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As the first large boiling water reactor power plant, Dresden afforded the first comprehensive check of many radiation and shielding questions. Radiation scatter above and below the reactor vessel forced the addition of some concrete shield blocks. With this exception, the shielding as designed was adequate, and conservative, for operation and maintenance of the plant. No shielding was required around the turbine. Measurements of neutron flux and gamma heating in the reactor vessel showed both to be well within design criteria. Residual radiation at reactor shutdown is not a major factor in the maintenance of the plant at this time. Good agreement with theoretical predictions was noted for Nitrogen-16 radiation, controlling access to steam equipment and primary water circuit. Significant savings in shielding of the reactor and plant equipment are possible in the design of future plants, based upon data gathered at Dresden.

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

This report summarizes the radiation and shielding experience gained during the startup and initial operation of the Dresden Nuclear Power Station.

In this report are the first possible comparisons of measured dose rates versus predictions for a large boiling water reactor power plant. As in many other areas of Dresden's technology, the program of radiation measurements during startup and initial operation was necessary for three principal reasons:

- A proof test of Dresden shielding adequacy, and/or determination of required shield revisions.
- A gauge of the accuracy to which BWR shielding calculations may be made, as a guide in the design of succeeding plants.
- Extension of basic shielding theory by measurements of those parameters upon which little information exists.

In order to satisfy these three requirements, a schedule of dose measurements was made for the several plant areas in which radiation would exist. This schedule called for general surveys, and also for particular measurements of points of interest. A copy of this schedule appears in the Appendix (Section VI) of this report.

Points of specific interest in the measurements included:

#### A. Reactor Enclosure Radiation

- 1. Measurement of direct radiation through reactor shields.
- Determination of the radiation scattering problems above the top head, and below the bottom of the reactor.

- 3. Measurements of radiation from primary water system components.
- B. Turbine Building Radiation
  - Determination of required turbine shielding, and/or maintenance access problems.
  - Measurement of Nitrogen-16 concentration in off-gas system and in condenser hot-well.
- C. Radiation at Pressure Vessel Wall
  - 1. Determination of gamma heating at vessel wall by calorimetry.
  - 2. Measurement of neutron flux and spectrum at vessel wall.
- D. Shutdown Radiation Measurements

#### II. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

- A. Shielding and radiation protection at Dresden Station is adequate for safe operation, maintenance, and inspection of the plant.
- B. All shields designed to protect against direct radiation in the Dresden plant are conservative, and such shields are being reduced in future plants. Shielding technology for large boiling water reactor power plants is now well established.

Concrete thicknesses actually needed around representative components of the Dresden system, in order to reduce the dose rate to less than 0.5 mrem/hr, are:

Turbine - None (with controlled-access area approximately 30-150 feet around turbine pedestal)

Condenser - 2-1/2 - 3 feet

Air Ejector and Off-Gas System - 4 feet

Feedwater Heaters - 2-4 feet, varying from first to last stage

Feedwater Pumps - None

Primary Steam Pipes - 3-1/2 feet

Secondary System - None

Feedwater Piping - None

Condensate Demineralizers - 2-2-1/2 feet

Primary Recirculating Water System and Secondary Steam Generators - 4 ft.

Primary Steam Drum - 4-1/2 feet

Cleanup Demineralizer - 3-3-1/2 feet

- C. The influence of scattered radiation, and radiation streaming, is shown to be a factor in the design of large reactor power plant design.
- D. The buildup of corrosion product activity with operating time in the primary system may be a major factor in influencing maintenance procedure of recirculation loop components. More operating time must be logged before meaningful predictions may be made.
- E. Nitrogen-16 radiation, controlling plant shielding and access (during operation) to steam and recirculating water equipment, conformed reasonably to theoretical predictions. A significant example is the turbine operating floor, which was shown to require no shielding for routine inspection and maintenance.
- F. Measurements were made of neutron flux and gamma heating just outside the reactor pressure vessel wall. The 40 year neutron irradiation exposure at the inside radius of the vessel wall, on core midplane elevation, will be about 1.6 x 10 19 neutrons/cm² (nvt) from neutrons of greater than 0.1 Mev energy. This compares favorably with APED design criteria permitting no more than 5 x 10 19 nvt (>0.1 Mev) in the design life of a pressure vessel.

Garma heating in the vessel steel is a maximum of 23,500 BTU/hr-ft.<sup>3</sup> (0.03 watts/gm). This results in a calculated maximum tangential thermal stress of about 2,200 psi, tensile on the inside radius of the vessel. Since 10,000 psi is allowable under ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code Case 1234, this is quite conservative.

#### III. RADIATION MEASUREMENTS

Gamma dose rates are entered in units of milliroentgens per hour, neutron dose rates in millirem per hour. Since the conversion from gamma milliroentgens to millirem is unity, the neutron and gamma dose rates are additive to units of millrem per hour. Neutron dose rates are followed by the designator "n". Gamma dose rates are undesignated.

Gamma measurements above 1 mr/hr were made with "Cutie Pie" portable ionization chamber ratemeters. Gamma measurements less than 1 mr/hr were made with portable Geiger counter-ratemeters and with precision dosimeters. Neutron measurements at 10, 22.5, 35, and 42 megawatts were made with portable BF3 counter-ratemeters and with Rudolph fast neutron ratemeters. Above 42 megawatts, neutron surveys were made with a double-moderator neutron dosimeter.\*

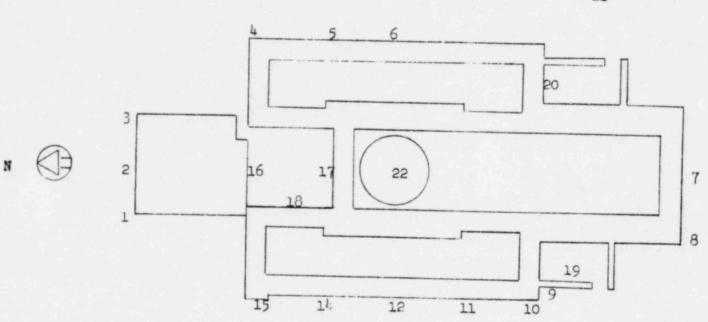
Unless otherwise noted, measurements were made at a distance of 1 meter from the source surface.

<sup>\*</sup> For Description See - "Double Moderator Neutron Dosimeter," J. De Pangher, HW-57293, July 15, 1958.

- A. Reactor and Enclosure Surveys During Operation
  (See corresponding figures showing plan views of survey area and plant drawings in Appendix)
  - Special Radiation Survey Sheet No. 1 (Refer to Drawing 142F822 in Appendix)

					309 Dual	315 Single	626 Dual
Poi	nt	10	22.5	42		Cycle	
1.	Primary steam drum, east-center		80 22 n				5000-8000 (Est.)
2.	Primary a cam drum, south-end		20 25 n				2000 n }(Est.)
3.	Riser at southeast of steam drum		120 5 n				
4.	Outside steam drum enclosure, El.634 south		0 0.02 n				0.5 0.1 n
5.	Above steam drum enclosure, EL.649'6"		0 0.002 n				25 2 n

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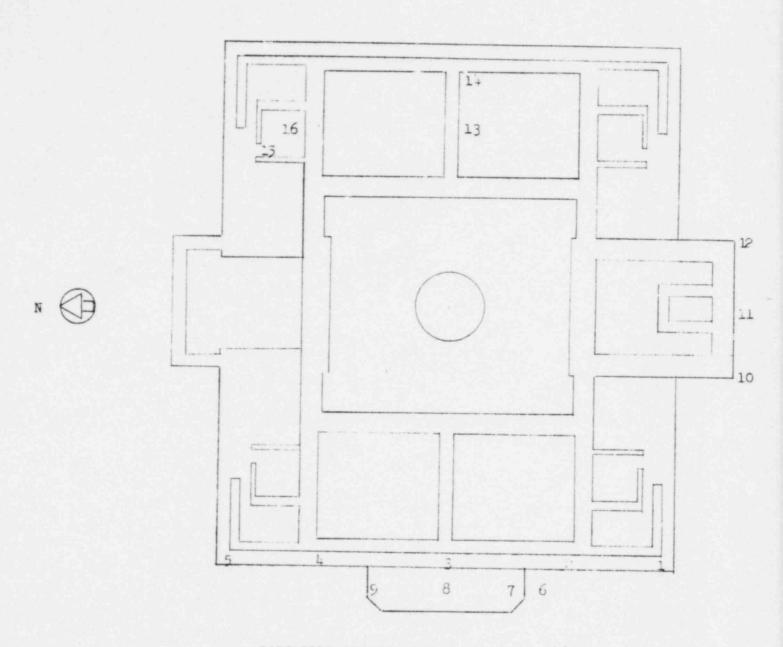


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# RADIATION MEASUREMENTS AT ELEVATIONS

565 ft. & 584 ft.

(For greater detail, see Drawing 142F823 in Appendix)



RADIATION MEASUREMENTS AT ELEVATION 548 ft.

(For greater detail, see Drawing 142F824 in Appendix)

#### 2. Special Radiation Survey Sheet No. 2 (Continued)

Reactor Power (MWT)

		10	22.5	35	42	309 Dual Cycle	315 Dual Cycle	626 Dual Cycle
21.	El. 565, 15' east of Rm. H		0.8 5.1 n					0 0.1 n
22.	E1. 584, above reactor top head	5 46 n					75 18 n	125 35 n

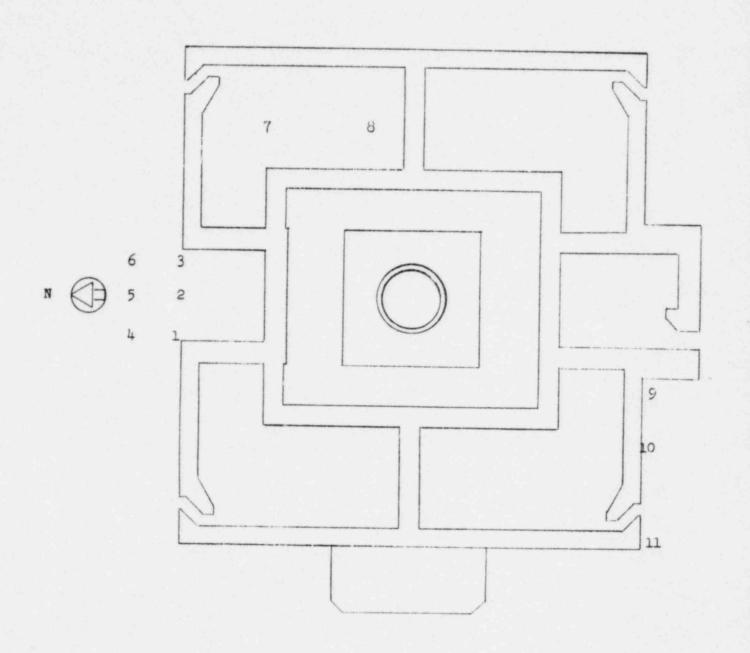
Surveys at 1, 22.5, and 35 MWT made before installation of reactor top heat shielding beams. After the 35 MWT survey, a 3 foot thickness of concrete shielding beams was installed above, and to the south of, the reactor top head to completely enclose reactor.

		10	22.5	35	42	309 Dual Cycle	315 Dual Cycle	626 Dual Cycle
2.	El. 565, north of reactor	0.3				0 n 0.25 n	0 0.58 n	0 0.8 n
4.	El. 565, east sec. shield wall					0 0.1 n	0 0.1 n	0 0.1 n
6.	El. 565, east sec. shield wall	0.2 1 n	0.5 1.8 n			0 0.1 n	0 0.1 n	0 0.1 n
7.	El. 565, south canal wall	0.2 1 n				0 n 0.1 n	0 0.1 n	0 0.1 n
9.	El. 565, elevator entrance	0.1 0.5 n		0.4 4 n		0 0.1 n	0 0.2 n	0 0.2 n
12.	El. 565, west sec. shield wall	0.2 1 n		0.5 4 n		0.2 0.1 n	0.2 0.1 n	0.3 0.1 n
13.	El. 565, over sec.stm.gen.	0.2 1 n		0.4	0 0.1 r	0.2 n 0.1 n	0 0.2 n	0 0.1 n
15.	El. 565, west sec. shield wall	0.2 1 n					0.2 0.1 n	
	El. 560'-6", bottom of stairs below wire guns	0.2 2 n					0.2 0.4 n	
17.	El. 565, wire scanning platform	0.4 4 n				0.2 0.2 n	0.3 0.2 n	0.3 0.3 n
18.	El. 560'-6", center of leak detector room	0.4 2 n	0.5 5.6 n	4 n		0 0.1 n	0 0. 1 n	0 0.2 n
19.	El. 565, in instrument Rm. H				0 0.1 r	1		0 0.1 n

Reactor Power (MWT)

Poi	nt	10 22.5	35	42	309 Dual Cycle
1.	El. 549, SW corner of walkway	0 0.2 n	0.4 1.4 n	0 0.1 n	0 0.1 n
3.	El. 549, west walkway	0 0.2 n	0.4 0.5 n		0 0.1 n
5.	El. 549, NW corner of walkway		0 0 n		0 0.1 n
8.	El. 536'-6", Platform west		0.4 1.3 n		0 0.1 n
11.	El. 548, Platform south	0 0.3 n	0.4 2 n		0. 0.1 n
13.	El. 549, Inside SSG Room B on elevated platform	(These measure Survey Sheet	ements repo	orted on Sp	pecial Radiation
15.	El. 548, Inside Nuclear Steam Inst. Room C		0 0 n		0 0.1 n
17.	E1. 549, North walkway	0.2 1 n	0.4 1.8 n		0 0. 15 n

See note at bottom of data, Survey Sheet No. 2.



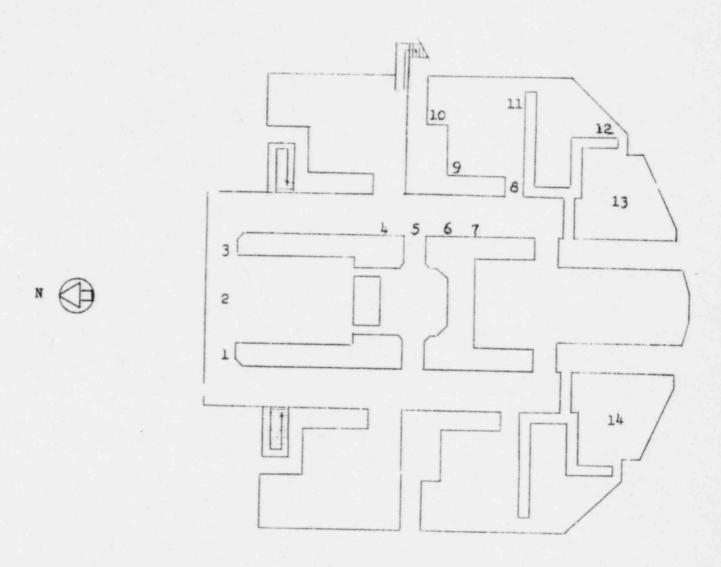
RADIATION MEASUREMENTS AT ELEVATION 529 - 517 Ft.

(For greater detail, see Drawings 142F825 and 142F826 in Appendix)

# Reactor Power (MWT)

Poi	nt	_ 10	22.5	35	42	309 Dual Cycle	315 Dual Cycle	626 Dual Cycle
2.	El. 529'6", North, below crane hatch	0 0.25 n		0.4 1.3 n	0 0.1 n	0 0.22 n	0 0.2 n	0 0.3 n
7.	El. 533, Downcomer SSG Room A	22.5				900 15 n	1000 15 n	1800 27 n
8.	El. 533, SSG A	7				110	120 11 n	250 20 n
10.	El. 529'-6" Outside south sec. shield wall	0				0 0.1 n		0 0.2 n
	El. 535, Ext. Ion Ch. Guide Tube #1				0 30 n	0 200 n	0 1.6 n	0 2.5 n
	El. 517, Between Primary and Secondary Shields					300 1600 n		300 240 n
	El. 517, NE, in corridor outside door to pipeway vestibule					1 18 n		1 1 n

See note at bottom of data, Survey Sheet No. 2



RADIATION MEAS REMENTS AT ELEVATION 502 FT.

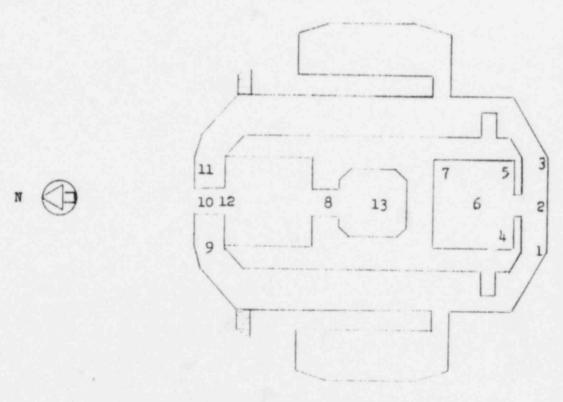
(For greater detail, see Drawing 142F827 in Appendix)

#### Reactor Power (MWT)

Poi	nt	10 22.5	35	42	309 Dual Cycle	315 Single Cycle	626 Dual Cycle
1.	El. 502, corridor N of scram valve room	0	0 1 n		0.5 14 n	1.5 5 n	0.5 1 n
2.	El. 502, corridor N of scram valve room	0	0 2 n	0 7.5 n	0.5 21 n	1.5 5 n	1 3 n
3.	E1. 502, corridor E of sub-pile room	0	2.5 n		8.5 9 n	0.3 0.2 n	0.4 0.2 n
5.	E1. 502, corridor E of sub-pile room	1.5 5 n	17 n	1.5 3.7 n	13.5 14 n	0.3 0.2 n	0.4 0.2 n
7.	El. 502, corridor E of sub-pile room	0			0.5 0.1 n		0.2 0.2 n
8.	E1. 502, Instrument Room A, doorway	0			0 0.1 n		0.4 0.1 n
11.	El. 502, Instrument Room A	٥			0.1 n		
12.	El. 502, Doorway to Cleanup Demin. A.	0.25			0 0.1 n		
13.	El. 502, Between Cleanup Demin. A & Reg. HX A	0.25			70		
14.	El. 502, Between Cleanup Demin. B & Reg. HX B	0		2 0 n	200 4 n		

Between the 35 and the 42 MWT surveys, a partial thickness of shield blocks was placed in the control drive installation ports in the primary shield at El. 502.

This was completed between the 309 and 315 MWT surveys. A laminated steel, cadmium and wood sliding door and a concrete labyrinth were placed in the passageway between the sub-pile room and the drive accumulator room, E. 488, between the 35 and 626 MWT surveys. Between the 315 and 626 MWT surveys, a wooden neutron shield cribbing was placed around the control drive hydraulic line penetrations of the primary shield at El. 502.



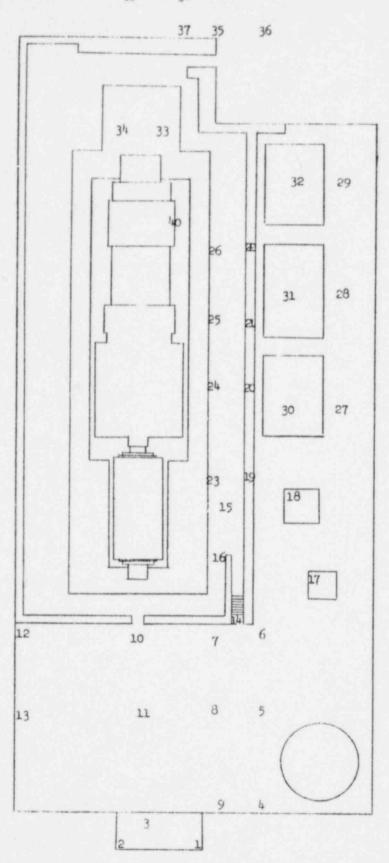
RADIATION MEASUREMENTS AT ELEVATION 488 FT.

(For greater detail, see Drawing 142F827 in Appendix)

Reactor Power (MWT)

Poi	nt	10	22.5 35	42	309 Dual Cycle	315 Single Cycle	626 Dual Cycle
1.	El. 488, Corridor S of Reactor	0		0	0 0 n		0 0.1 n
2.	El. 488, Corridor S of Reactor	0 0 n		0	0 0 n		0 0.1 n
6.	El. 488, Control Drive Instrument Room	0 0 n		0	0 0 n		0 0 n
7.	El. 488, Control Drive Instrument Room	0 0 n			0 0 n		0 0 n
8.	El. 487, Doorway Between Accum. Room & Sub-Pile Room	1.5 10 n		7 12 n	100 40 n	90 30 n	4 6 n
9.	El. 487, Corridor N of Accumulat r Room	0 0 n			0.5 1.5 n	2	0.3 1 n
10.	El. 487, Corridor N of Accumulator Room	0 0 n			2.0 2.4 n	2.5 2.2 n	
12.	El. 487, In Accumulator Room	0 0.7 n			2.5 6 n	3.5 4 n	0.5 3 n
13.	El. 487, Below Reactor in Sub-Pile Room	10 40 n		70			1200 (Est) 5000 n (Est)

See note at bottom of data, Survey Sheet No. 5



RADIATION MEASUREMENTS AT ELEVATION 551 FT., TURBINE BUILDING

(For greater detail, see Drawing 142F700 in Appendix)

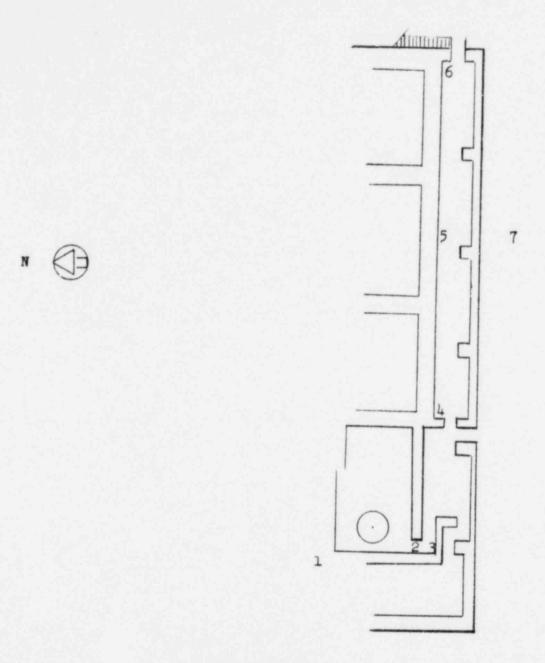
# B. Turbine Building Surveys During Operation

# 1. Special Radiation Survey Sheet No. 8 (Gamma Only)

							Rea	ctor Powe	r (MWT)	
Poi	nt				_	D	09 ual ycle	D	15 ual ycle	626 Dual Cycle
1.	E1. 5	551, Stai	rs W	of Tu	rbine		0		0	0.6
2.	El. 5	542'-6" 8	Stair	s W. of	Turbine		0		0	0.8
3.	El. 5	534, Stai	rs W	of Tu	rbine		0		0	0.8
4.	El. 5	551, Turb	ine l	Floor W	est		0		0	1.2
5.	n 1			n	"		0		0	2
6.				"	"		0		0.5	2.8
7.	" "			"	"		0		0.5	2.6
8.	" "	, ,,		**	"		0		0	3.3
9.	" "			"	"		0		0	1
10.	11 11			"	"		0		0	0.3
11.	" "	, ,,		"	"		0		0	1
12.	11 11			"	"		0		0	2.2
13.	11 11	, ,		"	"		0		0	1.4
14.	E1. 5	551, Stai	r to	Cond.	Pump		0		1	1
15.	El. 5	531'-6"	11 11	11	"		0		1.6	4
16.	El. 5	521 '-6"	n 11	"	"		0		1.4	4.5
17.	E1. 5	551, Hato	h				0		0.8	4
18.	El. 5	551, Hato	h abo	ove Con	. Demin.		0.5		1.8	10
19.	E1. 5	551'-6",	Curb	S of T	urbine		0.8		3	11
20.		и и		" "	"		4		13	29.5
21.		п п	п				5		16	31
22.				" "			6.5		19	39

# Special Radiation Survey Sheet No. 8 Continued

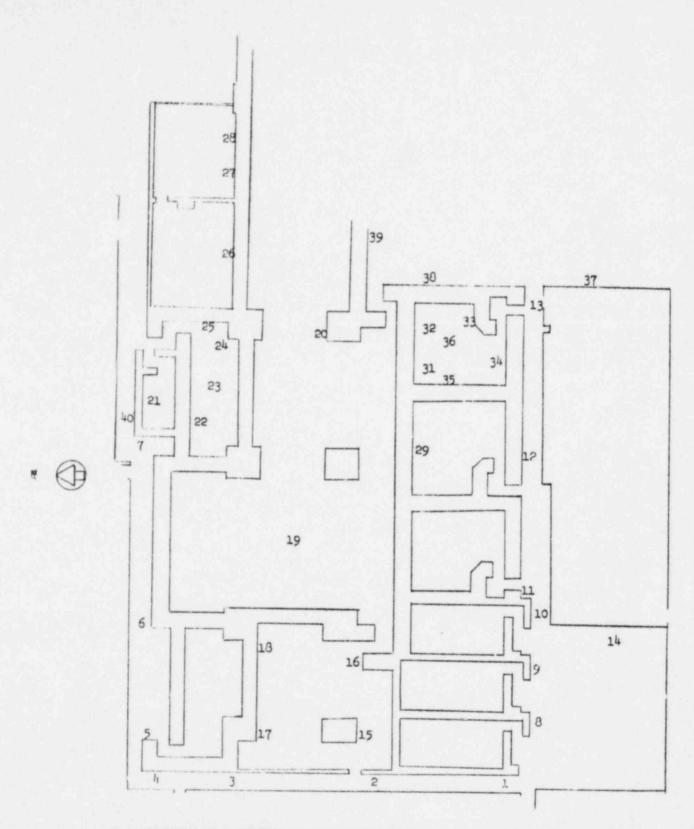
		309 Dual Cycle	315 Dual Cycle	626 Dual Cycle
23.	El. 551, Floor Joint S of Turbine	1	4	10
24.	н н	5	17	39
25.	11 11	7	19.5	39
26.	" "	17.5	65	88
27.	El. 551, Turbine Floor Over FWH Comp.	1.5	4	22
28.	и и	4.5	11	36
29.	" "	6	15	40
30.	El. 551, Turbine Floor at Deck-Plate above FWH Comp.	3.5	7	26
31.	" "	5.5	15	40
32.	" "	11.5	13.5	45
33.	El. 551, Turbine Front Std. over Floor Grating	4	11	19
34.	" "	4	1.1	19
35.	El. 551'-3" Stairs E. of Turbine	0	0	0
40.	Contact with H.P. Steam Line entering turbine steam chest	35	190	300



RADIATION MEASUREMENTS AT ELEVATION 531 FT., TURBINE BUILDING (For greater detail, see Drawing 142F701 in Appendix)

# 2. Special Radiation Survey Sheet No. 9 (Gamma Only)

Poi	nt		309 Dual Cycle	315 Dual Cycle	626 Dual Cycle
1.	El. 531'-6"	Cond. Demin. C.	17	50	75
2.	El. 531'-6" to Demin.	Window Penetration	2	10	14
3.	E1. 531'-6" to Demin.	Window Penetration	2	6	8
4.	E1. 531'-6"	Valve Gallery	0	0	0
5.	"		0	0	0
6.	"		0	0	0
7.	"	n	0	0	0



RADIATION MEASUREMENTS AT ELEVATION 495 FT. - 517 FT. IN TURBINE BUILDING (For greater detail, see Drawing 142F702 in Appendix)

# 3. Special Radiation Survey Sheet No. 10 (Gamma Only)

		309 Dual	315 Single	626 Dual
Point		Cycle	Cycle	Cycle
1.	El. 517'-6" W. Corridor	0	0	0
2.	n n	0	0	0
4.	" "	0	0	0
5.	El. 517'-6", N. Corridor	0	0	0
6.	п ь	0	0	0
7.	" Off-Gas Sampler	0.5	3	7-
8.	El. 517'-6", S. Corridor	0	0	0
9.	" "	0	0	0
10.	n n	0	0	0
11.	Comp. #1	0	0	0
12.	" "	0	0	0
13.	a n	0	0	0
14.	El. 517'-6" Pri. Feed Pump A	0	0	0
15.	El. 514, Cond. Pump Rm.	0	0	0
16.	" "	0	0	0
17.	" "	0	0	0
18.	" "	0	0	0
19.	El. 495, Below Hot-well	2	11	12-50 range
20.	El. 510'-6" Pri. Steam Line	235	390	800
21.	El. 517'-6" Air Ejector Valve Sta.	0	0	0
22.	El. 517'-6" N. Side Air Ejector A	245	O Shut Down	800
23.	El 517'-6" E. Side " "	60	0 "	1000

# Special Radiation Survey Sheet No. 10 Continued

Reactor	Power	(MWT)
TIMES A PART	4 44 44 44	7 T. T.L. T. 1

Point	309 Dual Cycle	315 Single Cycle	626 Dual Cycle
24. El. 517'-6" Air Ejector Comp. A, N.	5	O Shut Down	500
25. El. 517'-6" " " ,E.	0.5	0 " "	50
26. El. 517'-6", Lube Oil Room	0	0	0
27. " " " "	0	0	0
28. " " " "	0	0	0
29. El. 512, FWH Comp. #2	12	31	120
31. El. 512, FWH, Comp. #3	28	130	30
32. " " "	17	180	150
33. "	22	70	120
34. "	12	48	30
35. " "	80	280	
36. " "		180	300
	70	0	200
37. El. 517. Trackway	0	0	0
30.	0		0
39. "	0	0	0
40. El. 517'-6", Off-Gas Monitor	0	0	0
41. El. 517'-6", Air Ejector Rm.B	1	380	1
42A. El. 512, FWH Comp. #2	15	25	80
42B. " " " "	11	14	80
11A. El. 512, FWH Comp. #1		0.5	30

# C. Shutdown Radiation Surveys

The data listed below are representative of dose rates prevailing in areas within shielded compartments which will require periodic access for maintenance.

	Dose Point, and Time After Shutdown	Dose Rate (mr/hr)
1.	Reactor vessel top heat (contact)	
	a. 2.5 hr. after shutdown from 315 MWT, core exposure 5,000 MWDT* (5/1/60)	17
	b. 24 hr. after shutdown from 315 MWT, core exposure 5,000 MWDT (5/2/60)	1.5
	c. 36 hr. after shutdown from 425 MWT, core exposure 37,600 MWDT (11/16/60)	5
	(Core history before this shutdown:	
	For 4 hrs. previous to shutdown, 425 MWT; previous 12 hrs. at 626 MWT; previous 12 hrs. at 425 MWT; etc.)	
2.	Below control drives, reactor vessel bottom he (15-30 ft from vessel)	ead
	a. 0.3 hr. after shutdown from 315 MWT, core exposure 5,000 MWDT (5/1/60)	4
	<ul> <li>b. 1.5 hr. after shutdown from 315 MWT, core exposure 5,000 MWDT (5/1/60)</li> </ul>	3
	c. 28 hr. after shutdown from 315 MWT, core exposure 5,000 MWDT (5/2/60)	0.5
	c. 52 hr. after shutdown from 425 MWT, core exposure 37,600 MWDT (11/16/60) (Operating history as described in (1c) above.	5

<sup>\*</sup> Megawatt-day (thermal)

3.	Reactor bottom head, contact with control drive flanges (11/16/60).	10
	(Core history as described in (lc) above)	
4.	Cleanup demineralizer room, between demineralize tank and regenerative heat exchanger	zer
	a. 1.5 hrs. after shutdown from 315 MWT, core exposure 5,000 MWDT (5/1/60)	130
	b. 3.7 hrs. after shutdown from 315 MWT, core exposure 5,000 MWDT (5/1/60)	120
	c. 27.7 hrs. after shutdown from 315 MWT, core exposure 5,000 MWDT (5/1/60)	35
	d. 18 days after shutdown from 315 MWT, core exposure 5,000 MWDT (5/19/60) (Per F. Brutschy & R. Osborne, VAL)	15
	e. 14 days after shutdown from 626 MWT, core exposure 12,500 MWDT (9/9/60) (Per R. S. Gilbert, VAL)	60
5.	Secondary steam generator, near bottom head	
	a. 3 hrs. after shuta om from 315 MWT, core exposure 5,000 MWDT (5/1/60)	15 side 18 bottom
	b. 27 hrs. after shutdown from 315 MWT, core exposure 5,000 MWDT (5/2/60)	1.2 side 2 bottom
	c. 18 days after shutdown from 315 MWT, core exposure 5,000 MWDT (5/19/60) (Per Brutschy & Osborne, VAL)	0.8 side . 7 bottom
	d. 14 days after shutdown from 626 MWT, core exposure 12,500 MWDT (8/8/60) (Per R. S. Gilbert, VAL)	2 side 70 avg. bottom
	e. 36 hrs. after shutdown from 425 MWT, core exposure 37,600 MWDT (11/16/60) (Core history as described in (1c) above).	230 bottom

#### D. Environs Surveys

After addition of the top head shielding blocks, measurements at environs stations and survey points around sphere and turbine building during operation show dose rates to be quite low. At full power, the source of greatest influence on environs dose rates is the turbine, including crossover and moisture separator. Measurements taken with precision dosimeters located at various points on the roof of the administration building and access control building give dose rates of 0.3 - 0.5 mr/hr at 626 MWT, full steam flow. These are the highest dose rates at any uncontrolled environs area, and are within the 0.5 mrem/hr limitation of uncontrolled access areas at Dresden. Dose rates in office areas below the roof are even lower.

#### IV. DISCUSSION OF MEASUREMENTS

#### A. Reactor Surveys

Radiation surveys were begun at a reactor power of 10 MWt (April 1, 1960). This and subsequent surveys during the next two days at reactor powers up to 40 MWt showed that neutrons streaming above and below the reactor vessel would create untendable dose rates at increased reactor powers. These neutrons were escaping from the reactor vessel radially at the core elevation and were then streaming up and down the annulus between vessel and primary shield.

Above the vessel top head, the radiation scattered from the vertical canal walls, and the walls and top of the craneway, finally escaping from the shield through the large crane openings at the north and the south of the shield (El. 588'). Once outside the shield, these neutrons were able to shower all elevations of the sphere above El. 529', by scattering from the sphere shell itself. In addition, neutron dose rates were readily measurable in the areas around the sphere. Dose rates at a reactor power of about 22.5 MWt were:

El. 565' North (Point 2, Survey Sheet 2)

6 mrem/hr neutrons

(Highest floor designed to be accessible during reactor operation)

0.6 mr/hr gammas

El. 584' Above Reactor Top Head (before installation of shield blocks)

90 mrem/hr neutrons 10 mr/hr gammas

Below the bottom head of the reactor, scattered neutron radiation into elevations 488' and 502' gave dose rates in the order of 50 mrem/hr at 25 MWt in the control drive scram valve and accumulator rooms.

These conditions were corrected by: 1) The addition of a 3 foot thick concrete shield over the top head of the reactor, 2) Plugging holes in the concrete biological shield below the core, through which the control drive hydraulic piping passes into the drive valve room, 3) Adding a one foot thick concrete labyrinth and a steel sliding door between the sub-pile area (below the bottom head) and the control drive accumulator room, 4) Stacking concrete blocks to full primary shield thickness in the pipe passages through the primary biological shield, through which the risers and return recirculation piping passes, and 5) Stacking concrete blocks (2 feet thick) in large holes in primary shield just below the bottom head, through which the control drives were handled during their installation.

A tabulation of neutron and gamma dose rates at the various power levels appears in Section III of this report.

Classically, radiation scattering from a wall follows this empirical formula:

$$\phi_e = \frac{\phi_i A \alpha \cos \phi_i}{r_2^2}$$

where,

 $\phi_e$  = scattered flux measured at detector D

 $\phi_i$  = incident flux on scattering area A

A = scattering area

r = distance from A to receiver point

For strict application,  $A << r_2^2$ . This condition may be met by breaking the scattering surface into parts. For the case of neutron flux escaping out the north crane opening in the shield, after scatter off the roof and (east and west) side shields, this condition may be met. The total of the effective scattering areas is estimated to be 7,500 ft<sup>2</sup>; the average distance from scattering areas to the 565 elevation dose point was 50 feet. At 22 MWt, dose rate above reactor top head in the canal was 80 mrem/hr. At the same power, the dose rate at the 565 elevation north point was 6.5 mrem/hr. The average value of  $\phi_i$  is 30°. Then the albedo may be roughly calculated as,

for scattering off the concrete walls through an average included angle of 60°.

As seen in the tables of dose rate measurements, the dose rate above the reactor top head shield blocks (3 foot thickness of concrete) at full power (626 MWt) is 35 mrem/hr from neutrons, and 125 mr/hr from gammas. At the dose point on elevation 565, north, the scattered dose rate at full power is 0.8 mrem/hr. Average energy of the scattered neutrons is 0.6 Mev.

During full power operation, dose rates in all areas within the sphere are less than 1 mrem/hr (neutrons and gammas) except for the points listed below:

- 1. At the external ion chamber drive area (El. 535, north), the ion chamber guide tubes are a source of neutron streaming. Dose rates at some tubes during half power operation were as high as 75 mrem/hr. This situation was remedied by insertion of cylindrical tube plugs with a length of 12 inches of polyethylene and one inch of steel and lead. Dose rates from the bottest tubes are now reduced to 1-2 mrem/hr.
- 2. Spare instrument tubes leading down the annulus between reactor vessel and primary shield penetrate the shield at an elevation above the El. 548 floor. Some neutron streaming ( ~ 15 mrem/hr) is detected at the tubes. Since the streaming beam is well above the floor, over the head of any passerby, no plugging is necessary.
- 3. Neutron dose rates in the order of 5 mrem/hr exist in the drive valve room, locally around the hydraulic lines penetrating the primary biological shield.
- 4. In the pipeway vestibule area, El. 517, between primary and secondary shields, neutron leakage out the recirculation line penetrations in the primary shield gives rise to neutron dose rates of 60-100 mrem/hr. Since this area contains the recirculation piping and the primary steam lines with their associated high gamma fluxes from Nitrogen-16, no accessibility restriction accrues. However, neutron scattering in this area results in local dose rates of ~ 5 mrem/hr in the El. 517 walkway near the doors into the vestibule area.

# B. Turbine Building Surveys

Although reactor core and pressure vessel shielding was comparatively well known, the radiation levels and shielding requirements in the

primary cooling circuit were yet to be proven.

The accessibility problems presented by radioactive isotopes in the steam and condensate systems of the plant were found to be of a smaller order of magnitude than contemplated during design. Carryover of Nitrogen-16 in the steam is the only sizeable contributor to dose rates in the steam and condensate systems, with negligible corrosion product carryover. Of 400 curies of Nitrogen-16 produced per second in the reactor core at full power, only 5 curies per second reach the turbine. The turbine is unshielded, and dose rates of 10-60 mr/hr experienced by an operator during an inspection of bearings, front standard controls, etc. Dose rate at the generator collector rings is less than 0.5 mr/hr.

Radiation levels around the condenser vary from 3 mr/hr at the water boxes to 20 mr/hr beneath the hotwell, with a local hot spot (200 mr/hr) at the off-gas line take off. As a non-condensible, the majority of the Nitrogen-16 goes with the off-gas to the shielded air ejector room, in which radiation levels are as high as 1 r/hr.

The delay time (approximately 2 minutes) provided by the hotwell allows the residual Nitrogen-16 activity to die off before the consensate reaches feedwater pumps and heaters. The shielded feedwater heater compartments have radiation levels between 1 and 250 mr/hr within the compartments, depending upon the extraction stage of the regeneration steam to individual heaters and upon the condensate water level in the heaters and drain tanks.

Dose rates from primary recirculating lines in the secondary steam generator compartments average 2 r/hr at full power, with steam generator dose rates lightly less. Neutron dose rates of 20 mrem/hr exist in the secondary steam generator compartments. The majority of this is due to Nitrogen-17 decay, with some possible contribution due to scattered neutrons from the reactor vessel.

### Correlation with Calculations

Fair correlation was found between the currently used method of calculation and measurements of Nitrogen-16 dose rates. The calculation method may be summarized by the following equations:

Nitrogen-16 nuclei produced per fission neutron incore

 $\mathcal{N}_{E}$  = fission neutrons produced in energy group E +  $\Delta$ E

per fission neutron in core, based upon the Watt-spectrum.

 $Z_{ACT(E)}^{=}$  energy-dependent activation cross-section for the formation of Nitrogen-16 in the 0<sup>16</sup> (n,p) N<sup>16</sup> reaction.\*

<sup>\*(</sup>Based upon BML-325, Harvey and Hughes, Neutron Cross Sections, 7/1/55, p.85).

Z<sub>R(E)</sub> = energy-dependent cross-section of core for removal of
neutron from its initial energy group E + ΔE to a lower
energy group. This includes hydrogen moderation, uranium
capture, inelastic scattering by oxygen, structure, and fuel,
and elastic scattering by oxygen.

The calculation of the contributions of the various energy groups is thus based upon a modified age calculation of the fission neutrons born above the reactor threshold of about 10.5 Mev. The result of this summation of the contributions is:

N =  $3.5 \times 10^{-6}$  Nitrogen-16 nuclei produced per fission neutron

Total production of Nitrogen-16 when the core is operating at the full thermal rating of 626 megawatts is thus,

$$N_p = 3.5 \times 10^{-6} \frac{N-16 \text{ nuclei}}{\text{fiss.neut.}} \times 2.5 \frac{\text{fiss.neut.}}{\text{fission}} \times 3.1 \times 10^{10} \frac{\text{fiss.}}{\text{watt - sec}} \times 6.26 \times 10^{8} \text{ watts}$$

 $N_p = 1.7 \times 10^{14}$  Nitrogen-16 nuclei produced in core per second.

This may be converted to curies by

$$C_p = 1.7 \times 10^{14} \frac{N-16 \text{ nuclei}}{\text{sec.}} \times 0.0943 \text{ disint.} \times \frac{1}{3.7 \times 10^{10}} \frac{\text{curie-sec}}{\text{disint.}}$$

Cp = 433 curies per second of Nitrogen-16 released from core.

As may be seen from above, this method of calculating Nitrogen-16 production does not depend upon a calculation of the neutron fluxes of the various energies in the core. Rather, it is assumed that all neutrons born above 10.5 Mev are degraded below the threshold before leaving the core.

The splitting of this activity between water and steam may be predicted by two methods. One is based upon observations at EBWR, and the other is based upon a chemical analysis of the reversible reactions involving ammonical and nitrate radical forms. Both agree that, at the average Dresden core exit steam quality of 5.5%, the percentage of Nitrogen-16 escaping the core in a steam-compatible form is about 5.5%. On this basis, 23.5 curies per second start from the core in the steam.

With a calculated 17-second delay time from core to turbine throttle, the entering rate of Nitrogen-16 flow through the turbine is 4.7 curies per second. On this basis, the calculated dose rate one meter from one 18-inch diameter steam pipe just upstream of the turbine is 410 mr/hr. The measured dose rate at this point was 600 mr/hr

Recent measurements of turbine dose rates (11/60) have shown that a general reduction of about 35% has occurred after air in-leakage to the primary feedwater system has been reduced. This may be explained, not in terms of reduced production of N-16, but as a reduction of carryover of N-16 in the steam from the core and drum. With substantial air in-leakage, the primary water is nearly saturated with atmospheric nitrogen (N-14). This inhibits N-16 solution in water upon its formation and increases its carryover with steam. Minimizing air saturation of the primary water has resulted in reducing this carryover, and dose rates are closer to predictions.

It is interesting to note, as substantiating evidence, that Nitrogen-13 release from the stack dropped by a factor of four upon correction of the air in-leakage. Nitrogen-13 is produced by the  $N^{14}$  (n, 2n)  $N^{13}$  reaction, with the target Nitrogen-14 nuclei supplied by air leakage into the system. The fourfold reduction in Nitrogen-13 is much greater than the Nitrogen-16

reduction, since the target source of Nitrogen-13 was reduced. No less Nitrogen-16 is now being produced; the equilibrium has just been forced more in favor of the water phase.

# C. Radiation Measurements at Reactor Vessel

Gamma heating and neutron flux were measured outside the reactor vessel wall near the core midplane, during full power operation measured values show each to be lower than the predicted values. This is principally due to the 452-channel core loading which existed during the measurements; the predictions were made on the basis of a full 488 channel core.

# 1. Neutron Fluxes in Vessel Wall

The neutron flux and spectrum measurements were made with the use of a series of threshold-reaction activation samples. The sample assembly (Capsule Carrier Assembly) is shown on Drawing 932C449 in the Appendix. The assembly was mounted in place of the "Dark Channel" external ion chamber in ion chamber guide tube #12, and positioned as close to the reactor vessel as possible. In position, the carrier was separated from the reactor vessel (at core elevation) by 1/2 inch of steel (inner shield caisson), the vessel insulation, and approximately 6 inches of air. At that position, two assemblies were irradiated for one hour. The results of specific activation determinations by B. F. Rider at Vallecitos Atomic Laboratory were:

$$2.2 \times 10^8 \text{ n/cm}^2$$
 -sec.

2.9 Mev neutron flux (by S32 (n, p) P32)

 $3.6 \times 10^7 \text{ n/cm}^2 - \text{sec.}$ 

8.1 Mev neutron flux (by Al 27 (n, 
$$\propto$$
) Na<sup>24</sup>)

$$8 \times 10^8 \text{ n/cm}^2\text{-sec}$$

Further extrapolation back to the outside radius of the pressure vessel

$$\phi_{n>0.1 \text{ MeV}} = 8 \times 10^8 e^{(.17 \times 1.27)} \left(\frac{2.15}{200}\right)$$

$$= 1.1 \times 10^9 \quad \text{p/cm}^2 - \text{sec}$$

It was calculated that the neutron flux on the outside radius of the pressure vessel would be between 3 x 109/ and 7 x 109 n/cm2-sec ( > 0.1 Mev). This was based on full core loading of 488 fuel bundles, or channels. The lower value determined experimentally may be partly reconciled with the theoretical value by examining the decrease in core radius in the 452 channel core. The absence of channels in the outer periphery increased the water reflector thickness in the direction of the samples by 3.5 inches. This increase in water path would theoretically decrease the fast (>0.1 Mev) flux by a factor of

This factor, applied to the range of theoretical prediction above, would decrease theoretical prediction of 3 x 109 - 7 x 109 n/cm2-sec to a range of 1 x 109 - 2.4 x 2 n/cm2-sec. The effect of water annulus thickness upon vessel neutron exposure is evident.

The neutron flux at the inside radius of the vessel can be extrapolated from the measured value at the shield caisson. As noted above, extrapolation to the outside radius of the vessel gave a neutron flux of 1.1 x 109 n/cm2-sec (> 0.1 Mev). Similarly, further extrapolation to the inside radius of the vessel gives a fast (> 0.1 Mev) neutron flux of

$$1.1 \times 10 \times 0$$
 (17×15)  $\frac{200}{1.5 \times 10^{10}} = 1.5 \times 10^{10}$  n/cm<sup>2</sup>-sec with the 452 channel

core. This would give a 40-year neutron exposure at the vessel inside radius of 1.6 x 10<sup>19</sup> n/cm<sup>2</sup> with a plant load factor of 0.85. If the core were loaded to its periphery, the 40-year exposure at the inside radius of the vessel would be 4.6 x 10<sup>19</sup> n/cm<sup>2</sup>. Present APED design criteria permits a maximum neutron exposure of 5 x 10<sup>19</sup> n/cm<sup>2</sup> (>0.1 Mev) in vessel steel, based upon consideration of embrittlement and rise of transition temperature in the steel.

#### Gamma Heating in Vessel Wall

With the use of a special calorimeter, gamma heating was measured at the same point (inside channel #12 guide tube) as the neutron fluxes described above. The calorimeter used was composed of a slug of stainless steel of known mass, suspended and insulated within an evacuated thin-walled case. Both slug and case were fitted with thermocouples. Knowing the heat capacity of the slug, the heat transfer rate between slug and case, and the rate of rise of slug temperature in a gamma energy flux, the gamma heating could be evaluated. Thus,

where 
$$\left(\frac{dT}{dt}\right)_{5006}$$
 is the time rate of temperature rise in the slug.

Then 
$$Q = C_p m \left(\frac{dT}{dt}\right)_{sws} - H \left(T_s - T_c\right)$$
 $V$ 
 $Q = \text{gamma heating in slug BTU/hr-ft}^3$ .

= gamma heating in slug BTU/hr-ft3.

specific hear of slug, BTU/16-°F.

m = mass of slug, lb

= total heat transfer coefficient between slug and case. H

$$H = H (T_s, T_c)$$

T<sub>s</sub> = slug temperature, °F

T = case temperature, °F

V = volume of slug, ft3.

H  $(T_s, T_c)$  was determined experimentally before the gamma heating measurement. At full reactor power, this data of slug and case temperature vs. time was recorded:

July 16, 1960 Time (Hrs)	Ts (mv)	Ts (°F)	Tc (mv)	Tc (°F)	Ts - Tc
1222	1.86	95.5	1.86	95.5	0
1325	1.99	99	1.90	97	2
1343	2.03	100.	1.92	97.5	3
1430	2.07	101.5	1.94	98	3.5

At case temperatures of 95 - 98°F,

Evaluating, Q varies between 775 and 825 BTU/hr-ft<sup>3</sup>. The average gamma heating, calculated by averaging the data, is

$$Q = 800 BTU/hr-ft^3$$

in steel, at a point just outside the 1/2-inch thick steel inner shield caisson.

To extrapolate the gamma heating to the outside and to the inside radii of the reactor pressure vessel, use may be made of the theoretically predicted slope of the gamma heating in the pressure vessel steel. The theoretically predicted gamma heating in the vessel steel \*was:

$$Q = 2.6 \times 10^4 e^{-6.1 \pm 2}$$
 BTU/hr-ft<sup>3</sup>

t = thickness of steel, in feet, from the inside radius of pressure vessel.

Thus, at the inside radius t = 0 and gamma heating was predicted to be

$$Q = 26,000 BTU/hr-ft^3$$

at the outside radius of the pressure vessel, following the prediction.

The gamma heating was calculated to be

$$Q = 2.6 \times 10^4 e^{-6.1 (0.50)}$$
  
= 1235 BTU/hr-ft<sup>3</sup>.

Using the same exponential slope (6.1 ft<sup>-1</sup>) to extrapolate the average measured value beyond the caisson, to the pressure vessel outside radius,

<sup>\* &</sup>quot;Gamma Esating in Dresden Pressure Vessel", by R. A. Mickle & W. D. Craig, March 9, 1960

Then the extrapolated heating value at the vessel outside radius becomes

$$Q = 800 \ e^{6.1 \times 0.0416} \times \frac{215}{200}$$

$$= 1110 \ BTU/hr-ft^{3}.$$

This compares to the predicted value previously noted of 1235 BTU/hr-ft<sup>3</sup>. The gamma heating at the inside radius, corresponding to 1110 BTU/hr-ft<sup>3</sup> at the outside radius, is 23,400 BTU/hr-ft<sup>3</sup> for the 452 channel core. The corresponding maximum tangential thermal stress is about 2000 psi (tensile) at the inside radius of the vessel, assuming perfect vessel insulation. For less than perfect insulation, maximum thermal stress should be lower.

Again, the theoretical value was based upon a 488-channel core loading and the measurements were made with a 452-channel core. Using the increase in water reflector thickness calculated and used in the neutron flux analysis above, 3.6 inches, the gamma heating at any point outside the water reflector may be theoretically compared for the full 488-channel core and the 452-channel core. The effective one-exponent fit of water attenutation of the gamma heating spectrum in Dresden reflector is

$$\mu_{\rm eff} = 0.03 \, {\rm cm}^{-1}$$

For a water path increase of 3.5 inches, the ensuing attenuation is

Then, for a full 488-channel core, the gamma heating in the vessel steel will be 10.77, or 1.3 times the gamma heating in the 452-channel core.

On the basis of the measured value of heating outside the caisson with the 452-channel core, the value of gamma heating at the inside radius of the pressure vessel with a 488-channel loading will be 30,400 BTU/hr-ft<sup>3</sup>. This corresponds approximately to a maximum tangential thermal stress of 2600 psi (tensile) at the inside radius of the vessel.

The measured values of gamma heating cannot be taken as particularly precise data. The heat generation rate and the temperature differentials are lower than those for which the instrument was designed. The gamma heating measured represents an upper limit.

It should be noted that a series of thermocouples were located on the outside diameter of the pressure vessel during installation. It was originally planned to check gamma heating and thermal stress by noting the temperature differential between core inlet temperature (approximately corresponding to water temperature on the inside radius of the vessel) and the temperature indicated by a thermocouple on the outside of the vessel at core mid-plane height. This method did not give the desired results, due to:

- The less-than-theoretical efficiency of the vessel insulation, which caused a lowering of the temperature differential across the vessel wall.
- 2) The small temperature differential (~10°F), which would exist across vessel wall at the measured rate of gamma heating, even with perfect vessel insulation.
- 3) The inability of the thermocouples to measure within an accuracy of 1-2% (or 5-10°F at 550°F).

# D. Shutdown Radiation Measurements

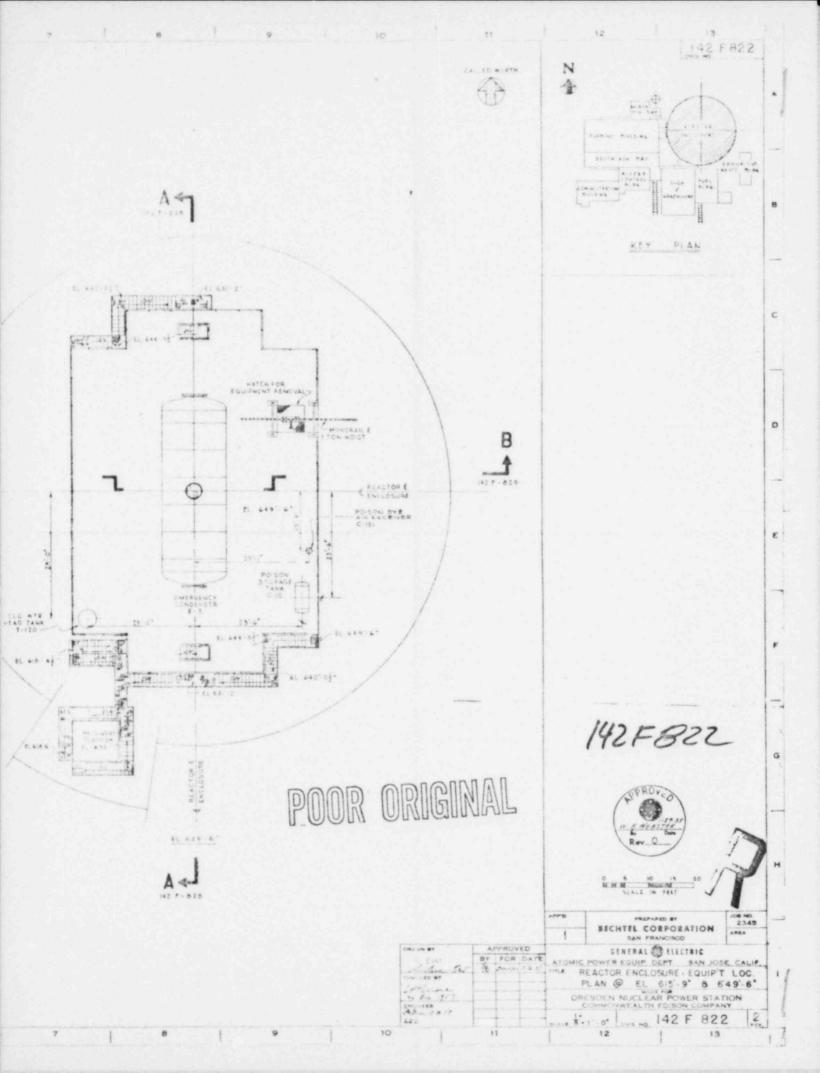
The program of shutdown radiation measurements has just begun. Several years of operation with attendant shutdowns and surveys must be accumulated before a real pattern of activity buildup will be evident. At this time, after about two months of effective full power operation, only minor quantitities of cobalt-60 (5.3 year half-life) are present. Iron-39 (45 day half-life), cobalt-58 (72 day half-life), and zirconium-95 (65 day half life) have yet to exhibit the full magnitude which they will reach. The majority of plant shutdown radiation, outside the core, at the present time is caused by manganese-56 (2.5 hour half-life) and copper-64 (12.8 hour half-life). Tables of shutdown dose rates around steam drum, steam generators, and piping are given in Section III-B of this report.

Direct radiation from the core is negligible after shutdown, in such areas as reactor top head. Dose rate above reactor top head during such operations as stud-heating for head removal, is controlled by scattered

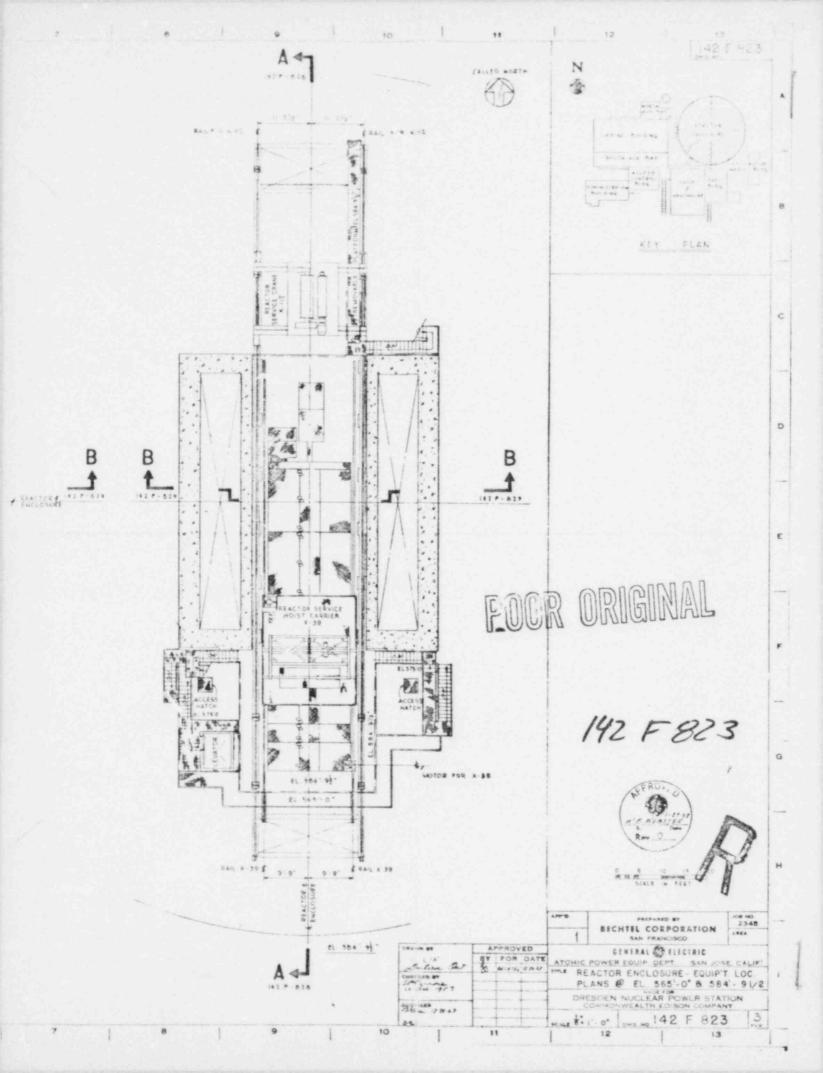
radiation from the core and structure around the core streaming up the annulus between vessel and primary shield. The dose rate from this source is about 50 mr/hr, 24 hours after shutdown. This is attenuated by filling the refueling canal with about two feet of water. Another source is top head activation. At the present time, top head dose rates, at contact, are 5 mr/hr 36 hours after shutdown from full power operation. Within 12 hours after shutdown, the dose rate below the control drives in the subpile room is less than 5 mr/hr.

At shutdown, dose rates in secondary steam generator compartments are of the order of 100-200 mr/hr near recirculation piping and secondary steam generators. This decays to about 25 mr/hr in 24 hours except near local hot spots. Substantial buildup with reactor operating time may be expected, particularly around valves, flanges, pumps, etc.

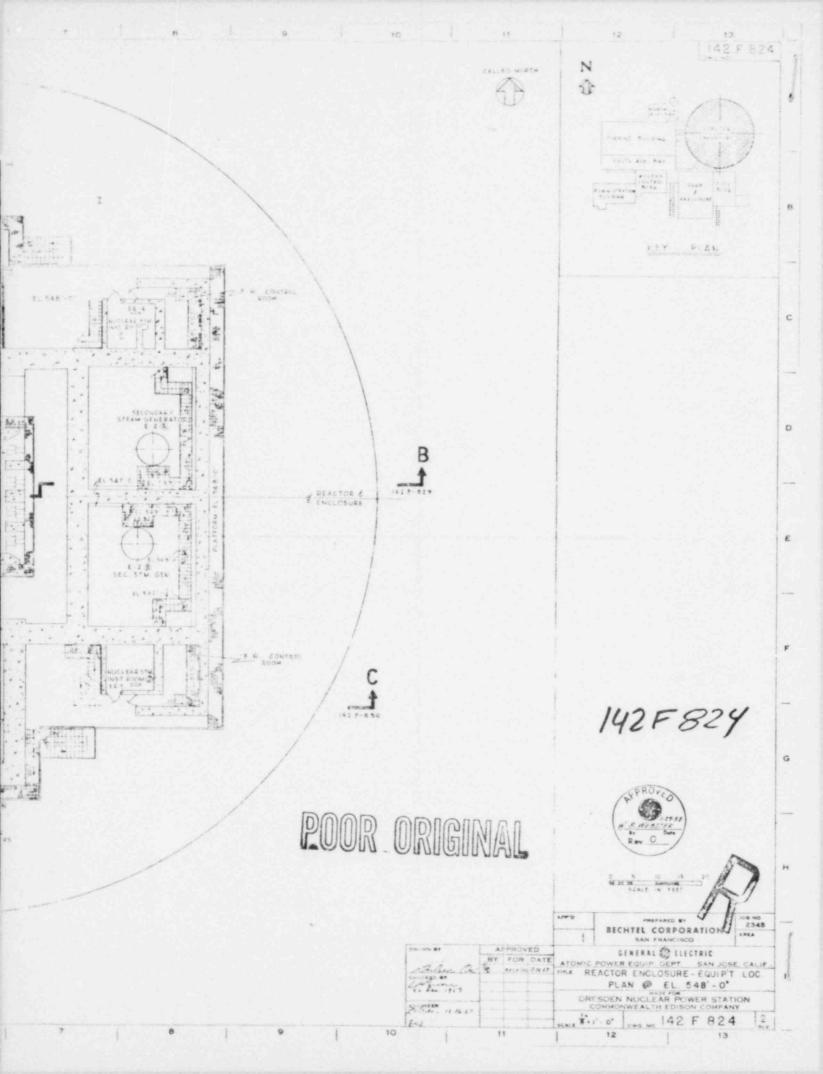
The two cleanup demineralizers and their associated regenerative heat exchangers represent the most concentrated radiation sources (outside reactor vessel) after reactor shutdown. Dose rates of 100-200 mr/hr exist in the cleanup demineralizer rooms one week after shutdown. In the first 48 hours after shutdown, dose rates around cleanup demineralizers and heat exchangers are several hundred mr/hr. To date, however, the demineralizer recirculating piping and pump exhibit small contamination; and the radiation levels in the room containing the demineralizer recirculating pump are 10 mr/hr r less, one week after shutdown. In the turbine building, the condensate demineralizers contain the only significant source at shutdown. All other equipment is capable of direct access within a few seconds of reactor shutdown.



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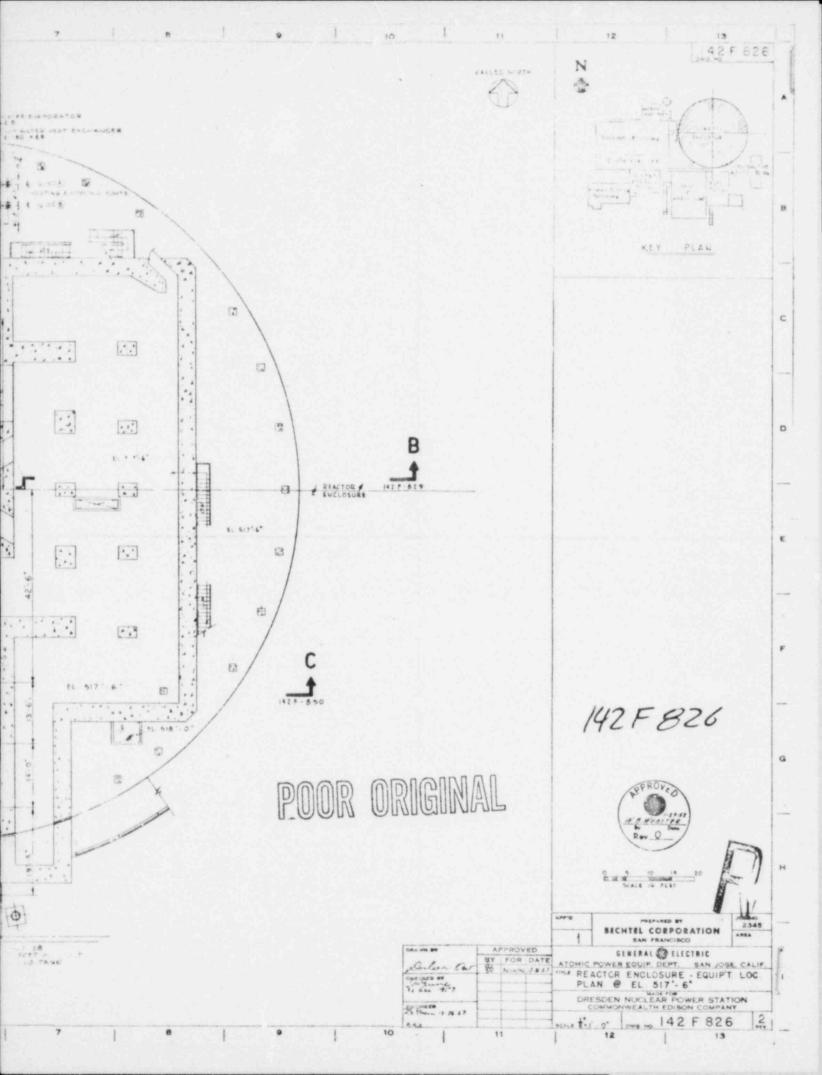
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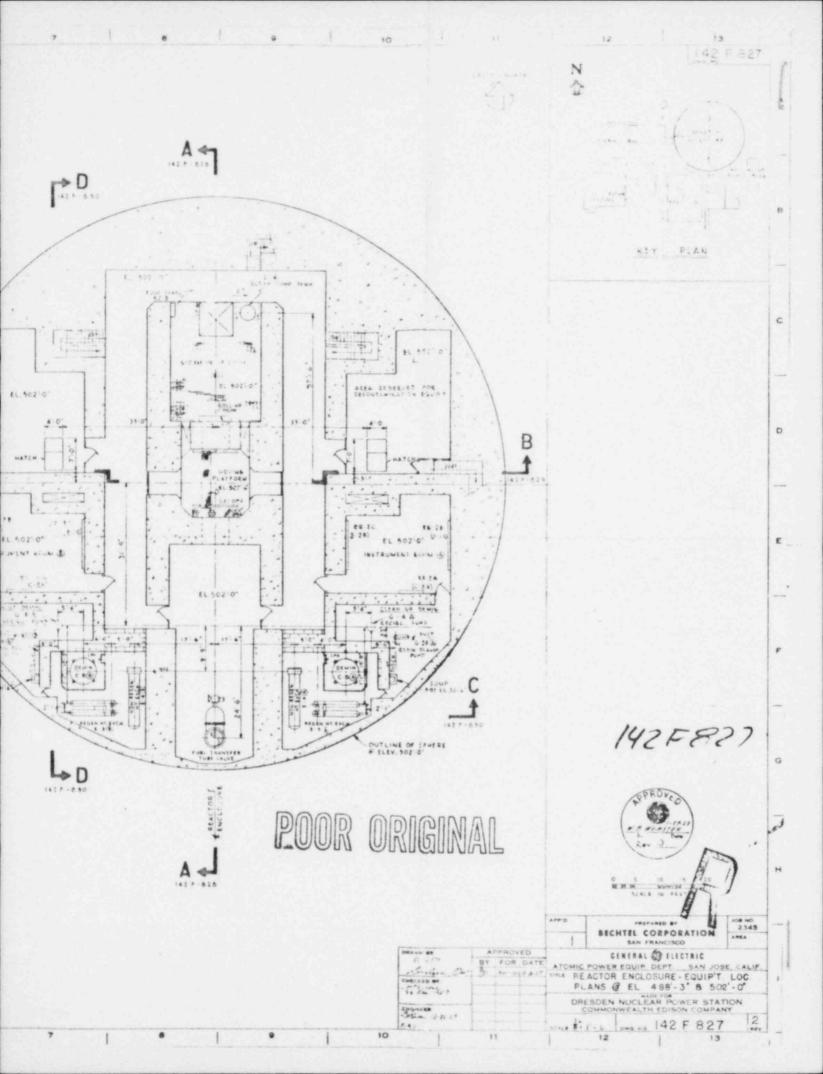
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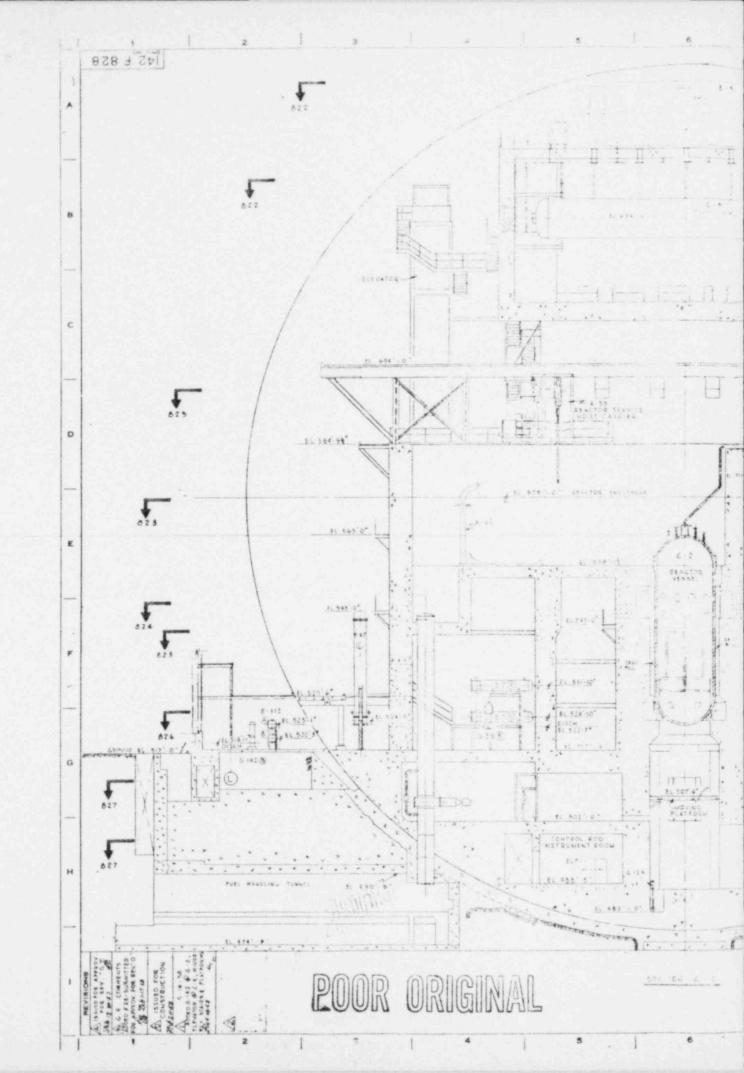


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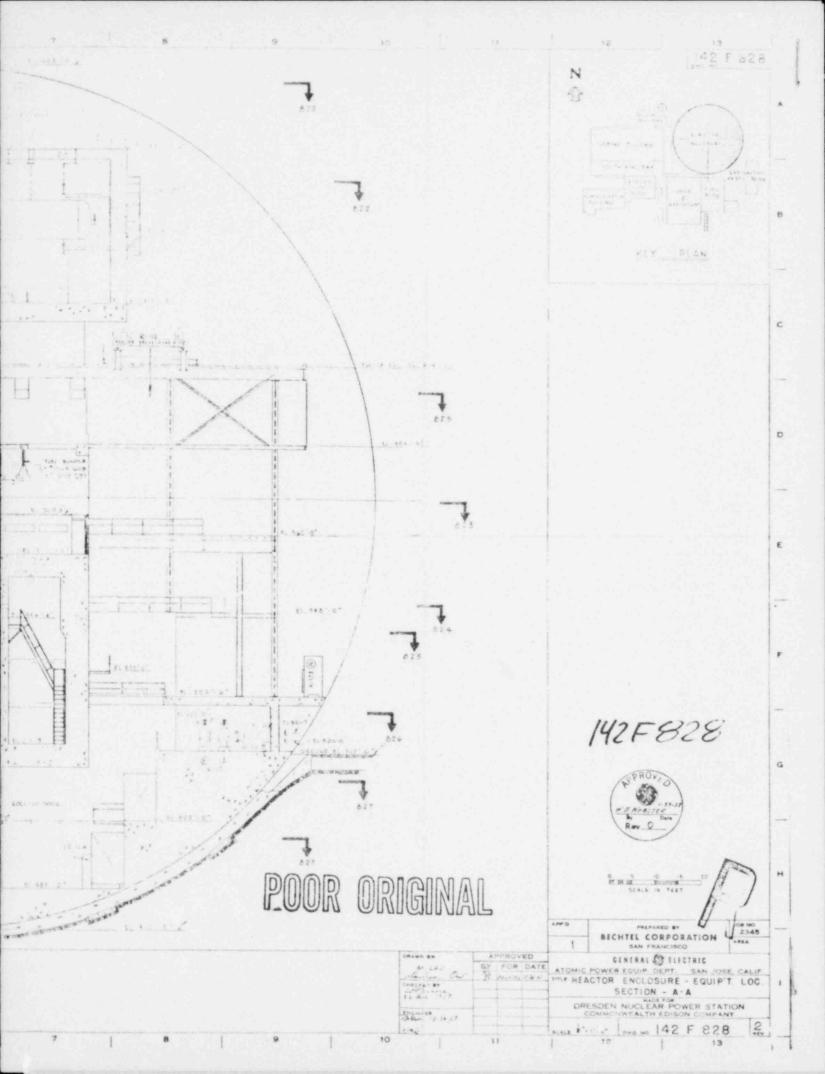
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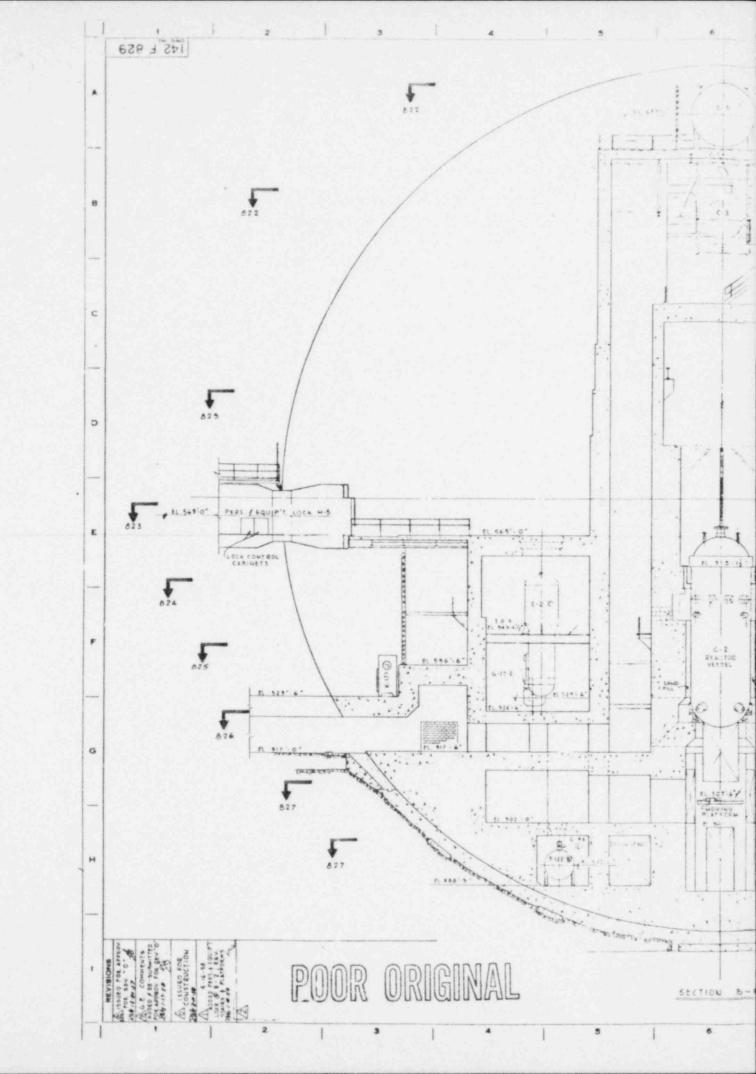


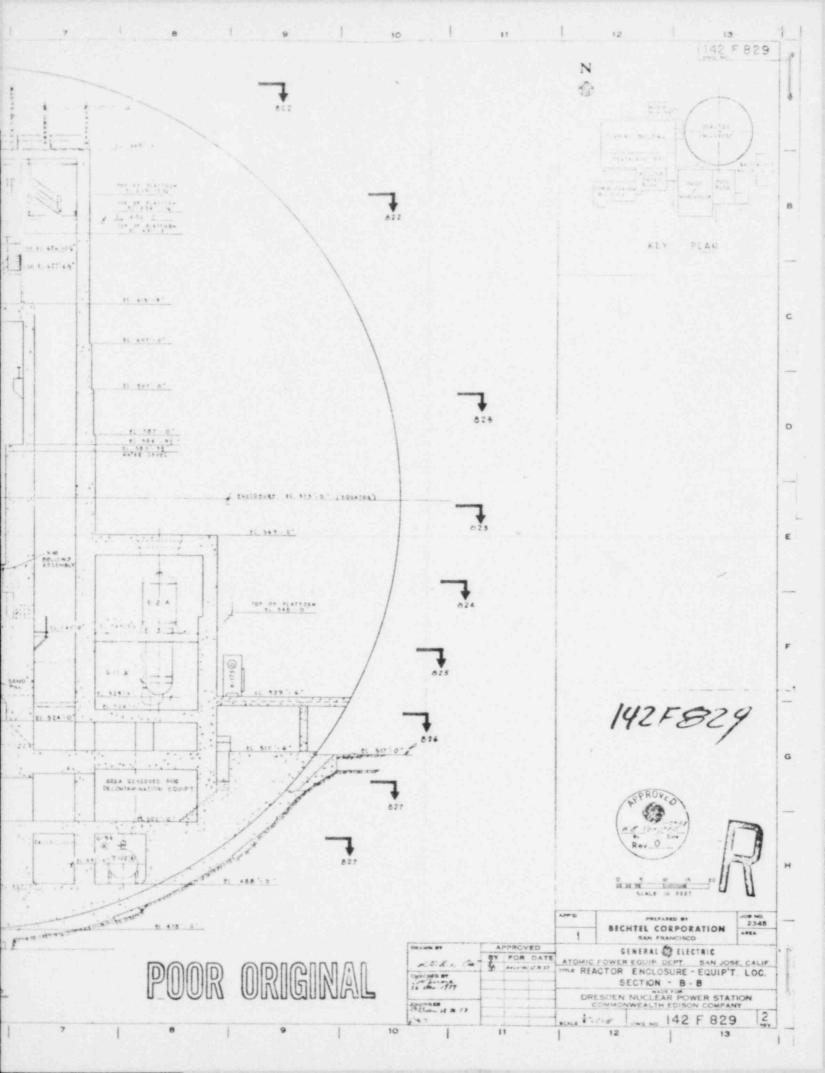


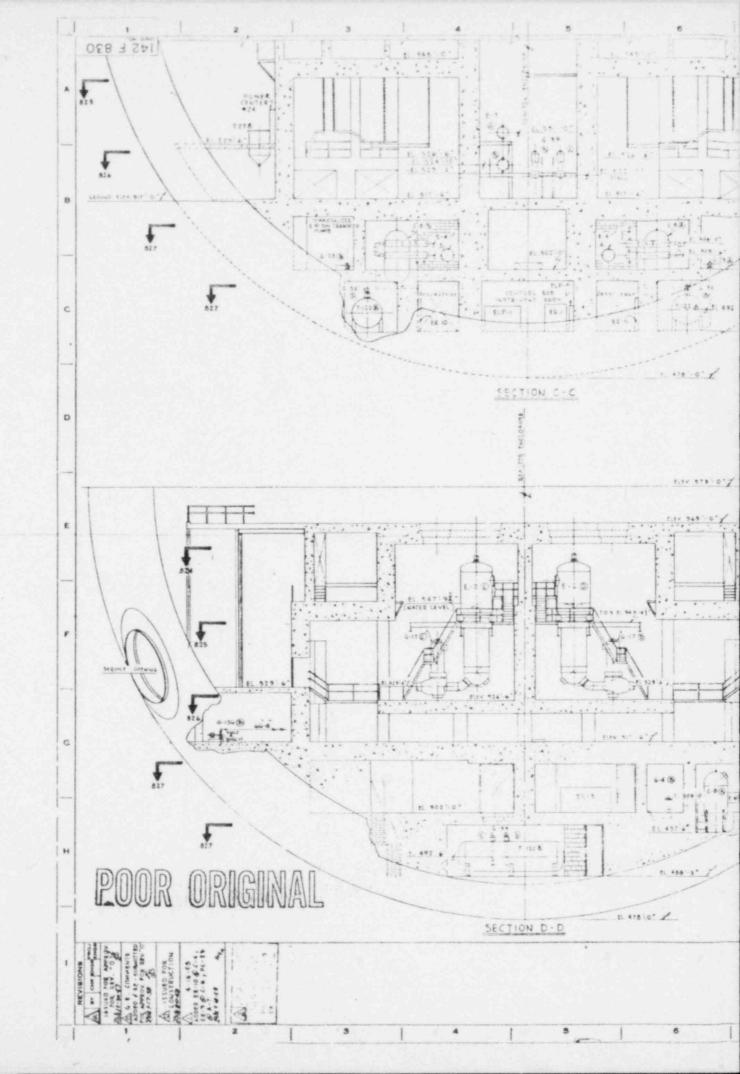


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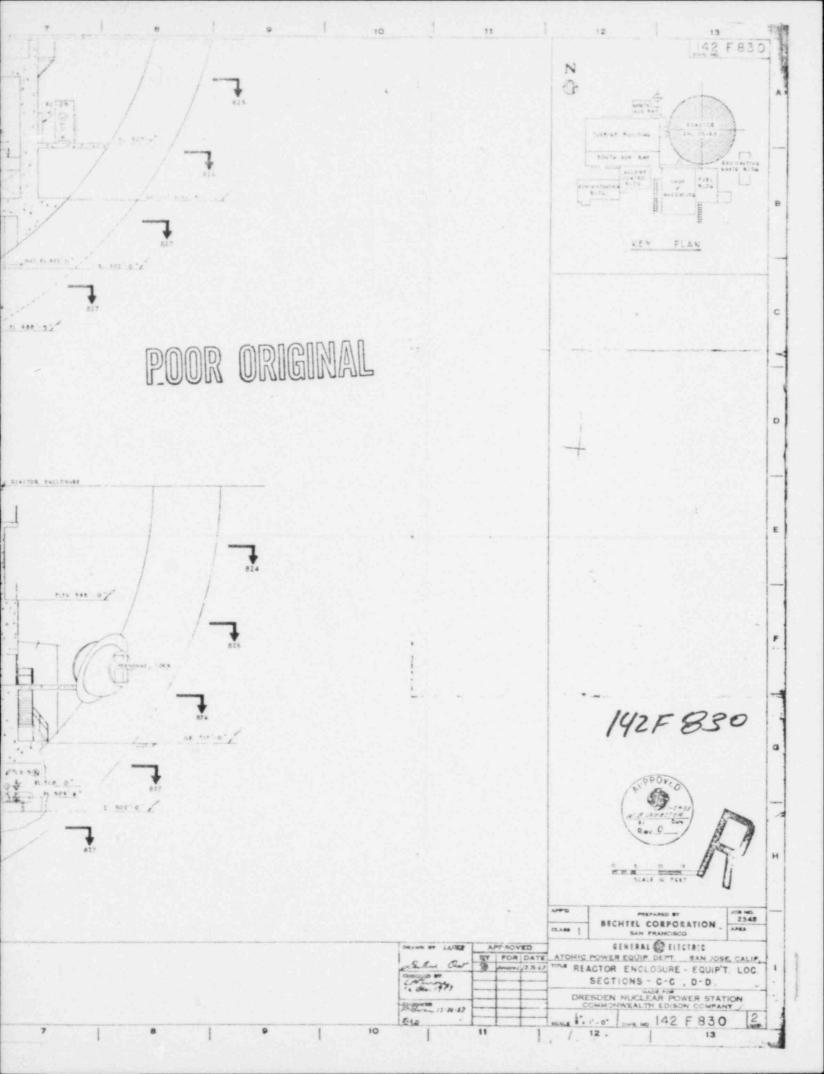


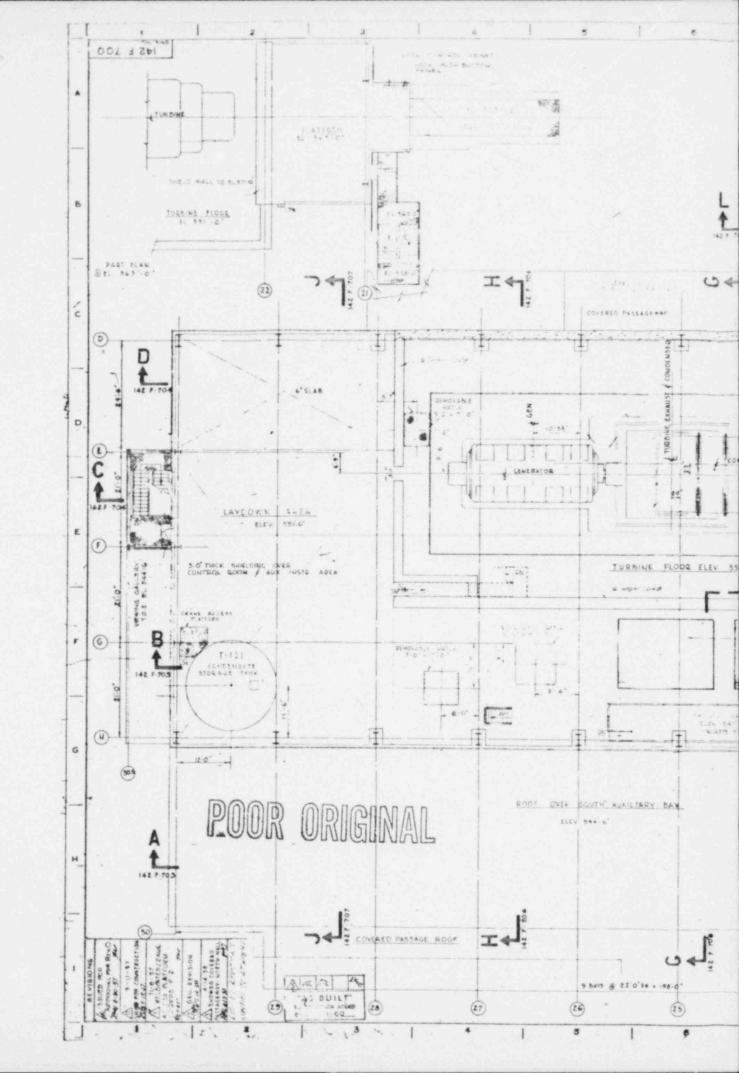




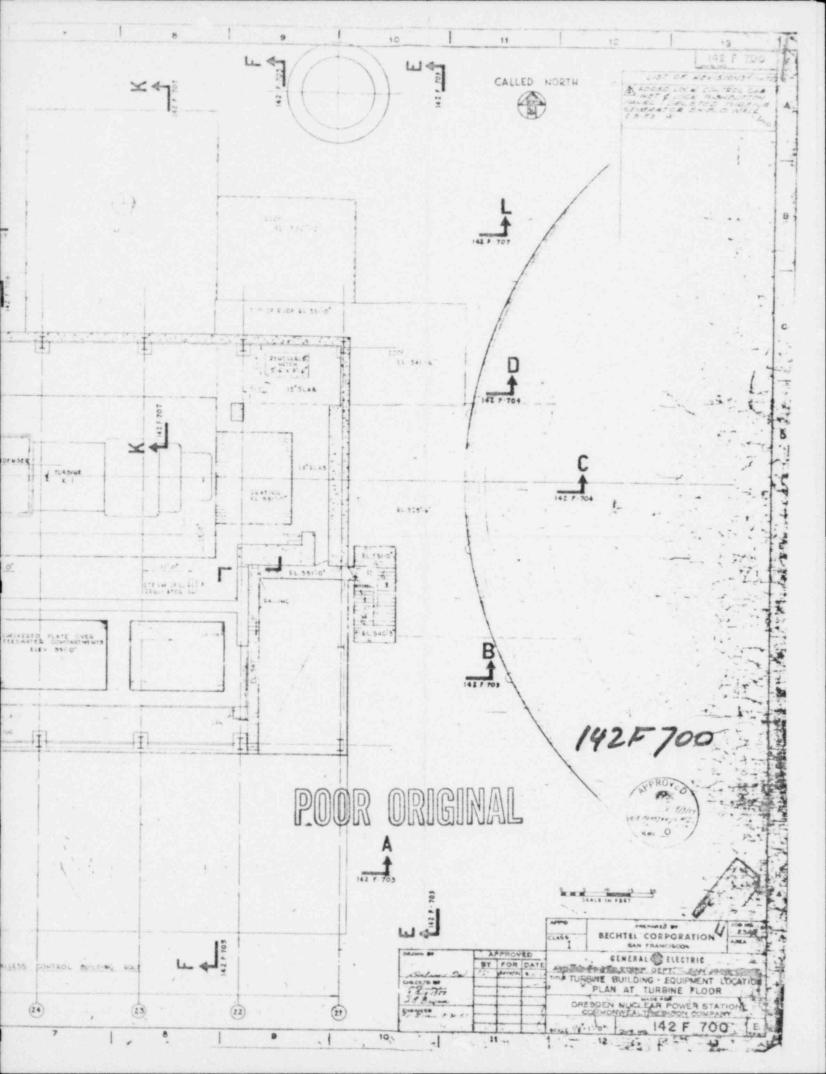


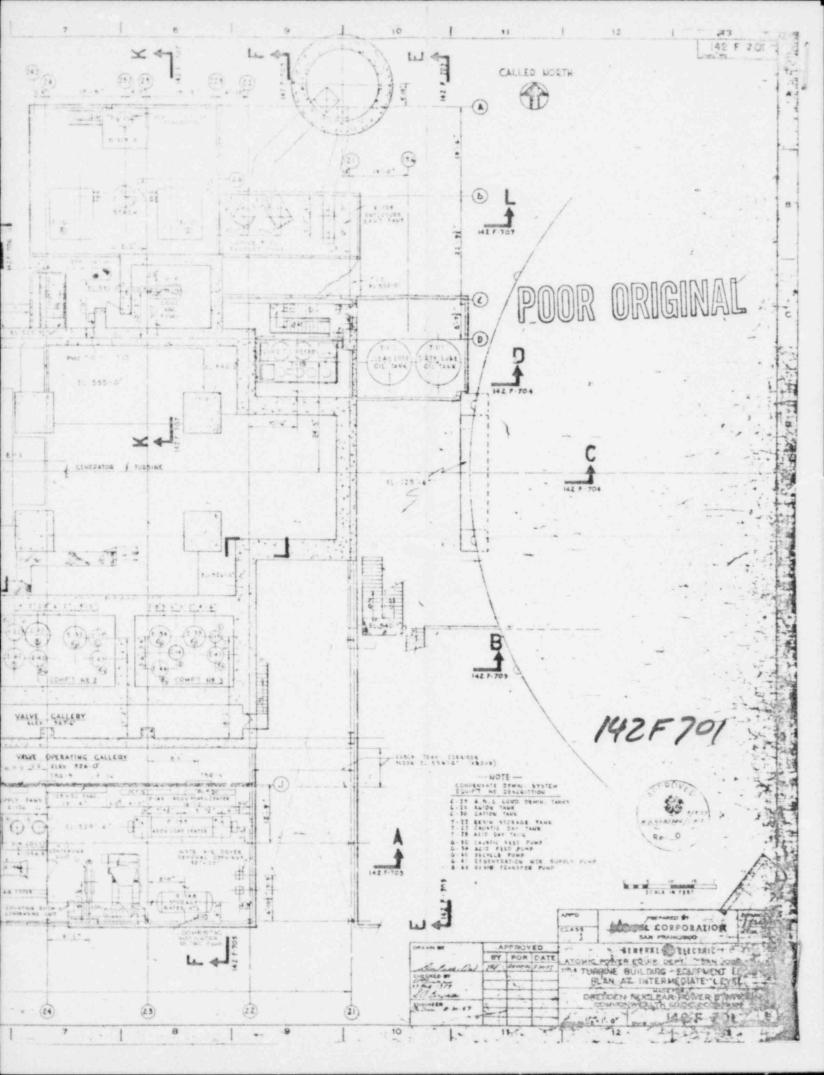
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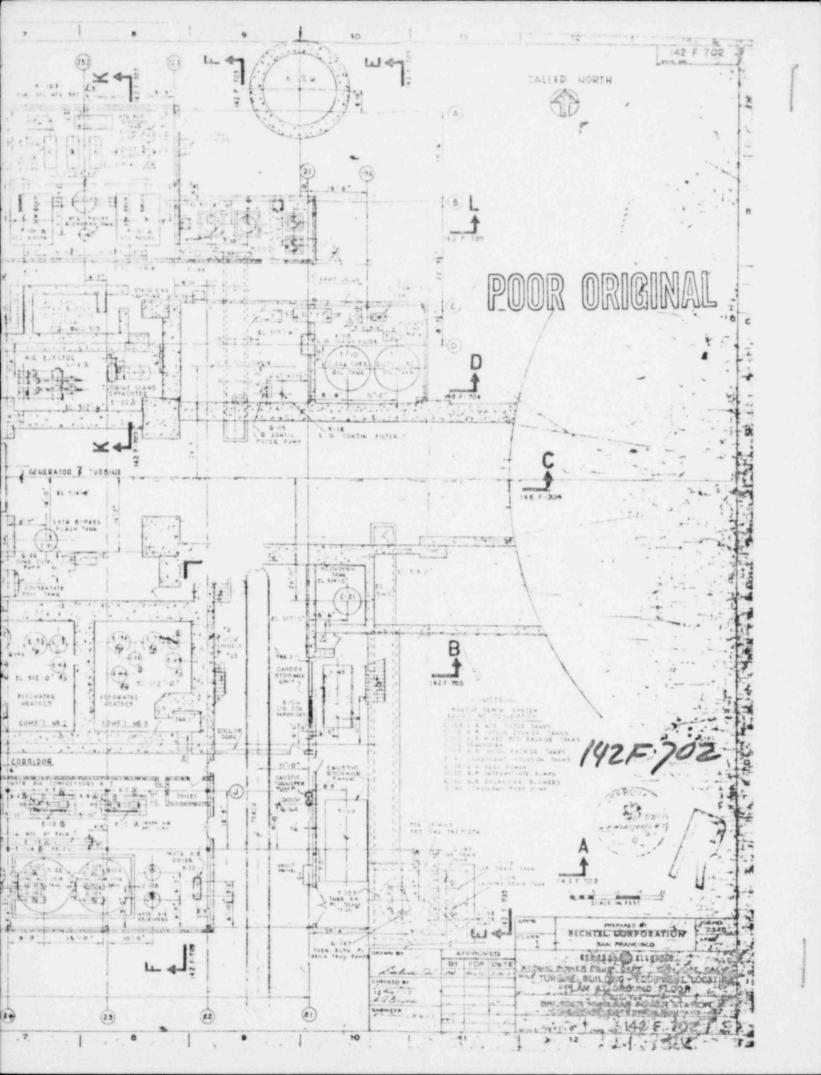


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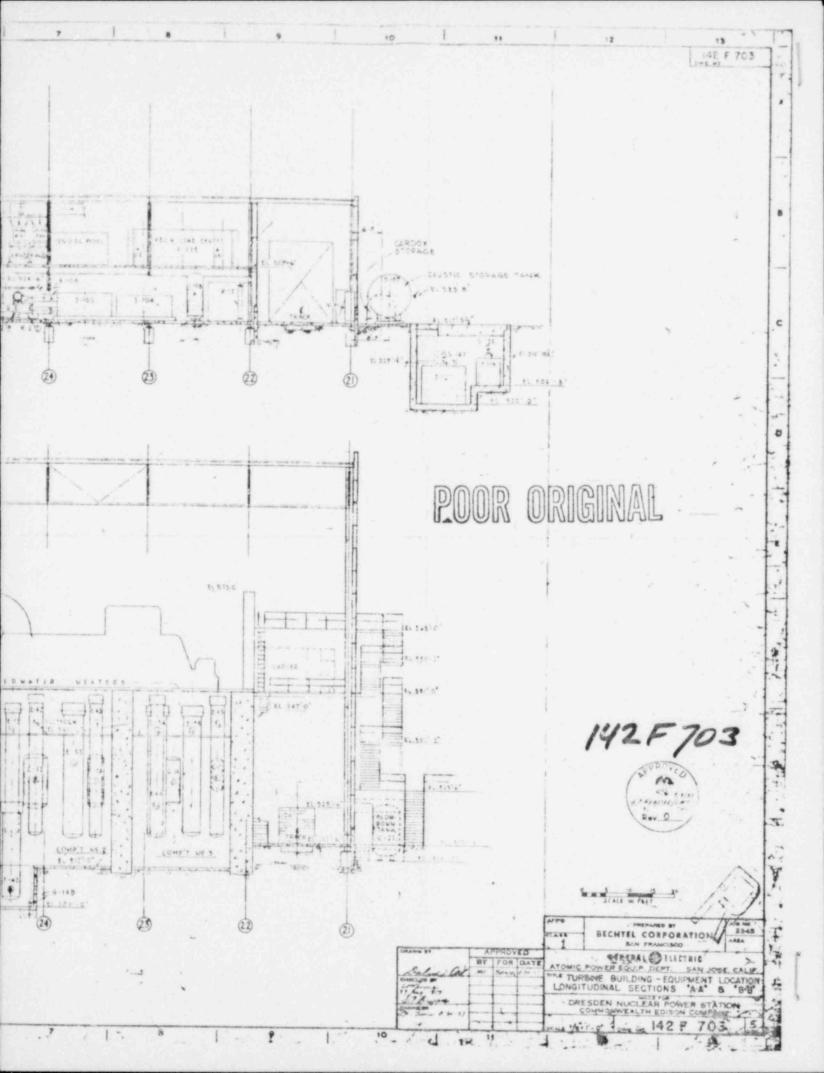


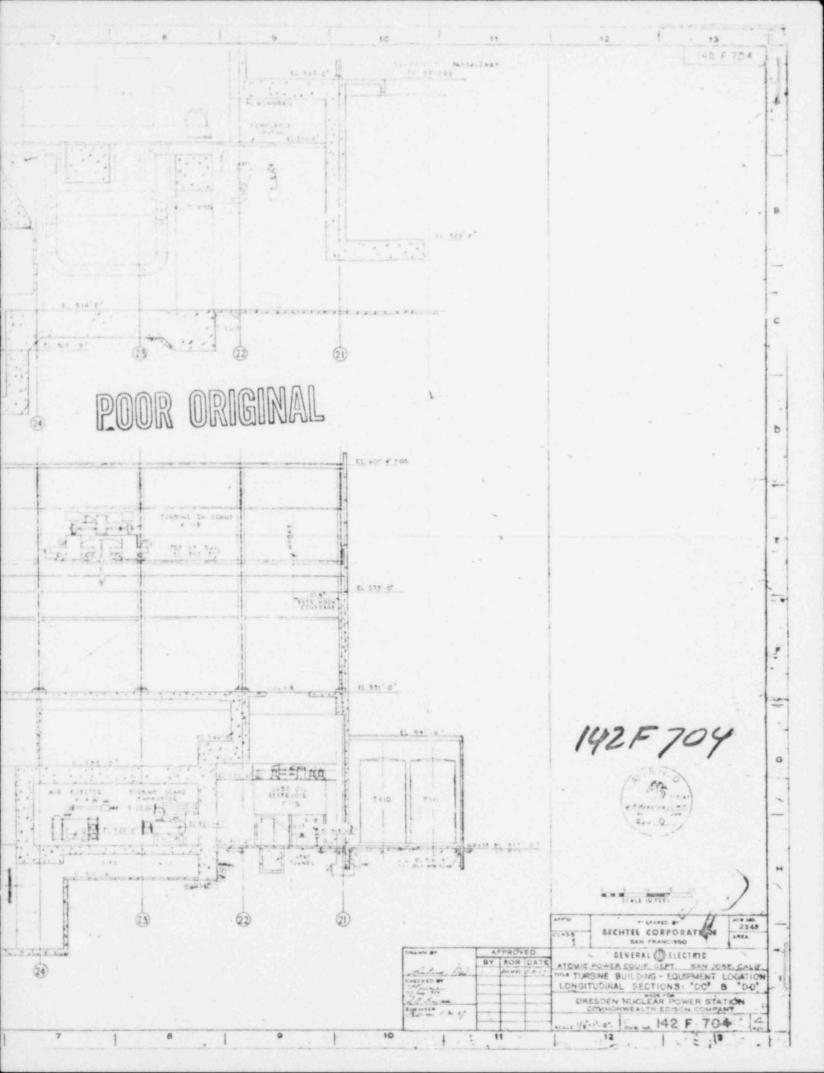


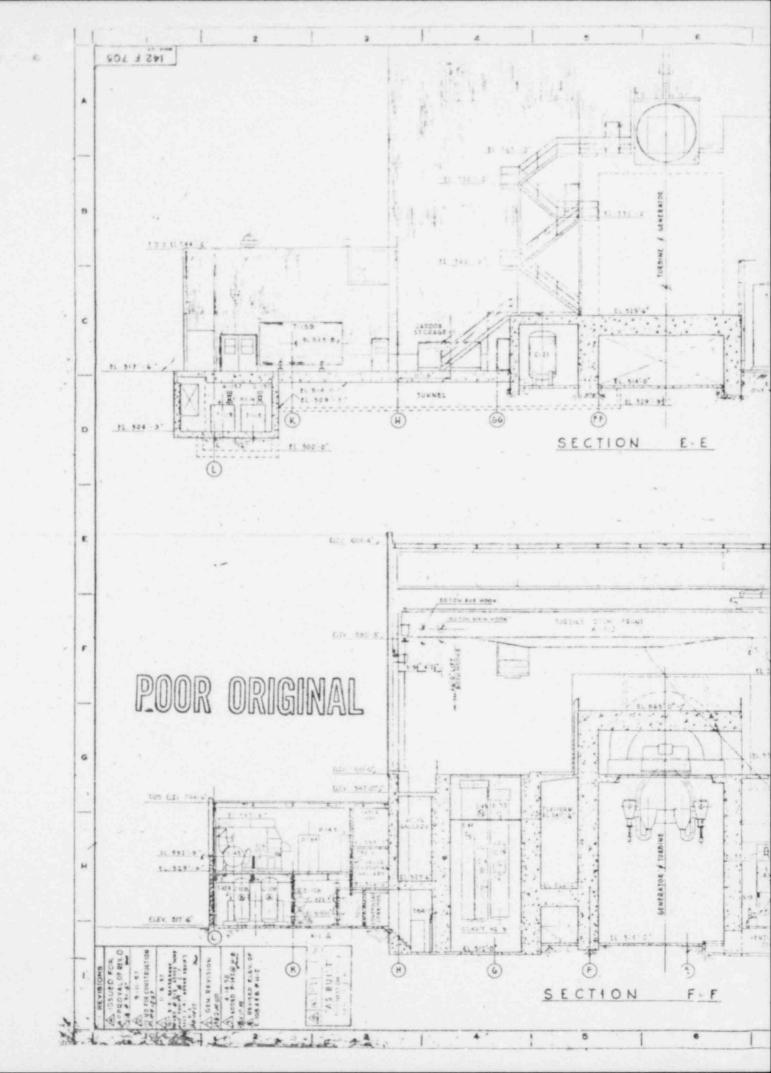
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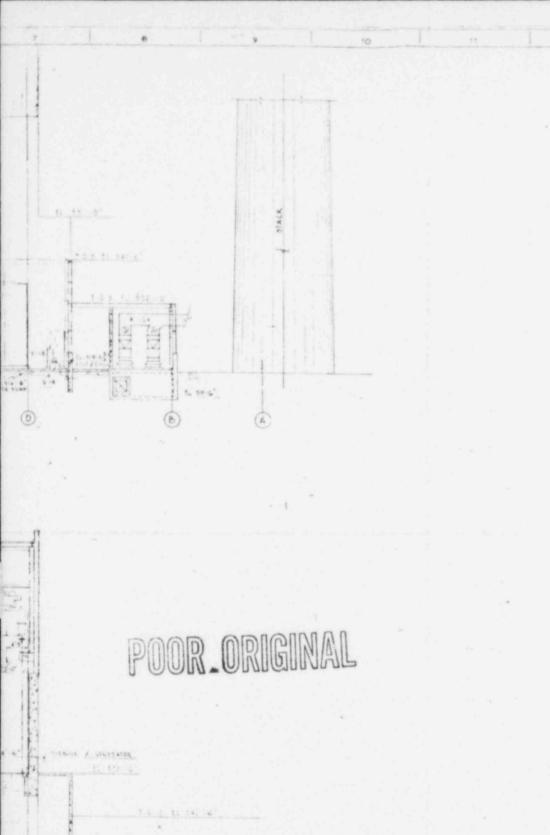


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