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Structural Evaluation of
the Kewaunee Pressurizer
Surge Line, Considering the Effects of
Thermal Stratification

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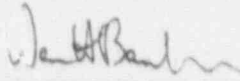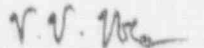M. A. Gray   T. H. Liu   C. B. Bond
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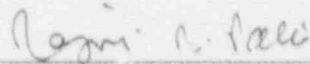
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Thermal stratification has been identified as a concern which can affect the structural integrity of piping systems in nuclear plants since 1979, when a leak was discovered in a PWR feedwater line. In the pressurizer surge line, stratification can result from the difference in densities between the hot leg water and generally hotter pressurizer water. Stratification with large temperature differe. es can produce very high stresses, and this can lead to integrity concerns. Study of the surge line behavior has concluded that the largest temperature differences occur during certain modes of plant heatup and cooldown.

This report has been prepared to demonstrate compliance with the requirements of NRC Bulletin 88-11 for the Kewaunee plant. Prior to the issuance of the bulletin, the Westinghouse Owners Group had initiated a program to investigate the issue, and recommend actions by member utilities. That program provided the technical basis for the plant specific analysis reported here for the Kewaunee plant.

The plant specific transient development utilized a number of sources, including plant operating procedures, industry and plant specific surge line monitoring data, and historical records for the plant. This transient information was used as input to a structural and stress analysis of the surge line for the plant. Separate analyses were completed for the structural and leak-before-break (LBB) analyses, and the LBB analyses results are reported in a separate report [15].

The results of the structural analysis, and the fatigue analysis which followed, showed that the Kewaunee pressurizer surge line meets the stress limits and usage factor requirements of the ASME Code for the remainder of the design life of the plant. The calculated support displacements resulting from stratification have also been provided for both the existing and future support configurations, to ensure proper gaps in pipe whip restraints and sufficient travel allowances in the spring can, in order to allow free pipe movement at all thermal conditions. The structural analysis which resulted in this recommendation is discussed in Section 4.

These analyses, along with modification of the whip restraint gaps and spring hanger travel allowance in 1992, led to the conclusion that the Kewaunee plant is in full compliance with the requirements of NRC Bulletin 88-11.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS, AND STATUS OF 88-11 QUALIFICATION

Operating History

Date of commercial operation	6-16-74
Years of water-solid heatups	0
Years of steam-bubble heatups	16
System delta T limit	320°F
Number of exceedances	Three

Maximum Stress and Usage Factor Results

Equation 12 stress/allowable* (ksi)	52.3/53.0
Fatigue usage/allowable	0.97/1.0

Pressurizer Surge Nozzle Results

Maximum stress intensity range/allowable (ksi)	32.39/57.9
Fatigue usage/allowable	0.78/1.0

Restraint Modifications Required

adjust pipe whip restraint gaps (Tables 4-1 and 4-2)

Spring Can Modification Required

allow sufficient travel (Tables 4-1 and 4-2)

Remaining Actions by Utility

Schedule for modifications
of spring hanger and restraints

1992

Status of 88-11 Requirements

All analysis requirements met with modification in 1992

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* Results for future configuration. See Table 3-2 for results for present configuration.

SECTION 1.0
BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION

Kewaunee is a two-loop pressurized water reactor, which began commercial operation on June 16, 1974. This report has been developed to provide the technical basis and results of a plant-specific structural evaluation for the effects of thermal stratification of the pressurizer surge line for the plant.

The operation of a pressurized water reactor requires the primary coolant loop to be water solid, and this is accomplished through a pressurizer vessel, connected to the loop by the pressurizer surge line. A typical two-loop arrangement is shown in Figure 1-1, with the surge line highlighted.

The pressurizer vessel contains steam and water at saturated conditions with the steam-water interface level typically between 25 and 60% of the volume, depending on the plant operating conditions. From the time the steam bubble is initially drawn during the heatup operation to hot standby conditions, the level is maintained at approximately 25%. During power ascension, the level is increased to approximately 60%. The steam bubble provides a pressure cushion effect in the event of sudden changes in Reactor Coolant System (RCS) mass inventory. Spray operation reduces system pressure by condensing some of the steam. Electric heaters, at the bottom of the pressurizer, may be energized to generate additional steam and increase RCS pressure.

As illustrated in Figure 1-1, the bottom of the pressurizer vessel is connected to the hot leg of one of the coolant loops by the surge line, a 10 inch schedule 140 stainless steel pipe, a portion of which is horizontal.

1.1 Background

During the period from 1982 to 1988, a number of utilities reported unexpected movement of the pressurizer surge line, as evidenced by crushed insulation, gap closures in the pipe whip restraints, and in some cases unusual snubber movement. Investigation of this problem revealed that the movement was caused by thermal stratification in the surge line.

Thermal stratification had not been considered in the original design of any pressurizer surge line, and was only recently known to have been the cause of service-induced cracking in feedwater line piping, first discovered in 1979 [14]. Further instances of service-induced cracking from thermal stratification surfaced in 1988, with a crack in a safety injection line, and a separate occurrence with a crack in a residual heat removal line. Each of the above incidents resulted in at least one through-wall crack, which was detected through leakage, and led to a plant shutdown. Although no through-wall cracks were found in surge lines, inservice inspections of one plant in the U.S. and another in Switzerland mistakenly claimed to have found sizeable cracks in the pressurizer surge line. Although both these findings were subsequently disproved, the previous history of stratified flow in other lines led the USNRC to issue Bulletin 88-11 in December of 1988. A copy of this bulletin is included as Appendix B.

The bulletin requested utilities to establish and implement a program to confirm the integrity of the pressurizer surge line. The program required both visual inspection of the surge line and demonstration that the design requirements of the surge line are satisfied, including the consideration of stratification effects.

Prior to the issuance of NRC Bulletin 88-11, the Westinghouse Owners Group had implemented a program to address the issue of surge line stratification. A bounding evaluation was performed and presented to the NRC in April of 1989. This evaluation compared all the WOG plants to those plants for which a detailed plant specific analysis had been performed. This evaluation demonstrated that all WOG plants could operate for an additional ten heatup/cooldown cycles, and provided the basis for a generic justification for continued operation until a more thorough evaluation could be completed to ensure full design life [1], [2]. This WOG generic JCO provided the basis for the Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant plant-specific justification for continued operation which was submitted to the NRC on May 24, 1989 [13].

The Westinghouse Owners Group implemented a program for generic detailed analysis in June of 1989, and this program involved individual detailed analyses of groups of plants. This approach permitted a more realistic

approach than could be obtained from a single bounding analysis for all plants, and the results were published in June of 1990 [3].*

The followup to the Westinghouse Owners Group Program is a demonstration of the applicability of reference [3] to each individual plant, and the performance of evaluations which could not be performed on a generic basis. The goal of this report is to accomplish these followup actions, and to therefore complete the requirements of the NRC Bulletin 88-11 for Kewaunee.

1.2 Description of Surge Line Thermal Stratification

It will be useful to describe the phenomenon of stratification, before dealing with its effects. Thermal stratification in the pressurizer surge line is the direct result of the difference in densities between the pressurizer water and the generally cooler RCS hot leg water. The lighter pressurizer water tends to float on the cooler heavier hot leg water. The potential for stratification is increased as the difference in temperature between the pressurizer and the hot leg increases and as the insurge or outsurge flow rates decrease.

At power, when the difference in temperature between the pressurizer and hot leg is relatively small, the extent and effects of stratification have been observed to be small. However, during certain modes of plant heatup and cooldown, this difference in system temperature could be as large as 320°F, in which case the effects of stratification are significant, and must be accounted for.

Thermal stratification in the surge line causes two effects:

o   Bending of the pipe is different than that predicted in the original design.

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*Numbers in brackets refer to references listed in Section 7.

o   Potentially reduced fatigue life of the piping due to the higher
        stress resulting from stratification and striping.

1.3 Scope of Work

The primary purpose of this work was to develop transients applicable to the
Kewaunee plant which include the effects of stratification and to evaluate
these effects on the structural integrity of the surge line. This work will
therefore complete the demonstration of compliance with the requirements of
NRC Bulletin 88-11.

The transients were developed following the same general approach originally
established for the Westinghouse Owners Group. Conservatism inherent in the
original approach were refined through the use of monitoring results, plant
operating procedures, operator interviews, and historical data on plant
operation. This process is detailed in Section 2.

The resulting transients were used to perform an analysis of the surge line,
wherein the existing support configuration was carefully modeled, and surge
line displacements, stresses and support loadings were determined. This
analysis and its results are discussed in Sections 3 and 4.

The stresses were used to perform a fatigue analysis for the surge line, and
the methodology and results of this work are discussed in Section 5. The
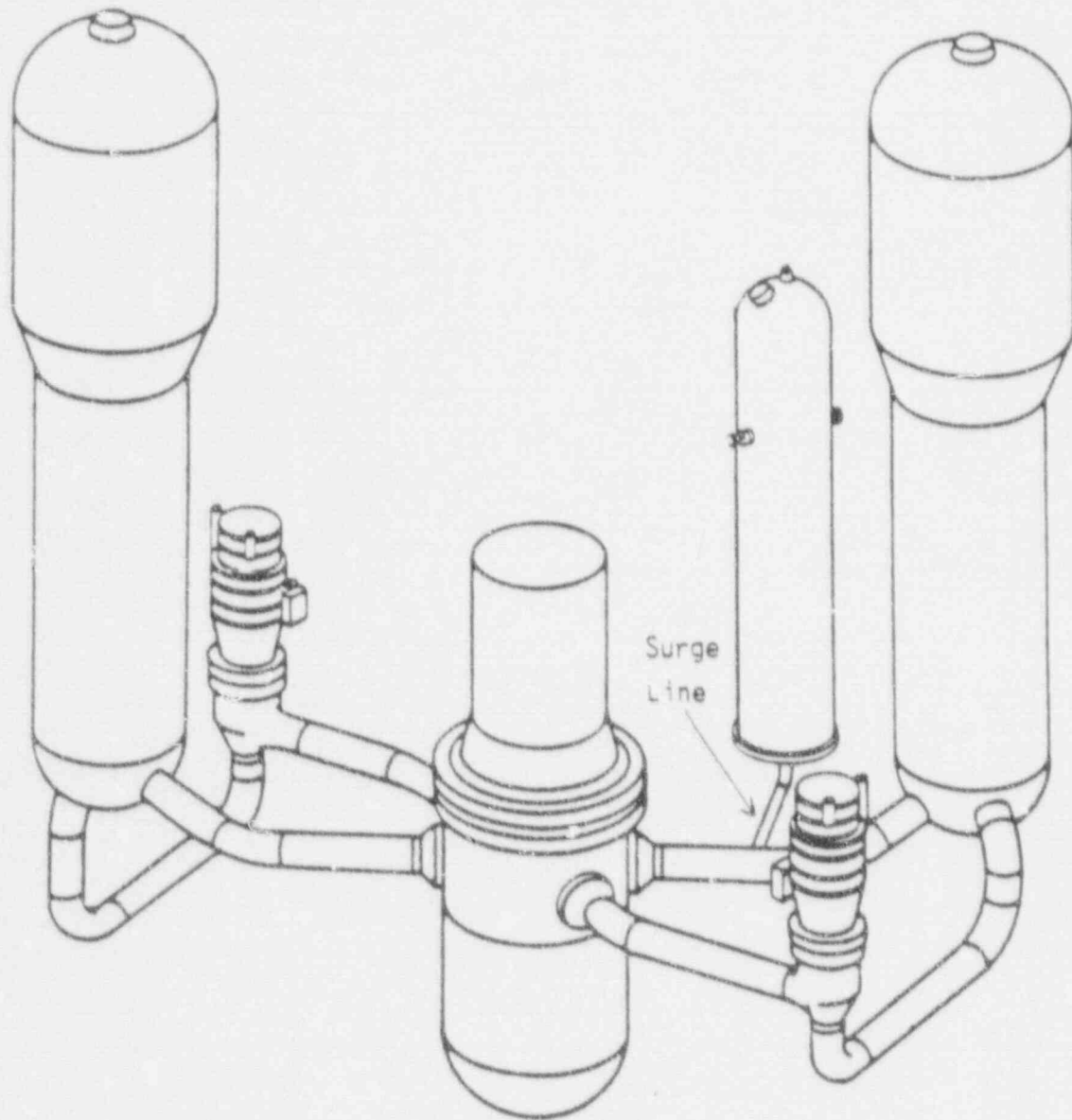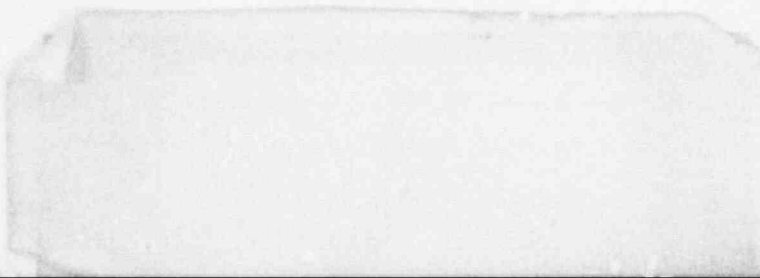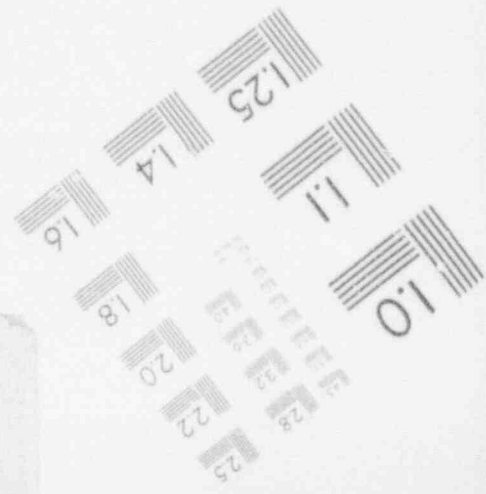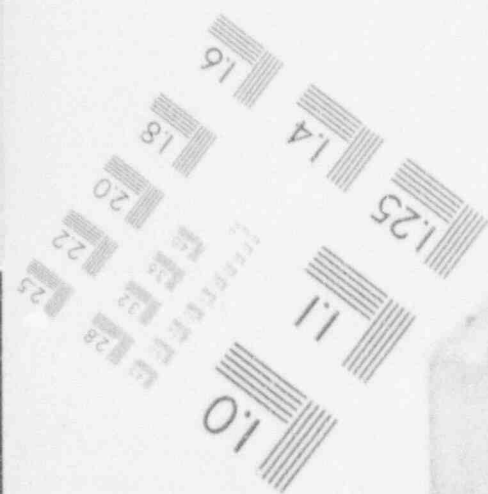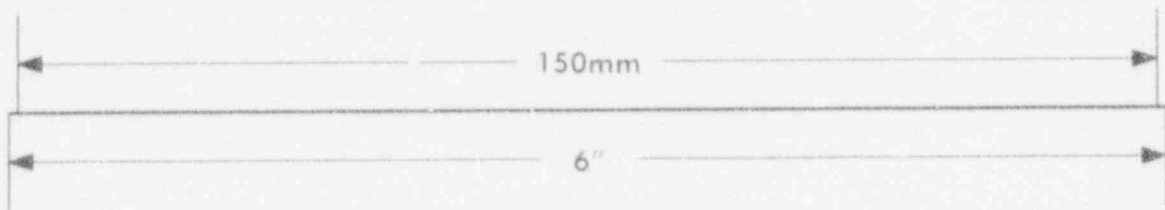summary and conclusions of this work are summarized in Section 6.

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Figure 1-1. Typical 2-Loop Plant Loop Layout

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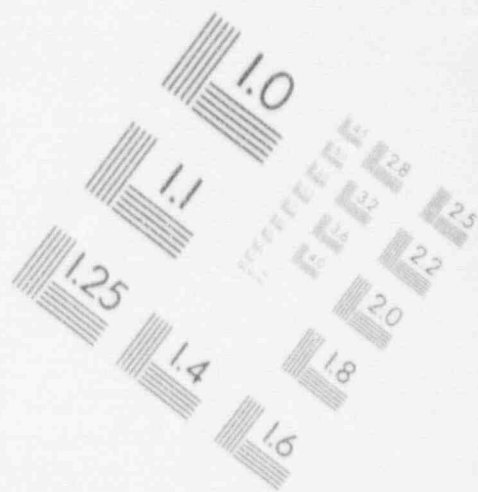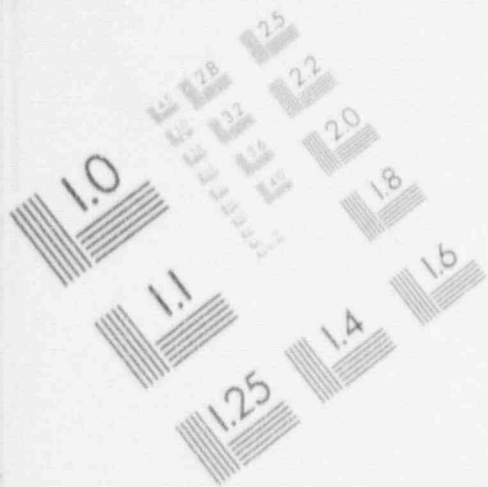
SECTION 2.0
SURGE LINE TRANSIENT AND TEMPERATURE PROFILE DEVELOPMENT

2.1 General Approach

The transients for the pressurizer surge line were developed from a number of sources, including the most recent systems standard design transients. The heatup and cooldown transients, which involve the majority of the severe stratification occurrences, were developed from review of the plant operating procedures, operator interviews, monitoring data and historical records for the plant. The total number of heatup and cooldown events specified remains unchanged at 200 each, but a number of sub-events have been defined to reflect stratification effects, as described in more detail later.

The normal and upset transients, except for heatup and cooldown, for the Kewaunee surge line are provided in Table 2-1. For each of the transients the surge line fluid temperature was modified from the original design assumption of uniform temperature to a stratified distribution, according to the predicted temperature differentials between the pressurizer and hot leg, as listed in the table. The transients have been characterized as either insurge/outsurges (I/O in the table) or fluctuations (F). Insurge/outsurge transients are generally more severe, because they result in the greatest temperature change in the top or bottom of the pipe. Typical temperature profiles for insurges and outsurges are shown in Figure 2-1.

Transients identified as fluctuations (F) typically involve low surge flow rates and smaller temperature differences between the pressurizer and hot leg, so the resulting stratification stresses are much lower. This type of cycle is important to include in the analysis, but is generally not the major contributor to fatigue usage.

The development of transients which are applicable to Kewaunee was based on the work already accomplished under programs completed for the Westinghouse Owners Group [1,2,3]*. In this work all the Westinghouse plants were grouped

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*Numbers in brackets refer to references listed in Section 7.

based on the similarity of their response to stratification. The three most important factors influencing the effects of stratification were found to be the structural layout, support configuration, and plant operation.

The transients developed here, and used in the structural analysis, have taken advantage of the monitoring data collected during the WOG program, as well as operator interviews and historical operation data for the Kewaunee plant. Each of these will be discussed in the sections which follow.

2.2 System Design Information

The thermal design transients for a typical Reactor Coolant System, including the pressurizer surge line, are defined in Westinghouse Systems Standard Design Criteria.

The design transients for the surge line consist of two major categories:

(a) Heatup and Cooldown transients

(b) Normal and Upset operation transients (by definition, the emergency and faulted transients are not considered in the ASME Section III fatigue life assessment of components).

In the evaluation of surge line stratification, the typical FSAR chapter 3.9 definition of normal and upset design events and the number of occurrences of the design events remains unchanged.

The total number of heatup-cooldown cycles (200) remains unchanged. However, sub-events and the associated number of occurrences ("Label", "Type" and "Cycle" columns of Tables 2-1 and 2-2 have been defined to reflect stratification effects, as described later.

2.3 Stratification Effects Criteria and Development of Normal and Upset Transients

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2.4 Monitoring Results and Operator Interviews

2.4.1 Monitoring

Monitoring information collected as part of the Westinghouse Owners Group generic detailed analysis[3] was utilized in this analysis. Monitoring was performed at plants with similar layout, in addition to the Kewaunee plant. The monitoring programs used existing and installed temporary sensors on the surge line piping, as shown in Figure 2-2.

The pressurizer surge line monitoring programs utilized externally mounted temperature sensors (resistance temperature detectors or thermocouples). The temperature sensors were attached to the outside surface of the pipe at various circumferential and axial locations. In all cases these temperature sensors were securely clamped to the piping outer wall using hose clamps, taking care to properly insulate the area against heat loss due to thermal convection or radiation.

The typical temperature sensor configuration at a given pipe location consists of five sensors; however, the Kewaunee monitoring program used seven, mounted as shown in Figure 2-2. Temperature sensor configurations were mounted at various axial locations. The multiple axial locations give a good picture of how the top to bottom temperature distribution may vary along the longitudinal axis of the pipe. In addition, many pressurizer surge line monitoring programs utilized displacement sensors mounted at various axial locations to detect vertical movements, as shown in Figure 2-2. Typically, data were collected at [   ]^{a,c,e} intervals or less, during periods of high system delta T.

Existing plant instrumentation was used to record various system parameters. These system parameters were useful in correlating plant actions with stratification in the surge line. A list of typical plant parameters monitored is given below.

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Data from the temporary sensors was stored on magnetic floppy disks and converted to hard copy time history plots with the use of common spreadsheet software. Data from existing plant instrumentation was obtained from the utility plant computer.

2.4.2 Operational Practices

An operations interview was conducted at the Kewaunee plant on September 18, 1989. Since the maximum temperature difference between the pressurizer and

the reactor coolant loop occurs during the plant heatup and cooldown, operations during these events were the main topic of the interview. Figure 2-3 describes the heatup process, and Figure 2-4 is the corresponding plot for the cooldown process.

In both heatup and cooldown, the plant has an administrative limit of 320°F on temperature difference between pressurizer and reactor coolant system.

2.5 Historical Operation

A review of historical records from the plant (operator logs, surveillance test reports, etc.) was performed. From this review, two pieces of information were extracted: a characteristic maximum system delta T for each heatup and cooldown recorded, and the number of delta T exceedances of 320°F (Appendix D).

The number of actual heatups and cooldowns experienced to date and their associated system delta temperature are described below for the plant.

System ΔT Range (°F)	Number of Heatup & Cooldown Experienced to Date	Percentage of Heatup & Cooldown Occurrences

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This information was used to ensure that the transients analyzed for Kewaunee encompassed the prior operating history of the plant. Comparison of the above table to the numbers used in the evaluation, as seen in Figure 2-5, confirmed applicability to the plant. [

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2.6 Development of Heatup and Cooldown Transients

The heatup and cooldown transients used in the analysis were developed from a number of sources, as discussed in the overall approach. The transients were built upon the extensive work done for the Westinghouse Owners Group [1,2,3], coupled with plant specific considerations for Kewaunee. Plant specific considerations included past operating historical temperature data, and accounting for past and future operation with respect to whip restraint gap modifications.

The transients were developed based on monitoring data, historical operation and operator interviews conducted at a large number of plants, including Kewaunee. For each monitoring location, the top-to-bottom differential temperature (pipe delta T) vs. time was recorded, along with the temperatures of the pressurizer and hot leg during the same time period. The difference between the pressurizer and hot leg temperature was termed the system delta T.

From the pipe and system delta T information collected in the WOG[1,2,3] effort, individual plants' monitoring data was reduced to categorize stratification cycles (changes in relatively steady-state stratified conditions) using the rainflow cycle ounting method. This method considers delta T range as opposed to absolute values.

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The resulting distributions (for I/O transients) were cycles in each RSS range above 0.3, for each mode (5,4,3 and 2). A separate distribution was determined for each plant at the reactor coolant loop nozzle and a chosen critical pipe location. Next, a representative RSS distribution was

determined by multiplying the average number of occurrences in each RSS range by two. Therefore, there is margin of 100% on the average number of cycles per heatup in each mode of operation.

Transients, which are represented by delta T pipe with a corresponding number of cycles, were developed by combining the delta T system and cycle distributions. For mode 5, delta T system is represented by a historical system distribution developed from a number of WOG plants (generic distribution). Using data from a number of plants is beneficial as the resulting transients are more representative of a complete spectrum of operation than might be obtained from a smaller number of heatups and cooldowns. As discussed in Section 2.5, this historical delta T system distribution was shown to encompass the prior operating history of the Kewaunee plant. For modes 4, 3 and 2, the delta T system was defined by maximum values. The values were based on the maximum system delta T obtained from the monitored plants for each mode of operation.

An analysis was conducted to determine the average number of cycles per cooldown relative to the average number of cycles per heatup. [

]^{a,c,e} The transient cycles for all modes were then enveloped in ranges of ΔT_{pipe}, i.e., all cycles from transients within each ΔT_{pipe} range were added and assigned to the pre-defined ranges. These cycles were then applied in the fatigue analysis with the maximum ΔT_{pipe} for each range. The values used are as follows:

For Cycles Within Pipe Delta T Range   Pipe Delta T

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This grouping was done to simplify the fatigue analysis. The actual number of cycles used in the analysis for the heatup and cooldown events is shown in Table 2-2.

The final result of this complex process is a table of transients corresponding to the subevents of the heatup and cooldown process. A mathematical description of the process is given in Appendix C. [

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The critical location is the location with the highest combination of pipe delta T and number of stratification cycles.

Because of main coolant pipe flow effects, the stratification transient loadings at the reactor coolant hot leg nozzle are different. These transients have been applied to the main body of the nozzle as well as the pipe to nozzle girth butt weld.

Plant monitoring included sensors located near the nozzle to surge line pipe weld. Based on the monitoring, a set of transients was developed for the nozzle region to reflect conditions when stratification could occur in the nozzle. The primary factor affecting these transients was the flow in the main coolant pipe. Significant stratification was noted only when the reactor coolant pump was not operating in the loop with the surge line. Transients were then developed using a conservative number of "pump trips."

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]a,c,e Therefore, fatigue analysis of the nozzle was performed using the "nozzle transients" and the "pipe transients". The analysis included both the stratification loadings from the nozzle transients, and the pressure and bending loads from the piping transients.

Once the transients were generated, it was necessary to determine how many cycles of each should be considered with the past and future restraint configurations (see Section 3.0) for Kewaunee. The maximum number of heatups that the plant has experienced is 35 events. The past configuration resulted in more conservative stress ranges; therefore, an additional 6 heatup events were considered with the past restraint configuration, bringing the total number of events considered with the past restraint configuration to 41. The additional 6 heatups will account for operations until the modifications are made. The remaining 159 heatups were considered with the future restraint configuration. Transients that account for past and future restraint configuration are shown in Table 2-2 as "cycles before modification" and "cycles after modification".

The total transients for heatup and cooldown are identified as HC1 thru HC9 for the pipe, and HC1 thru HC9 for the nozzle as shown in Tables 2-2(a) and 2-2(b) respectively. Transients HC8 thru HC9 for the pipe and HC9 for the nozzle represent transients which occur during later stages of the heatup.

As indicated in Section 2.5, based on a review of the Kewaunee operating records, there were three events in which the system delta T exceeded the transient basis upper limit of [

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2.7 Axial Stratification Profile Development

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Two types of profile envelope the stratified temperature distributions observed and predicted to occur in the line. These two profiles are [

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Low flow profiles are characterized by a non-linear top to bottom temperature distribution in association with low fluid velocities. A typical low flow profile is shown in Figure 2-6. Low flow profiles are a function of the density difference between the two fluids and the flow rates of each. During low flow conditions the two fluids do not mix, because of the density difference, but prefer to separate with the heavier (colder) fluid filling the lower portions of the pipe. The interface, the point at which the two fluids meet, has a constant elevation along its entire length for steady state conditions. This characteristic is present because stratification is a gravity induced phenomenon.

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These three configurations are illustrated in Figure 2-7. [

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Review and study of the monitoring data for all the plants revealed a
consistent pattern of development of delta T as a function of distance from
the hot leg intersection. This pattern was consistent throughout the
heat-up/cooldown process, for a given plant geometry. This pattern was used
along with plant operating procedures to provide a realistic yet somewhat
conservative portrayal of the pipe delta T along the surge line.

The combination of the hot/cold interface and pipe delta T as functions of
distance along the surge line forms a signature profile for each individual
plant analyzed. [

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2.8 Striping Transients

The transients developed for the evaluation of thermal striping are shown in
Table 2-3.

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Striping transients use the labels HST and CST denoting striping transients (ST). Table 2-3 contains a summary of the HST1 to HST8 and CST1 to CST7 thermal striping transients which are similar in their definition of events to the heatup and cooldown transient definition.

These striping transients were developed during plant specific surge line evaluations and are considered to be a conservative representation of striping in the surge line[3]. Section 5 contains more information on specifically how the striping loading was considered in the fatigue evaluation.

TABLE 2-1
SURGE LINE TRANSIENTS WITH STRATIFICATION
NORMAL AND UPSET TRANSIENT LIST

			TEMPERATURES (°F)		
			MAX	NOMINAL	
LABEL	TYPE	CYCLES	ΔT_{Strat}	PRZ T	RCS T

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TABLE 2-1 (Cont'd.)

SURGE LINE TRANSIENTS WITH STRATIFICATION
NORMAL AND UPSET TRANSIENT LIST

			TEMPERATURES (°F)		
			MAX	NOMINAL	
LABEL	TYPE	CYCLES	ΔT_{Strat}	PRZ T	RCS T

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TABLE 2-2a
SURGE LINE PIPE TRANSIENTS WITH STRATIFICATION
HEATUP/COOLDOWN (HC) - 200 CYCLES TOTAL

			TEMPERATURES (°F)			CYCLES	CYCLES
			MAX	NOMINAL		BEFORE	AFTER
LABEL	TYPE	CYCLES	ΔT_{Strat}	FRZ T	RCS T	MODIFICATION	MODIFICATION

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TABLE 2-2b
SURGE LINE NOZZLE TRANSIENTS WITH STRATIFICATION
HEATUP/COOLDOWN (HC) - 200 CYCLES TOTAL

			TEMPERATURES (°F)			CYCLES	CYCLES
			MAX	NOMINAL		BEFORE	AFTER
LABEL	TYPE	CYCLES	ΔT_{Strat}	PRZ T	RCS T	MODIFICATION	MODIFICATION

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TABLE 2-3
SURGE LINE TRANSIENTS - STRIPING
FOR HEATUP (H) and COOLDOWN (C)

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Figure 2-1. Typical Insurge-Outsurge (I/O) Temperature Profiles

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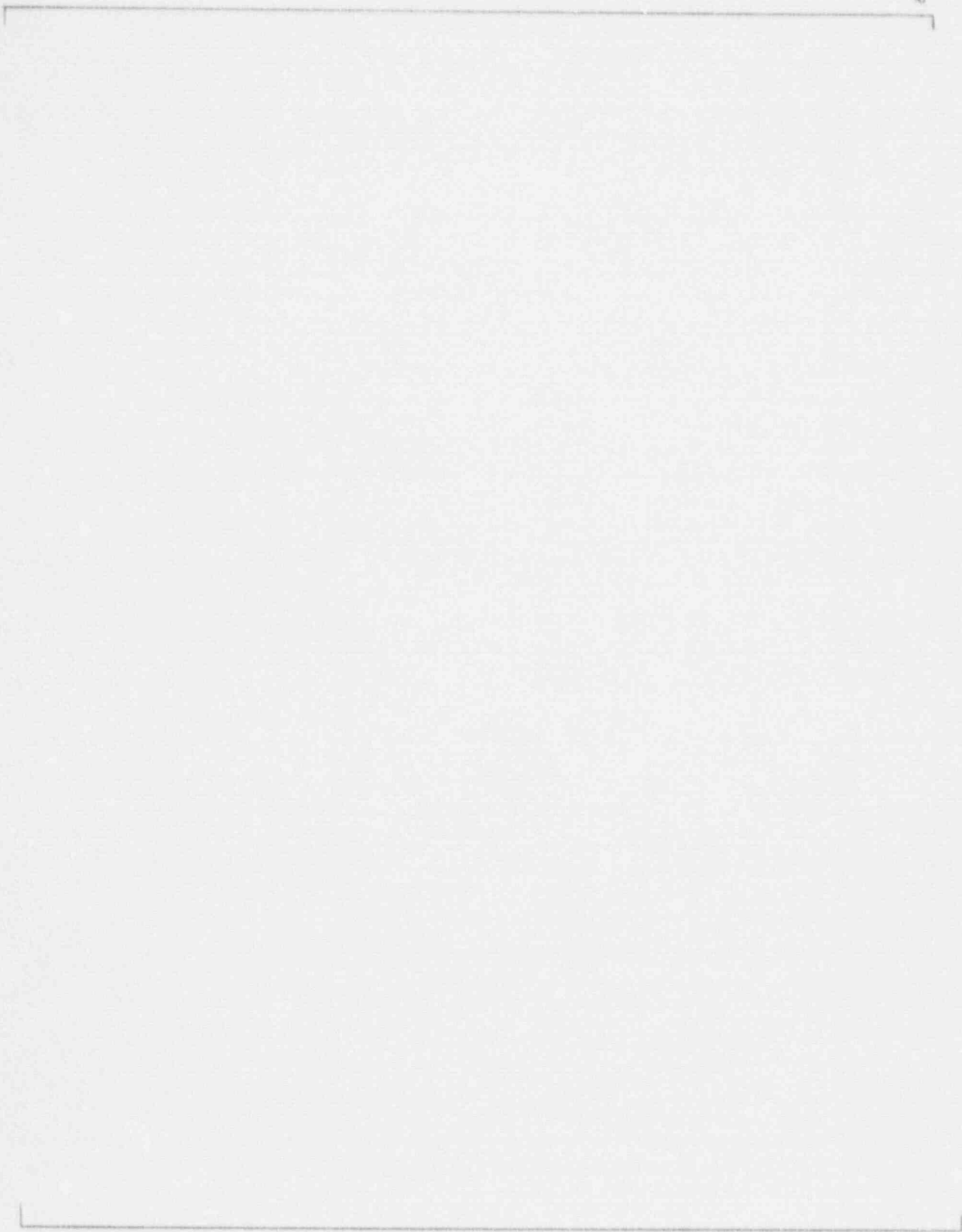
Figure 2-2. Monitoring Locations for Kewaunee Plant

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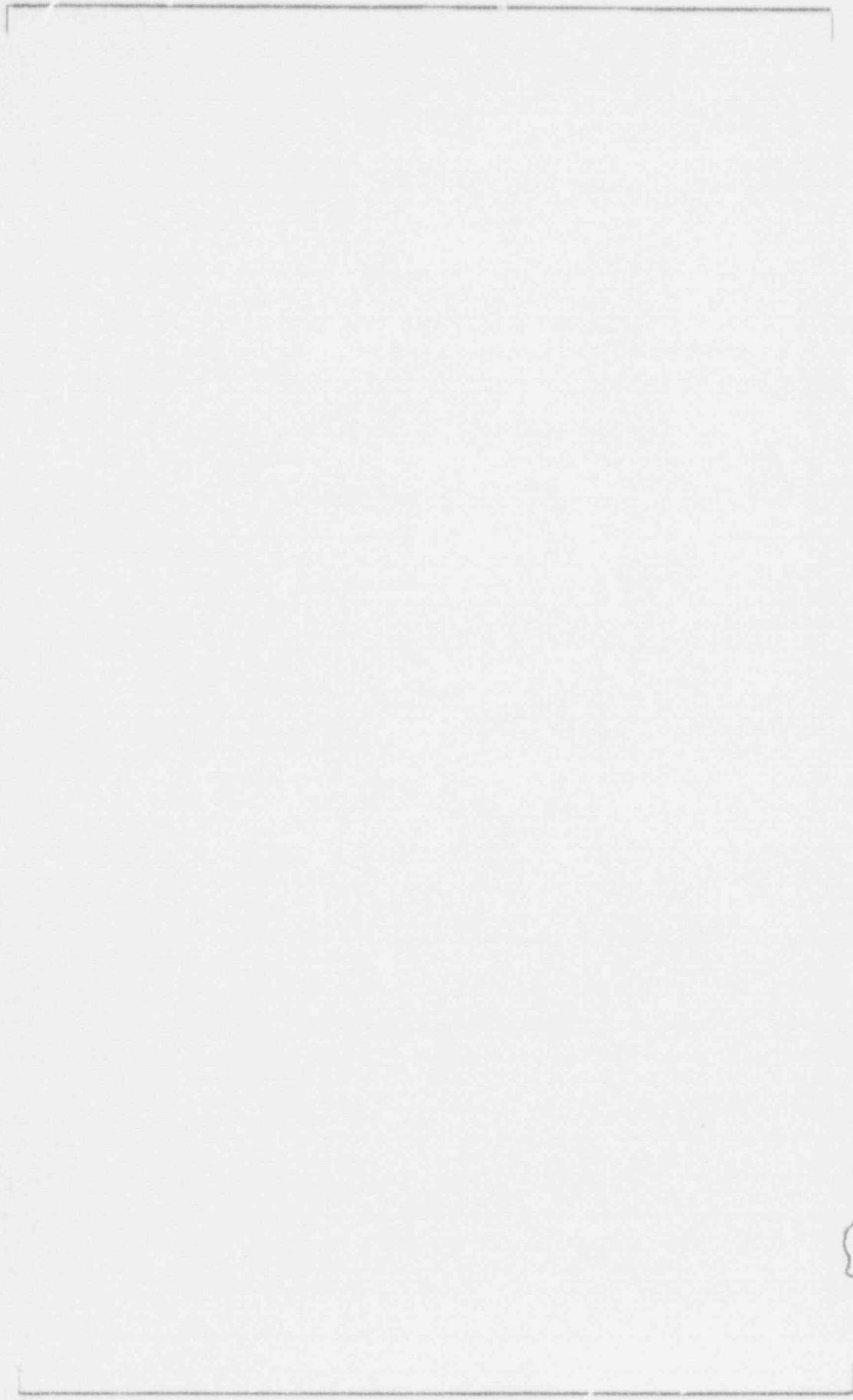
Figure 2-3.   Heatup Curve for Kewaunee

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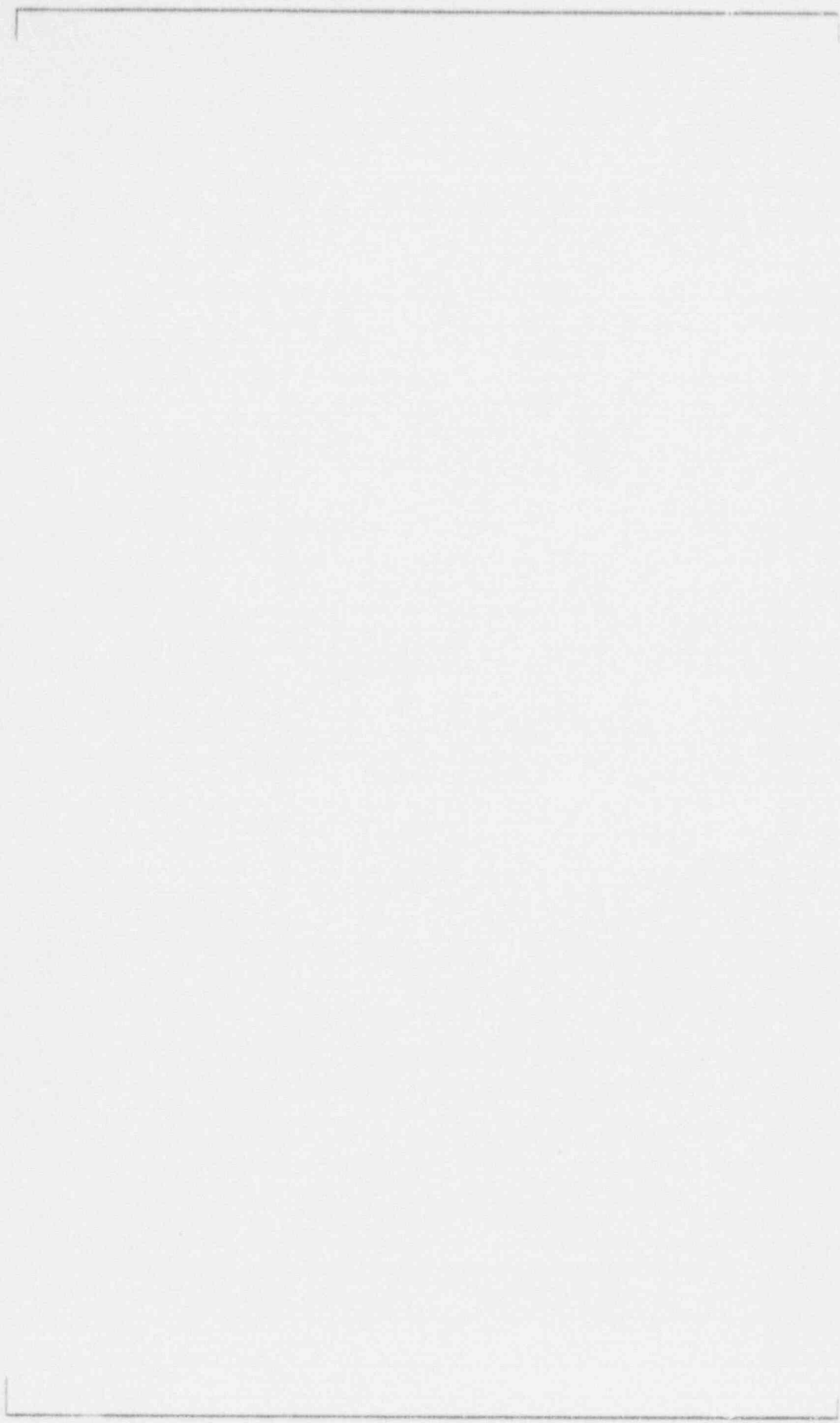
Figure 2-4. Cooldown Curve for Kewaunee

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Figure 2-5.   Summary of Historical Data from Kewaunee (Appendix D)
              Compared to Design Heatup and Cooldown for 40 Years

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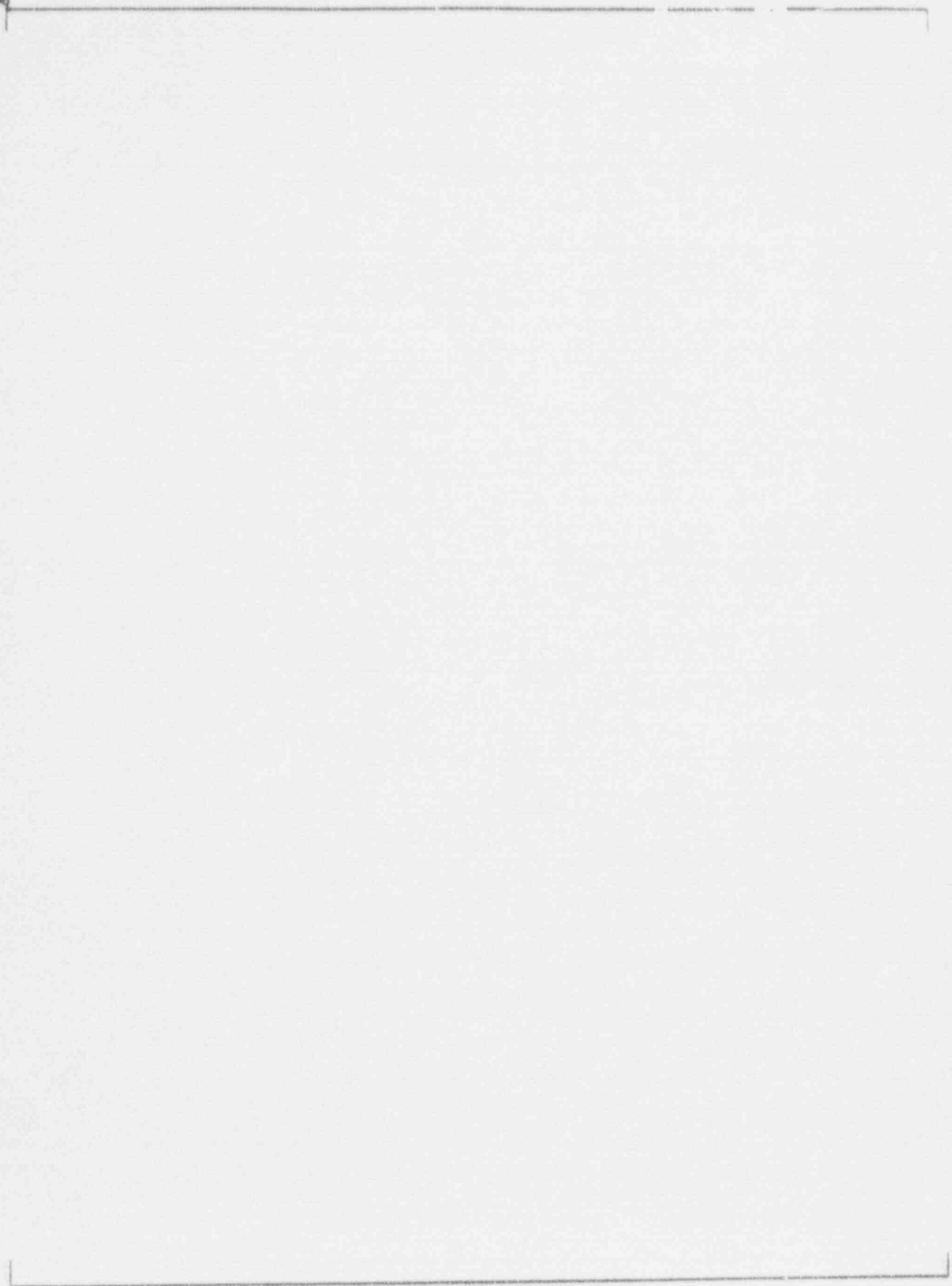
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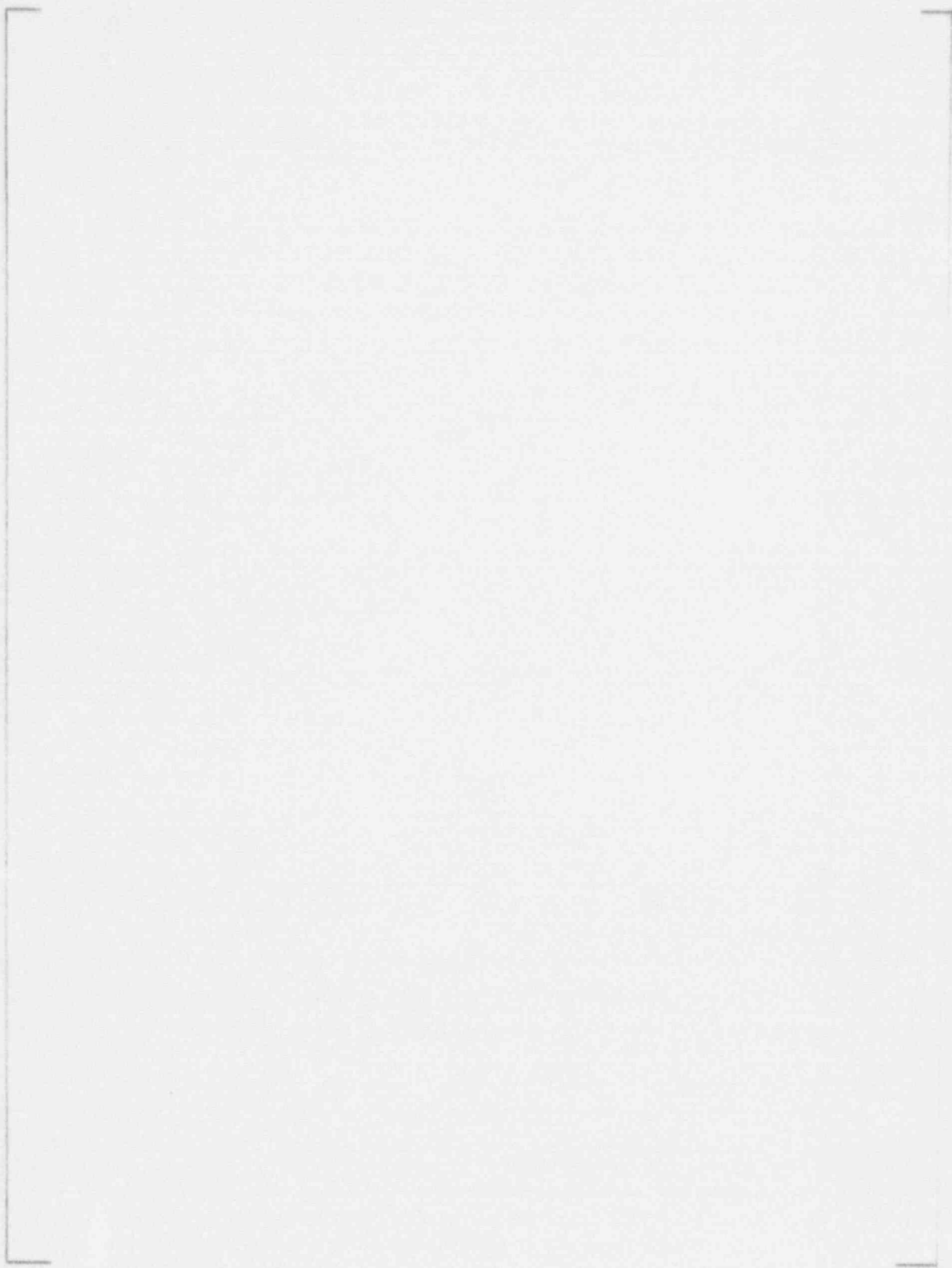
Figure 2-7.   Geometry Considerations

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Figure 2-8. Temperature Profiles for Low Flow Conditions
in the Kewaunee Surge Line

SECTION 3.0
STRESS ANALYSES

The flow diagram (Figure 3-1) describes the procedure to determine the effects of thermal stratificatio. n the pressurizer surge line based on transients developed in section 2.0. [

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3.1 Kewaunee Surge Line Layout

The Kewaunee surge line layout is documented in reference [5] and is shown schematically in Figure 3-2. Below is a table summarizing the existing Kewaunee surge line support configuration.

| Support	Node	Type
RR-134-1	1040	Pipe Whip Restraint
RR-134-2	1050	Pipe Whip Restraint
RR-134-3	1060	Pipe Whip Restraint
RR-134-4	1070	Pipe Whip Restraint
RR-134-5	1100	Pipe Whip Restraint
RR-134-6	1130	Pipe Whip Restraint
RR-134-7	1160	Pipe Whip Restraint
RR-134-8	1190	Pipe Whip Restraint
RR-134-9	1215	Pipe Whip Restraint
RC-H41	1080	Spring Hanger

It can be seen from the table above that the Kewaunee surge line contains no vertical rigid supports but many pipe whip restraints, which usually result in high thermal loads during stratification. As a result of the thermal stratification analysis, plans have been made to modify the available gap sizes at whip restraint locations in the near future to allow sufficient gaps

for thermal stratification movement. Therefore, in the global structural analysis, two models were prepared for: (i) existing support configuration with existing gaps, and (ii) future support configuration with all gaps large enough and sufficient travel allowance in the spring can to accommodate all thermal conditions.

The piping size is 10 inch schedule 140 and the pipe material is stainless steel for the surge line.

Experience with the analysis of thermal stratification has indicated that surge line layout [

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3.2 Piping System Global Structural Analysis

The piping system was modeled by pipe, elbow, and linear and non-linear spring elements using the ANSYS computer code in Appendix A. The geometric and material parameters are included. [

]^{a,c,e} A linear spring element is used to model the spring hanger, and non-linear spring elements are used for the whip restraints. The potential for the spring hanger exceeding its displacement tolerance should be checked, as discussed in Section 4.

For the Kewaunee surge line design with the existing support configurations, under the normal thermal and thermal stratification loadings, many unintended thermal constraint conditions occurred at the pipe whip restraint locations. This is mainly due to the fact that the pipe whip restraints were originally designed with the considerations of the normal thermal expansion loading only, and consequently, less than adequate gap clearance for the higher

displacements resulting from stratification can exist in the pipe whip restraints. [

]a,c,e For the future support configuration, all pipe whip restraints are to be removed or gaps are to be opened large enough so that no unintended thermal constraint will occur.

The hot-cold temperature interface along the length of a surge line [

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Each thermal profile loading defined in section 2 was broken into [

]a,c,e Table 3-1 shows the loading cases considered in the analysis. Within each operation the [

]a,c,e Consequently, all the thermal transient loadings defined in section 2 could be evaluated.

The pressurizer and RCL temperature listed in Table 3-1 reflect the approximate system ΔT. System temperatures are used only to define the boundary displacements at both RCL and pressurizer nozzles.

In order to meet the ASME Section III Code stress limits, global structural models of the surge line for existing and future support configurations were developed using the information provided by reference [5] and the ANSYS general purpose finite element computer code. Each model was constructed using [

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For the stratified condition, [

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The global piping stress analyses were based on two models for Kewaunee. The first model represents the existing whip restraint gap configuration and the second model represents the future configuration (without restraint contact). The results of the ANSYS global structural analysis provides the thermal expansion moments. The ASME Section III equation (12) stress intensity range was evaluated for both gapped and no restraint configurations. For the existing gapped configuration, system delta T's of 334°F, 331°F and 321°F were evaluated in addition to 320°F. For the future (no restraint) configuration, a system delta T = 320°F was evaluated as discussed in Section 2.0. The maximum ASME equation (12) stress intensity range in the surge line was found to be under the code allowable of 3Sm for future support configuration. Maximum equation (12) and equation (13) stress intensity ranges are shown in Table 3-2.

The pressurizer nozzle loads from thermal stratification in the surge line were also evaluated according to the requirements of the ASME code. The evaluation using transients detailed in Reference [12] plus the moment loading from this analysis, included the calculations of primary plus secondary stress intensities and the fatigue usage factors. The maximum stress intensity range is 32.39 ksi comparing to the code allowable value of 57.9 ksi, and the maximum fatigue usage factor will be reported in Section 5. It was found that the Kewaunee pressurizer nozzle met the code stress requirements.

In order to superimpose local and global stresses, several stress analyses were performed using the 3-D pipe model. [

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3.3 Local Stresses-Methodology and Results

3.3.1 Explanation of Local Stress

Figure 3-3 depicts the local axial stress components in a beam with a sharply nonlinear metal temperature gradient. Local axial stresses develop due to the restraint of axial expansion or contraction. This restraint is provided by the material in the adjacent beam cross section. For a linear top-to-bottom temperature gradient, the local axial stress would not exist. [

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3.3.2 Finite Element Model of Pipe for Local Stress

A short description of the pipe finite element model is summarized below. The model with thermal boundary conditions is shown in Figure 3-4. Due to symmetry of the geometry and thermal loading, only half of the cross section was required for modeling and analysis. [

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3.3.3 Pipe Local Stress Results

Figure 3-5 shows the temperature distributions through the pipe wall [

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3.3.4 RCL Hot Leg Nozzle Analysis

A detailed surge line nozzle finite element model was developed to evaluate the effects of thermal stratification. The model is shown in Figure 3-9. [

$]^{a,c,e}$ A summary of stresses in the RCL nozzle location 1 due to thermal stratification is given in Table 3-3.

3.4 Total Stress from Global and Local Analyses

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3.5 Thermal Striping

3.5.1 Background

At the time when the feedwater line cracking problems in PWR's were first
discovered, it was postulated that thermal oscillations (striping) may
significantly contribute to the fatigue cracking problems. These oscillations
were thought to be due to either mixing of hot and cold fluid, or turbulence
in the hot-to-cold stratification layer from strong buoyancy forces during low
flow rate conditions. (See Figure 3-10 which shows the thermal striping
fluctuation in a pipe). Thermal striping was verified to occur during
subsequent flow model tests. Results of the flow model tests were used to
establish boundary conditions for the stratification analysis and to provide
striping oscillation data for evaluating high cycle fatigue.

Thermal striping was also examined during water model flow tests performed for
the Liquid Metal Fast Breeder Reactor primary pipe loop. The stratified flow
was observed to have a dynamic interface region which oscillated in a wave
pattern. These dynamic oscillations were shown to produce significant fatigue
damage (primary crack initiation). The same interface oscillations were
observed in experimental studies of thermal striping which were performed in

Japan by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries. The thermal striping evaluation process was discussed in detail in reference [3], and is also discussed in references [7], [8], and [9].

3.5.2 Thermal Striping Stresses

Thermal striping stresses are a result of differences between the pipe inside surface wall and the average through wall temperatures which occur with time, due to the oscillation of the hot and cold stratified boundary. (See Figure 3-11 which shows a typical temperature distribution through the pipe wall). [

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The peak stress range and stress intensity was calculated from a 3-D finite element analysis. [

$$]^{a,c,e}$$ The methods used to determine alternating stress intensity are defined in the ASME code. Several locations were evaluated in order to determine the location where stress intensity was a maximum.

Stresses were intensified by K_3 to account for the worst stress concentration for all piping elements in the surge line. The worst piping element was the butt weld.

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3.5.3 Factors Which Affect Striping Stress

* The factors which affect striping are discussed briefly below:

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TABLE 3-1

TEMPERATURE DATA USED IN THE ANALYSIS

Type of Operation	Max System $\Delta T(°F)$	Analysis Cases	Pressurizer Temp (°F)	RCL Temp (°F)	T_{Top} (°F)	T_{Bot} (°F)	Pipe ΔT (°F)

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TABLE 3-2
Summary of Kewaunee Surge Line
Thermal Stratification Maximum Stress Results

	Support Configuration		
ASME Code Equation	Existing+	Future*	Code Allowable
12	58.7	52.3	53.0
13	44.2	44.2	50.1

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* Future represents the support configuration of no restraint contact and no spring can bottomed out with system $\Delta T = 320°F$

+ Existing represents the current support configurations with maximum system $\Delta T = 334°F$

TABLE 3-3
KEWAUNEE SURGE LINE
MAXIMUM LOCAL AXIAL STRESS AT [   ]^{a,c,e}
(10" - 140)

| | | Local Axial Stress (psi) | |
| Location | Surface | Maximum Tensile | Maximum Compressive |

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]^{a,c,e}

TABLE 3-4

STRIPING FRE JENCY AT 2 MAXIMUM LOCATIONS FROM 15 TEST RUNS

		Frequency (HZ)				Total Du.ation # Cycles
Min	% (Duration)	Max	% (Duration)	Avg	% (Duration)	Lgth. in Seconds

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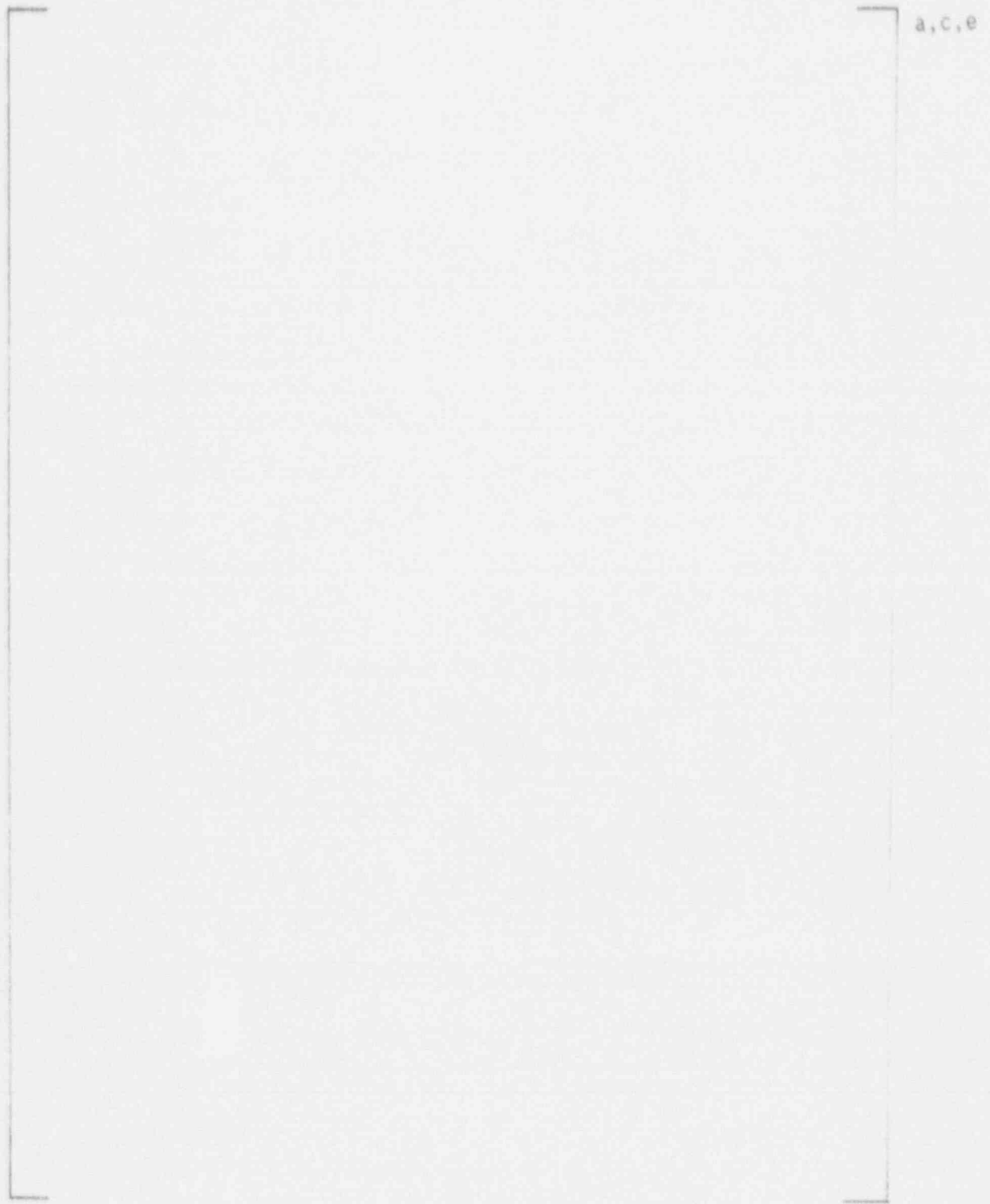
Figure 3-1. Schematic of Stress Analysis Procedure
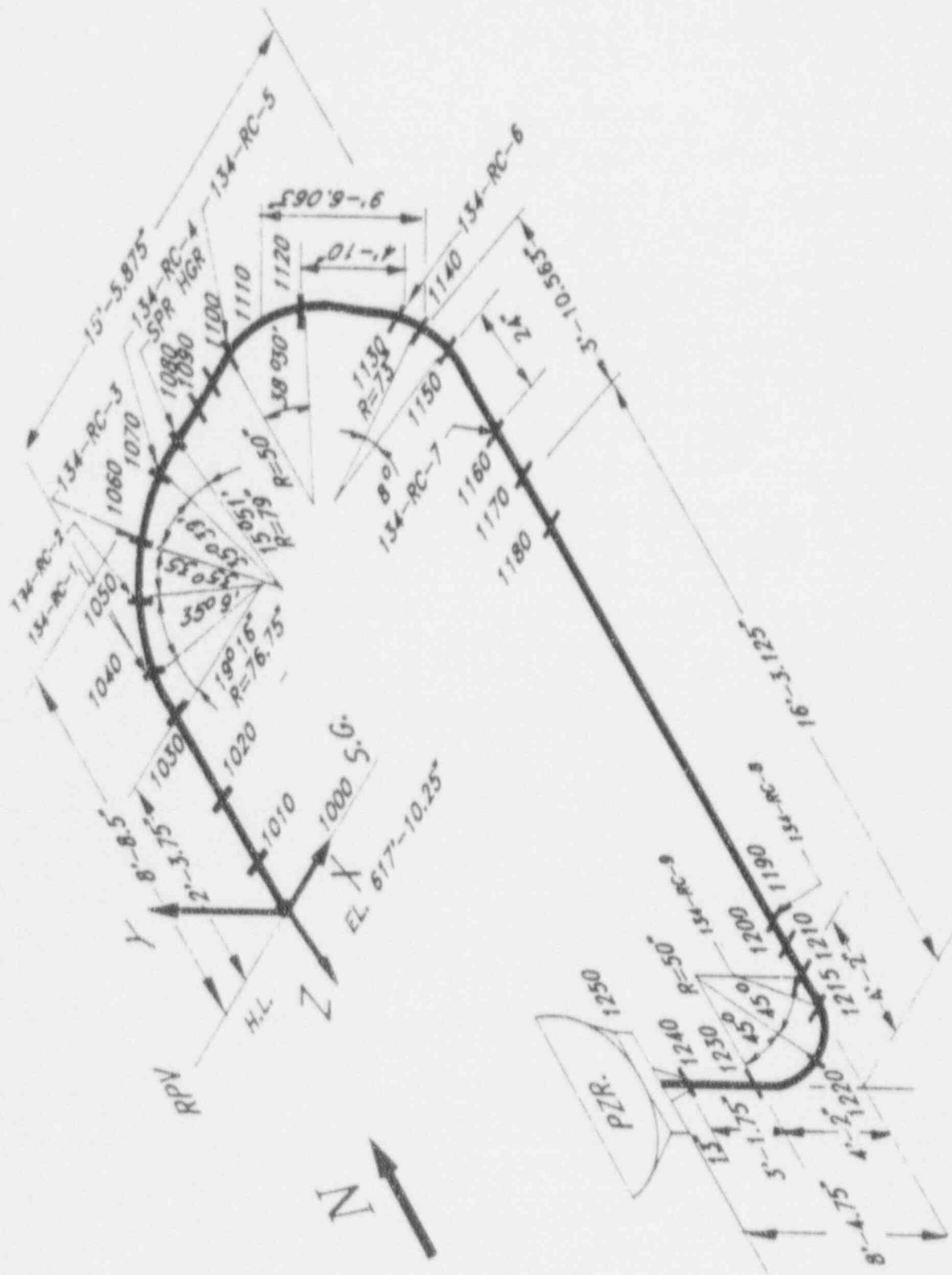
Figure 3-2. Pressurizer Surge Line Layout: Kewaunee

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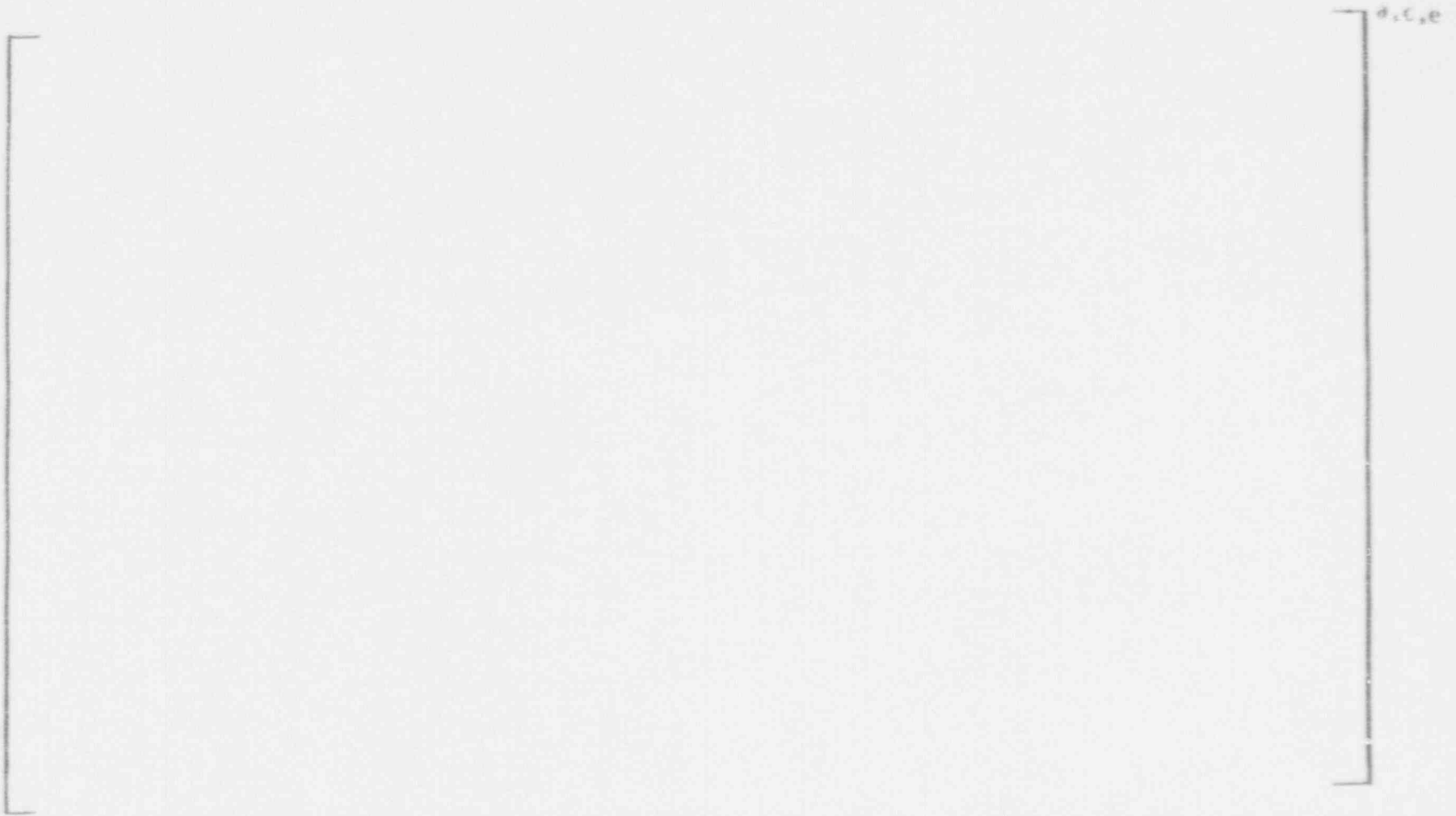
Figure 3-3. Local Axial Stress in Piping Due to Thermal Stratification

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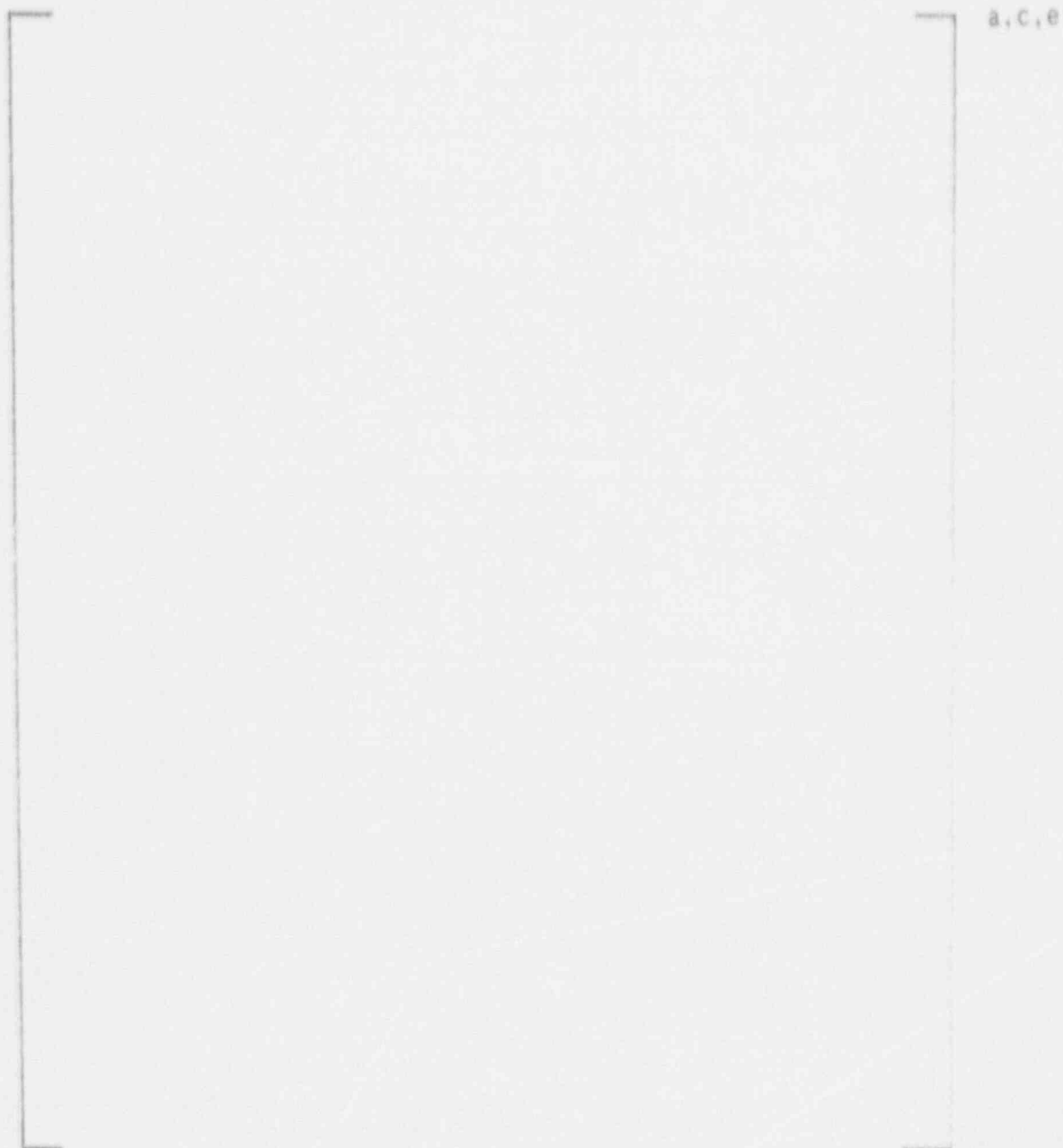
Figure 3-4. Piping Local Stress Model and Thermal Boundary Conditions
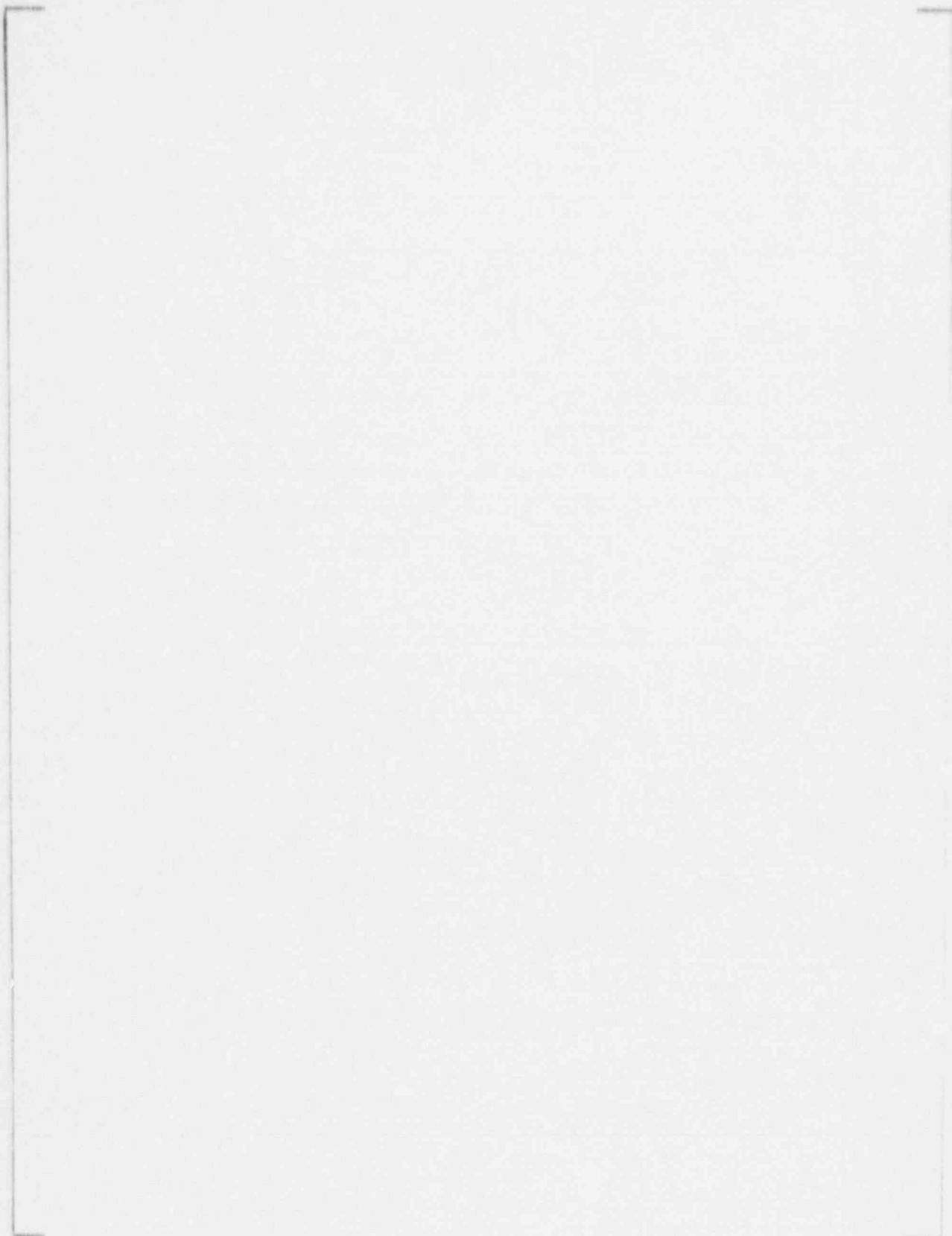
Figure 3-5. Surge Line Temperature Distribution at [   ]^{a,c,e} Axial
Locations

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a,c,e
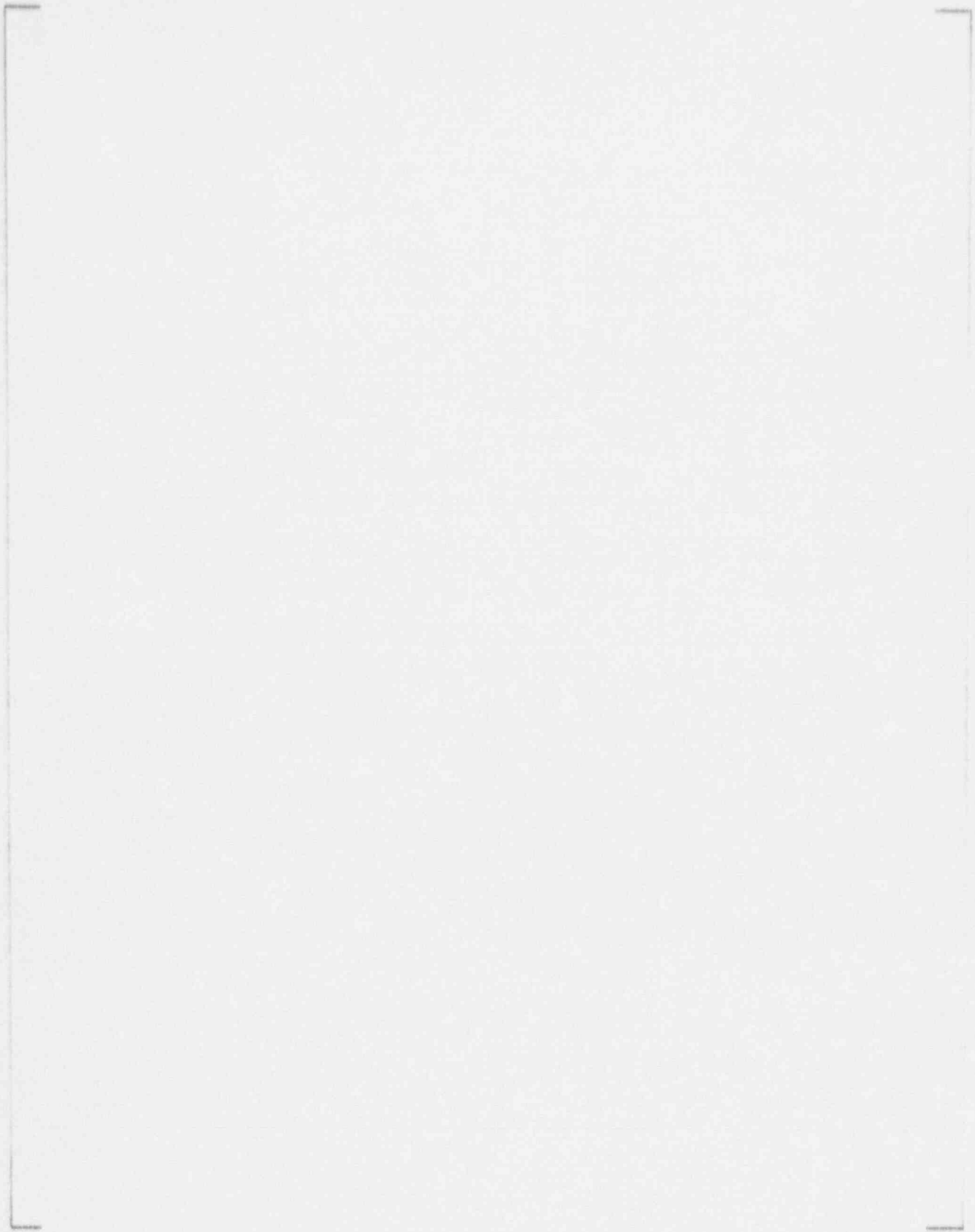
Figure 3-6. Surge Line Local Axial Stress Distribution at [   ]a,c,e
          Axial Locations

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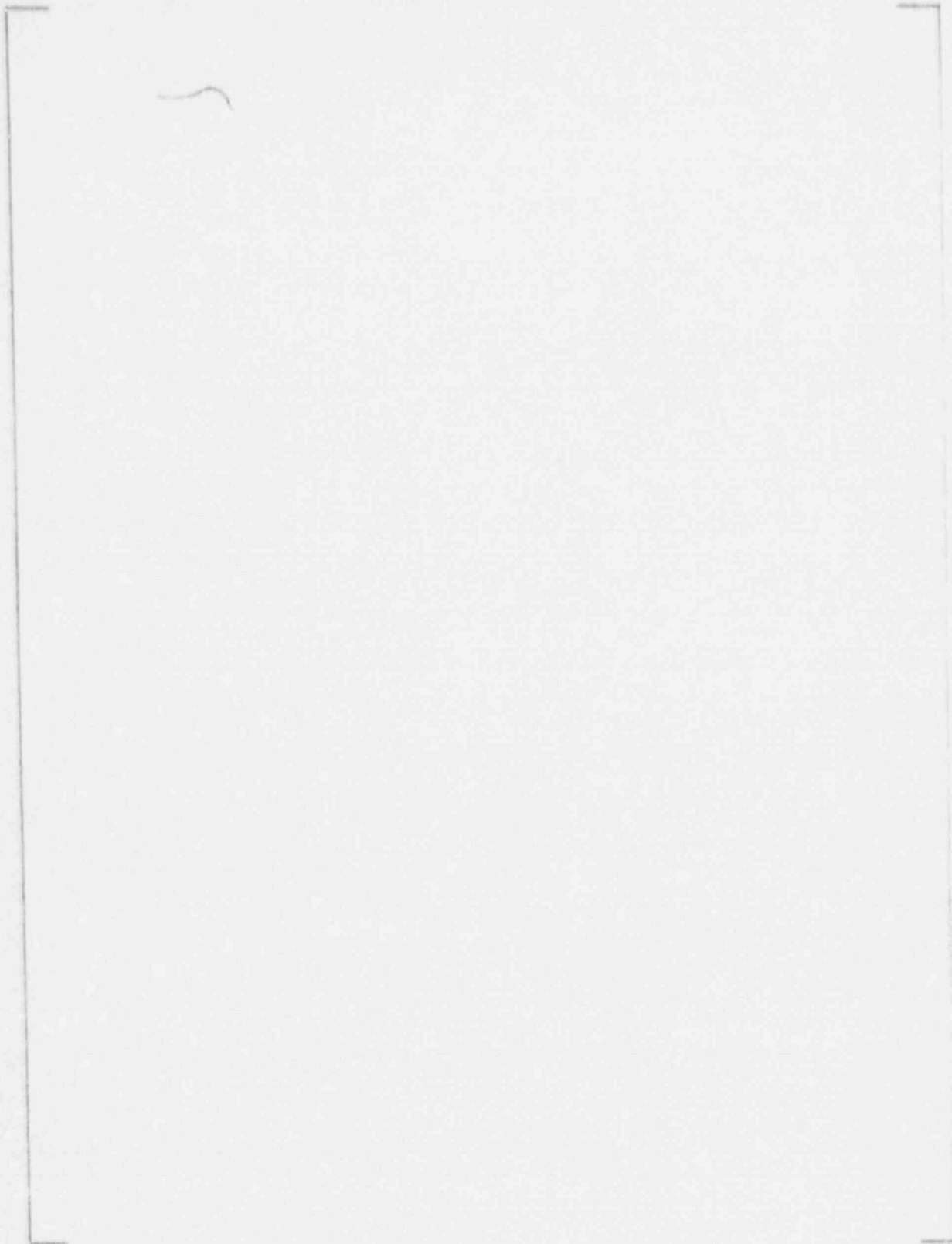
Figure 3-7. Surge Line Local Axial Stress on Inside Surface at
[   ]^{a,c,e} Axial Locations

a,c,e

Figure 3-8.   Surge Line Local Axial Stress on Outside Surface at
[   ]^{a,c,e} Axial Locations

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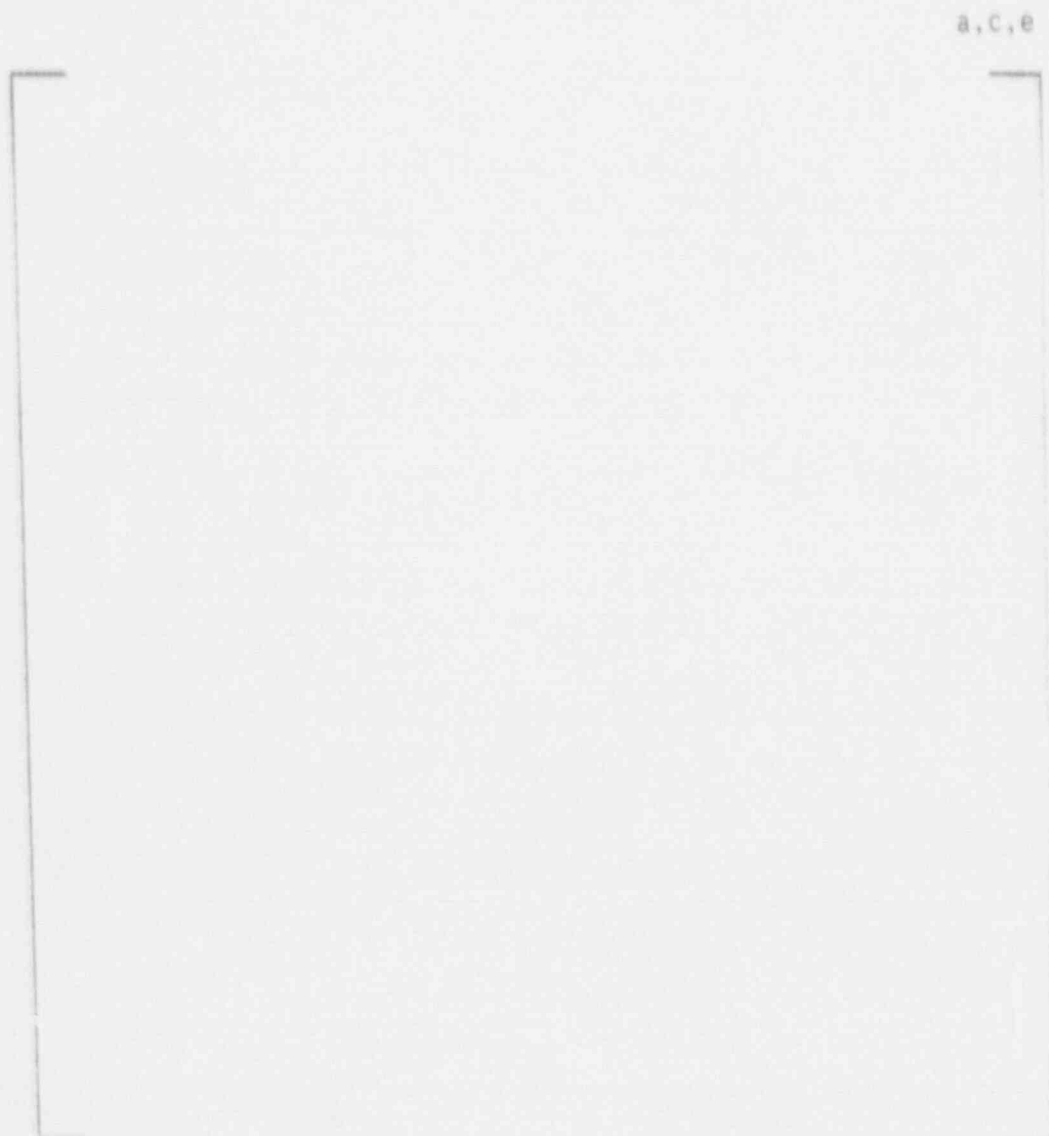
Figure 3-9. Surge Line RCL Nozzle 3-D WECAN Model: 10 Inch Schedule 140

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Figure 3-10.   Thermal Striping Fluctuation

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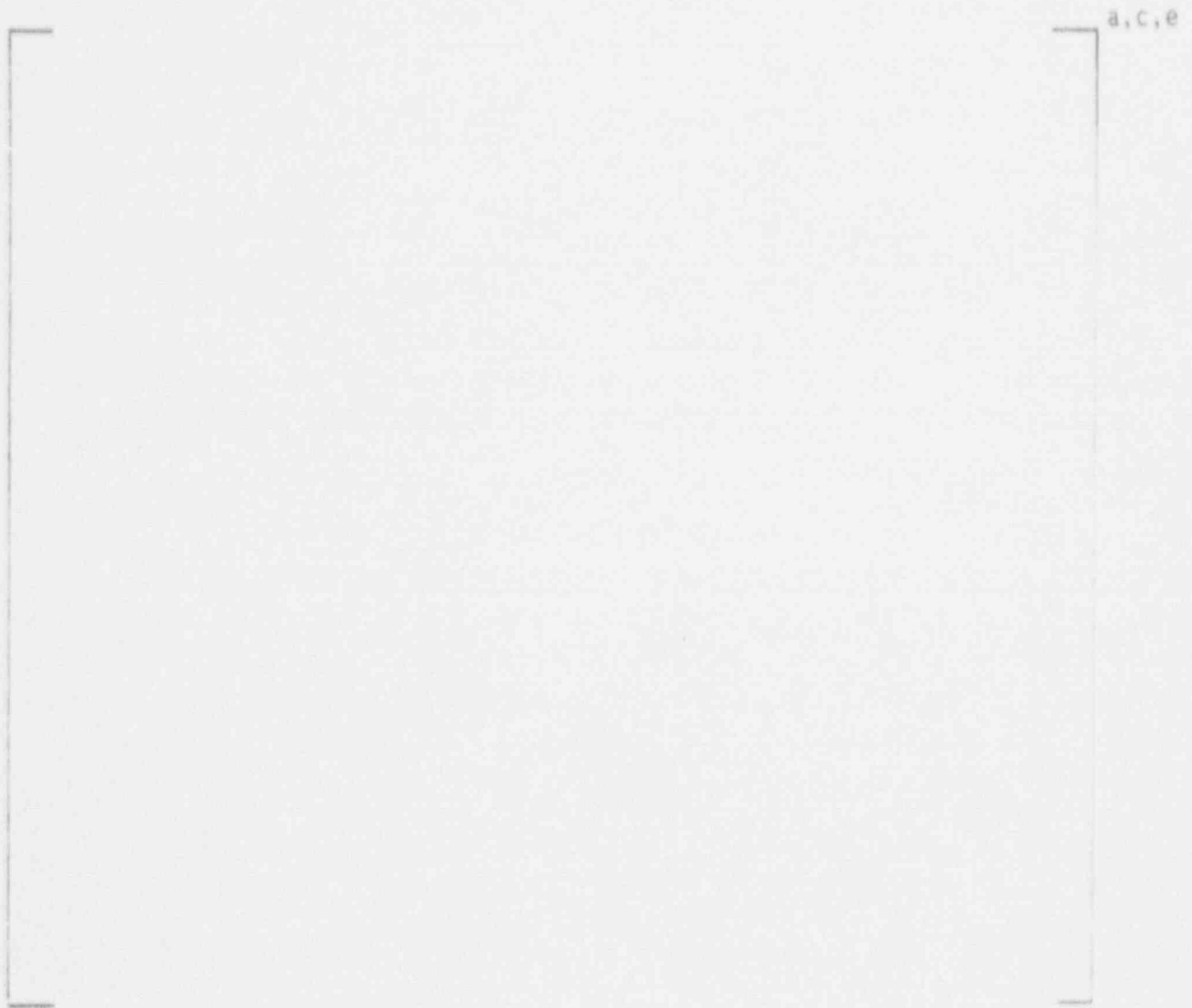
Figure 3-11. Thermal Striping Temperature Distribution

SECTION 4.0
DISPLACEMENTS AT SUPPORT LOCATIONS

The Kewaunee plant specific support displacements along the surge line were calculated under the thermal stratification and normal thermal loads for both existing and future support configurations. Tables 4-1 and 4-2 show the maximum values of the support displacements in the surge line. For the future design consideration, the support displacements presented in the corresponding column of Tables 4-1 and 4-2 are provided for verification relative to their design.

All support displacements listed in Tables 4-1 and 4-2 should be verified, to ensure that the spring hanger (RC-H41) has enough travel allowance. Insufficient allowance would result in an unevaluated condition for thermal stratification. For the displacements at pipe whip restraint locations, enough gaps should be maintained between the pipe outside surface and the whip restraint surface so that the pipe will be free to move during all normal and stratified thermal conditions.

For the existing support configuration, the whip restraints predicted to contact the pipe are RR-134-2 and RR-134-4 under maximum thermal stratification, and RR-134-3, RR-134-4, RR-134-6, and RR-134-9 under normal thermal expansion.

TABLE 4-1

Maximum Support Displacement* (inches)
Under Thermal Stratification

Displacements at Support Locations

		Existing Configuration			Future Configuration +		
Support	Node	DX	DY	DZ	DX	DY	DZ

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Displacement at Whip Restraint Locations

		Existing Configuration			Future Configuration +		
Support	Node	DX	DY	DZ	DX	DY	DZ

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]a,c,e

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* With maximum system ΔT=320°F during heat/cooldown and maximum system ΔT=203°F during normal operation; and X along plant East, Y vertically upward, and Z by the right hand rule (see Figure 3-2).

+ Future configuration represents no pipe whip restraint contact and no spring can bottomed out.

TABLE 4-2

Maximum Support Displacement* (inches)
Under Normal Thermal Expansion

Displacements at Support Locations

Support	Node	Existing Configuration			Future Configuration +		
		DX	DY	DZ	DX	DY	DZ

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Displacement at Whip Restraint Locations

Support	Node	Existing Configuration			Future Configuration +		
		DX	DY	DZ	DX	DY	DZ

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* With surge line uniform temperature of 653°F; and X along plant East, Y vertically upward, and Z by the right hand rule (see Figure 3-2).

+ Future configuration represents no pipe whip restraint contact and no spring can bottomed out.

SECTION 5.0
ASME SECTION III FATIGUE USAGE FACTOR EVALUATION

5.1 Methodology

Surge line fatigue evaluations have typically been performed using the methods of ASME Section III, NB-3600 for all piping components [

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of the nature of the stratification loading, as well as the magnitudes of the stresses produced, the more detailed and accurate methods of NB-3200 were employed using finite element analysis for all loading conditions. Application of these methods, as well as specific interpretation of Code stress values to evaluate fatigue results, is described in this section.

Inputs to the fatigue evaluation included the transients developed in section 2.0, and the global loadings and resulting stresses obtained using the methods described in section 3.0. In general, the stresses due to stratification were categorized according to the ASME Code methods and used to evaluate Code stresses and fatigue cumulative usage factors. It should be noted that, [

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5.1.1 Basis

The ASME Code, Section III, 1986 (Reference [4]) Edition was used to evaluate fatigue on surge lines with stratification loading. This was based on the requirement of NRC Bulletin 88-11 [6] (Appendix B of this report) to use the "latest ASME Section III requirements incorporating high cycle fatigue".

Specific requirements for class 1 fatigue evaluation of piping components are given in NB-3653. These requirements must be met for Level A and Level B type loadings according to NB-3653 and NB-3654.

According to NB-3611 and NB-3630, the methods of NB-3200 may be used in lieu of the NB-3600 methods. This approach was used to evaluate the surge line components under stratification loading. Since the NB-3650 requirements and equations correlate to those in NB-3200, the results of the fatigue evaluation are reported in terms of the NB-3650 piping stress equations. These equations and requirements are summarized in Table 5-1.

The methods used to evaluate these requirements for the surge line components are described in the following sections.

5.1.2 Fatigue Stress Equations

Stress Classification

The stresses in a component are classified in the ASME Code based on the nature of the stress, the loading that causes the stress, and the geometric characteristics that influence the stress. This classification determines the acceptable limits on the stress values and, in terms of NB-3653, the respective equation where the stress should be included. Table NB-3217-2 provides guidance for stress classification in piping components, which is reflected in terms of the NB-3653 equations.

The terms in Equations 10, 11, 12 and 13 include stress indices which adjust nominal stresses to account for secondary and peak effects for a given component. Equations 10, 12 and 13 calculate secondary stresses, which are obtained from nominal values using stress indices C1, C2, C3 and C3' for pressure, moment and thermal transient stresses. Equation 11 includes the K1, K2 and K3 indices in the pressure, moment and thermal transient stress terms in order to represent peak stresses caused by local concentration, such as notches and weld effects. The NB-3653 equations use simplified formulas to

determine nominal stress based on straight pipe dimensions. [

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For the PCL nozzles, three dimensional (3-D) finite element analysis was used
as described in Section 3.0. [

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Classification of local stress due to thermal stratification was addressed
with respect to the thermal transient stress terms in the NB-3653 equations.
Equation 10 includes a Ta-Tb term, classified as "Q" stress in NB-3200, which
represents stress due to differential thermal expansion at gross structural
continuities. [

]ª,c,e The impact of this on
the selection of components for evaluation is discussed in Section 5.1.3.

Stress Combinations

The stresses in a given component due to pressure, moment and local thermal stratification loadings were calculated using the finite element models described in Section 3.0. [

]^{a,c,e} This was done for specific components as follows:

1) [

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c) [

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From the stress profiles created, the stresses for Equations 10 and 11 could be determined for any point in the section. Experience with the geometries and loading showed that certain points in the finite element models consistently produced the worst case fatigue stresses and resulting usage factors, in each stratified axial location. [

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Equation 12 Stress

Code Equation 12 stress represents the maximum range of stress due to thermal expansion moments as described in Section 3.2. This used an enveloping approach, identifying the highest stressed location in the model. By evaluating the worst locations in this manner, the remaining locations were inherently addressed.

Equation 13 Stress

Equation 13 stress, presented in Section 3.2, is due to pressure, design mechanical loads and differential thermal expansion at structural discontinuities. Based on the transient set defined for stratification, the design pressures were not significantly different from previous design transients. Design mechanical loads are defined by the design specification for surge lines built to the ASME Code.

The "Ta-Tb" term of Equation 13 is only applicable at structural discontinuities. [

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Thermal Stress Ratchet

The requirements of NB-3222.5 are a function of the thermal transient stress and pressure stress in a component, and are independent of the global moment loading. As such these requirements were evaluated for controlling components using applicable stresses due to pressure and stratification transients.

<u>Allowable Stresses</u>

Allowable stress, Sm, was determined based on note 3 of Figure NB-3222-1. For secondary stress due to a temperature transient or thermal expansion loads ("restraint of free end deflection"), the value of Sm was taken as the average of the Sm values at the highest and lowest temperatures of the metal during the transient. The metal temperatures were determined from the transient definition. When part of the secondary stress was due to mechanical load, the value of Sm was taken at the highest metal temperature during the transient.

5.1.3 Selection of Components for Evaluation

Based on the results of the global analyses and the considerations for controlling stresses in Section 5.1.2, [

$]^{a,c,e}$ The method to evaluate usage factors using stresses determined according to Section 3.0 is described below.

5.2 <u>Fatigue Usage Factors</u>

Cumulative usage factors were calculated for the controlling components using the methods described in NB-3222.4(e), based on NB-3653.5. Application of these methods is summarized below.

<u>Transient Loadcases and Combinations</u>

From the transients described in Section 2.0, specific loadcases were developed for the usage evaluation. [

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Each loadcase was assigned the number of cycles of the associated transient as defined in Section 2.0. These were input to the usage factor evaluation, along with the stress data as described above.

Usage factors were calculated at controlling locations in the component as follows:

1) Equation 10, Ke, Equation 11 and resulting Equation 14 (alternating stress - Salt) are calculated as described above for every possible combination of the loadsets.

2) For each value of Salt, the design fatigue curve was used to determine the maximum number of cycles which would be allowed if this type of cycle were the only one acting. These values, N_1, $N_2 \ldots N_n$, were determined from Code Figures I-9.2.1 and I-9.2.2, curve C, for austenitic stainless steels.

3) Using the actual cycles of each transient loadset, n_1, $n_2, \ldots n_n$, calculate the usage factors U_1, $U_2 \ldots U_n$ from $U_i = n_i/N_i$. This is done for all possible combinations. Cycles are used up for each combination in the order of decreasing Salt. When N_i is greater than 10^{11} cycles, the value of U_i is taken as zero.

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4) The cumulative usage factor, Ucum, was calculated as Ucum = U_1 + U_2 + ... + U_n. To this was added the usage factor due to thermal striping, as described below, to obtain total Ucum. The Code allowable value is 1.0.

5.3 Fatigue Due to Thermal Striping

The usage factors calculated using the methods of Section 5.2 do not include the effects of thermal striping. [

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Thermal striping stresses are a result of differences between the pipe inside surface wall and the average through wall temperatures which occur with time, due to the oscillation of the hot and cold stratified boundary. This type of stress is defined as a thermal discontinuity peak stress for ASME fatigue analysis. The peak stress is then used in the calculation of the ASME fatigue usage factor.

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                        ]^{a,c,e} The methods used to determine alternating stress intensity are defined in the ASME code. Several locations were evaluated in order to determine the location where stress intensity was a maximum.

Thermal striping transients are shown as a ΔT level and number of cycles. The striping ΔT for each cycle of every transient is assumed to attenuate and follow the slope of the curve shown on Figure 5-2. Figure 5-2 is conservatively represented by a series of 5 degree temperature steps. Each step lasts [ ]^{a,c,e} seconds. Fluctuations are then calculated at each temperature step. Since a constant frequency of [ ]^{a,c,e} is used in all of the usage factor calculations, the total fluctuations per step is constant and becomes:

[ ]^{a,c,e}

Each striping transient is a group of steps with [ ]^{a,c,e} fluctuations per step. For each transient, the steps begin at the maximum ΔT and decreases by [ ]^{a,c,e} steps down to the endurance limit of ΔT equal to [ ]^{a,c,e} The cycles for all transients which have a temperature step at the same level were added together. This became the total cycles at a step. The total cycles were multiplied by [ ]^{a,c,e} to obtain total fluctuations. This results in total fluctuations at each step. This calculation is performed for each step plateau from [ ]^{a,c,e} to obtain total fluctuations. Allowable fluctuations and ultimately a usage factor at each plateau is calculated from the stress which exists at the ΔT for each step. The total striping usage factor is the sum of all usage factors from each plateau.

The usage factor due to striping, alone, was calculated to be a maximum of [ ]^{a,c,e} This is reflected in the results to be discussed below.

5.4 <u>Fatigue Usage Results</u>

NRC Bulletin 88-11 requires fatigue analysis be performed in accordance with the latest ASME III requirements incorporating high cycle fatigue and thermal stratification transients. ASME fatigue usage factors have been calculated considering the phenomenon of thermal stratification and thermal striping at various locations in the surge line. Total stresses included [ ]^{a,c,e}

[

]a,c,e The total stresses for all transients in the
bounding set were used to form combinations to calculate alternating stresses
and resulting fatigue damage in the manner defined by the Code. Of this total
stress, the stresses in the 10 inch schedule 140 pipe due to [

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The maximum usage factor on the Kewaunee surge line occurred at [

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It is also concluded that the Kewaunee pressurizer surge nozzle will withstand
the thermal stratification loading from the surge line and the transients
detailed in reference [12], and meet the fatigue usage requirements of ASME
Section III, with a maximum cumulative usage factor equal to [   ].a,c,e

TABLE 5-1

SUMMARY OF ASME FATIGUE REQUIREMENTS

| Parameter	Description	Allowable (if applicable)
Equation 10	Primary plus secondary stress intensity; if exceeded, simplified elastic-plastic analysis may be performed	< 3Sm
K_e	Elastic-plastic penalty factor; required for simplified elastic-plastic analysis when Eq. 10 is exceeded; applied to alternating stress intensity	
Equation 12	Expansion stress; required for simplified elastic-plastic analysis when Eq. 10 is exceeded	< 3Sm
Equation 13	Primary plus secondary stress intensity excluding thermal bending stress; required for simplified elastic-plastic analysis when Eq. 10 is exceeded	< 3Sm
Thermal Stress Ratchet	Limit on radial thermal gradient stress to prevent cyclic distortion; required for use of Eq. 13	
Equation 11	Peak stress intensity - Input to Eq. 14	
Equation 14	Alternating stress intensity - Input to Ucum	
Ucum	Cumulative usage factor (fatigue damage)	< 1.0

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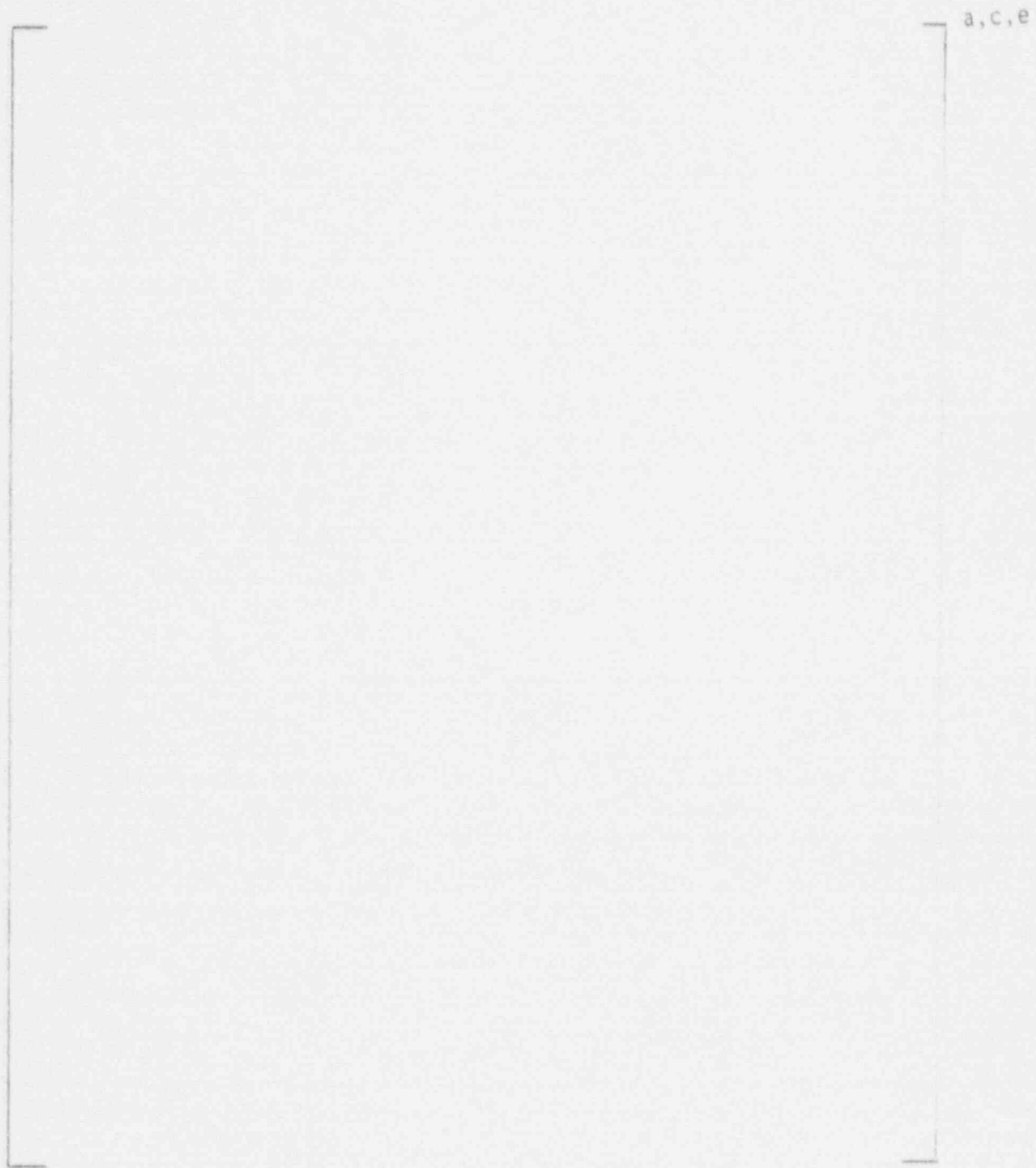
Figure 5-1. Striping Finite Element Model

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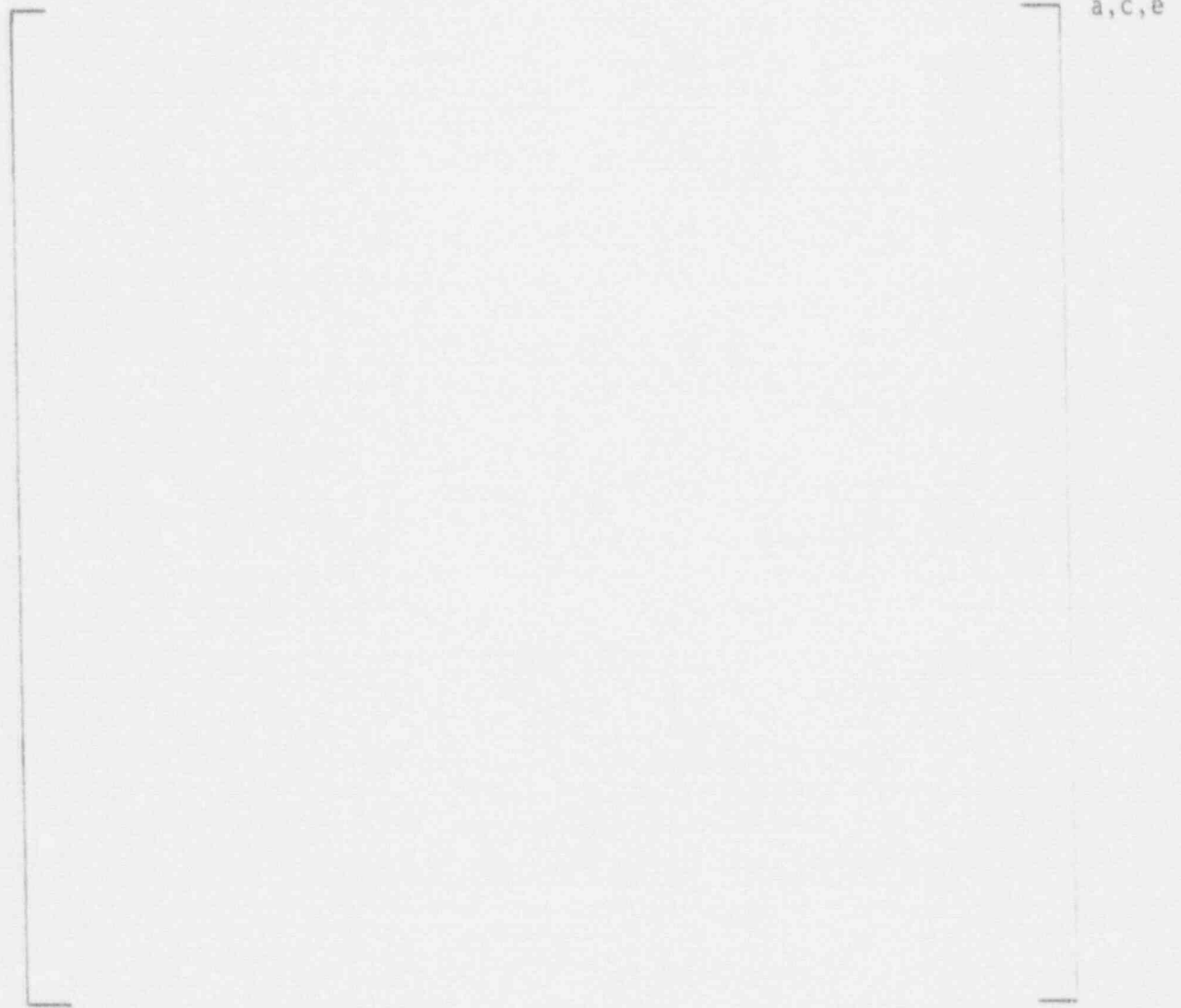
Figure 5-2. Attenuation of Thermal Striping Potential by Molecular Conduction (Interface Wave Height of One Inch)

SECTION 6.0
SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The subject of pressurizer surge line integrity has been under intense investigation since 1988. The NRC issued Bullet 88-11 in December of 1988, but the Westinghouse Owners Group had put a program in place earlier that year, and this allowed all members to make a timely response to the bulletin.

The Owners Group programs were completed in June of 1990, and have been followed by a series of plant specific evaluations. This report has documented the results of the plant specific evaluation for the Kewaunee plant.

Following the general approach used in developing the surge line stratification transients for the WOG, a set of transients and stratification profile were developed specifically for Kewaunee. A study was made of the historical operating experience at the Kewaunee plant, and this information, as well as plant operating procedures and monitoring results, was used in development of the transients and profiles.

As a result of the analyses, pipe whip restraint gaps and spring can travel allowance will be adjusted to accommodate thermal displacements due to normal thermal expansion and thermal stratification. The date committed for the adjustments is 1992. The results of this plant specific analysis along with support modification demonstrated acceptance to the requirements of the ASME Code Section III, including both stress limits and fatigue usage, for the full licensed life of the plant. This report demonstrates that the Kewaunee plant has now completely satisfied the requirements of NRC Bulletin 88-11.

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APPENDIX A
LIST OF COMPUTER PROGRAMS

This appendix lists and summarizes the computer codes used in the analysis of stratification in the pressurizer surge line. The codes are:

1. WECAN
2. STRFAT2
3. ANSYS
4. FATRK/CMS

A.1 WECAN

A.1.1 Description

WECAN is a Westinghouse-developed, general purpose finite element program. It contains universally accepted two-dimensional and three-dimensional isoparametric elements that can be used in many different types of finite element analyses. Quadrilateral and triangular structural elements are used for plane strain, plane stress, and axisymmetric analyses. Brick and wedge structural elements are used for three-dimensional analyses. Companion heat conduction elements are used for steady state heat conduction analyses and transient heat conduction analyses.

A.1.2 Feature Used

The temperatures obtained from a static heat conduction analysis, or at a specific time in a transient heat conduction analysis, can be automatically input to a static structural analysis where the heat conduction elements are replaced by corresponding structural elements. Pressure and external loads can also be included in the WECAN structural analysis. Such coupled thermal-stress analyses are a standard application used extensively on an industry-wide basis.

A.1.3 Program Verification

Both the WECAN program and input for the WECAN verification problems, currently numbering over four hundred, are maintained under configuration control. Verification problems include coupled thermal-stress analyses for the quadrilateral, triangular, brick, and wedge isoparametric elements. These problems are an integral part of the WECAN quality assurance procedures. When a change is made to WECAN, as part of the reverification process, the configured inputs for the coupled thermal-stress verification problems are used to reverify WECAN for coupled thermal-stress analyses.

A.2 STRFAT2

A.2.1 Description

STRFAT2 is a program which computes the alternating peak stress on the inside surface of a flat plate and the usage factor due to striping on the surface. The program is applicable to be used for striping on the inside surface of a pipe if the program assumptions are considered to apply for the particular pipe being evaluated.

For striping the fluid temperature is a sinusoidal variation with numerous cycles.

The frequency, convection film coefficient, and pipe material properties are input.

The program computes maximum alternating stress based on the maximum difference between inside surface skin temperature and the average through wall temperature.

A.2.2 Feature Used

The program is used to calculate striping usage factor based on a ratio of actual cycles of stress for a specified length of time divided by allowable cycles of stress at maximum the alternating stress level. Design fatigue curves for several materials are contained into the program. However, the user has the option to input any other fatigue design curve, by designating that the fatigue curve is to be user defined.

A.2.3 Program Verification

STRFAT2 is verified to Westinghouse procedures by independent review of the stress equations and calculations.

A.3 ANSYS

A.3.1 Description

ANSYS is a public domain, general purpose finite element code.

A.3.2 Feature Used

The ANSYS elements used for the analysis of stratification effects in the surge line are STIF 20 (straight pipe), STIF 60 (elbow and bends) and STIF14 (spring-damper for supports).

A.3.3 Program Verification

As described in section 3.2, the application of ANSYS for stratification has been independently verified by comparison to WESTDYN (Westinghouse piping analysis code) and WECAN (finite element code). The results from ANSYS are also verified against closed form solutions for simple beam configurations.

A.4 FATRK/CMS

A.4.1 Description

FATRK/CMS is a Westinghouse developed computer code for fatigue tracking
(FATRK) as used in the Cycle Monitoring System (CMS) for structural components
of nuclear power plants. The transfer function method is used for transient
thermal stress calculations. The bending stresses (due to global
stratification effects, ordinary thermal expansion and seismic) and the
pressure stresses are also included. The fatigue usage factors are evaluated
in accordance with the guidelines given in the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel
Code, Section III, Subsections NB-3200 and NB-3600.

The code can be used both as a regular analysis program or an on-line
monitoring device.

A.4.2 Feature Used

FATRK/CMS is used as an analysis program for the present application. The
input data which include the weight functions for thermal stresses, the unit
bending stress, the unit pressure stress, the bending moment vs.
stratification temperatures, etc. are prepared for all locations and geometric
conditions. These data, as stored in the independent files, can be
appropriately retrieved for required analyses. The transient data files
contain the time history of temperature, pressure, number of occurrence, and
additional condition necessary for data flowing. The program prints out the
total usage factors, and the transients pairing information which determine
the stress range magnitudes and number of cycles. The detailed stress data
may also be printed.

A.4.3 Program Verification

FATRK/CMS is verified according to Westinghouse procedures with several levels
of independent calculations.

APPENDIX B

USNRC BULLETIN 88-11

In December of 1988 the NRC issued this bulletin, and it has led to an extensive investigation of surge line integrity, culminating in this and other plant specific reports. The bulletin is reproduced in its entirety in the pages which follow.

UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555

December 20, 1988

NRC BULLETIN NO. 88-11: PRESSURIZER SURGE LINE THERMAL STRATIFICATION

Addressees:

All holders of operating licenses or construction permits for pressurized water reactors (PWRs).

Purpose:

The purpose of this bulletin is to (1) request that addressees establish and implement a program to confirm pressurizer surge line integrity in view of the occurrence of thermal stratification and (2) require addressees to inform the staff of the actions taken to resolve this issue.

Description of Circumstances:

The licensee for the Trojan plant has observed unexpected movement of the pressurizer surge line during inspections performed at each refueling outage since 1982 when monitoring of the line movements began. During the last refueling outage, the licensee found that in addition to unexpected gap closures in the pipe whip restraints, the piping actually contacted two restraints. Although the licensee had repeatedly adjusted shims and gap sizes based on analysis of various postulated conditions, the problem had not been resolved. The most recent investigation by the licensee confirmed that the movement of piping was caused by thermal stratification in the line. This phenomenon was not considered in the original piping design. On October 7, 1988, the staff issued Information Notice 88-80, "Unexpected Piping Movement Attributed to Thermal Stratification," regarding the Trojan experience and indicated that further generic communication may be forthcoming. The licensee for Beaver Valley 2 has also noticed unusual snubber movement and significantly larger-than-expected surge line displacement during power ascension.

The concerns raised by the above observations are similar to those described in NRC Bulletins 79-13 (Revision 2, dated October 16, 1979), "Cracking in Feedwater System Piping" and 88-08 (dated June 22, 1988), "Thermal Stresses in Piping Connected to Reactor Coolant Systems."

Discussion:

Unexpected piping movements are highly undesirable because of potential high piping stress that may exceed design limits for fatigue and stresses. The problem can be more acute when the piping expansion is restricted, such as through contact with pipe whip restraints. Plastic deformation can result, which can lead to high local stresses, low cycle fatigue and functional impairment of the line. Analysis performed by the Trojan licensee indicated that thermal stratification occurs in the pressurizer surge line during heatup, cooldown, and steady-state operations of the plant.

During a typical plant heatup, water in the pressurizer is heated to about 440°F; a steam bubble is then formed in the pressurizer. Although the exact phenomenon is not thoroughly understood, as the hot water flows (at a very low flowrate) from the pressurizer through the surge line to the hot-leg piping, the hot water rides on a layer of cooler water, causing the upper part of the pipe to be heated to a higher temperature than the lower part (see Figure 1). The differential temperature could be as high as 300°F, based on expected conditions during typical plant operations. Under this condition, differential thermal expansion of the pipe metal can cause the pipe to deflect significantly.

For the specific configuration of the pressurizer surge line in the Trojan plant, the line deflected downward and when the surge line contacted two pipe whip restraints, it underwent plastic deformation, resulting in permanent deformation of the pipe.

The Trojan event demonstrates that thermal stratification in the pressurizer surge line causes unexpected piping movement and potential plastic deformation. The licensing basis according to 10 CFR 50.55a for all PWRs requires that the licensee meet the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code Sections III and XI and to reconcile the pipe stresses and fatigue evaluation when any significant differences are observed between measured data and the analytical results for the hypothesized conditions. Staff evaluation indicates that the thermal stratification phenomenon could occur in all PWR surge lines and may invalidate the analyses supporting the integrity of the surge line. The staff's concerns include unexpected bending and thermal striping (rapid oscillation of the thermal boundary interface along the piping inside surface) as they affect the overall integrity of the surge line for its design life (e.g., the increase of fatigue).

Actions Requested:

Addressees are requested to take the following actions:

1.   For all licensees of operating PWRs:

     a.   Licensees are requested to conduct a visual inspection (ASME, Section XI, VT-3) of the pressurizer surge line at the first available cold shutdown after receipt of this bulletin which exceeds seven days.

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This inspection should determine any gross discernable distress or structural damage in the entire pressurizer surge line, including piping, pipe supports, pipe whip restraints, and anchor bolts.

b. Within four months of receipt of this Bulletin, licensees of plants in operation over 10 years (i.e., low power license prior to January 1, 1979) are requested to demonstrate that the pressurizer surge line meets the applicable design codes* and other FSAR and regulatory commitments for the licensed life of the plant, considering the phenomenon of thermal stratification and thermal striping in the fatigue and stress evaluations. This may be accomplished by performing a plant specific or generic bounding analysis. If the latter option is selected, licensees should demonstrate applicability of the referenced generic bounding analysis. Licensees of plants in operation less than ten years (i.e., low power license after January 1, 1979), should complete the foregoing analysis within one year of receipt of this bulletin. Since any piping distress observed by addressees in performing action 1.a may affect the analysis, the licensee should verify that the bounding analysis remains valid. If the opportunity to perform the visual inspection in 1.a does not occur within the periods specified in this requested item, incorporation of the results of the visual inspection into the analysis should be performed in a supplemental analysis as appropriate.

Where the analysis shows that the surge line does not meet the requirements and licensing commitments stated above for the duration of the license, the licensee should submit a justification for continued operation or bring the plant to cold shutdown, as appropriate, and implement Items 1.c and 1.d below to develop a detailed analysis of the surge line.

c. If the analysis in 1.b does not show compliance with the requirements and licensing commitments stated therein for the duration of the operating license, the licensee is requested to obtain plant specific data on thermal stratification, thermal striping, and line deflections. The licensee may choose, for example, either to install instruments on the surge line to detect temperature distribution and thermal movements or to obtain data through collective efforts, such as from other plants with a similar surge line design. If the latter option is selected, the licensee should demonstrate similarity in geometry and operation.

d. Based on the applicable plant specific or referenced data, licensees are requested to update their stress and fatigue analyses to ensure compliance with applicable Code requirements, incorporating any observations from 1.a above. The analysis should be completed no later than two years after receipt of this bulletin. If a licensee

*Fatigue analysis should be performed in accordance with the latest ASME Section III requirements incorporating high cycle fatigue.

is unable to show compliance with the applicable design codes and other FSAR and regulatory commitments, the licensee is requested to submit a justification for continued operation and a description of the proposed corrective actions for effecting long term resolution.

2. For all applicants for PWR Operating Licenses:

    a. Before issuance of the low power license, applicants are requested to demonstrate that the pressurizer surge line meets the applicable design codes and other FSAR and regulatory commitments for the licensed life of the plant. This may be accomplished by performing a plant-specific or generic bounding analysis. The analysis should include consideration of thermal stratification and thermal striping to ensure that fatigue and stresses are in compliance with applicable code limits. The analysis and hot functional testing should verify that piping thermal deflections result in no adverse consequences, such as contacting the pipe whip restraints. If analysis or test results show Code noncompliance, conduct of all actions specified below is requested.

    b. Applicants are requested to evaluate operational alternatives or piping modifications needed to reduce fatigue and stresses to acceptable levels.

    c. Applicants are requested to either monitor the surge line for the effects of thermal stratification, beginning with hot functional testing, or obtain data through collective efforts to assess the extent of thermal stratification, thermal striping and piping deflections.

    d. Applicants are requested to update stress and fatigue analyses, as necessary, to ensure Code compliance.* The analyses should be completed no later than one year after issuance of the low power license.

3. Addressees are requested to generate records to document the development and implementation of the program requested by Items 1 or 2, as well as any subsequent corrective actions, and maintain these records in accordance with 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B and plant procedures.

Reporting Requirements:

1. Addressees shall report to the NRC any discernable distress and damage observed in Action 1.a along with corrective actions taken or plans and schedules for repair before restart of the unit.

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*If compliance with the applicable codes is not demonstrated for the full duration of an operating license, the staff may impose a license condition such that normal operation is restricted to the duration that compliance is actually demonstrated.

2. Addressees who cannot meet the schedule described in Items 1 or 2 of
    Actions Requested are required to submit to the NRC within 60 days of
    receipt of this bulletin an alternative schedule with justification for
    the requested schedule.

3. Addressees shall submit a letter within 30 days after the completion of
    these actions which notifies the NRC that the actions requested in Items
    1b, 1d or 2 of Actions Requested have been performed and that the results
    are available for inspection. The letter shall include the justification
    for continued operation, if appropriate, a description of the analytical
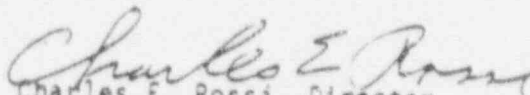   approaches used, and a summary of the results.

Although not requested by this bulletin, addressees are encouraged to work
collectively to address the technical concerns associated with this issue, as
well as to share pressurizer surge line data and operational experience. In
addition, addressees are encouraged to review piping in other systems which may
experience thermal stratification and thermal striping, especially in light of
the previously mentioned Bulletins 79-13 and 88-08. The NRC staff intends to
review operational experience giving appropriate recognition to this phenome-
non, so as to determine if further generic communications are in order.

The letters required above shall be addressed to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory
Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555, under oath
or affirmation under the provisions of Section 182a, Atomic Energy Act of 1954,
as amended. In addition, a copy shall be submitted to the appropriate Regional
Administrator.

This request is covered by Office of Management and Budget Clearance Number
3150-0011 which expires December 31, 1989. The estimated average burden hours
is approximately 3000 person-hours per licensee response, including assessment
of the new requirements, searching data sources, gathering and analyzing the
data, and preparing the required reports. These estimated average burden hours
pertain only to these identified response-related matters and do not include
the time for actual implementation of physical changes, such as test equipment
installation or component modification. The estimated average radiation
exposure is approximately 3.5 person-rems per licensee response.

Comments on the accuracy of this estimate and suggestions to reduce the burden
may be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Room 3208, New Execu-
tive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503, and to the U.S. Nuclear Regula-
tory Commission, Records and Reports Management Branch, Office of
Administration and Resource Management, Washington, D.C. 20555.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact one of the technical contacts listed below or the Regional Administrator of the appropriate regional office.

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Attachments:
1. Figure 1
2. List of Recently Issued NRC Bulletins

Surge Line Stratification

T_{PZR}

Hot Flow from Pressurizer
$T_{hot} = 425°F$

T_{HL}

Stagnant Cold Fluid
$T_{cold} = 125°F$
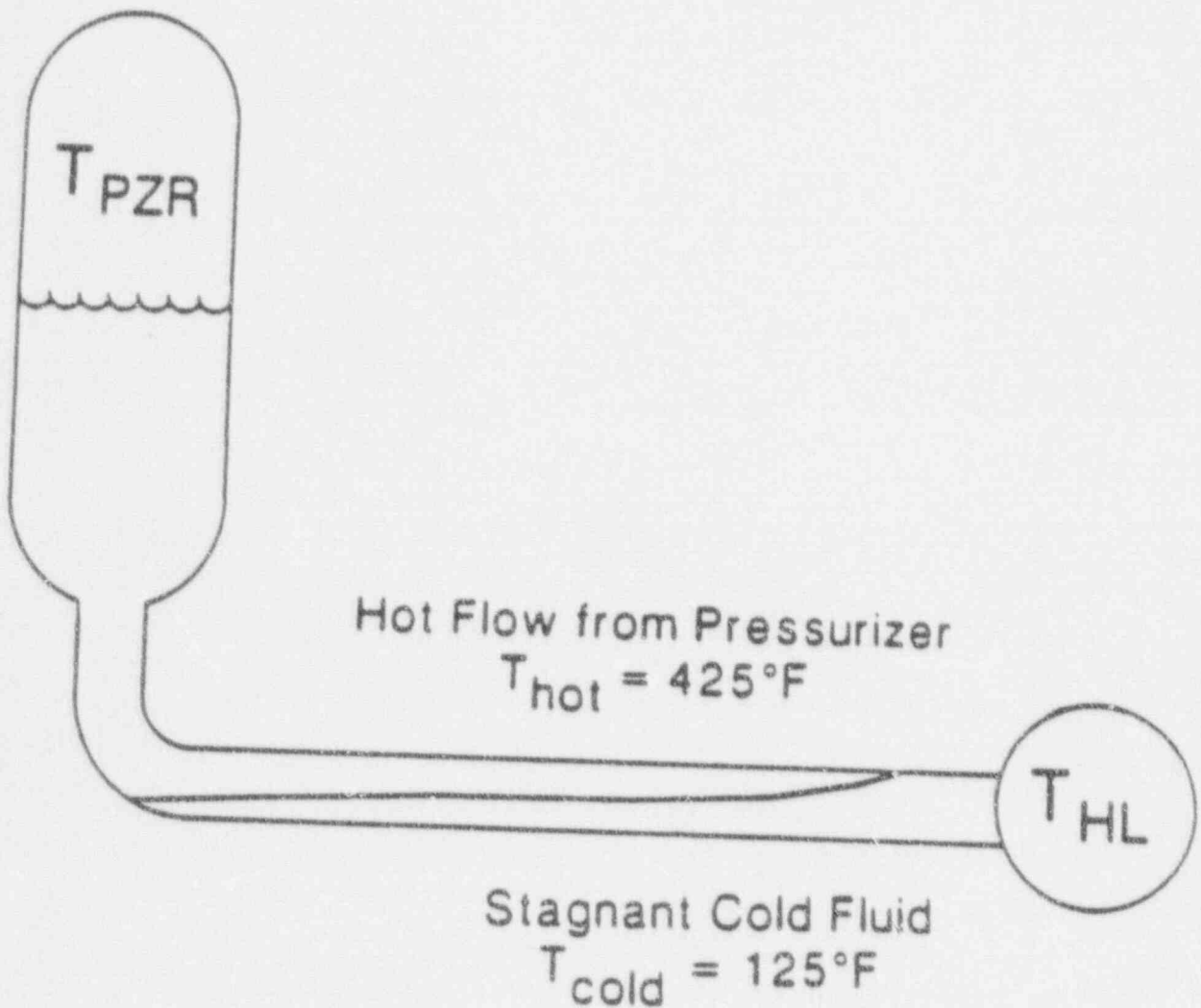
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APPENDIX C

TRANSIENT DEVELOPMENT DETAILS

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APPENDIX D

KEWAUNEE HISTORICAL DATA

This appendix contains the summary of system delta t values for past operation of the Kewaunee plant. This was provided by Wisconsin Public Service Corporation to Westinghouse in reference [5], and is included here for information.

ATTACHMENT 1

SUMMARY OF KNPP HISTORICAL MAXIMUM SYSTEM DELTA T VALUES

SYSTEM DELTA T RANGE	# HEATUPS	% OF OCCURRENCES	# COOLDOWNS	% OF OCCURRENCES
Greater than 300	2	6	6	18
271 to 300	5	14	9	26
251 to 270	7	20	10	29
250 and below	21	60	9	26

ATTACHMENT 1 (Cont.)

KNPP HISTORICAL MAXIMUM SYSTEM DELTA T VALUES

EVENT NUMBER	H/U	C/D	DATE	DELTA T MAX.	COMMENTS
1	90-1		04-12-90	251.2	
2		90-1	03-03-90	264.7	
3	89-3		06-22-89	110.5	
4		89-3	06-17-89	246.2	
5	89-2		04-08-89	164.3	
6		89-2	04-04-89	249.7	
7	89-1		04-02-89	252.9	
8		89-1	02-23-89	186.2	
9	88-2		09-01-88	160.0	
10		88-2	08-29-88	184.2	
11	88-1		04-07-88	169.2	
12		88-1	03-04-88	268.1	
13	87-1		03-29-87	209.1	
14		87-1	02-25-87	288.8	
15	86-1		04-15-86	255.1	
16		86-1	03-02-86	266.6	
17	85-1		04-04-85	221.0	
18		85-1	02-09-85	318.1	
19	84-1		04-30-84	285.9	
20		84-1	03-18-84	260.8	
21	83-1		05-07-83	298.9	
22		83-1	03-21-83	275.7	
23	82-1		05-16-82	249.4	
24		82-1	04-12-82	313.9	
25	81-1		05-30-81	149.7	
26		81-1	04-25-81	284.4	
27	80-3		09-29-80	333.5	$\Delta T > 320°$
28		80-3	09-28-80	330.9	$\Delta T > 320°$
29	80-2		06-17-80	193.5	
30		80-2	05-12-80	260.1	
31	80-1		01-27-80	144.7	
32		80-1	01-22-80	305.6	
33	79-2		08-15-79	190.1	
34		79-2	08-10-79	270.9	
35	79-1		07-27-79	152.7	
36		79-1	05-28-79	285.1	
37	78-1		05-24-78	252.2	
38		78-1	04-25-78	279.6	
39	77-3		08-13-77	198.4	
40		77-3	08-12-77	320.6	$\Delta T > 320°$
41	77-2		03-19-77	173.9	
42		77-2	03-17-77	255.4	
43	77-1		03-16-77	204.4	
44		77-1	01-22-77	279.3	

ATTACHMENT 1 (Cont.)

EVENT NUMBER	H/U	C/D	DATE	DELTA T MAX.	COMMENTS
45	76-4		05-18-76	178.9	
46		76-4	05-09-76	203.9	
47	76-3		04-03-76	143.2	
48		76-3	04-02-76	137.5	
49	76-2		03-28-76	280.2	
50		76-2	03-27-76	277.8	
51	76-1		03-23-76	261.9	
52		76-1	02-15-76	262.3	
53	75-4		11-02-75	293.1	
54		75-4	11-01-75	291.4	
55	75-3		09-18-75	188.0	
56		75-3	09-14-75	160.3	
57	75-2		07-18-75	141.0	
58		75-2	07-18-75	144.2	
59	75-1		04-30-75	265.1	
60		75-1	04-29-75	269.5	
61	74-5		10-13-74	262.3	
62		74-4	09-21-74	260.7	
63	74-4		07-08-74	146.7	
64		74-3	06-30-74	280.2	
65	74-3		03-26-74	304.2	
66		74-2	03-25-74	305.2	
67	74-2		03-21-74	298.5	
68		74-1	03-14-74	242.6	
69	74-1		02-04-74	164.7	