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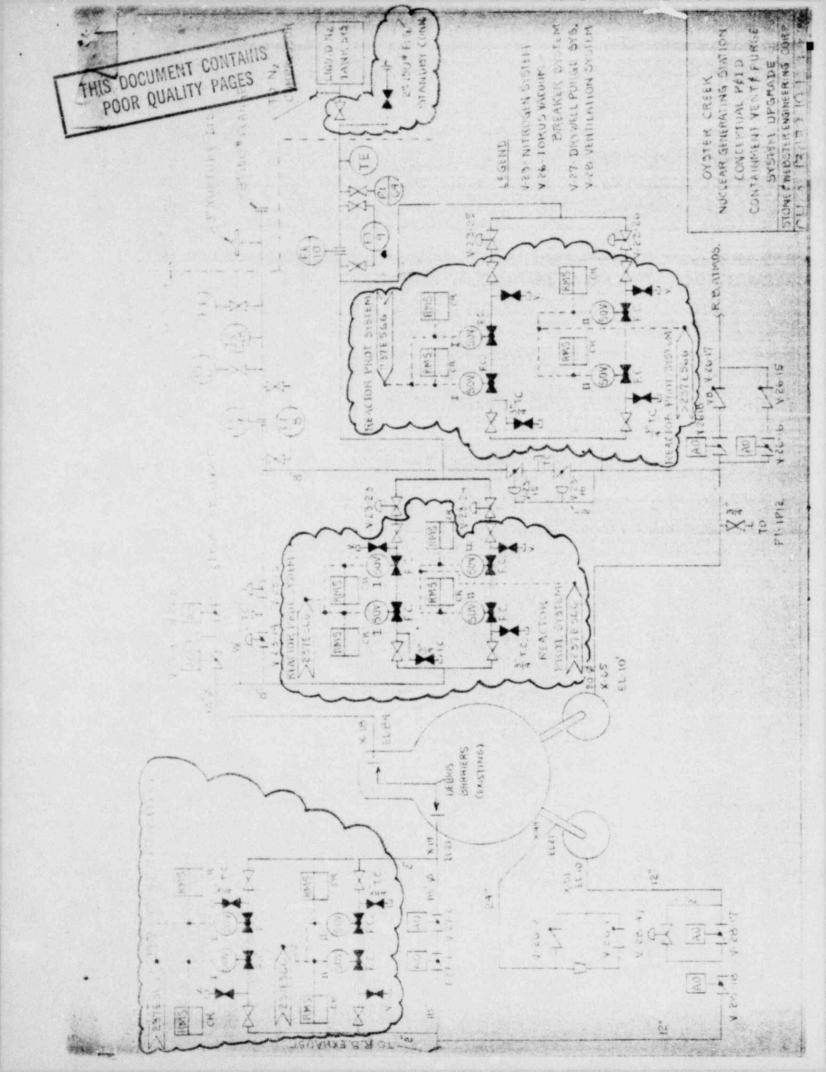
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A design review to identify flow paths that could result in unplanned radioactivity releases to the environment was performed on the following systems:

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III. RESULTS

The results of this review were very favorable and only minor corrections are in order. In general, these include repairs to door seals and improvements to specific procedures and administrative controls. These items will be corrected in the near future.

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2.1.6.b Plant Shielding Review

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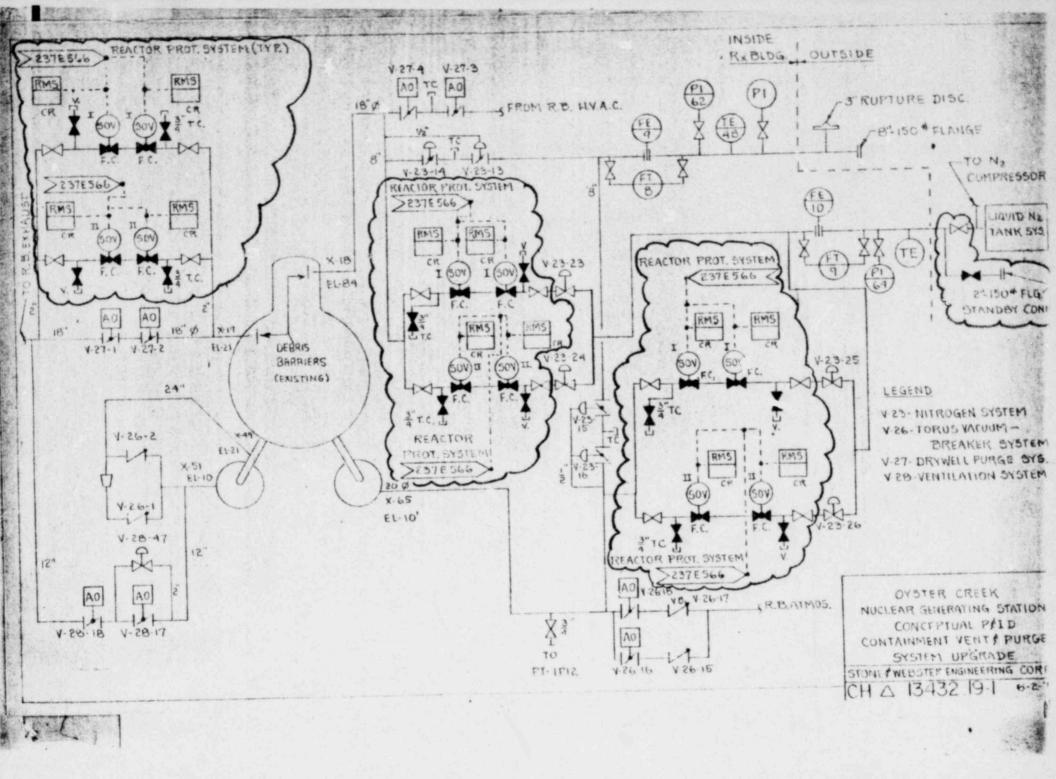
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