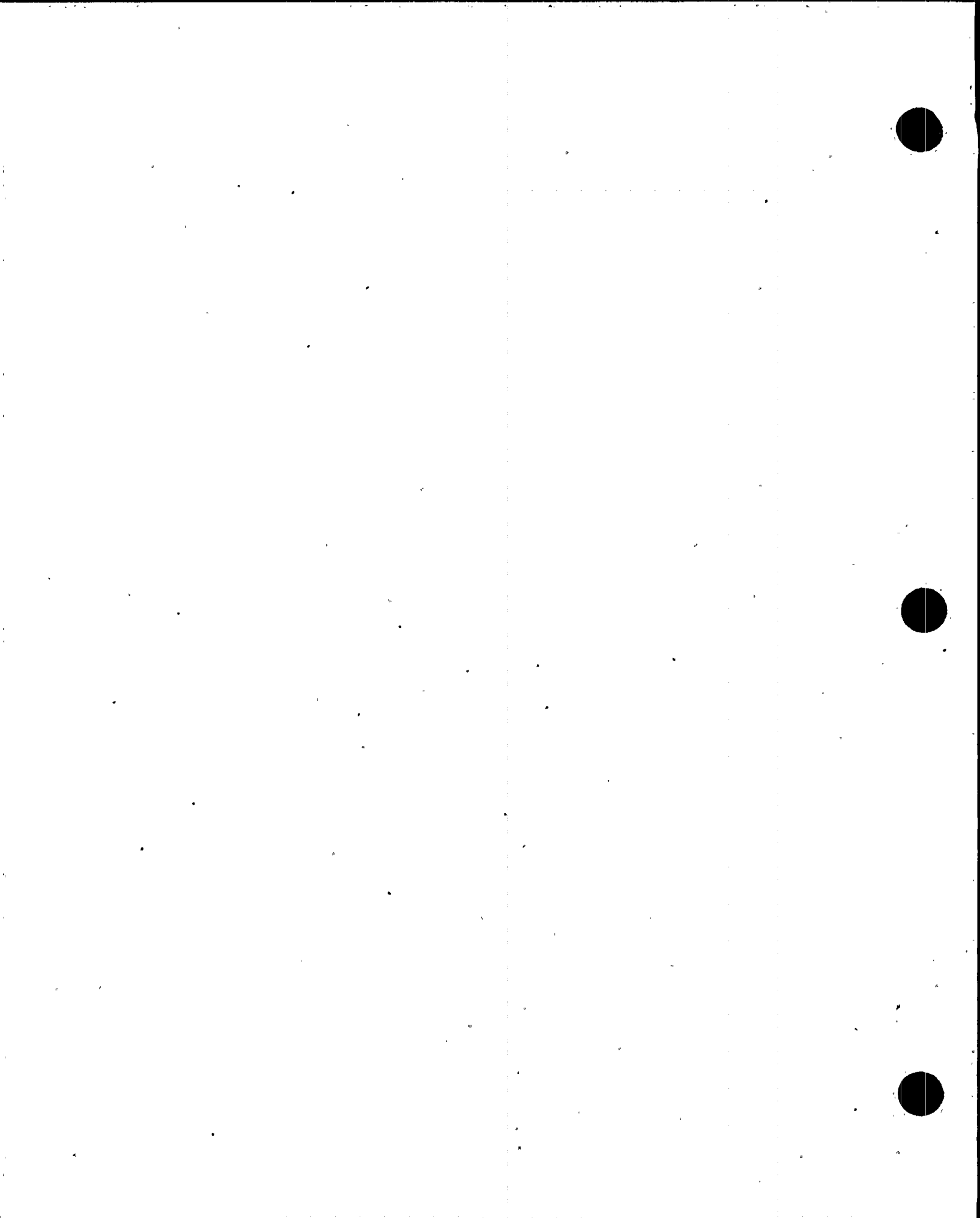
- Bus lineups
- Fast bus xfr status
- Auto load shed
- Equipment status



Circuit
Loading

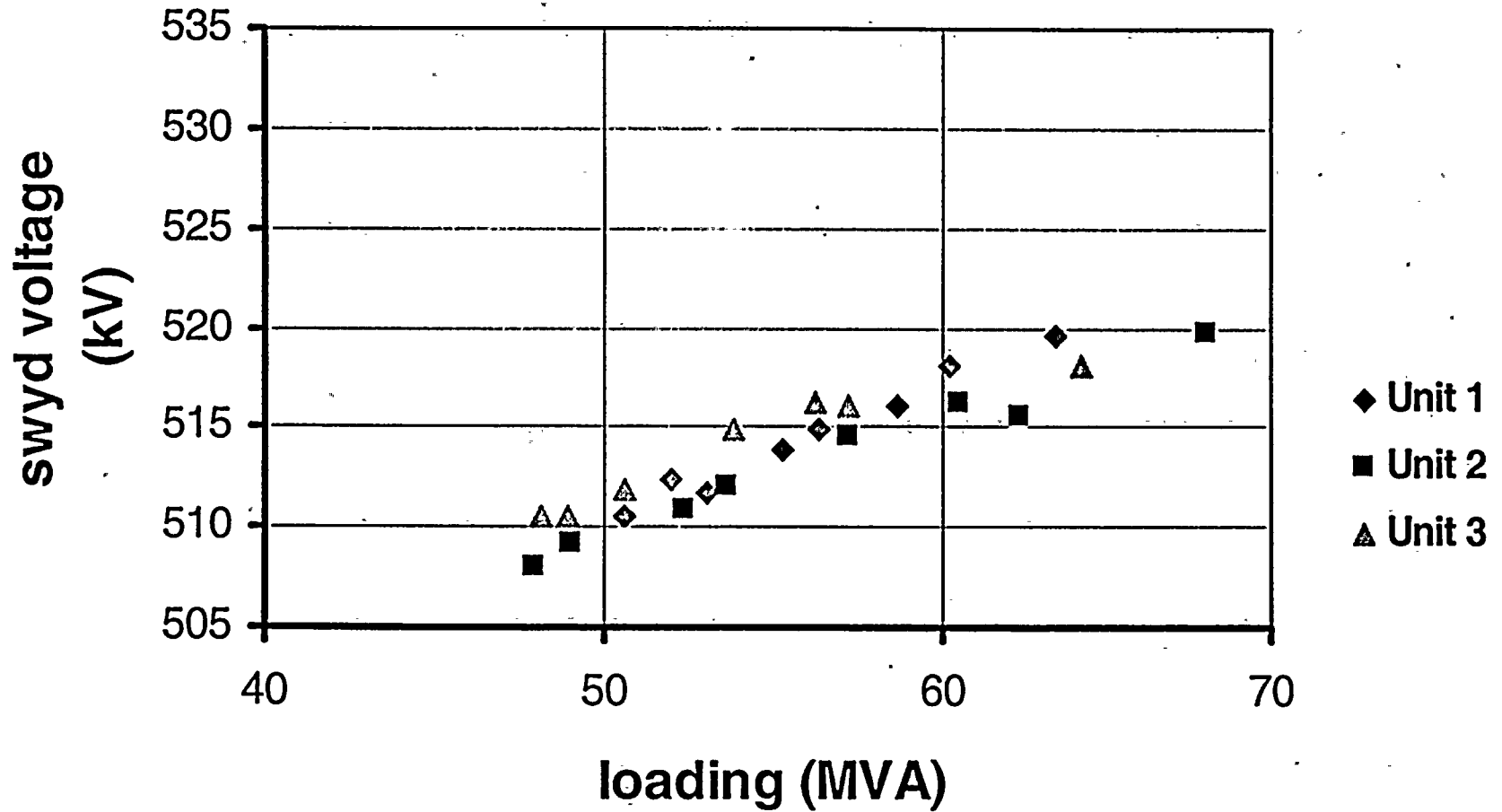
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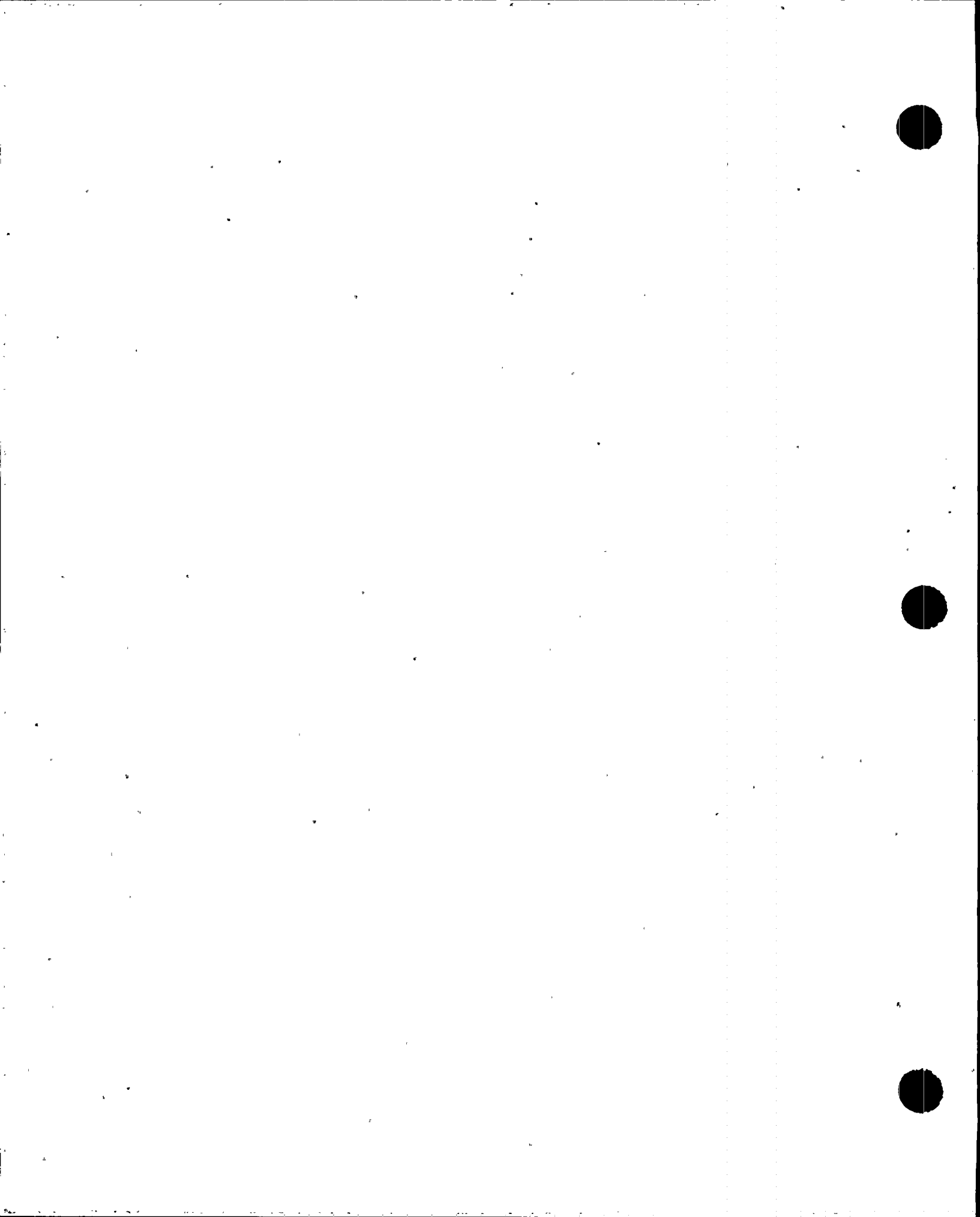




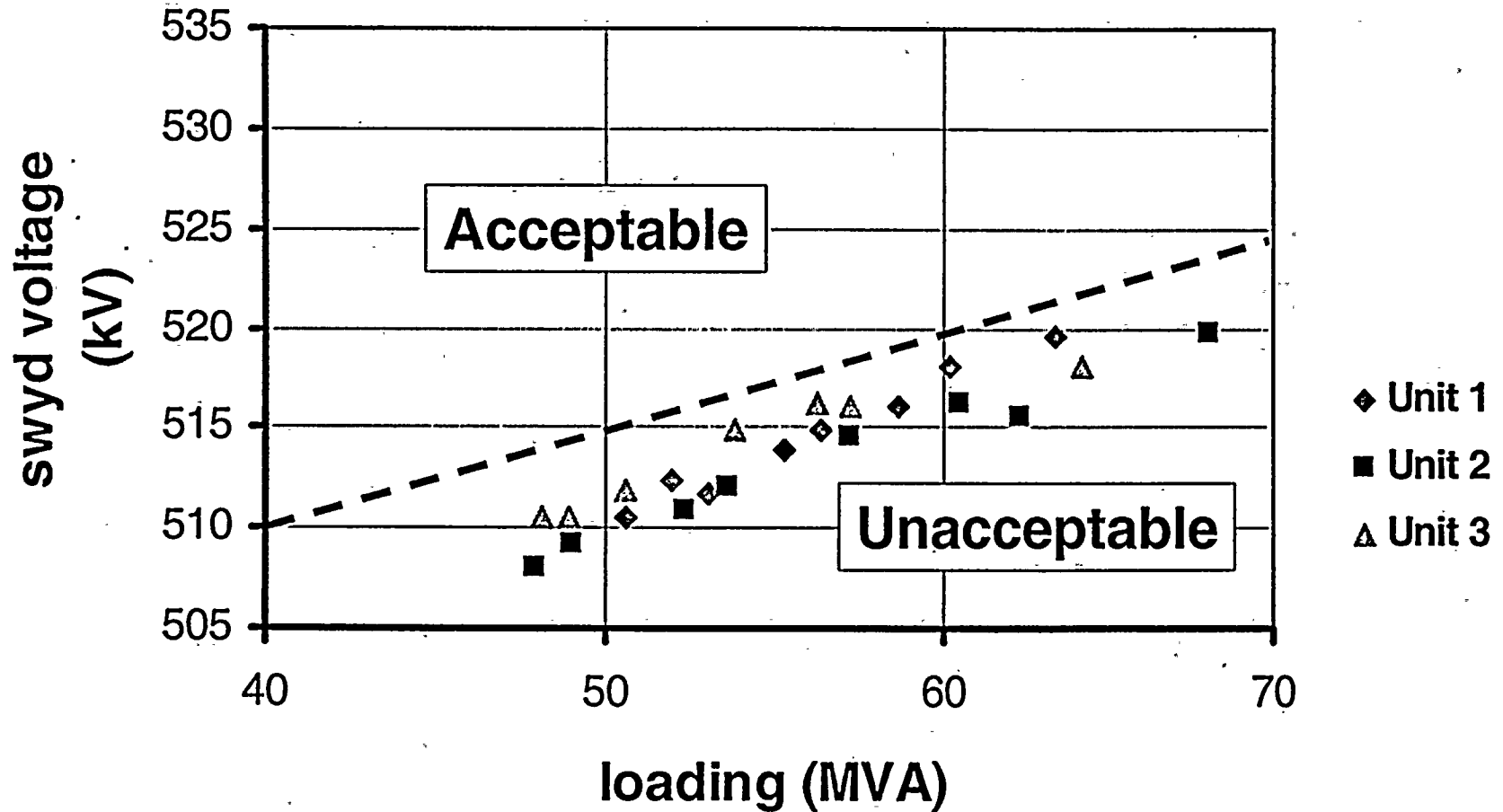
Calculation Results for

$$V_e = V_t$$





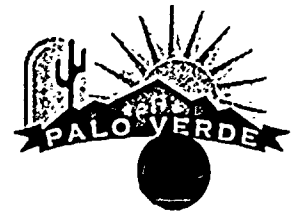
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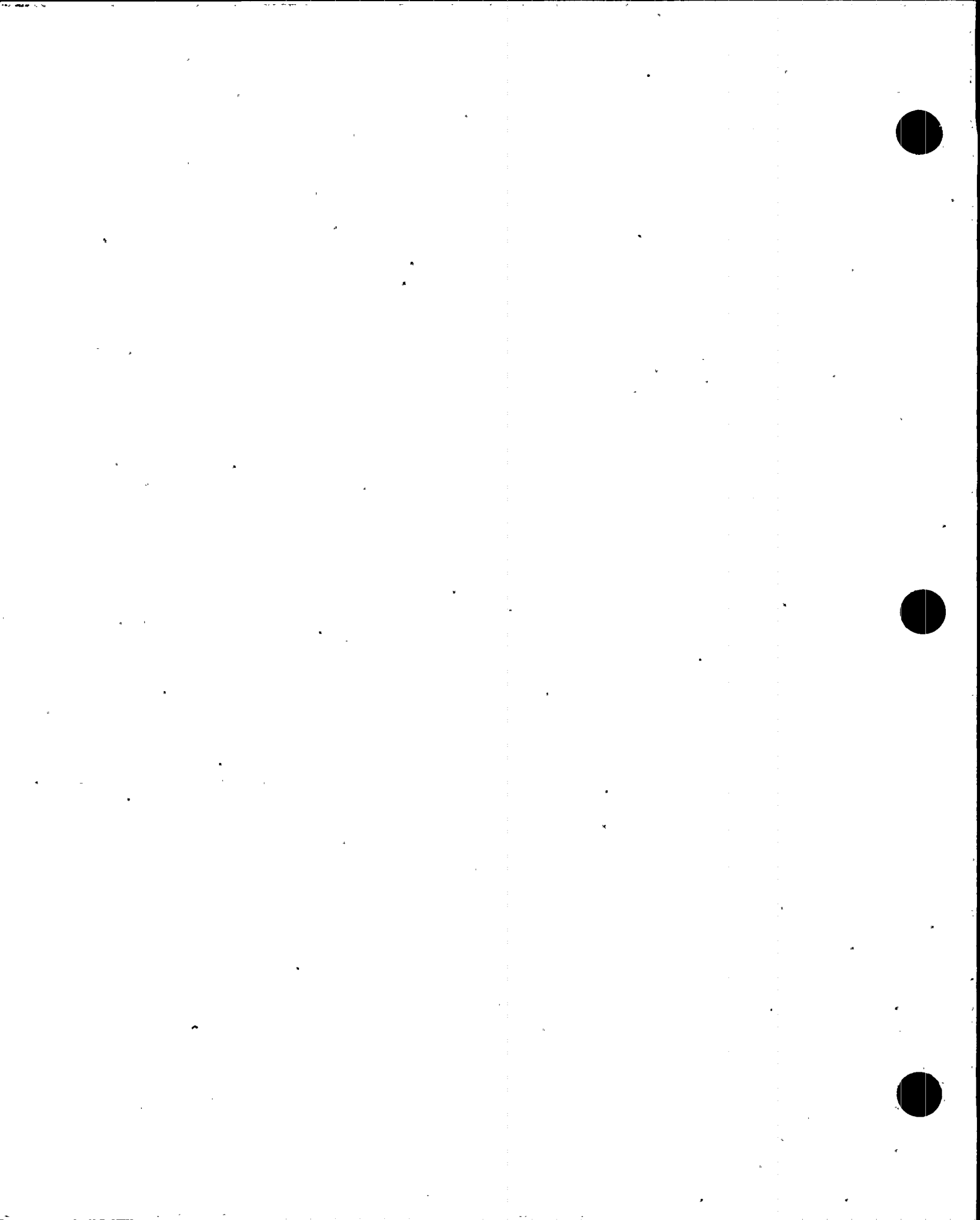




Simplified Method

- ◆ **Post-trip switchyard voltage (kV)**
 - Consider pre-trip grid / PV conditions
 - Select appropriate value from TS B3.8.1
- ◆ **Post-trip loading (MVA)**
 - Consider bus alignments and auto switching
 - Total applicable values from TS B3.8.1
- ◆ **Acceptance criteria: $MVA \leq 2 \times (kV - 490)$**

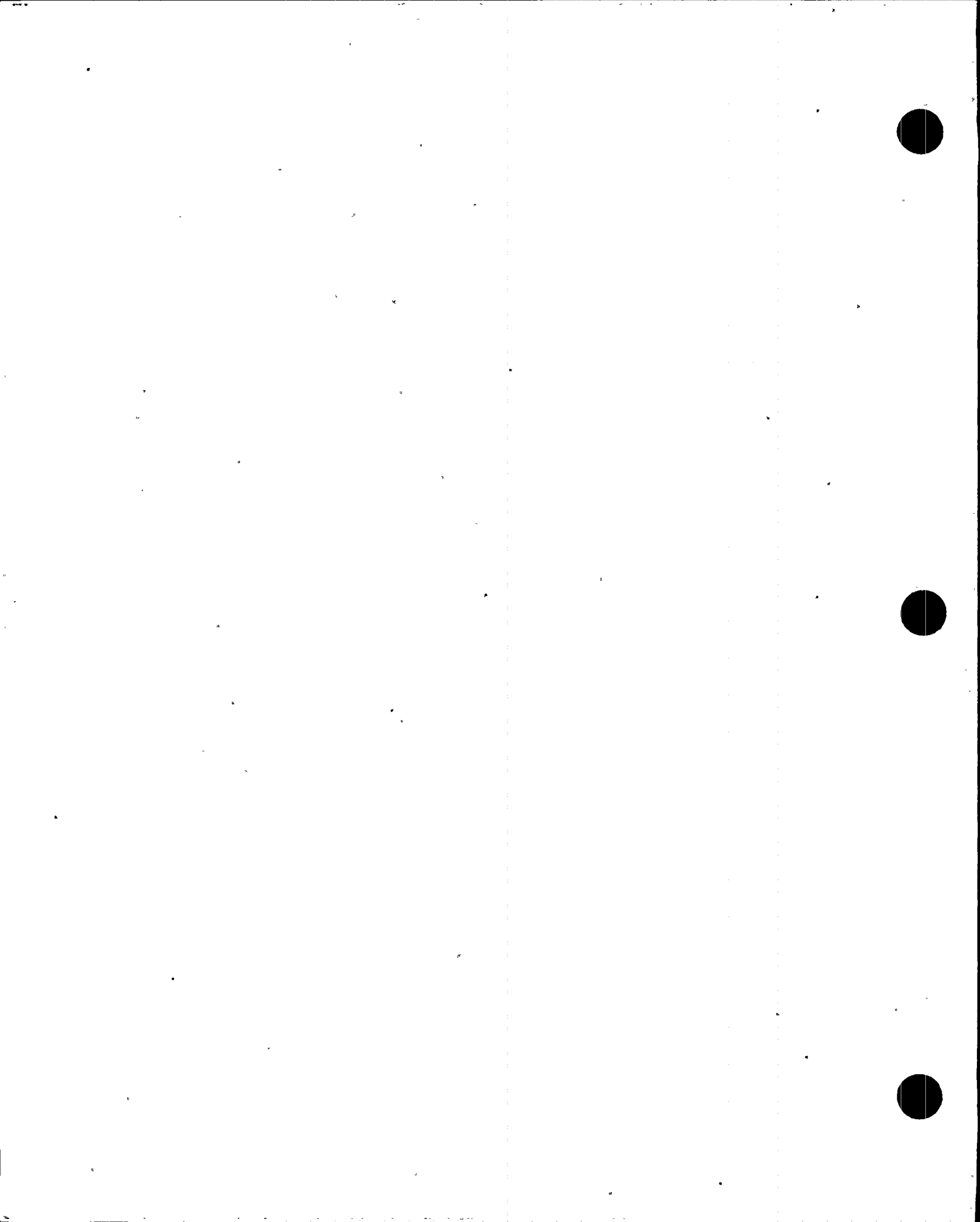




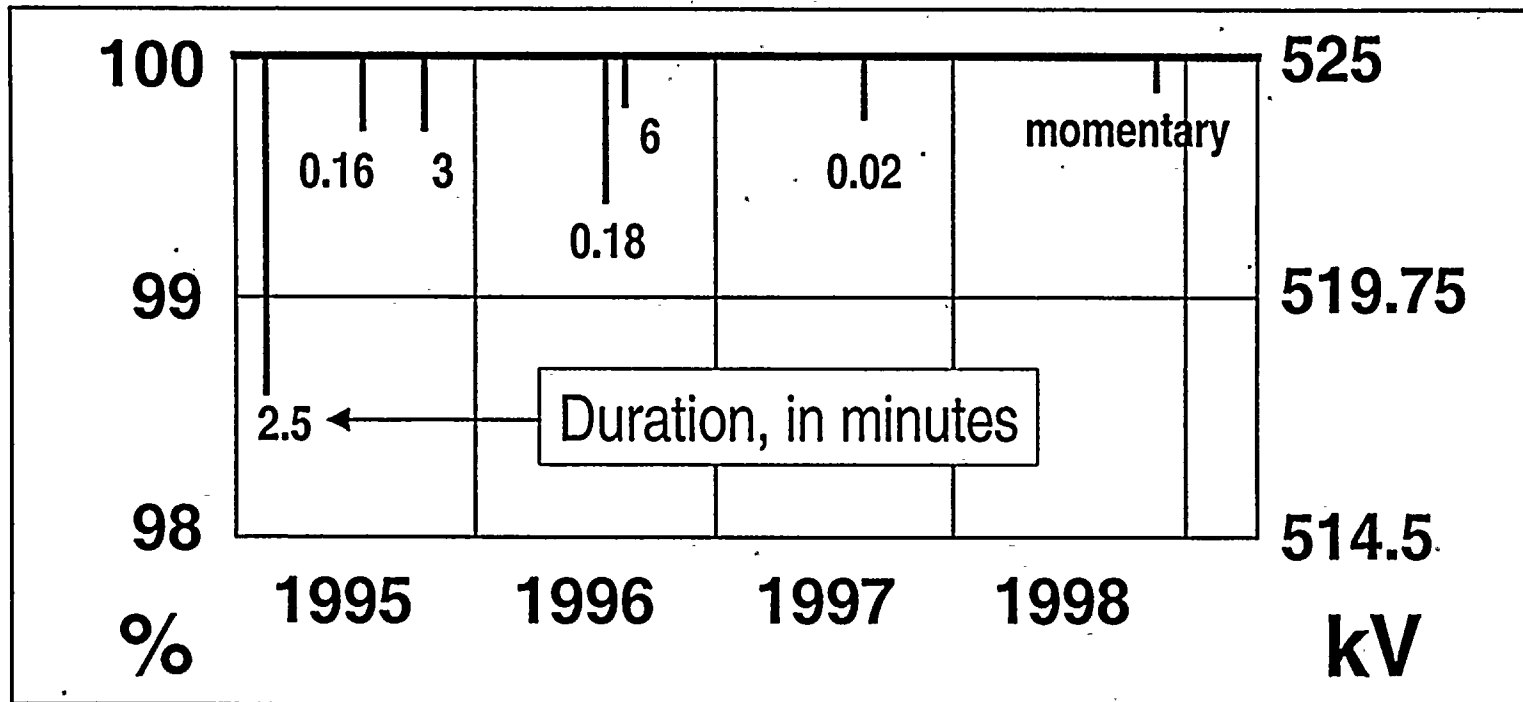
Risk Impact

- ◆ **Implementation of LCO 3.8.1G reduces risk**
 - **Monitors operability status of offsite circuits**
 - **Minimizes vulnerability to LOCA / consequential LOOP scenario (i.e., double sequencing)**
- ◆ **Automatic actions are not warranted**
 - **Stability of plant and systems not an issue**
 - **Vulnerability time usually short**
 - **Automatic actuations would create additional risks**

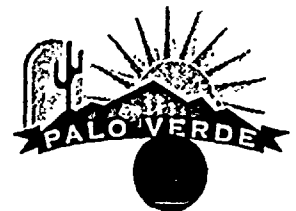


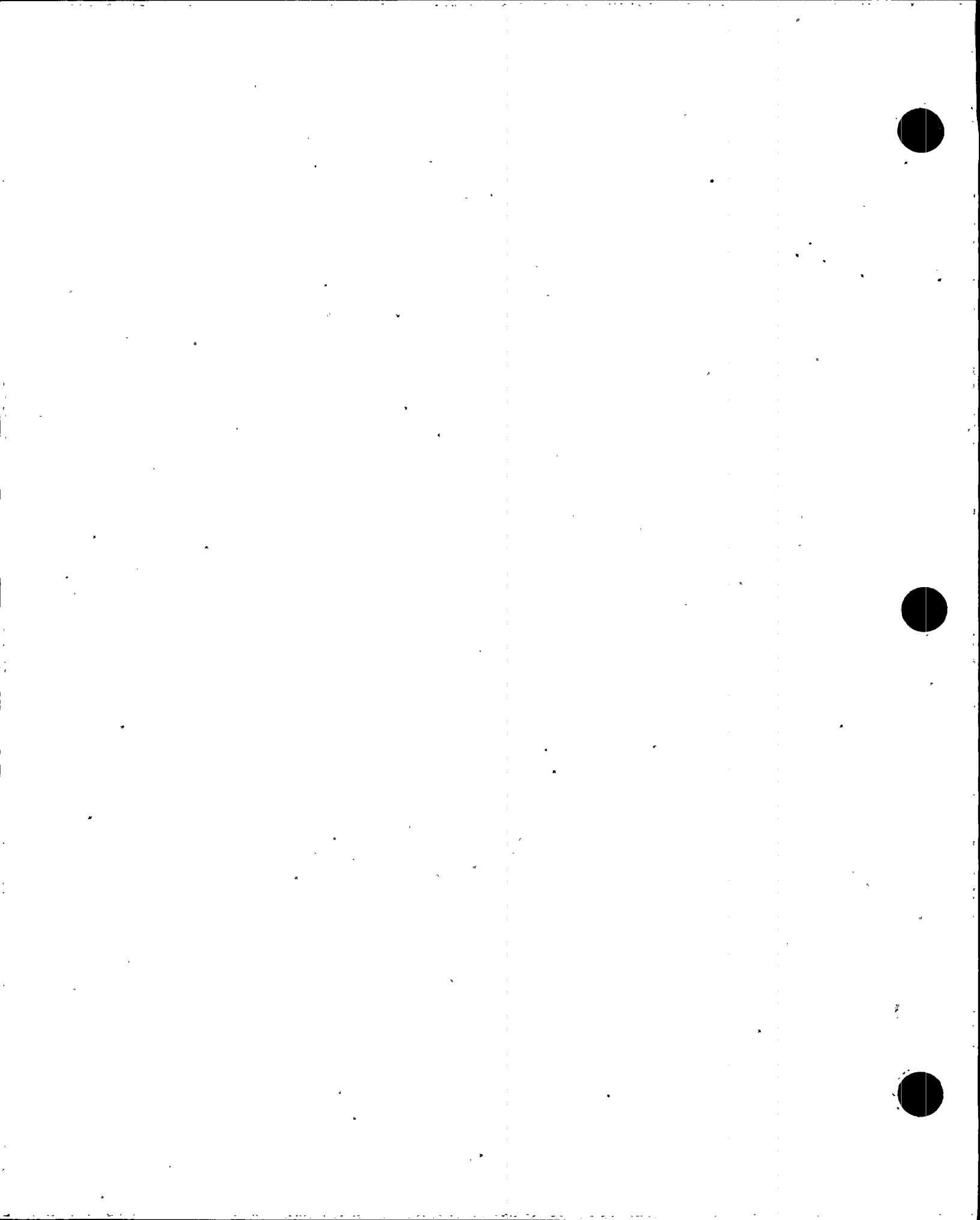


Low Switchyard Voltage Events



- ◆ Probability < 525 kV \cong 12 min./4.25 years = 5E-6
- ◆ X accident frequency (\cong 1.5E-2/year) = 7.5E-8/year



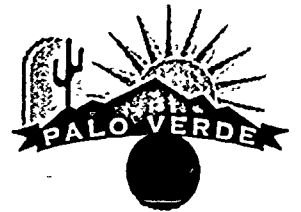


UFSAR

◆ Time delay of DVRs ($31.8 \pm$ seconds)

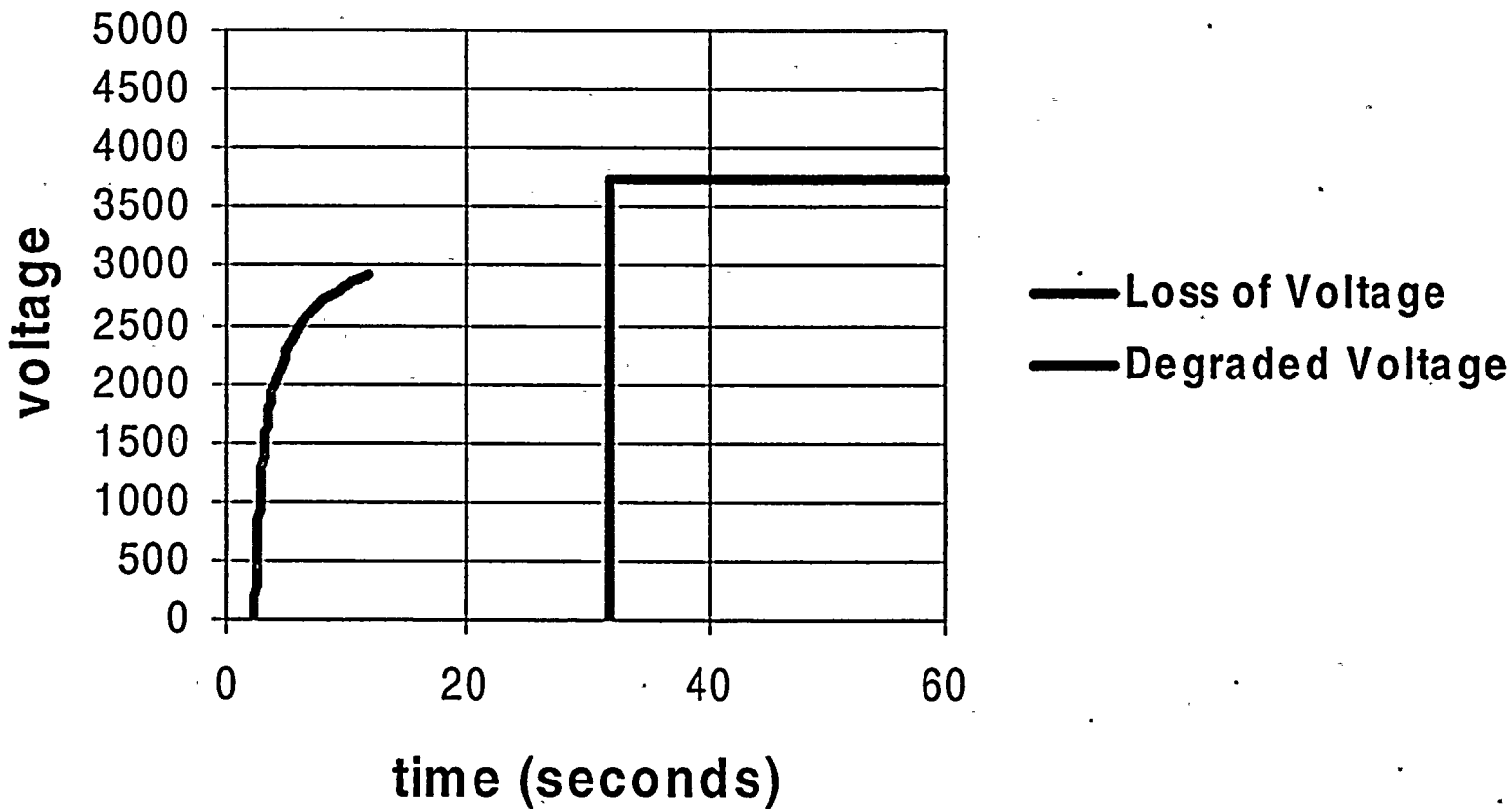
- Design criteria based on 12/12/77 NRC letter
- Prevents spurious actuation during RCP starting
- **UFSAR statement deleted:**

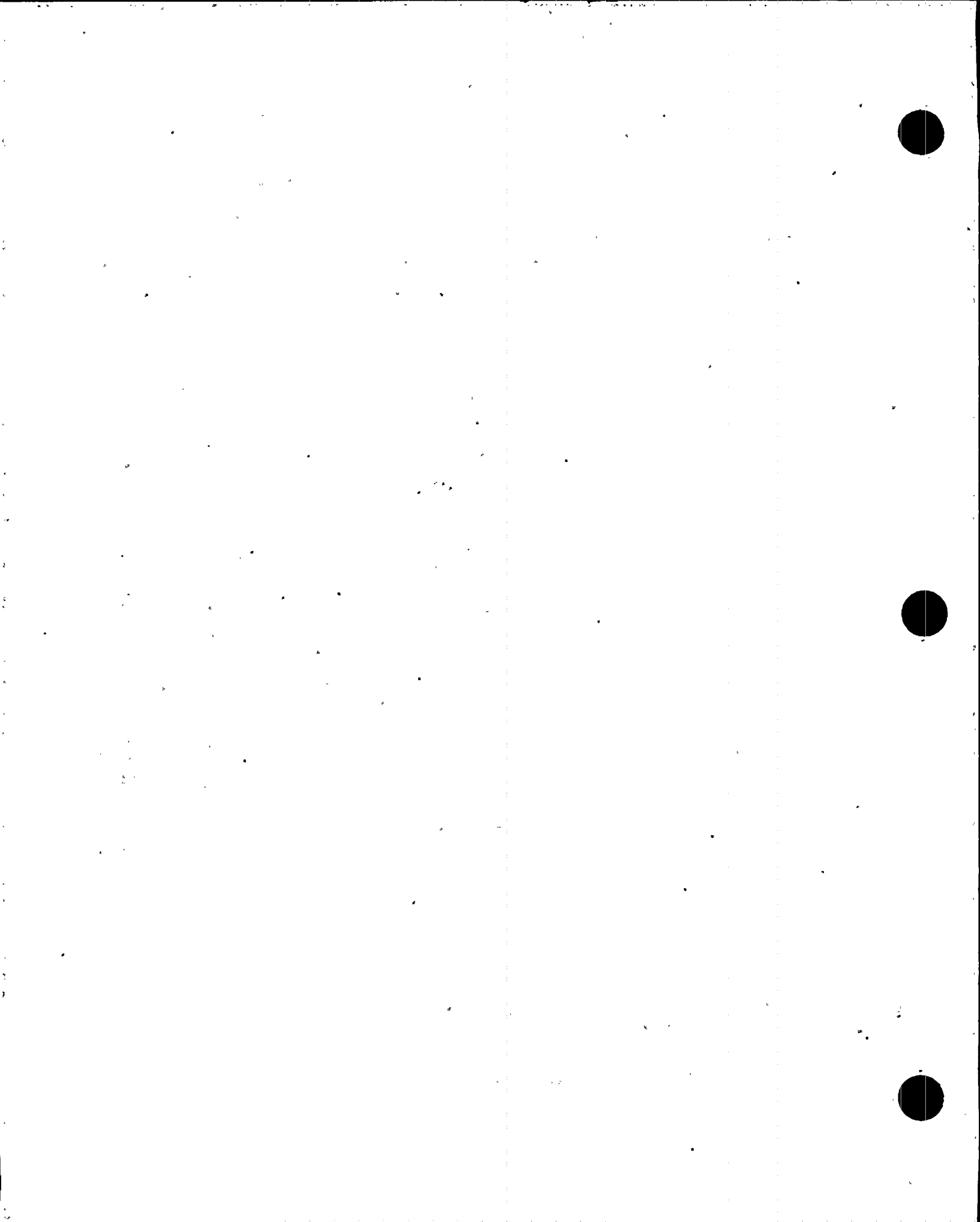
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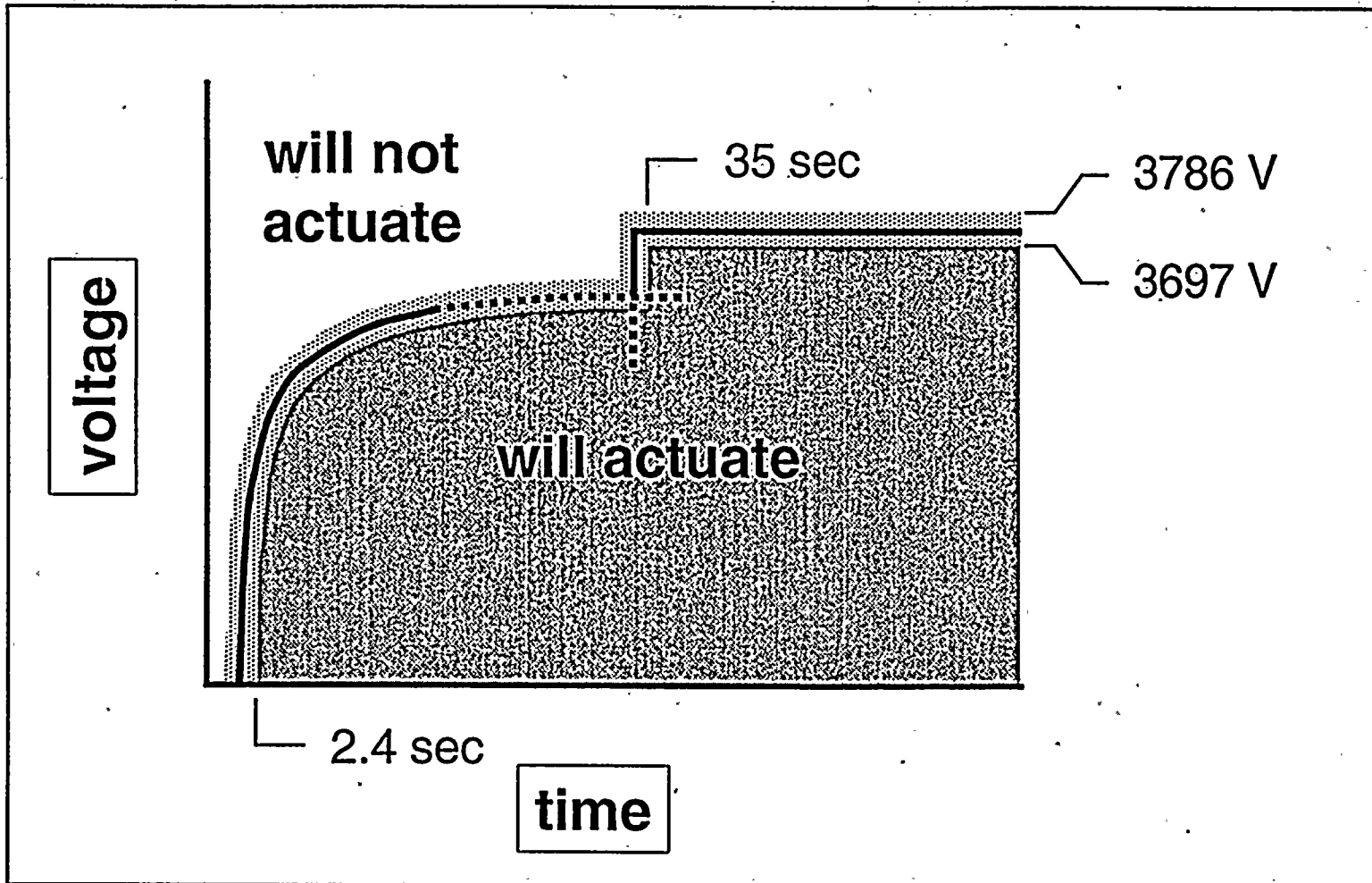


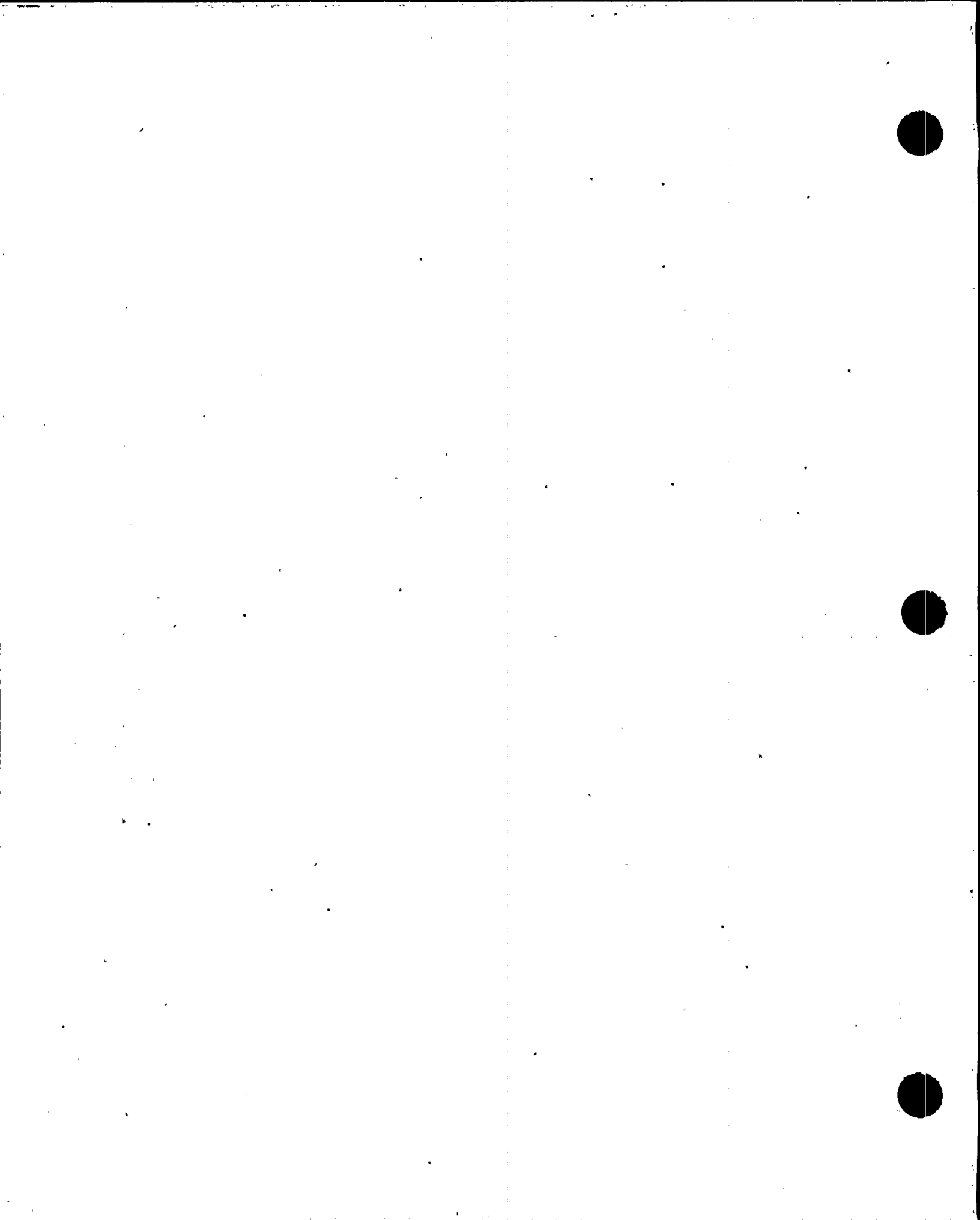
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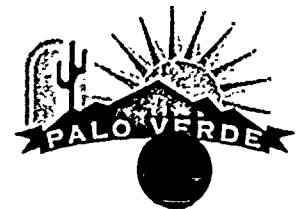
Key Parameters





Integrated Solution

- ◆ **Plant Modifications - Upgrades complete**
- ◆ **Implementation of TS 3.8.1 G**
 - **LCO based on calculation results**
 - **In-plant electrical distribution system**
 - **Grid voltage response**
 - **Low switchyard voltage - Infrequent event**
 - **LCO Actions - Balanced mitigation of risk**
- ◆ **Maximum Offsite Power Operability - Availability**





ATTACHMENT 6
MEETING SLIDES



**Palo Verde
Steam Generator Replacement
And Power Uprate Project**

**Presentation
To The
Nuclear Regulatory Commission**

April 7, 1999



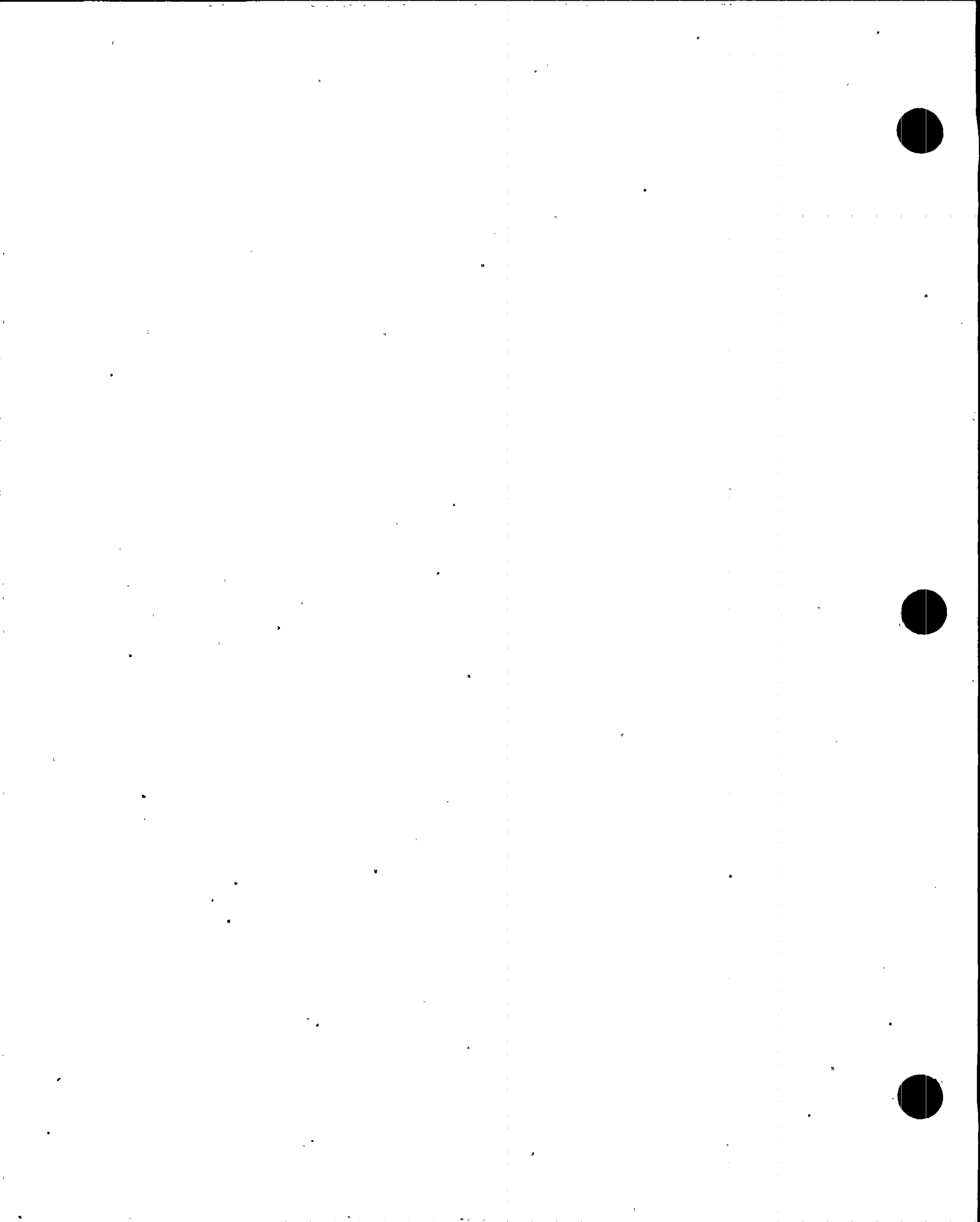


**Palo Verde Steam Generator
Replacement And Power Uprate Project**

Project Status

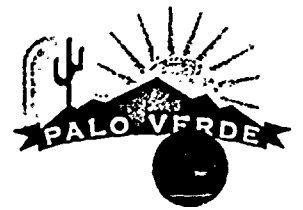
**Carl Churchman
SGR Project Director**





Meeting Objectives

- ◆ **Update of activities since October 1998 meeting**
- ◆ **Provide integrated schedule**
- ◆ **Provide status of fabrication activities**
- ◆ **Discuss project oversight**
- ◆ **Discuss transportation plans**

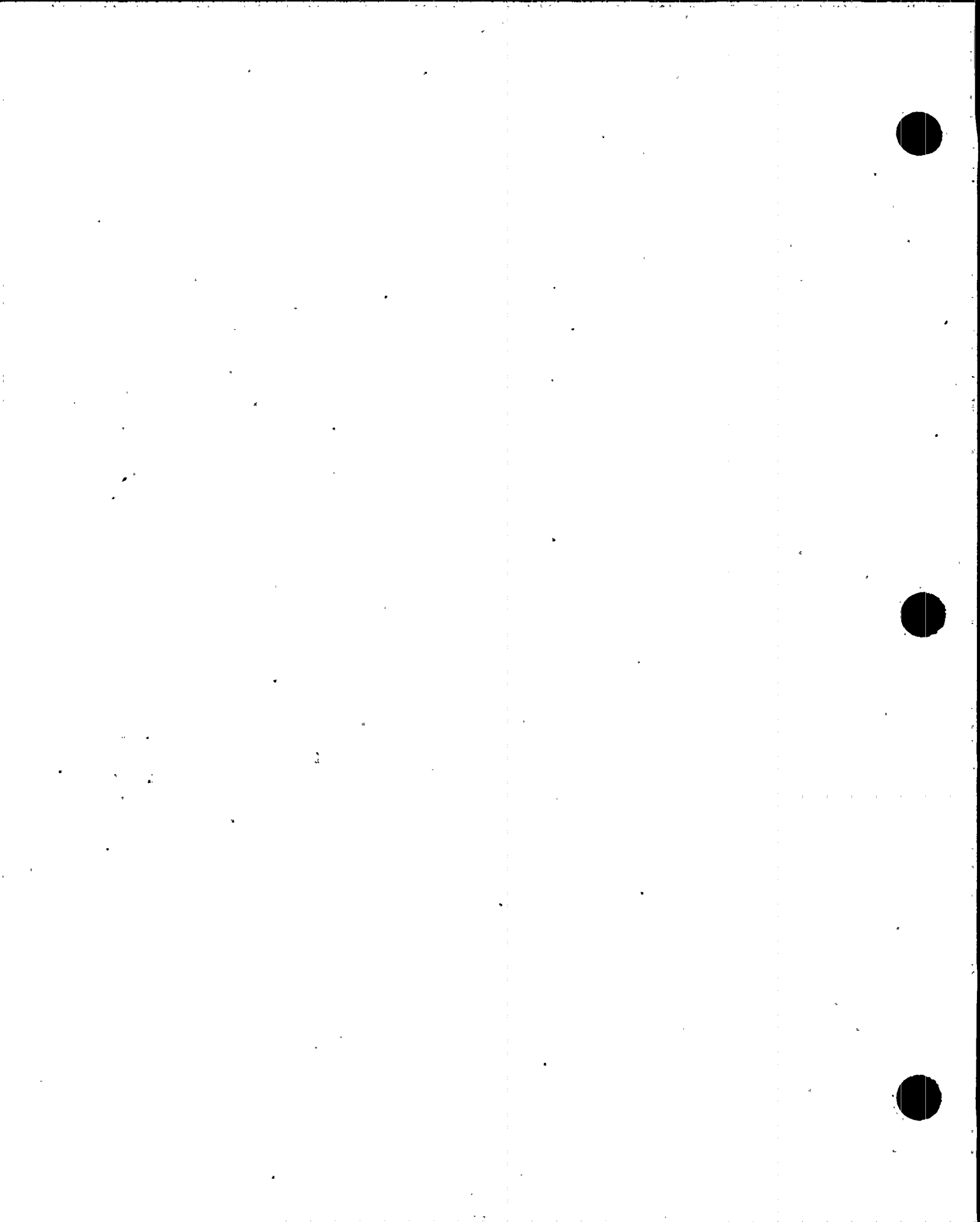




Meeting Objectives

- ◆ Provide status of installation plans
- ◆ Discuss status of safety analyses
- ◆ Discuss structural evaluations
- ◆ Review future activities

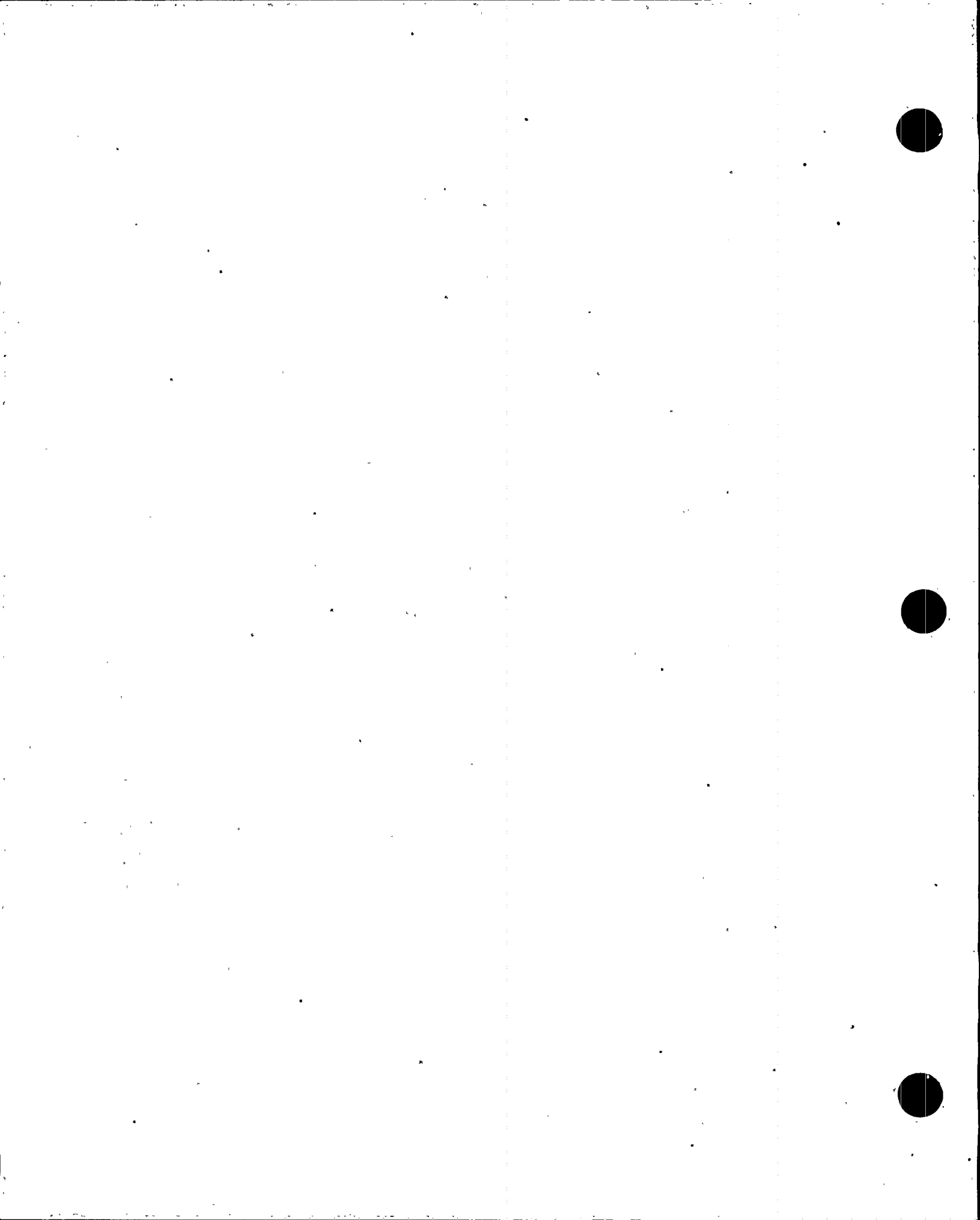




Recent Activities

- ◆ RSG fabrication started
- ◆ CENTS benchmarking
- ◆ Transportation route survey completed
- ◆ Installation contractor chosen





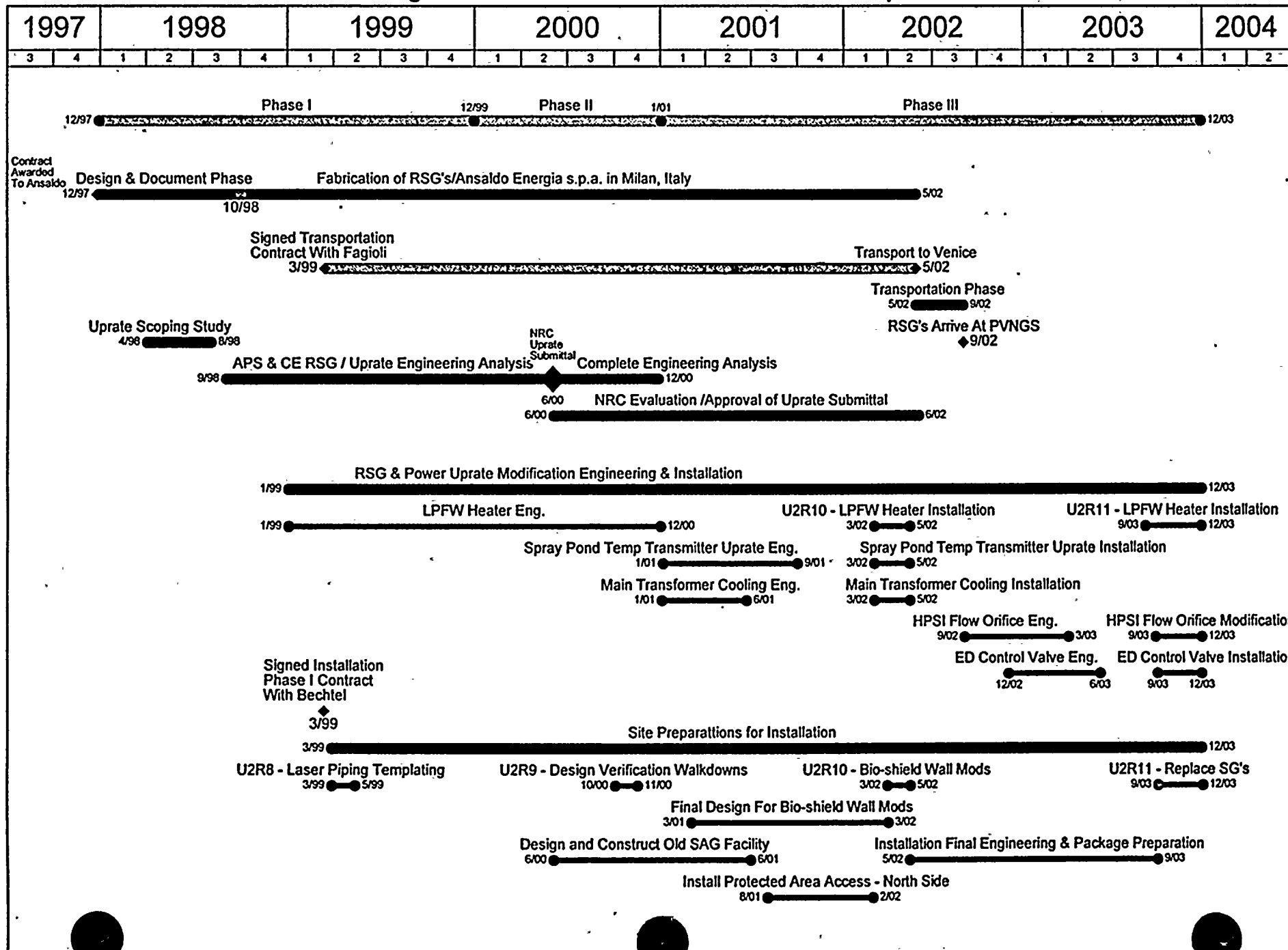
Visits To Other Utilities

- ◆ **Braidwood - October 1998**
 - Observed SG replacement activities
- ◆ **South Texas - October 1998**
 - Discussed SG replacement project organization and engineering programs
- ◆ **Korea - January 1999**
 - Discussed operating experiences of recent ABB-designed steam generators





PVNGS Unit 2 Steam Generator Replacement Project Integrated Level One Schedule for RSG & Power Uprate





RSG Fabrication Status

◆ Tubing

- Sandvik of Sweden chosen to supply tubing
- Procedure preparation to be complete in May 1999
- Fabrication to start in July 1999 and will complete in April 2000





RSG Fabrication Status

- ◆ **Tubesheet #1**
 - I-600 cladding (two passes) and UT testing of horizontal surface complete
 - Next step is stainless cladding of vertical portions
- ◆ **Tubesheet #2**
 - I-600 cladding (first pass) of horizontal surface complete
- ◆ **Tubesheet drilling to start Sept/Oct 1999**





RSG Fabrication Status

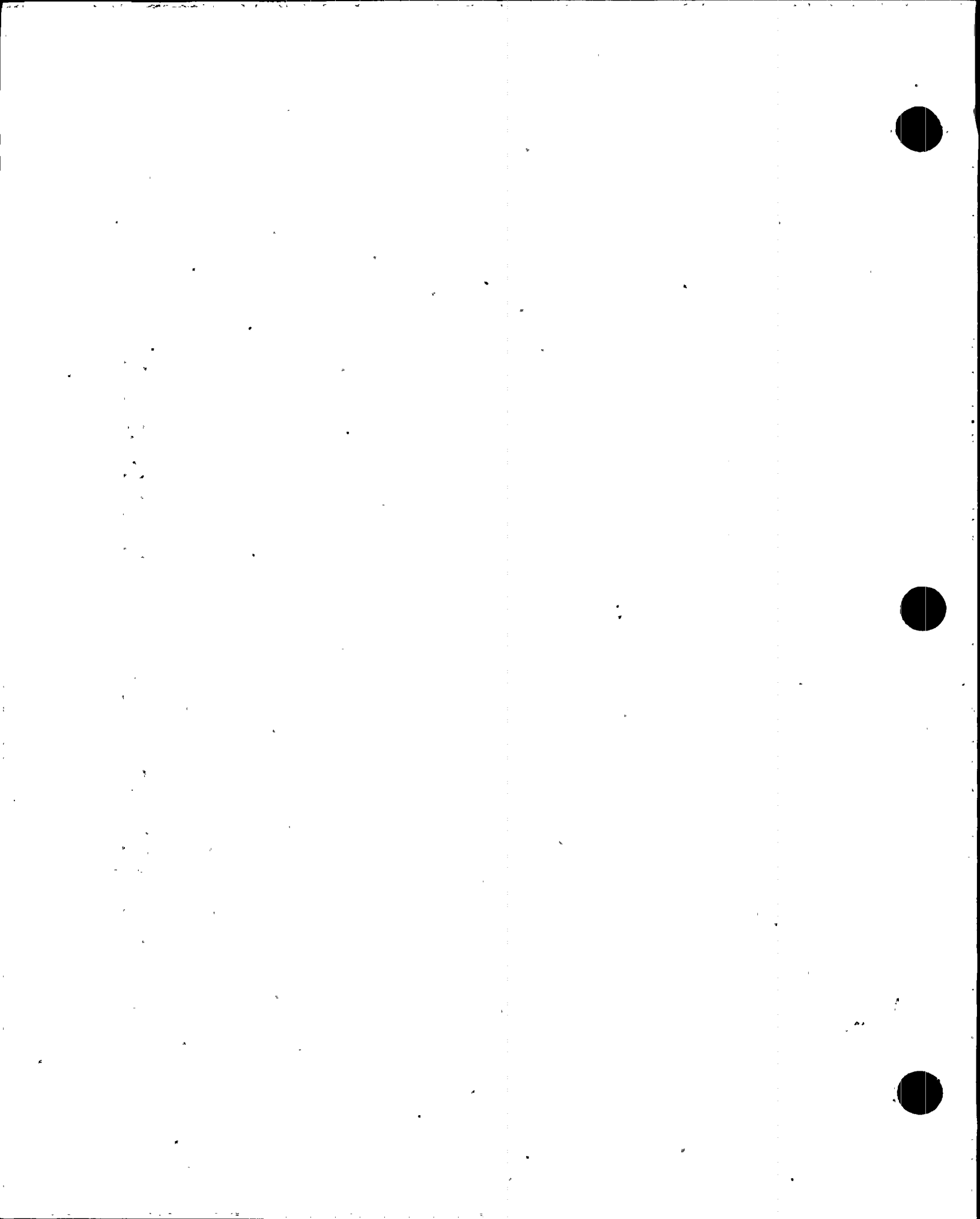
◆ Transition cone

- All six pieces have been cut to size
- Four of six bent into shape
- Third cone sector being machined for welding

◆ Stub barrel

- Stub barrel rolled
- Vertical weld complete
- Weld buildup for nozzles/handholes (10) in progress - three complete





RSG Fabrication Status

◆ Lower Shell

- Several plates have been received
- Will be prepped and rolled in next few months

◆ Primary channel heads

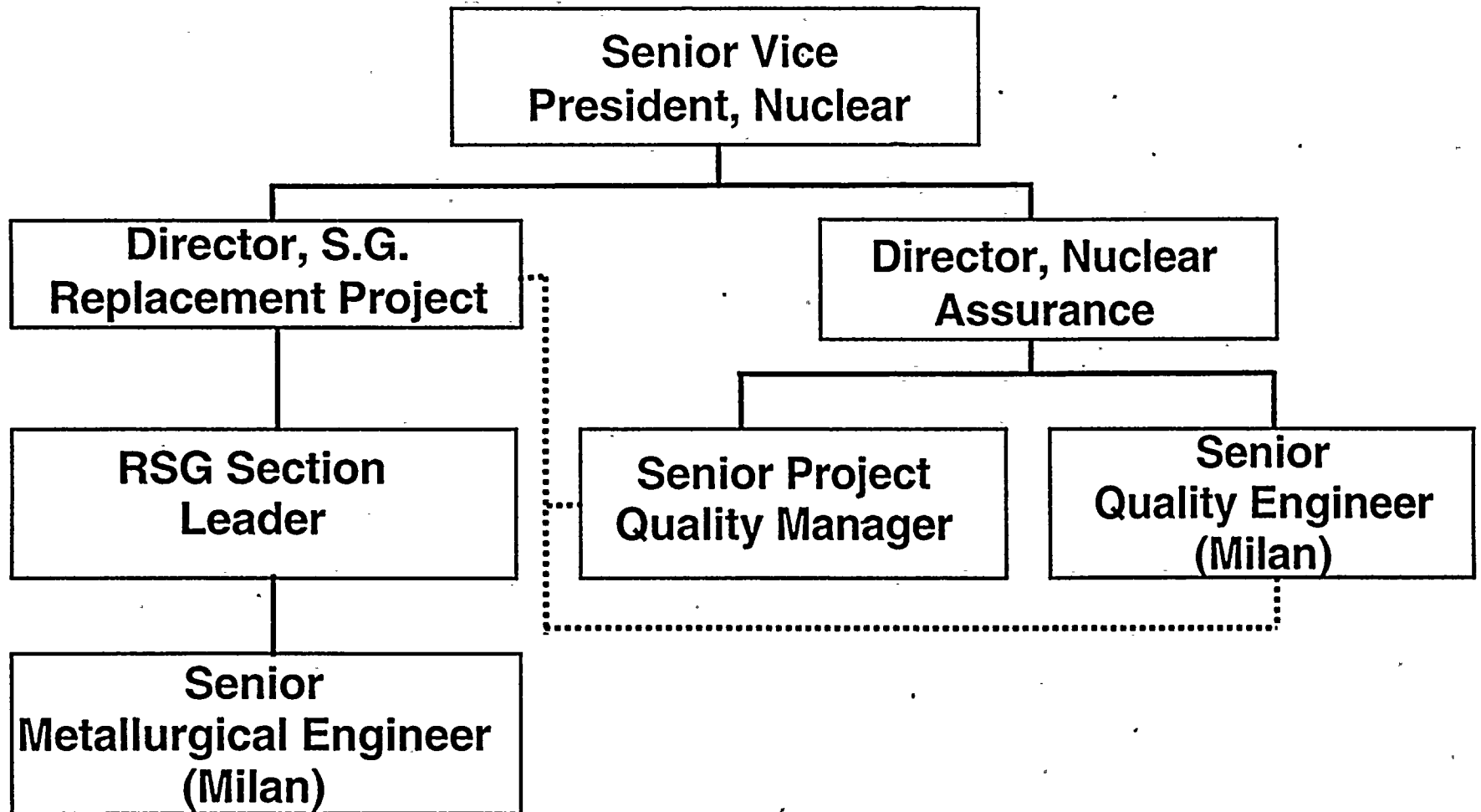
- Ordered from Japan Steel Works

◆ Four feedwater nozzles received at Ansaldo





Oversight Organization

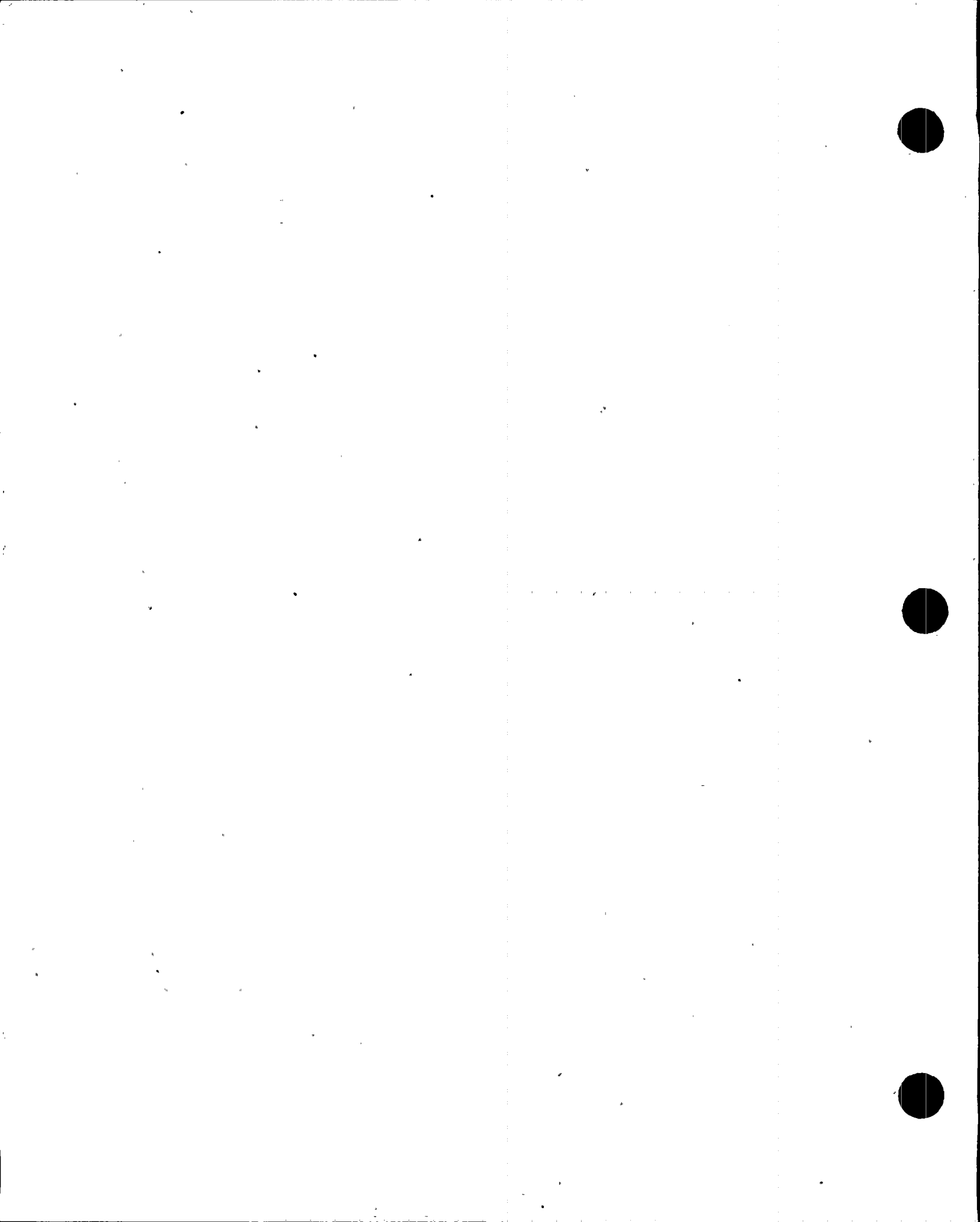




Oversight Activities

- ◆ **Oversight organization**
- ◆ **Residents in Milan**
 - **Filing daily and monthly reports**
 - **Discovered several non-conformance items**
- ◆ **Conducted assessment of Ansaldo**
 - **Ansaldo working to strengthen:**
 - **Continuing training program**
 - **Design control/design interface issues**
 - **Computer software control issues**

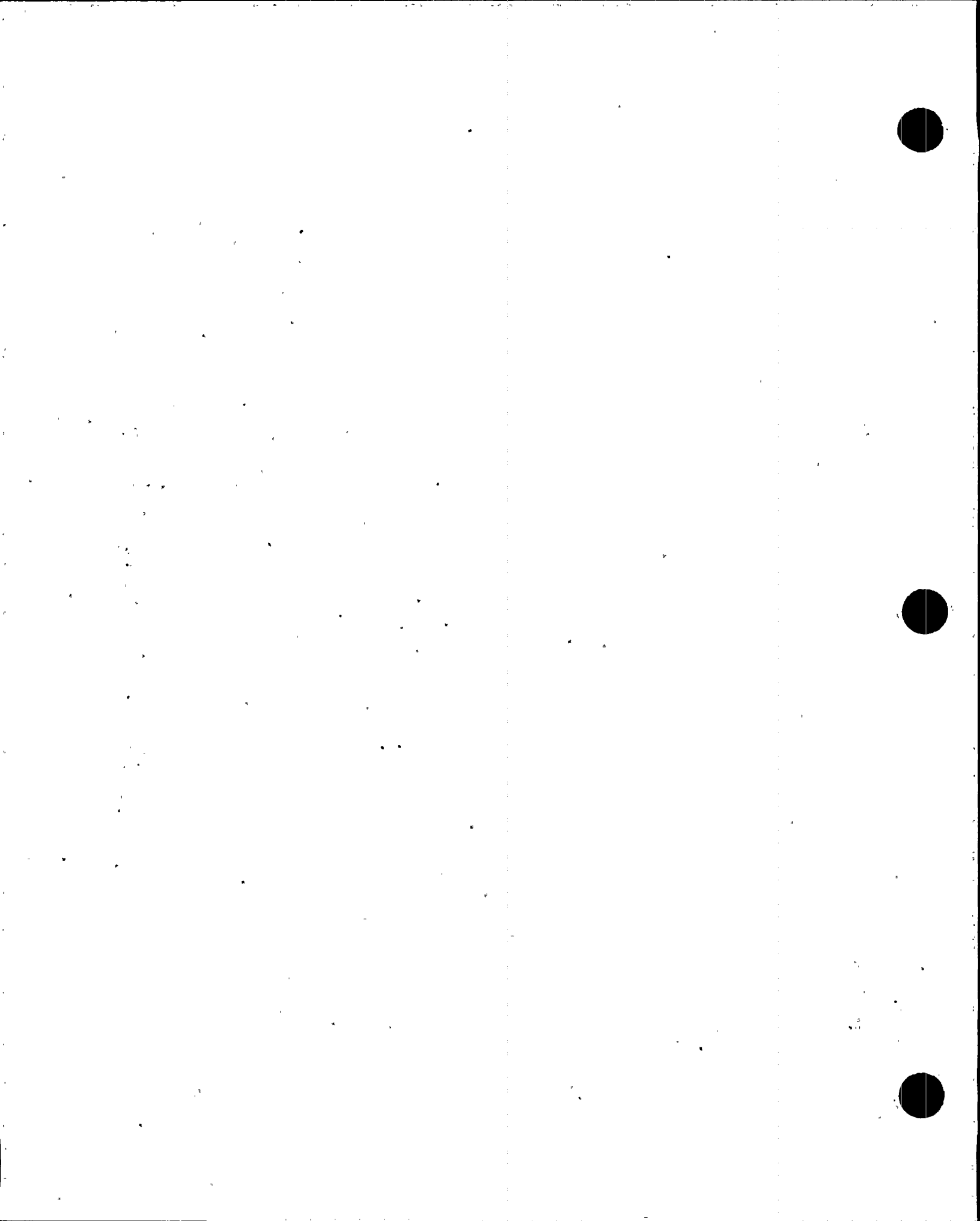




Oversight Activities

- ◆ **Ansaldo also working to strengthen process for self-identification of problems**
- ◆ **Other QA activities**
 - **Visited Braidwood in June and October 1998**
 - **Audit of ABB engineering (Chattanooga) in May 1999**
 - **Audit of ABB engineering (Windsor) in August 1999**
 - **Audit of Ansaldo in June 1999**
 - **Wisconsin Public Service Corp. will participate**





RSG Transportation

- ◆ **Completed detailed route survey from Puerto Penasco, Mexico**
- ◆ **Held meetings with various environmental and transportation officials in both countries**

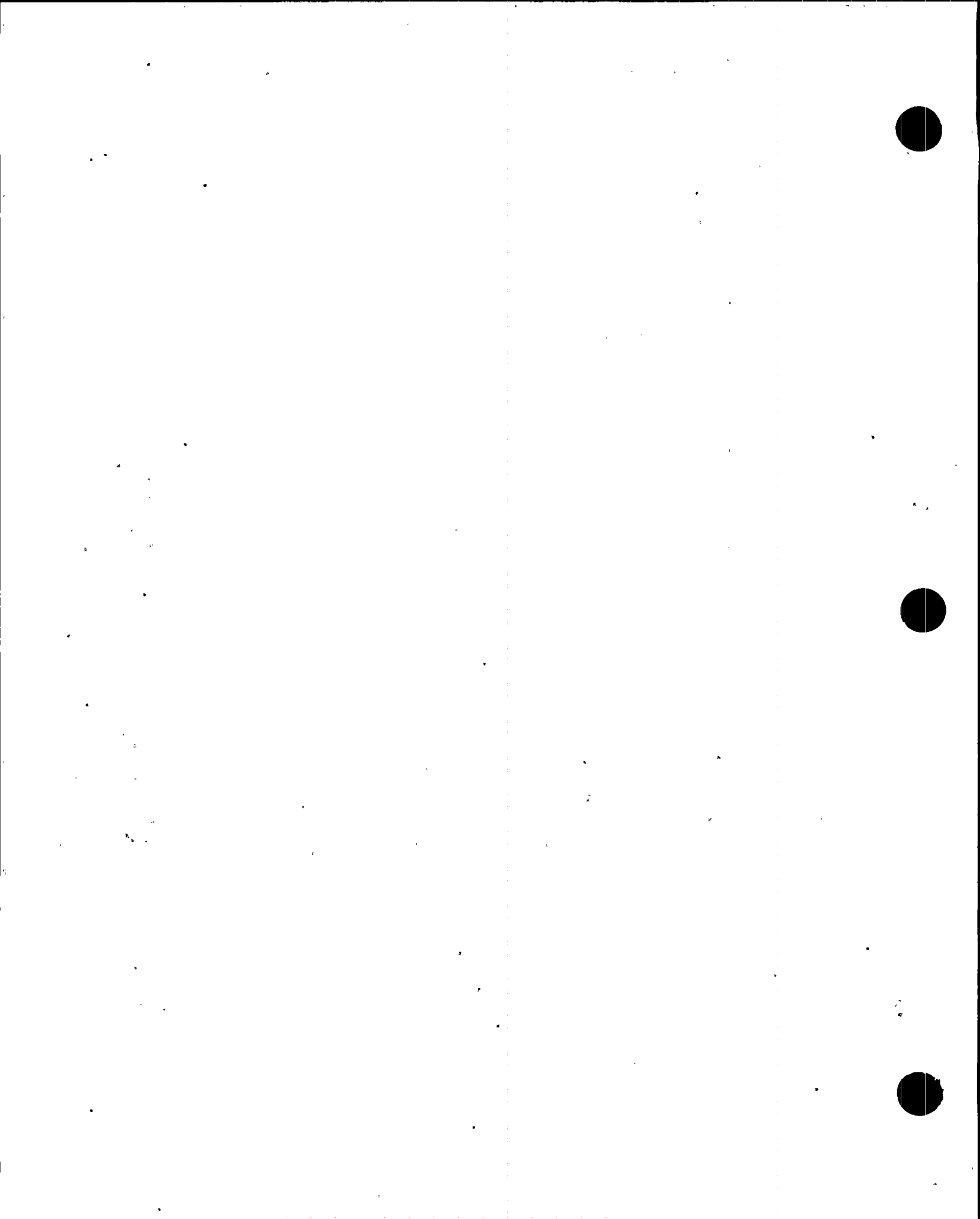




RSG Installation

- ◆ **Bechtel chosen as contractor for the following RSG installation work:**
 - **Prepare mods and 50.59 for installation**
 - **Onsite RSG transportation**





Safety Analyses

- ◆ CENTS Code
- ◆ ECCS performance analysis
- ◆ Containment subcompartments





CENTS Code

- ◆ **CENTS will be the primary tool for Chapter 15 non-LOCA transient analysis at PVNGS**
- ◆ **Currently running benchmark cases for LOCV, MSLB, SGTR**
- ◆ **Benchmarking shows that CENTS is correctly modeling the events**
- ◆ **On schedule for June 2000 CENTS topical report submittal**





ECCS Performance Analysis

- ◆ **PVNGS Analyses of Record (AOR) is based on core power level of 4070 MWt (3990 x 1.02)**
- ◆ **No explicit analyses are scheduled for this project**
- ◆ **ABB will demonstrate that the RSGs result in increased margin of safety compared to the AOR**
- ◆ **The LBLOCA, SBLOCA and long-term cooling analyses in the AOR remain applicable**





Containment Subcompartments

- ◆ **Leak Before Break (LBB) considerations**
 - **Original subcompartment pressurization analysis was based on double ended break in RCS pipe**
 - **APS subsequently received SERs to allow LBB for RCS piping**
 - **Reactor cavity and SG compartments do not provide a containment related function**
 - **NRC LBB guidance eliminates the need to consider double-ended break of RCS piping to evaluate reactor cavity and SG subcompartment structural design**





Containment Subcompartments

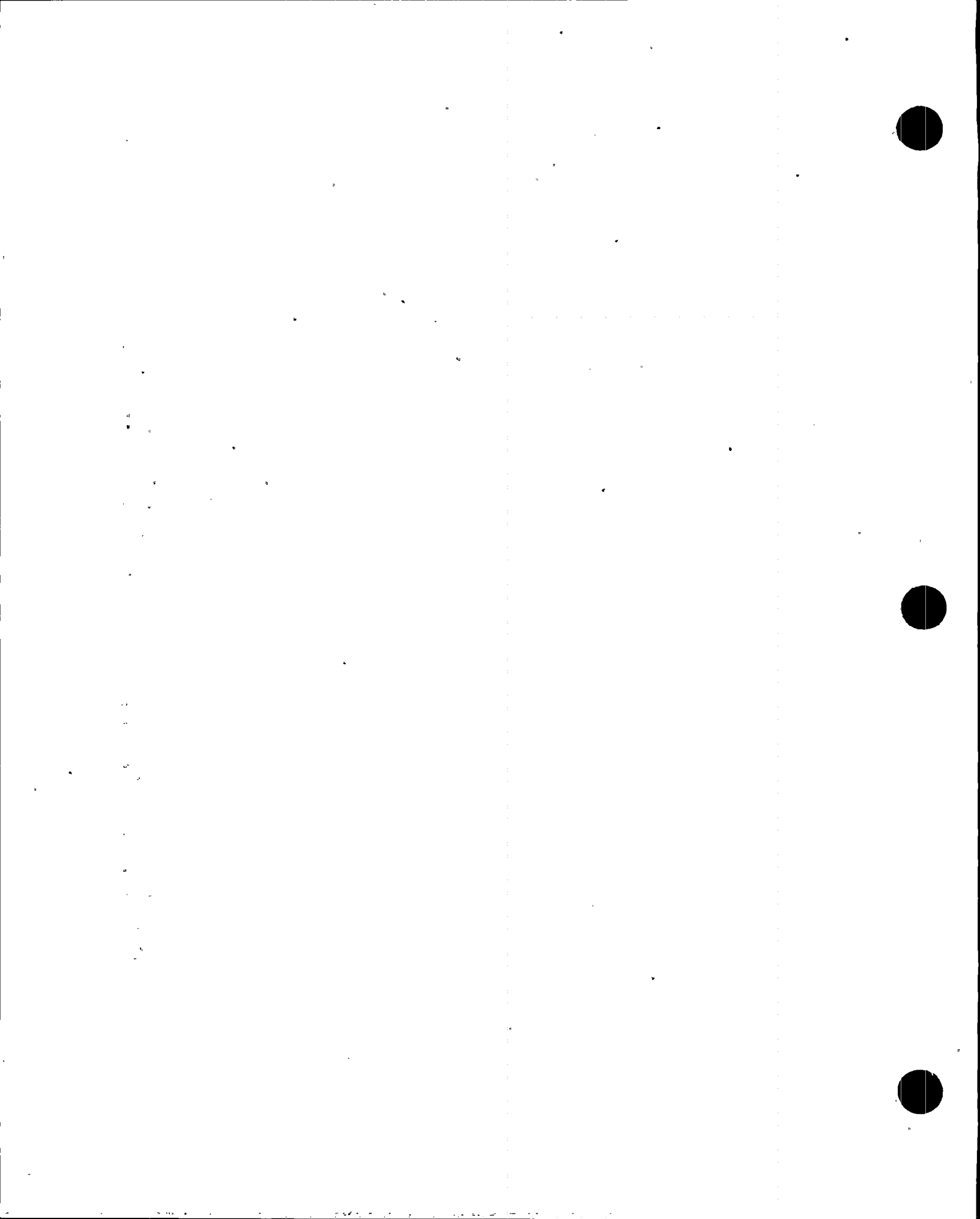
◆ Reactor cavity

- There are no branch lines connected to RCS
- Further analysis not needed

◆ SG subcompartment

- Largest branch line will be analyzed
- Analysis is expected to demonstrate that original calculation remains bounding





Containment Subcompartments

◆ Pressurizer subcompartment

- The pressurizer surge line has not been excluded from the design basis as a result of relief granted due to LBB considerations of RCS piping
- Effect of power uprate on pressurizer subcompartment analysis will be assessed





Structural Evaluations

- ◆ Entire reactor coolant system (RCS)
- ◆ RCS branch lines
- ◆ Secondary piping affected by replacement steam generators (RSGs) and power uprate
- ◆ Sampling and instrumentation nozzles



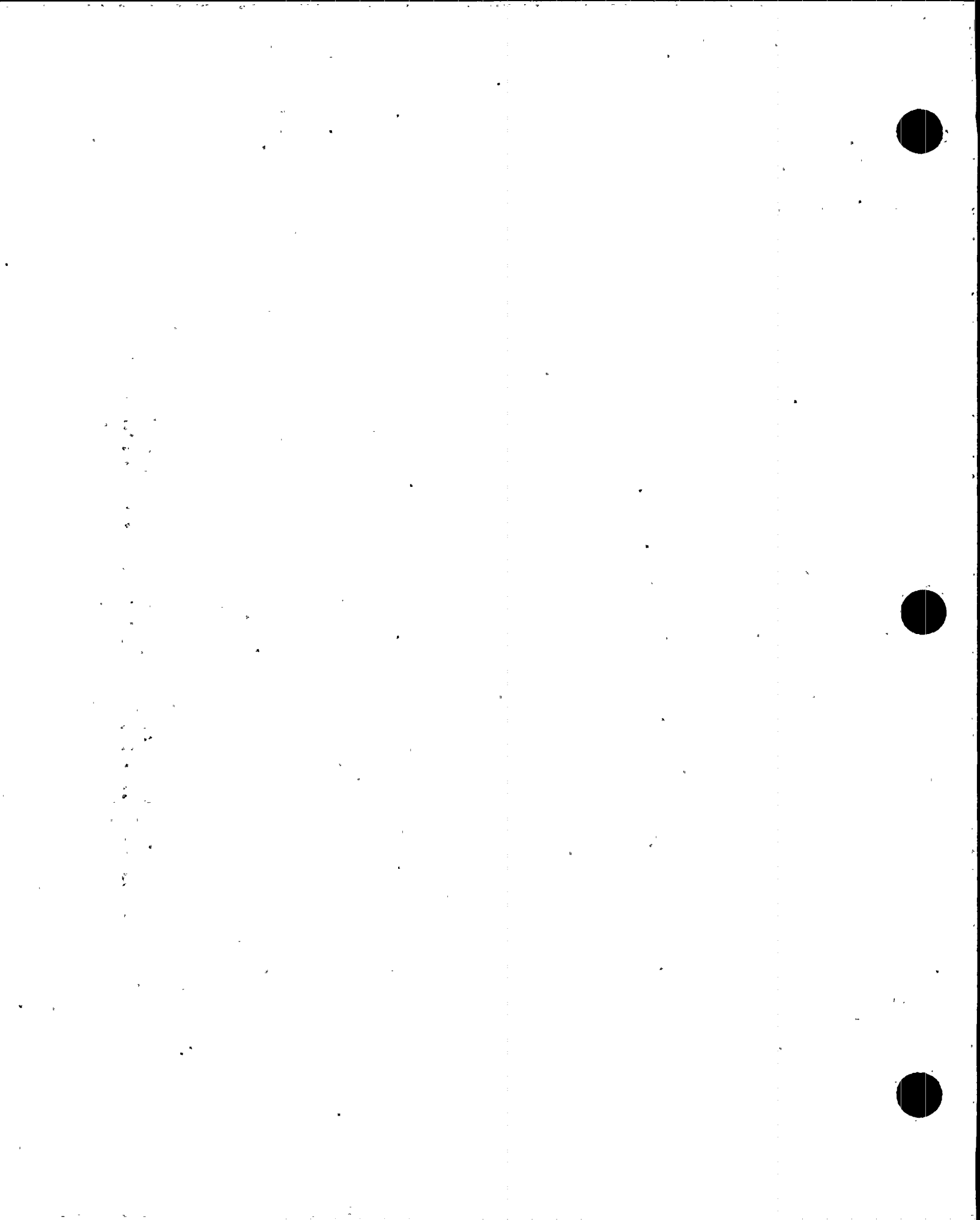


Structural Evaluations

◆ Re-evaluation of RCS

- Normal, upset, emergency and faulted operation
- Impact of affected transients (if any)
- Impact to seismic analysis due to additional weight of RSG
- LOCA and jet impingement due to RCS branch line break and secondary high energy line break (HELB) inside of containment





Structural Evaluations

- ◆ **Re-evaluation of RCS branch lines**
 - **Deadweight, thermal and seismic anchor motion**
 - **LOCA anchor motion and dynamic seismic analyses**
 - **Verification of HELB locations**
 - **Pipe whip and jet impingement evaluation**
 - **Fatigue evaluation of Class 1 piping**

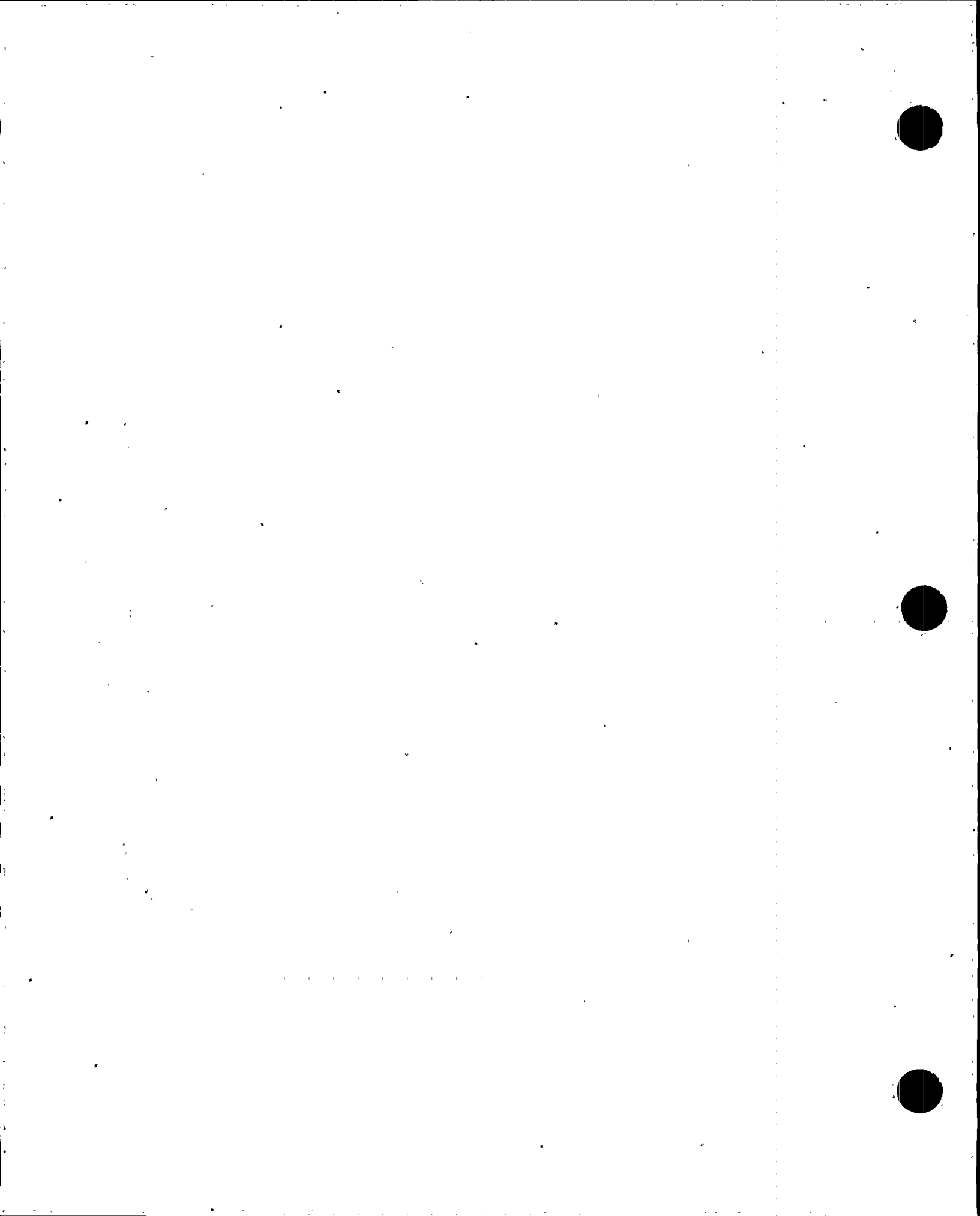




Structural Evaluations

- ◆ **Re-evaluation of secondary piping**
 - **Deadweight, thermal and seismic anchor motion**
 - **LOCA anchor motion and dynamic seismic analyses**
 - **Pipe whip and jet impingement evaluation**
 - **Water hammer/steam hammer as applicable**
 - **Arbitrary intermediate breaks on the main steam line will be eliminated**





Structural Evaluations

- ◆ **Re-evaluation of instrument and sample lines**
 - **RSG nozzle adequacy will be assured**
 - **Limit loads to no greater than existing installation**
 - **Keep tubing supports similar to existing installation**

 - **RCS nozzles will be re-evaluated for the total loads from RCS evaluations and LOCA analysis**





Licensing Submittals

◆ June 2000

- Chapter 15 analyses
- Most of Chapter 6 analyses
- CENTS Topical Report

◆ December 2000

- Seismic analysis of RCS branch lines
- EQ evaluations
- Remainder of Chapter 6 analyses



Potential Technical Specification Changes

- ◆ Definition of Rated Thermal Power
- ◆ Low SG pressure reactor trip and MSIS setpoint
- ◆ Peak containment pressure
- ◆ Operating range for cold leg temperature at 100% power





Power Uprate Licensing Reports

- ◆ NSSS licensing report outline
- ◆ BOP licensing report outline





RSG Report And 50.59 Outline

- ◆ RSG design
- ◆ RSG fabrication
- ◆ Safety evaluation





Refueling Outage Activities

◆ U2R8 - Spring 1999

- Laser templating of piping in containment
- UT RCS piping to verify thickness
- Measure roundness of equipment hatch
- Optical measurement of SG snubbers
- General walkdown of containment

◆ U2R9 - Fall 2000

- Design verification walkdowns in containment





Refueling Outage Activities

- ◆ **U2R10 - Spring 2002**
 - **Replace 2 feedwater heaters**

- **U2R11 - Fall 2003**
 - **Replace 4 feedwater heaters**
 - **Bio/shield wall modifications**
 - **Replace steam generators**



POWER UPRATE BOP LICENSING REPORT

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.0 BOP Program Description
 - 1.1 BOP Program Overview
 - 1.2 Condensate and Feedwater
 - 1.3 Circulating Water
 - 1.4 Main Turbine
 - 1.5 Main Turbine Auxiliaries
 - 1.6 Main Generator and Auxiliaries
 - 1.7 Main Steam
 - 1.8 Component Cooling Water
 - 1.9 Essential Cooling Water
 - 1.10 Spent Fuel Pool
 - 1.11 LPSI/HPSI
 - 1.12 Auxiliary Feedwater System
 - 1.13 Containment and Subcompartment Analysis
 - 1.14 Post LOCA Hydrogen Generation
 - 1.15 Electrical Equipment Qualification
 - 1.16 Radiological Assessment
 - 1.17 Containment Ventilation
 - 1.18 Auxiliary Building Ventilation
 - 1.19 Misc. Mechanical Reviews
 - 1.19.1 Turbine Building HVAC Systems
 - 1.19.2 SG Blowdown Processing Systems
 - 1.19.3 CVCS Piping and Supports
 - 1.19.4 Radwaste Systems
 - 1.19.5 Secondary Side Water Chemistry
 - 1.19.6 Secondary System Piping and Valves
 - 1.19.7 PVNGS MOV Program
 - 1.19.8 Low Temperature Overpressure Protection (LTOP)
 - 1.20 Misc. Electrical Reviews
 - 1.20.1 Main Power Transformers
 - 1.20.2 Condensate Pump Motors
 - 1.20.3 Diesel Generators
 - 1.20.4 Startup Transformers
 - 1.20.5 Station Blackout
 - 1.20.6 Isophase Bus
 - 1.20.7 Reactor Coolant Pump Motors
 - 1.20.8 Station Service Assessment
 - 1.20.9 Unit Auxiliary Transformer
 - 1.20.10 Grid Stability

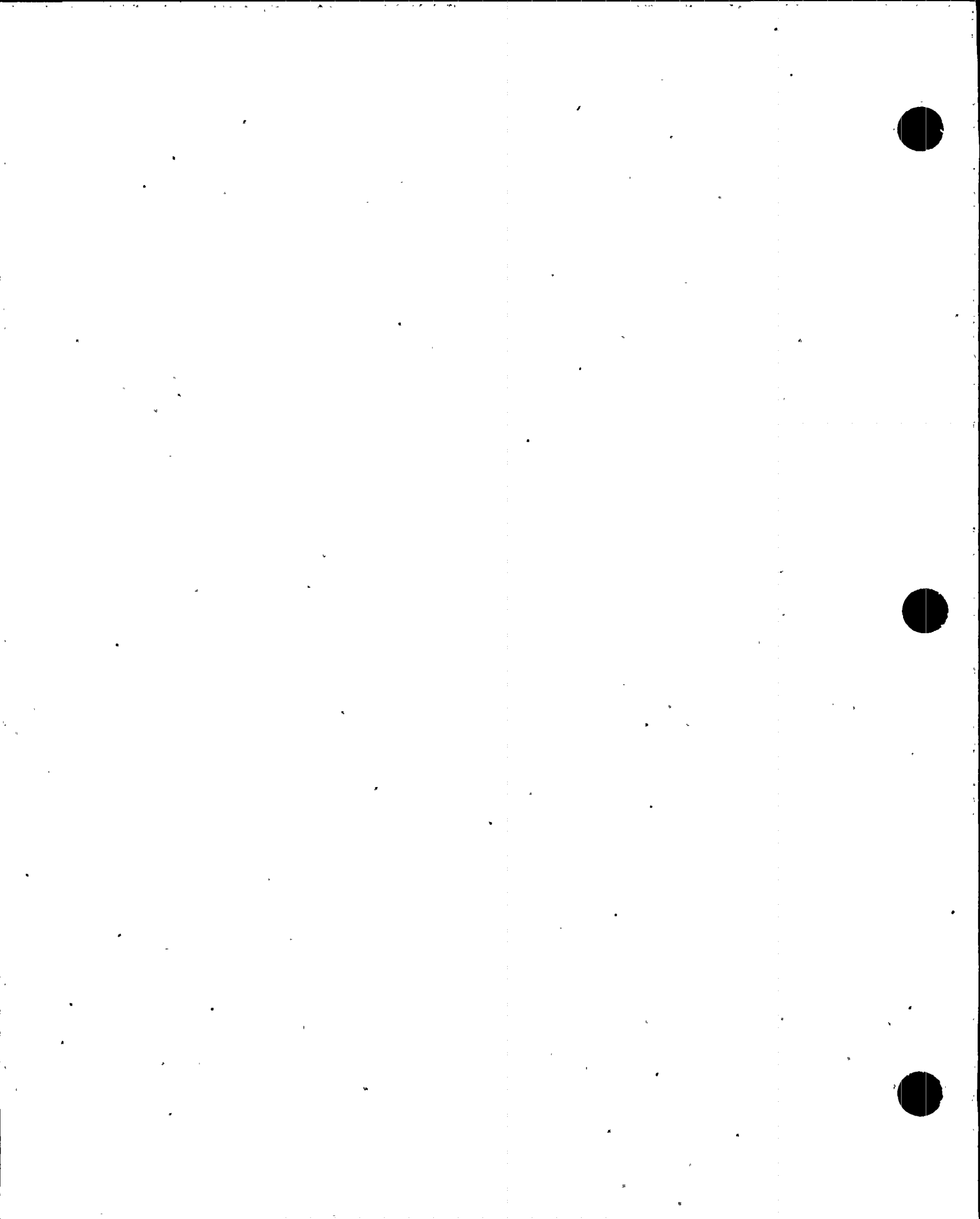


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 - 1.21.1 Condensate Pump Minimum Flow Control
 - 1.21.2 SG Feedwater Pump Minimum Flow Control
 - 1.21.3 SG Feedwater Pump Net Suction Pressure Alarm & Trip
 - 1.21.4 Steam Generator Water Level Control System
 - 1.21.5 Heater Drains Control
 - 1.21.6 Hotwell Level Control
 - 1.21.7 Steam Bypass Control System
 - 1.21.8 Reactor Power Cutback System
- 1.22 Environmental Impact Evaluations
- 1.23 Spray Pond System
- 1.24 Control Room Habitability

2.0 CONCLUSION

3.0 REFERENCES

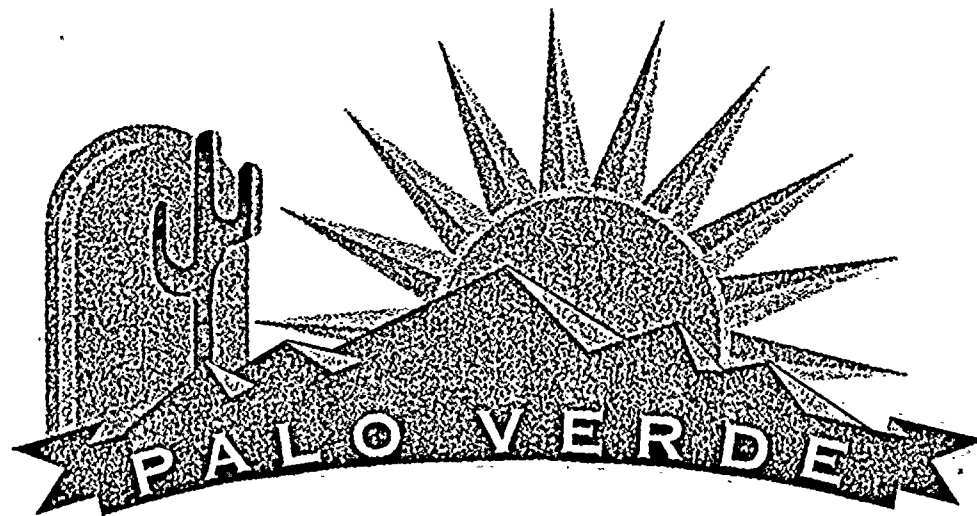


ATTACHMENT 7
MEETING SLIDES



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Nuclear Fuel Management Update



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Purpose

♦ Progress - 1998

- In-House Reload Design
- Clad Testing Program
- Spent Fuel Storage
- Unit 2 Steam Generator Replacement/Power Uprate
- Models and Methods



Purpose

◆ Current and Future Projects

– Spent Fuel Storage

- Boron Credit

– Models and Methods

- Simulate

- CENTS

- ID TH

– Fuel Performance

- PV Fuel Exams

- Crud/Corrosion

- Additional Exams Planned





Boron Credit

◆ Current Pool Capacity

- Unit 1 - 648 of 1034 Spaces Used**
- Unit 2 - 740 of 1033 Spaces Used**
- Unit 3 - 664 of 1034 Spaces Used**

◆ Unit 2 Lead Unit - Lose Reserve Fall 2000

◆ Submittal Expected May, 1999

- 1205 Useable Spaces**
- 4.8 w/o enrichment**

◆ Approval Requested Dec., 1999





Boron Credit

(Continued)

◆ Unit Status - w/Boron

– 1205 Assembly Capacity

• 964 Useable Spaces & 241 Spaces for Reserve

– Unit 3 Spring 2003

• Estimate 964 Assemblies Exactly

– Unit 2 Fall 2003

– Unit 1 Spring 2004





Models & Methods

Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station

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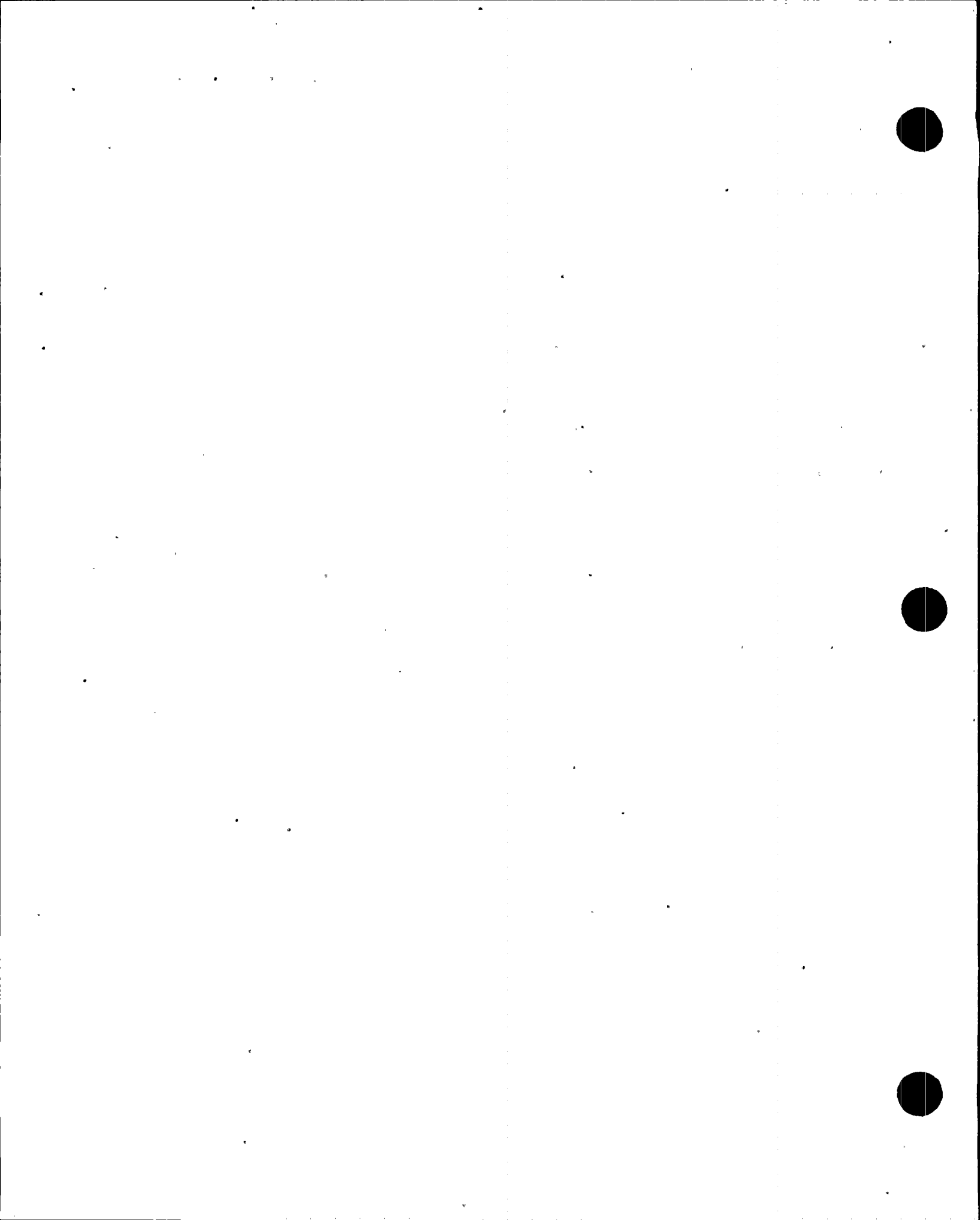




Major Projects

- ◆ **CASMO/SIMULATE Topical**
- ◆ **CENTS Topical**
- ◆ **1D Thermal Hydraulics**





CASMO/SIMULATE

◆ Replace

- DIT with CASMO-4
- ROCS/MC with SIMULATE-3
- Consistent Physics Codes in All Analyses

◆ Used Throughout Industry

◆ Extensive Benchmark

◆ Topical in Final Review





CENTS

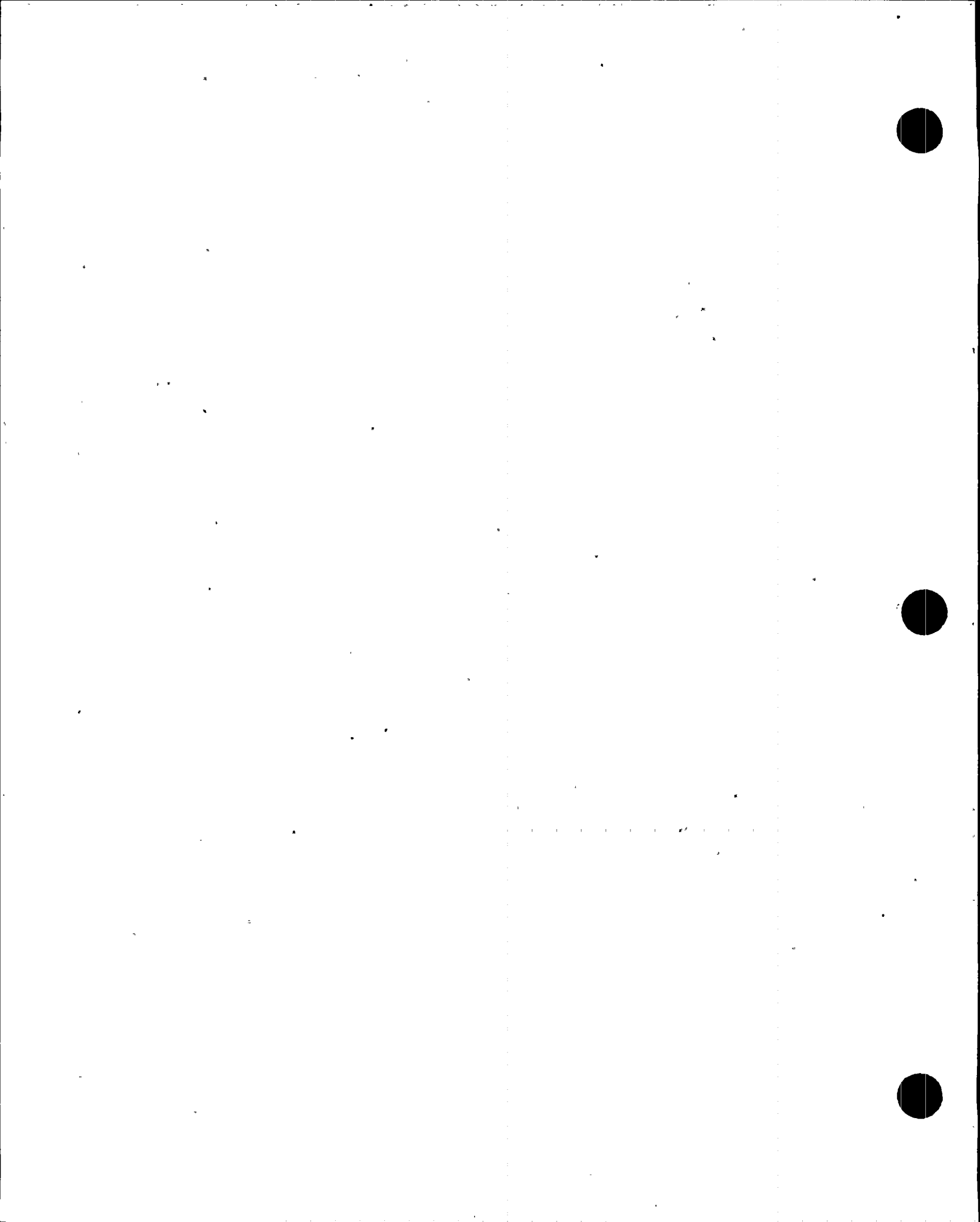
◆ Replace CESEC

- Improved non-LOCA transient model
- Code Approved By NRC
- Palo Verde Model Developed

◆ UFSAR Chapter 15 Reanalysis

◆ U2 Steam Generator Replacement & Power Uprate Analyses





1D Thermal Hydraulics

◆ Older Bounding TH Calculations

- Recent Flatter Core Designs
- 10CFR21 Defect Reported 1998

◆ New 1D Model In Preparation

- Current Cycles & U2 SG Replacement/Uprate

◆ Same Method, More Adverse Model

- New MDNBR Limit
- Eliminate rework & On-Line Penalties

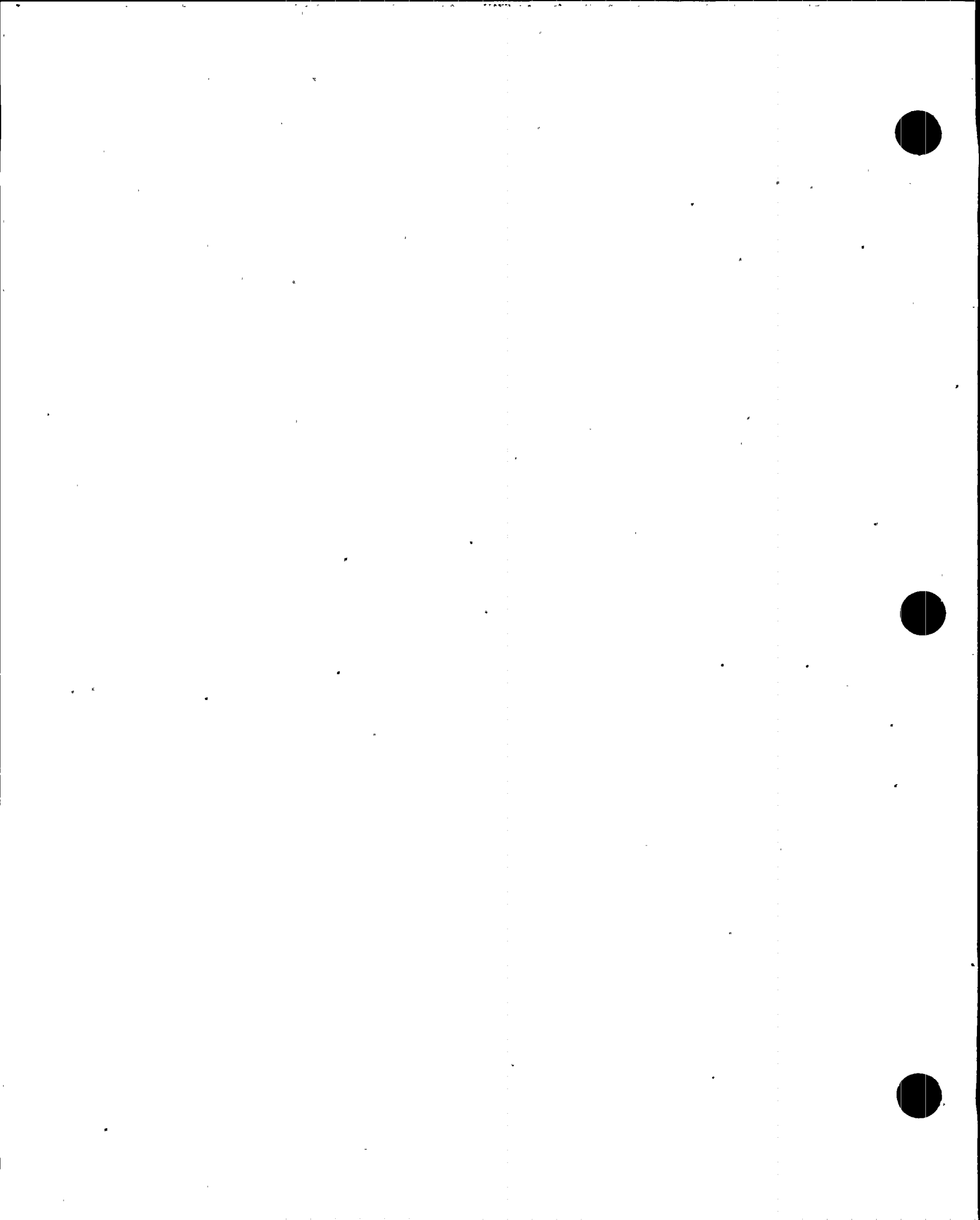




RECENT FUEL PERFORMANCE

PALO VERDE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION





Background

- ◆ **Palo Verde Performance**
 - 18 Months - 36 Day Outages
 - 99% Production Factor
- ◆ **More Efficient Designs**
 - Checkerboard Strategy
 - Fresh-against-Fresh Designs
- ◆ **No AOA & No Failed Fuel**





Recent Poolside Observations

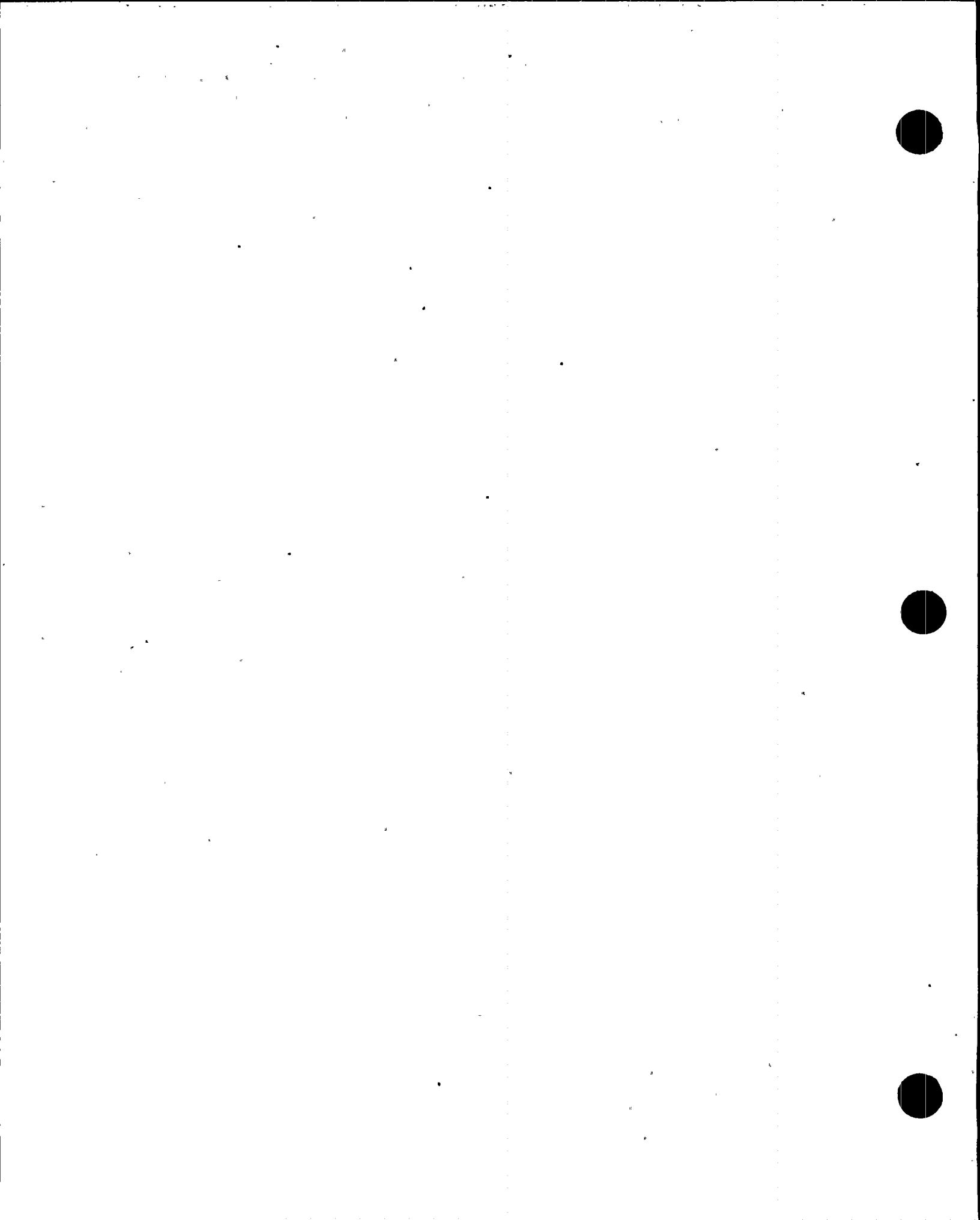
◆ U1C7 - Spring 1998

- Visual Inspection Only
- More Crud than “Typical”

◆ U3C7 - Fall 1998

- Visuals & Oxide Thickness
- More Crud/Oxide Than Previous Lower Duty Fuel Rods

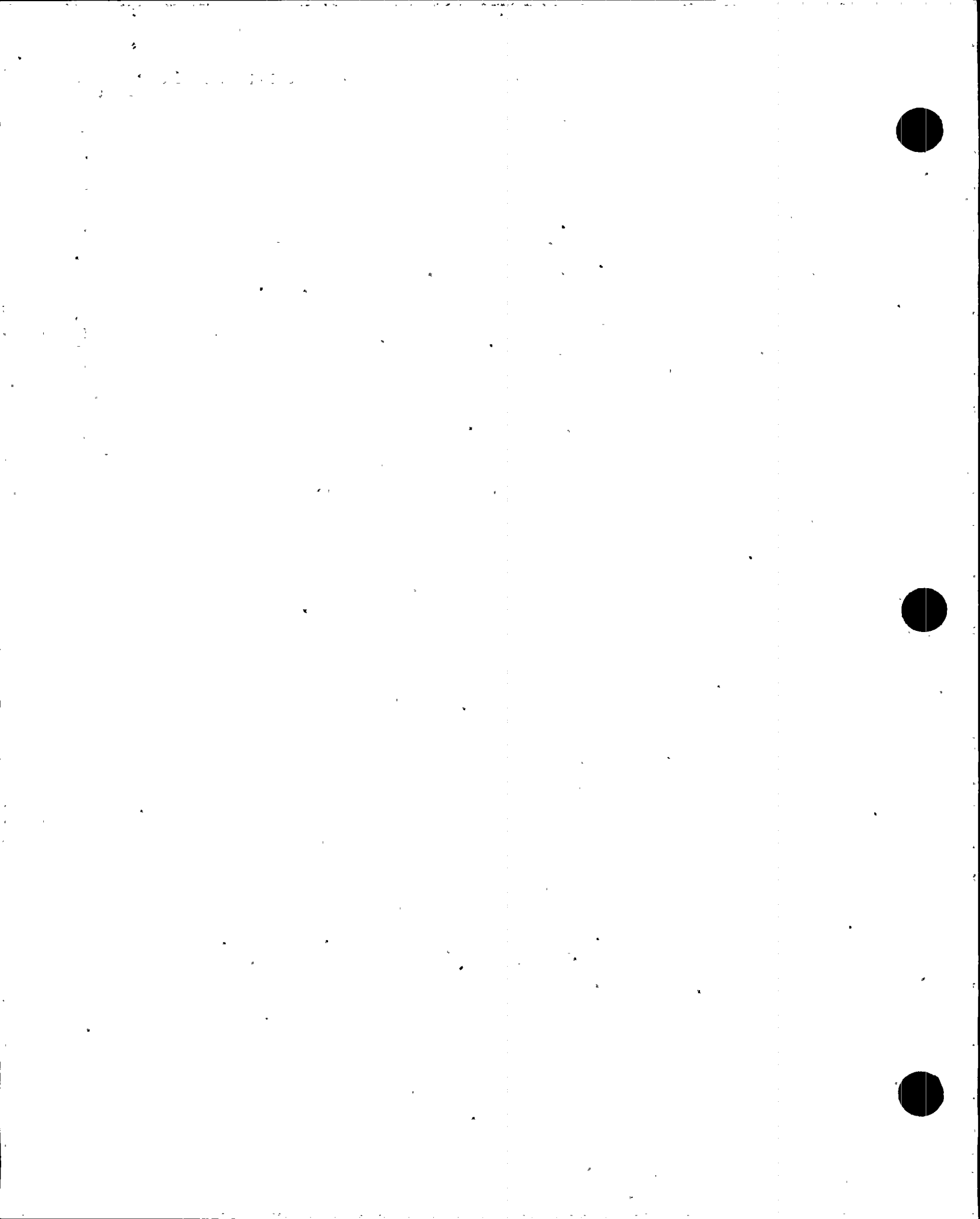




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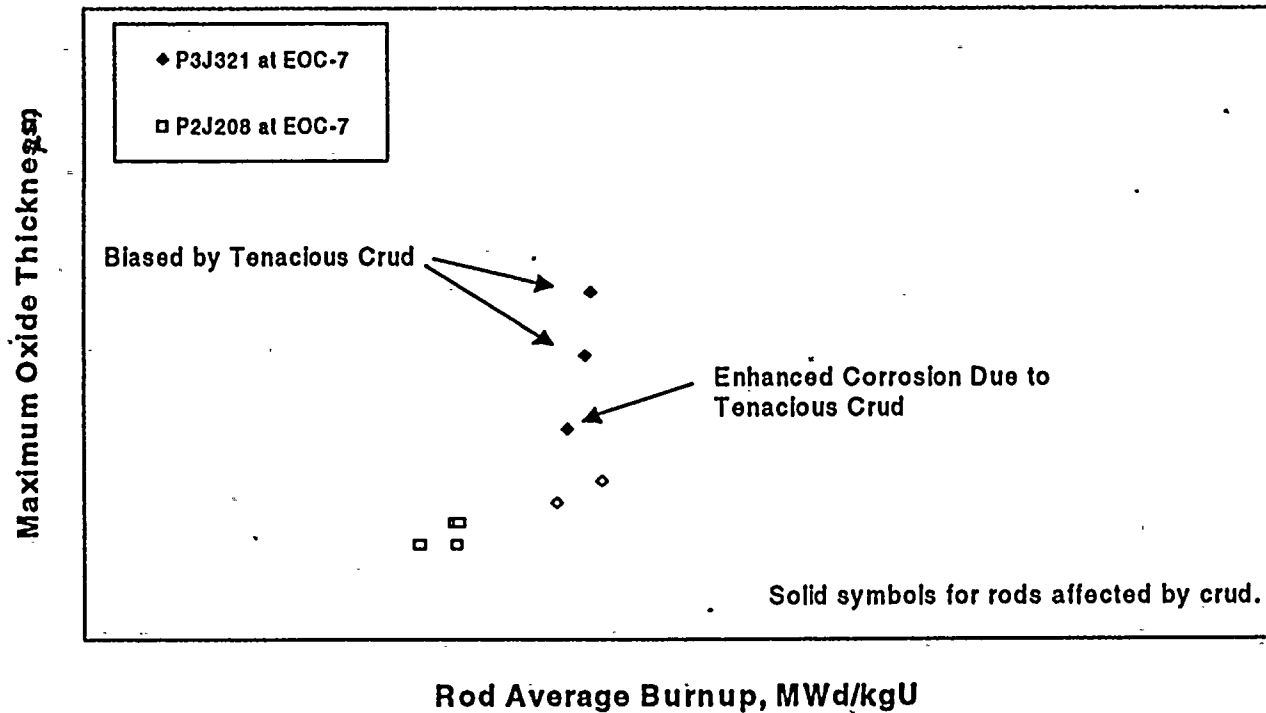
- ◆ **Enhance Core Follow**
- ◆ **Investigate EPRI, Vendor Programs**
- ◆ **Develop Inspection Plan**
- ◆ **Additional Fuel Management Guidelines**
 - **Decreased Number of Fresh Interfaces**
 - **Lowered Radial Peaking Targets**





One Cycle OPTIN Rods

Effect of Tenacious Crud on Cladding Corrosion 1 Cycle Palo Verde OPTIN Fuel Rods



One Cycle OPTIN Rods

Interior Rod

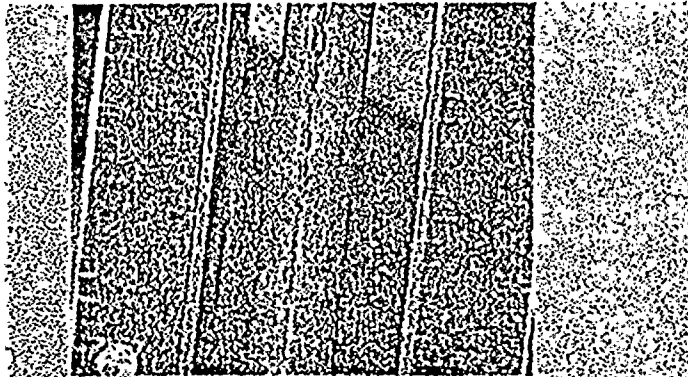


Figure 3.2: Rod 0448330 from location J3.
Elevation of maximum circumferential average code thickness at 121° - 180° face.

Peripheral Rod

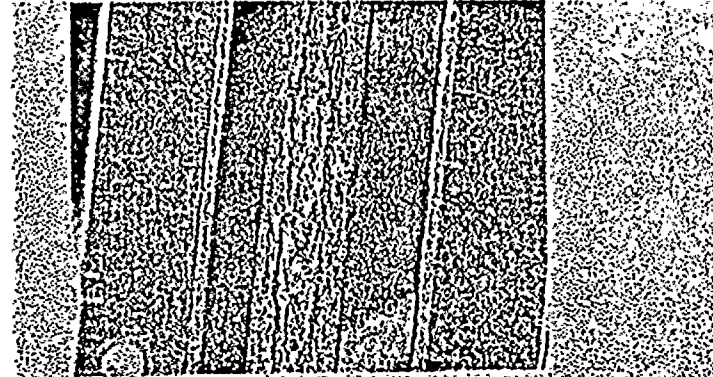
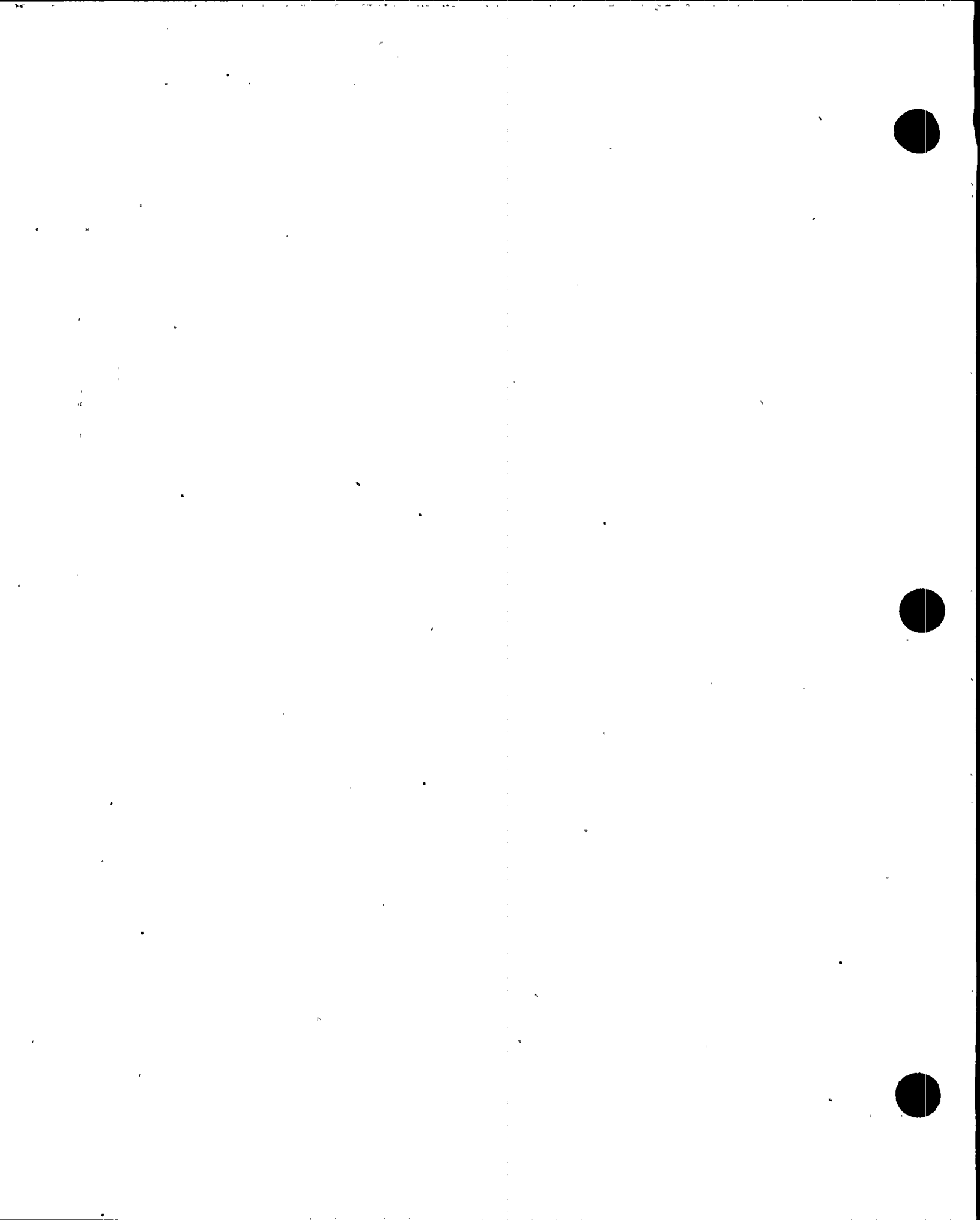


Figure 3.4: Rod 0448372 from location E1.
Appearance of tenacious crust on cladding at approximately 109° - 0° face.

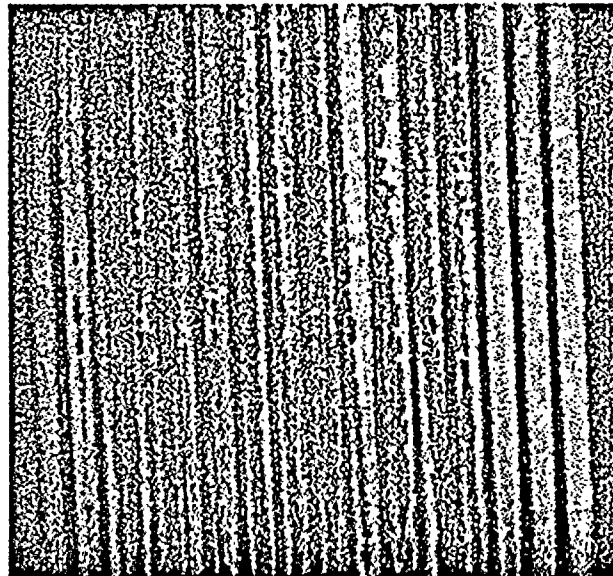




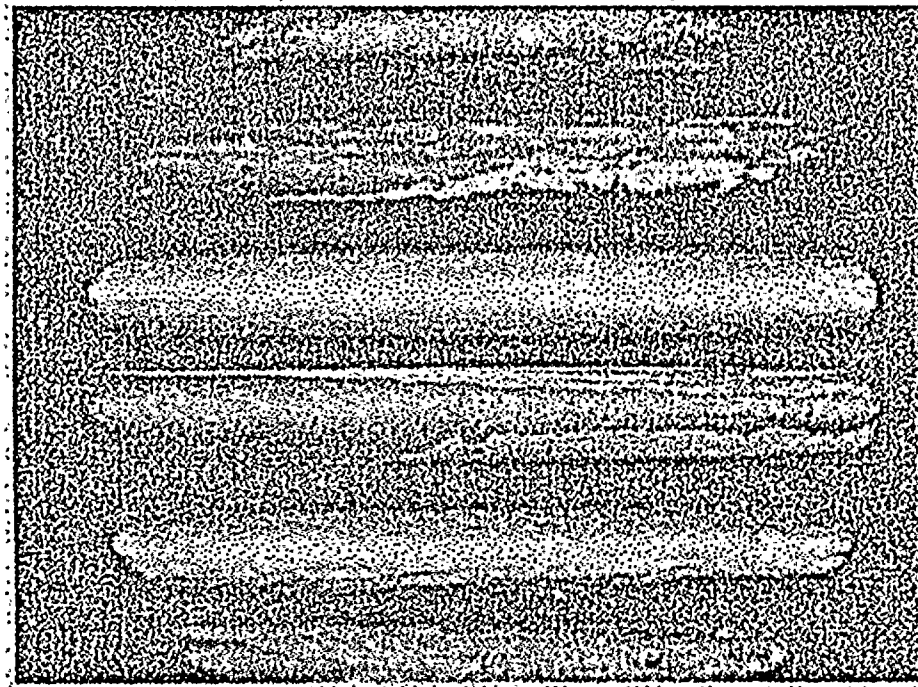
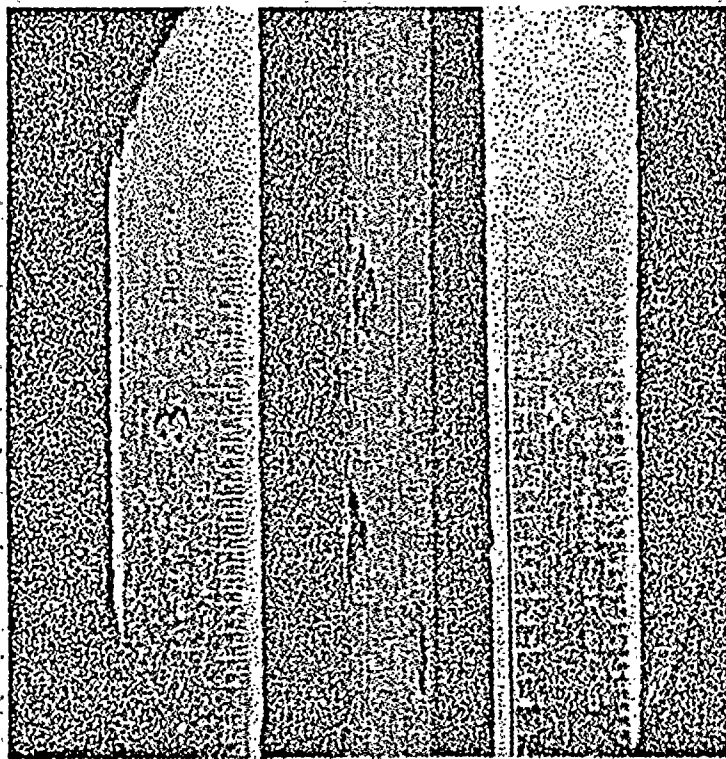
U1C4 - Previous Crud

Checkerboard LP, 621°F T-hot

Standard Zr-4



OPTIN Lead Test Rods



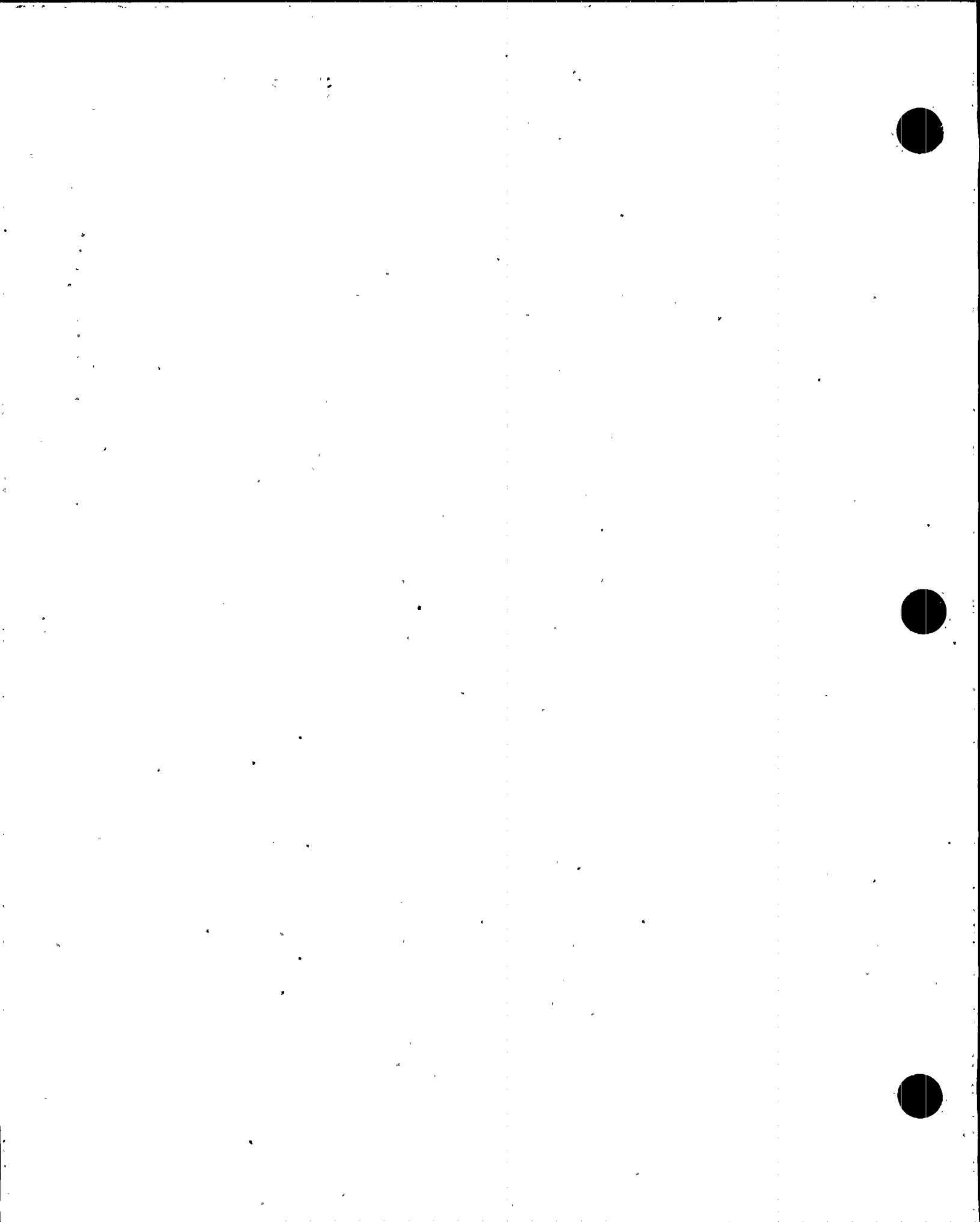
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High Burnup Lead Test Rods

- ◆ **OPTIN Test Rods - High Duty in U3C7**
- ◆ **Oxide Thickness**
 - **On Prediction, First 3 Cycles**
 - **Above Prediction, 4th Cycle**
- ◆ **Spallation**
- ◆ **Expecting Final Report from ABB**

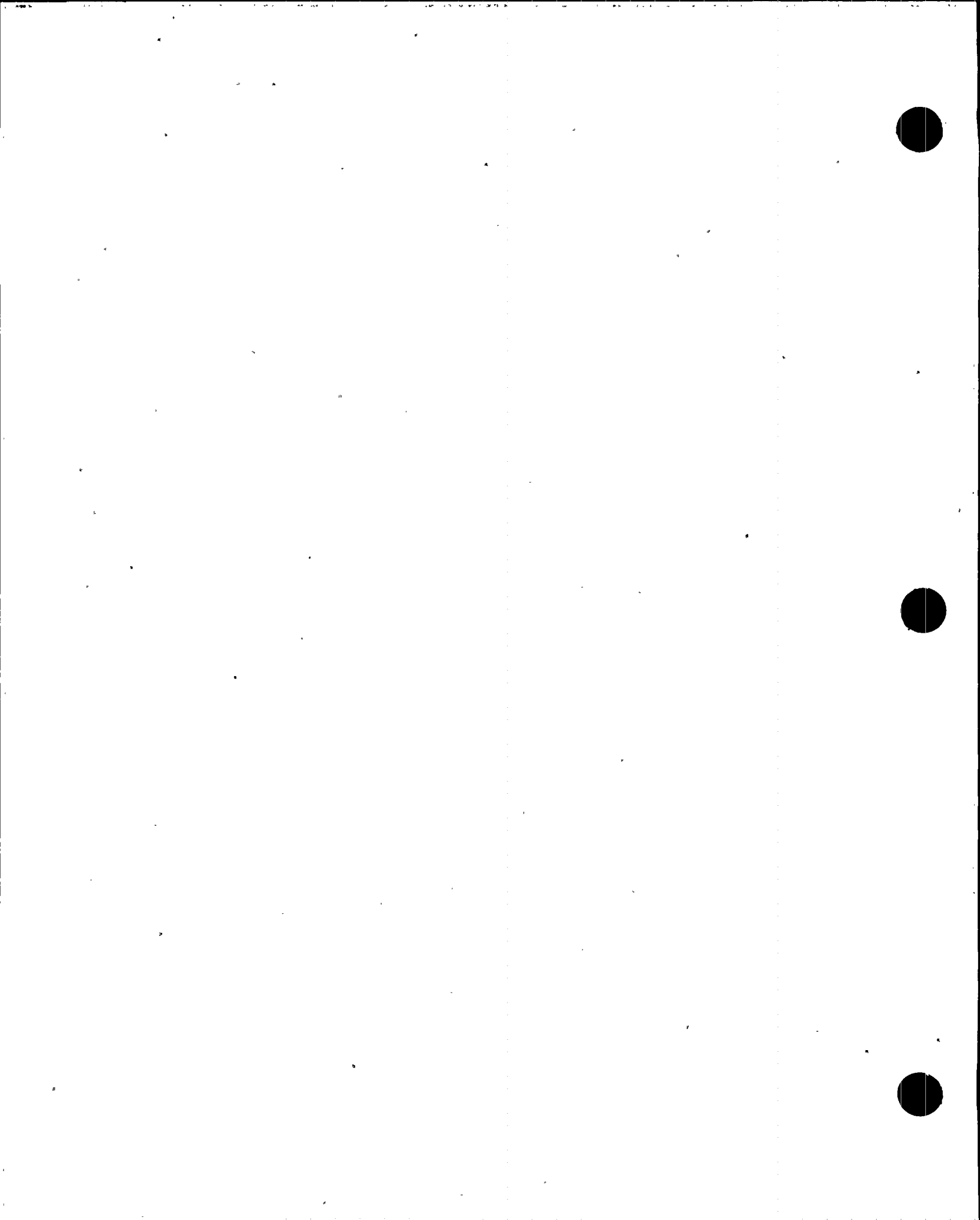




Plans for 1999

- ◆ **Retain Current Guidelines**
- ◆ **Explore Advanced Alloys**
- ◆ **Continued Fuel Inspections**
 - **Oxide Thickness Measurements**
 - **Crud Sample Analysis**
- ◆ **Model Development**
 - **Chen Correlation into Reload Assessment**
 - **Oxide Calculations into Fuel Management**

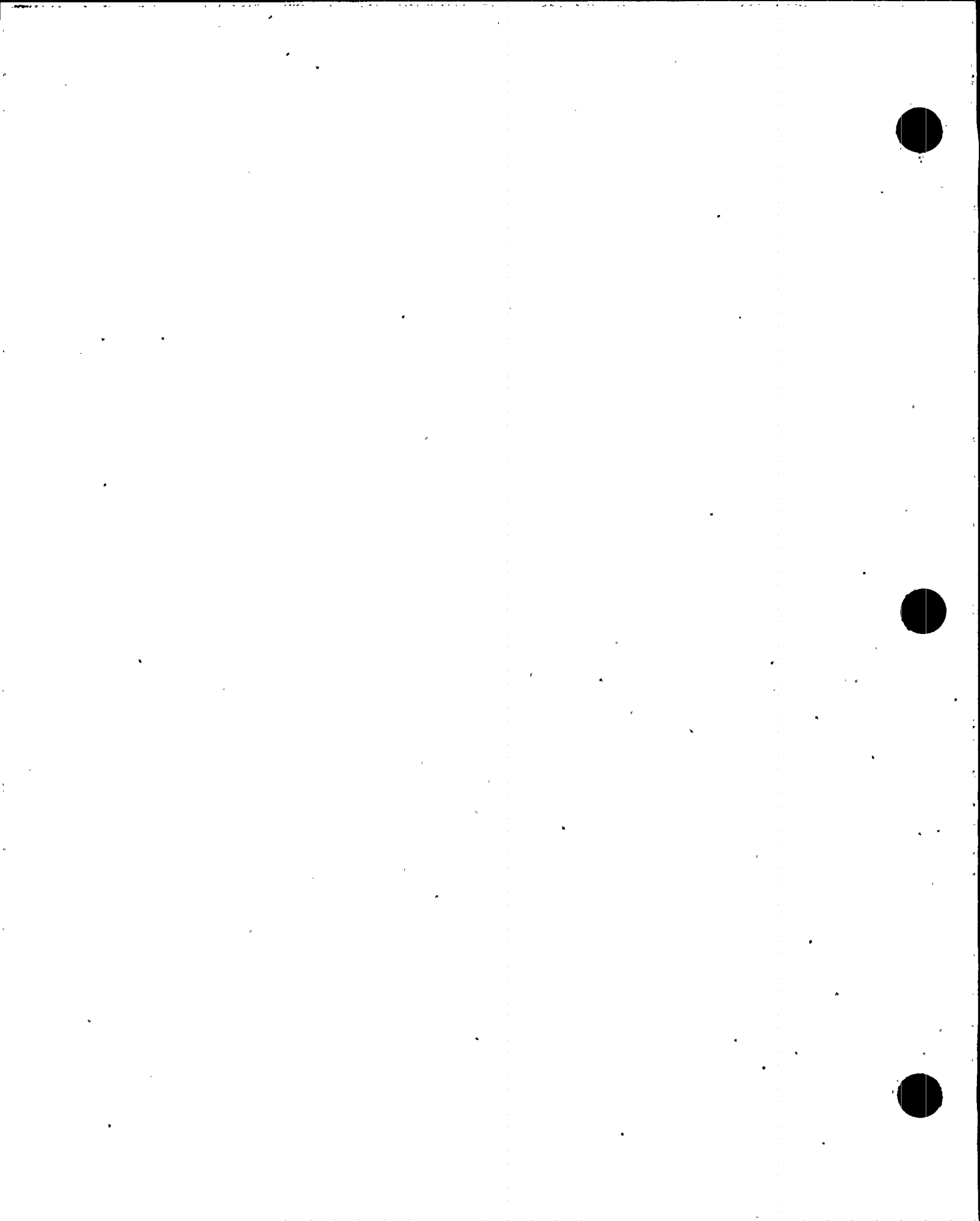




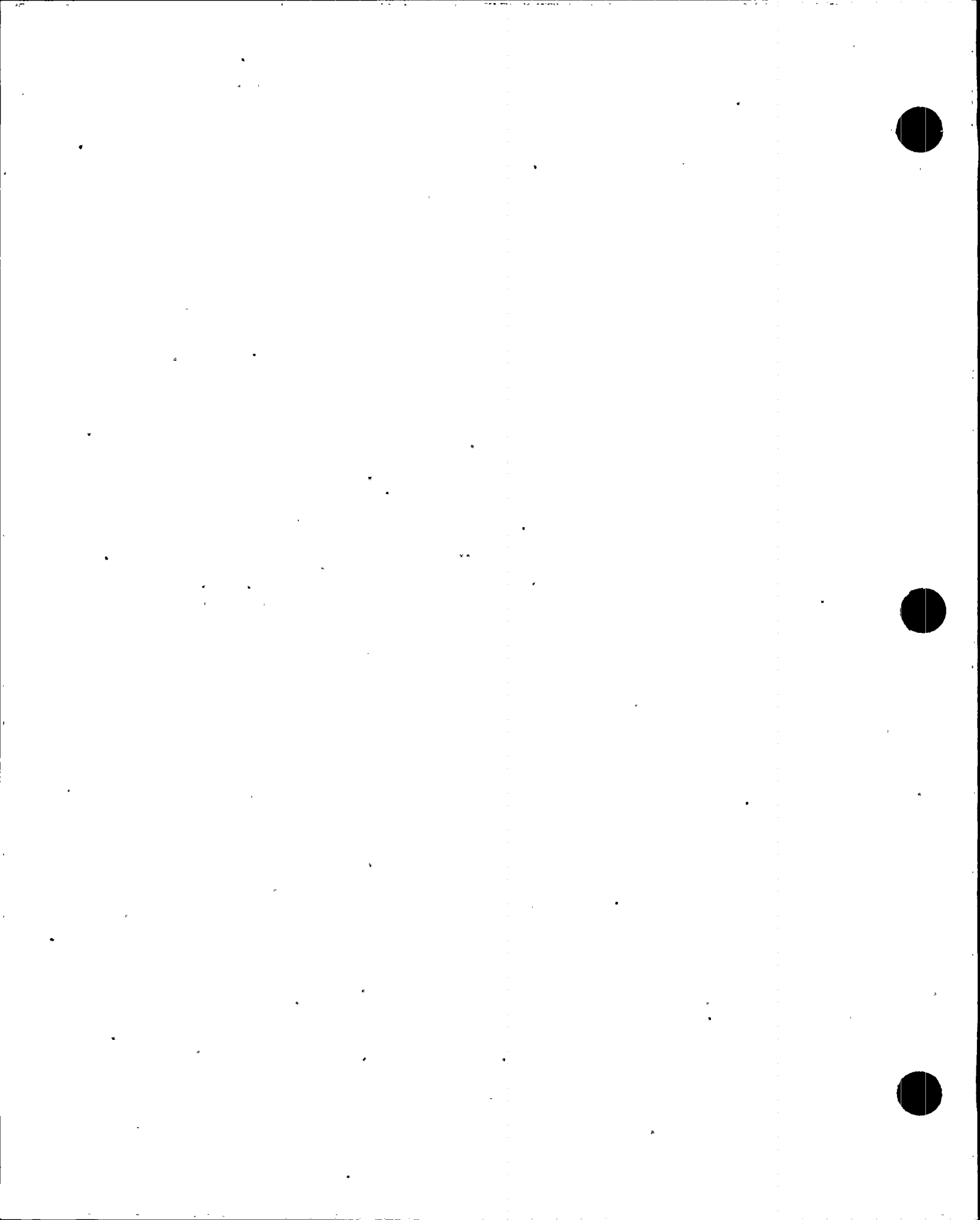
Conclusions

- ◆ **Palo Verde Is Not Seeing Any Adverse Fuel Performance or Fuel Failure**
- ◆ **We Have Imposed More Restrictive Design Criteria on Fuel Managements**
- ◆ **We Have Questions We Are Continuing To Investigate**



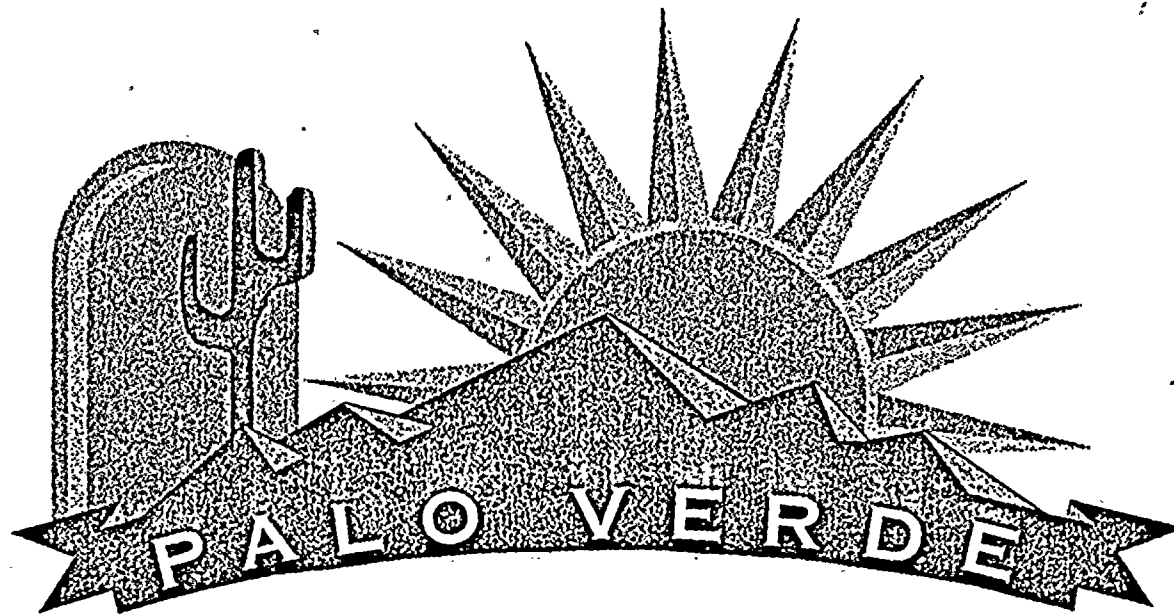


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Dry Cask Storage



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Purpose

◆ Status with NAC

- Contract
- NAC Users Group

◆ Palo Verde Schedule & Major Milestones

- Boron Credit
- Site Preparations
- First UMS Systems





Boron Credit

◆ Current Pool Capacity

- Unit 1 - 648 of 1034 Spaces Used
- Unit 2 - 740 of 1033 Spaces Used
- Unit 3 - 664 of 1034 Spaces Used

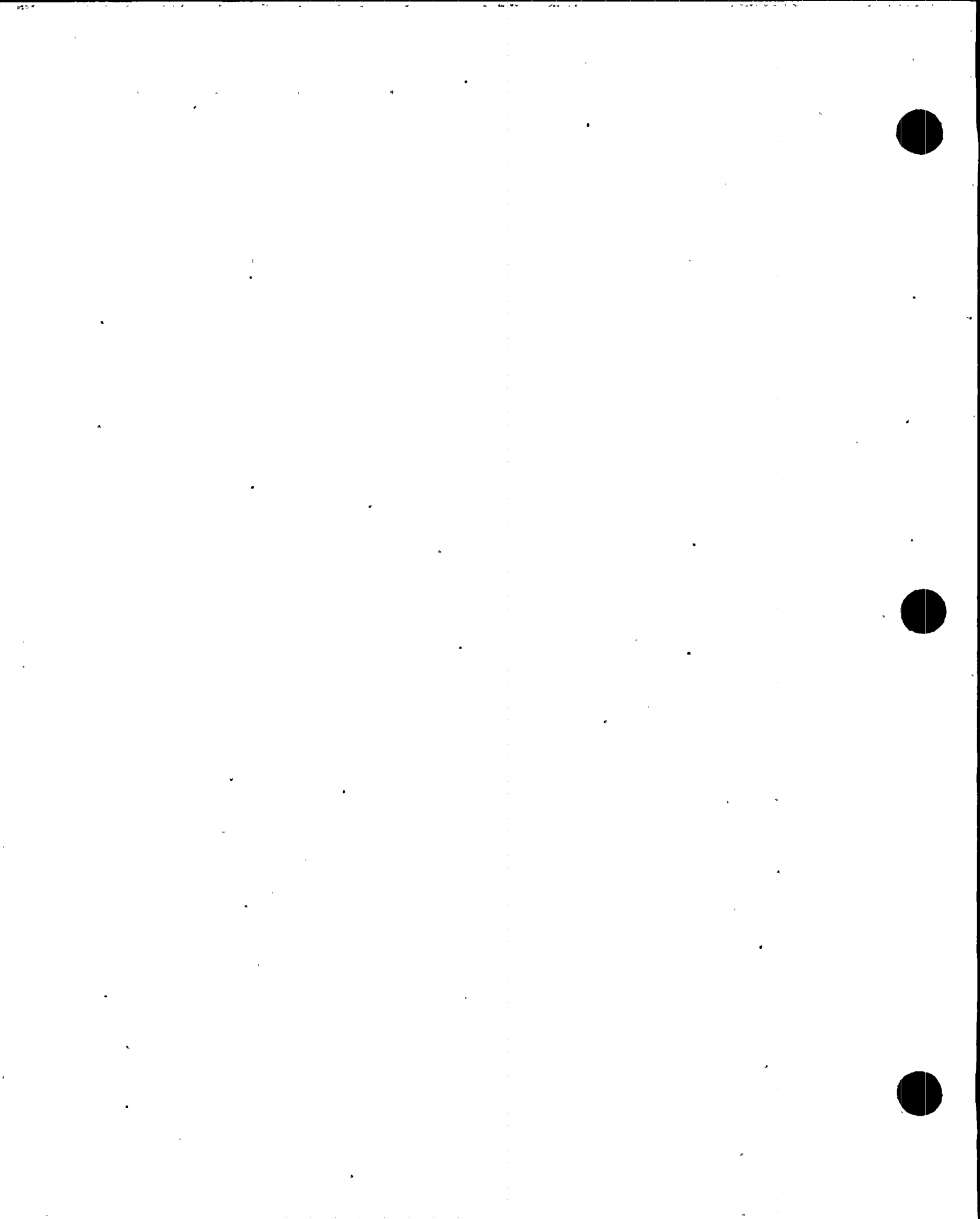
◆ Unit 2 Lead Unit - Lose Reserve Fall 2000

◆ Submittal Expected May, 1999

- 1205 Useable Spaces
- 4.8 w/o enrichment

◆ Approval Requested Dec., 1999





Boron Credit

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◆ Unit Status - w/Boron

– 1205 Assembly Capacity

- 964 Useable Spaces & 241 Spaces for Reserve

– Unit 3 Spring 2003

- Estimate 964 Assemblies Exactly

– Unit 2 Fall 2003

– Unit 1 Spring 2004



NAC Status

- ◆ Supply Contract With NAC
- ◆ Initial Site Review by NAC Complete
- ◆ Yankee MPC Draft SER/CoC Issued
- ◆ Draft UMS SER/CoC Scheduled Mid 1999
- ◆ UMS Fabrication Planning Underway
- ◆ NUPIC Audit of NAC and UMS Drop Tests





NAC Users Group

◆ NUTUG Subcommittees

- QA**
- Fabrication**
- Operations**

◆ Reviews of 1st RAI Responses

◆ Preparing for UMS 1/4 Scale Drop Test

◆ Review RAI Acceptance Letter Response

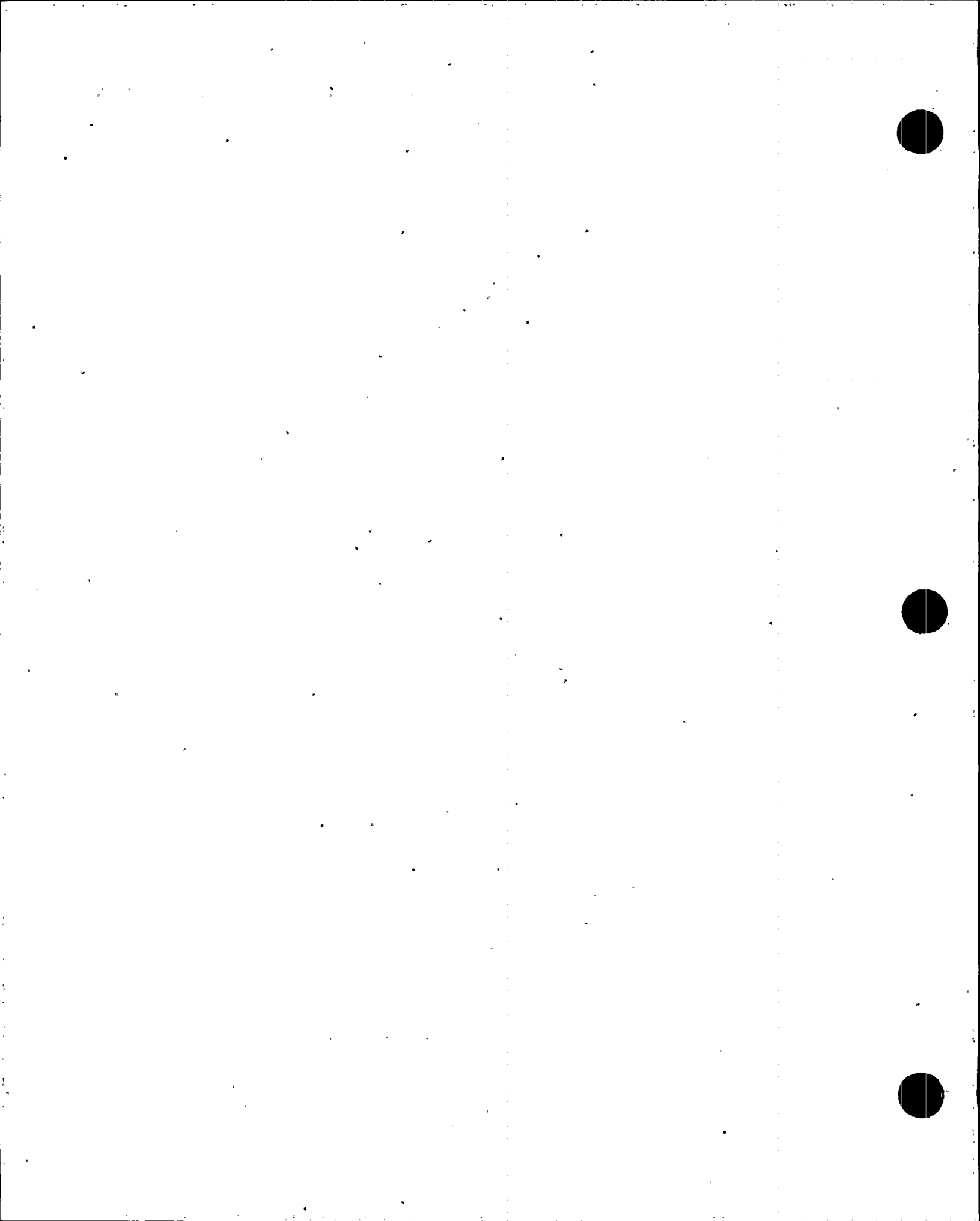




PVNGS Preparations 1999

- ◆ ISFSI Site Being Cleared
- ◆ Berms Under Construction
- ◆ Cask Load Pit Gate Seal Redesign
- ◆ Crane Testing
- ◆ Cask Handling Evaluation





Project Milestones

- ◆ Facility Siting Completed Dec. 1997
- ◆ Site Clearing Begun Fall 1998
- ◆ Sign Supply Contract with NAC, Apr. 1999
- ◆ Submit Spent Fuel Pool Boron Credit T.S. to NRC, May, 1999
- ◆ Draft SER for UMS Storage, Mid 1999
- ◆ UMS Procedures, Jan. 2000
- ◆ Complete ISFSI Design Work, Dec. 2000





Project Milestones

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- ◆ **Rule Making for UMS, mid-2000**
- ◆ **Ancillary Equip. & Rigging, Jan. 2001**
- ◆ **First Casks Delivered to Palo Verde Apr., 2001**
- ◆ **Facility Construction Completed (initial set of pads) Dec., 2001**
- ◆ **Dry Runs, April 2002**
- ◆ **Load Casks Beginning Sept., 2002**





New ISG/Issues

- ◆ **Fuel Burnup > 45,000 MWd/MTU**
- ◆ **Storage of Fuel Assembly Inserts**
- ◆ **Fuel Rod Buckling**
- ◆ **Compliance with Codes and Standards**
- ◆ **Burnup Credit**
- ◆ **Technical Specifications**



