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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555

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ATTENTION:

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SUBJECT:

Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant Unit Nos. 1 & 2; Docket Nos. 50-317 & 50-318 Response to NRC's Request for Additional Information Regarding Baltimore Gas and Electric Company's Response to the 1991 Pressurized Thermal Shock Rule, dated March 31, 1992,

REFERENCES:

- Letter from Mr. D. G. McDonald, Jr. (NRC) to Mr. G. C. Creel (BG&E), dated March 31. 1992, Request for Additional Information Concerning BG&E's Response to the 1991 PTS Rule
- (b) Letter from Mr. G. C. Creel (BG&E) to NRC Document Control Desk, dated December 13, 1991, Response to the 1991 Pressurized Thermal Shock Rule

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By a letter dated March 31, 1992 (Reference a), you transmitted a request for additional information regarding our December 13, 1991 response (Reference b) to the 1991 Pressurized Thermal Shock (PTS) Rule. Accordingly, we hereby provide you with the information contained in the attachments to this letter as our response. Attachment (1) contains the non-proprietary version of the response to Question No. 1 and the responses to Questions No. 2 and No. 3. Attachment (2) is an AEB/CE proprietary affidavit for Attachment 3, pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790. Attachment (3) contains the proprietary version of our response to Question No. 1. We trust that you will find this information satisfactory.

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Should you have any further questions regarding this matter, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Very truly yours.

GCC/GT/MEB/gt/meb/dlm

Attachments: (1)

CC:

- its: (1) Non-Proprietary Response to NRC's March 31, 1992 Request for Additional Information Regarding Baltimore Gas and Electric Company's Response to the 1991 Pressurized Thermal Shock Rule, dated December 13, 1991
 - (2) Proprietary Affidavit for Attachment (3)
 - (3) ABB/CE Proprietary Response to Question No. 1 of NRC's March 31, 1992, Request for Additional Information Regarding Baltimore Gas and Electric Company's Response to the 1991 PTS Rule, dated December 13, 1991

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ATTACHMENT TO ABB LETTER B-MECH-92-109

RESPONSE TO USNRC QUESTION ON

DIFFERENCES IN REPORTED NICKEL CONTENT

MAY 14, 1992

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Response to USNRC Question on Differences in Reported Nickel Content

Question 1:

Section 1.0 of "Calvert Cliffs Unit No. 1 and No. 2 Reactor Vessel Beltline Materials," Revision 2, indicates MIL B-4 Modified weld wire with nickel in the range of 0.6 to 1.1 wt. % was used to fabricate the reactor vessels. Heats No. 33A277 and No. 10137 are reported to have 0.23 wt. % and 0.05 wt. %, respectively. If MIL B-4 Modified weld wire was used to fabricate the welds in the Calvert Cliffs reactor vessels, why do welds using Heats No. 33A277 and No. 10137 wire have less than 0.6 wt. % nickel?

Response:

Heats No. 33A277 and No. 10137 were not MIL B-4 Modified, they were designated MIL B-4 (Hi-Mn-Mo) without a specified nickel content. Heat No. A8746 was also a MIL B-4. The following statement in Section 1.0 of "Calvert Cliffs Unit No. 1 and No. 2 Reactor Vessel Beltline Materials," Revision 2 (Attachment A to BG&E's December 13, 1991 PTS submittal, Reference b) is incorrect:

"For the Calvert Cliffs Vessels, CE employed a submerged arc welding process using MIL B-4 Modified (Mn-Mo-Ni) wire with nickel in the range of 0.6 to 1.1 wt. %. The MIL B-4 Modified (Mn-Mo-Ni) welds were produced with either a Linde 1092, 0091 or 124 flux."

The statement should be replaced in its entirety with:

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*For the Calvert Cliffs Vessels, CE employed a submerged arc welding process using wire designated in supplier certifications as MIL B-4 and MIL B-4 Modified. [

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Discussion

BG&E commissioned ABB/CE to review welding electrode purchase specifications between November, 1965 and February, 1971. Weld material certifications and release reports spanning the period between October, 1968 and June, 1971 were also reviewed. The electrode specifications were reviewed for terminology and required nickel content. [

The weld material certification and release reports functioned to officially release the electrode/flux combinations for use on ASME Code Section III work. Several identification documents were attached to the reports including CE laboratory tests and the electrode supplier's certifications. [

We expect Ni to be low in the Hi-Mn-Mo materials because it was not an intentional alloying addition.

The CCNPP Units No. 1 and No. 2 beltline welds are listed in Table 1 below. For each weld seam, the nickel content reported in BG&E's December 13, 1991 PTS submittal, the specified weld wire type (per weld procedure), the wire heat number(s), and the weld wire type given in the supplier certification (where known) are indicated. The reported nickel content and the wire type are consistent in all cases except for Unit No. 2 Welds No. 2-203 A, B, C; for these welds the nickel content was conservatively estimated in the December 13 submittal. Based on the results of this records review and pending QA verification of the records, BG&E expects to revise its estimate of upper bound nickel content for Unit No. 2 Weld Seams No. 2-203 A, B, C to approximately 0.20% Ni.

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TABLE 1

Wire Reported Heat Nickel CCNPP Conter-No. Unit Weld Seam 2-203 A/C 0.88 12008 1 20291 21935 0.69 3-203 A/C 33A277 0.23 1 9-203 A8746 1.01 2-203 A/C 2 33A277 0.23 3-203 A/C 2 10137 0.05 9-203 2

CCNPP BELTLINE WELD WIRES

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Question No. 2

Do the test results from the Calvert Cliffs reactor vessel surveillance program indicate that the values of Pressurized Thermal Shock (PTS) calculated using the methodology specified in the PTS rule are applicable to the Calvert Cliffs reactor vessels?

For weld wire heats not in the Calvert Cliffs reactor vessel surveillance program, do test results from other vessel surveillance programs (NRC data source provided with this RAI) indicate that the values of the PTS calculated using the methodology specified in the PTS rule are applicable to the Calvert Cliffs reactor vessels?

RESPONSE

We have reviewed the measured RT_{PTS} shift results for welds in the surveillance programs of the plants identified in the NRC data source provided with the RAI. We have separated the surveillance program results into the following categories:

Category 1 - Test results for the Calvert Cliffs reactor vessel surveillance programs.

Category 2 - Test results for the weld wire/flux combinations in other plant's surveillance programs that are the same as weld wire/flux combinations in the Calvert Cliffs reactor vessels' beltlines.

Category 3 - Test results for the weld wire/flux combinations in other plant's surveillance programs that are not in the Calvert Cliffs reactor vessels' beltlines.

Category 4 - These are BWR Plants and either no data exists or capsule results are not considered credible for comparison to a PWR because of low accumulated fluence.

Test results from Category 1 and 2 surveillance programs indicate the values of **A** RT_{PTS} calculated using the methodology specified in the PTS rule bound the surveillance measurements.

Test results from Category 3 surveillance programs indicate the values of \blacktriangle RT_{PTS} calculated using the methodology specified in the PTS rule bound the surveillance measurements with the exception of Fort Calhoun.

DISCUSSION

The measured ART_{NDT} results have been compared with the predicted ART_{PTS} plus the two sigma margin term (56°F) to determine if the PTS rule is bounding for welds in the Calvert Cliffs reactor vessels.

Table 2 provides the results of Category 1 and 2 Surveillance programs. Table 3 provides the results of Category 3 Surveillance Programs. Table 4 provides a listing of Category 4 Surveillance Programs.

Figure 1 provides a comparison of Category 1 and 2 Surveillance results to the PTS rule predictions. Figure 2 provides a comparison of Category 3 Surveillance results to the PTS rule predictions.

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The figures compare measured and predicted values of \mathbf{ART}_{NDT} instead of \mathbf{RT}_{PTS} . Calculation of r-sured values of \mathbf{RT}_{PTS} requires application of a margin term. Methodology for choosing a margin term for measured data that do not meet the credibility criteria in Regulatory Guide 1.99, Revision 2 has not been developed. Therefore, we have not determined values of \mathbf{RT}_{PTS} based on measurements, for application of other vessei's surveillance data to Calvert Cliffs.

Based on the review of these test results, BG&E believes the values of ART_{PTS} for the Calvert Cliffs Reactor Vessel Beltlines reported in the Response to the 1991 PTS rule are applicable and probably conservative.

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Table 2

Calvert Cliffs Reactor Vessel Surveillance Program Results (Category 1) and Results from Surveillance Programs that Contain Weld Wire Heat Used in the Manufacture of Calvert Cliffs Beltline (Category 2)

Surveillance Program / Category		Id Wire H Flux Type Flux Lot		Cu%	NI%	Chemistry Factor	Fluence (x10 ^{19 n} /cm ²)	Measured Shift (@ 30 ft ibs.) (F)	Predicted Shift PTS Rule) (F)	Predicted Shift Minus Measured Shift
Calvert Cliffe 1 (Category 1)	33A277b	0091 _b	3922 _b	.24 _a	.18 _a	119	0.61 _C	59 _C	103	44
Calvert Cliffs 2 (Category 1)	10137 _b	0091 _b	3999 _D	.20 _d	.04 _d	91	.806 _d	69 _d	86	17
Farley 1 (Category 2)	33A277g	0091g	3922g	.14 _e	.19 _e	75	.583 ₁ 1.65 ₈ 2.8 _g	80 _f 80 _p 100 _g	66 89 99	-14 9 -1
McGuire 1 (Category 2)	20291 & 12008 _j	1092 _j	3854 _i	.21 _h	.88 _h	210	.414 _h 1.38 _i	160 _h 165 _i	159 229	-1 64

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Table 3

Resul.s from Surveillance Programs that Do Not Contain Weld Wire Heats Used in the Manufacture of Calvert Cliffs Beltline (Category 3)

Surveillance Program / Category		Flux Type Flux Lot	ŧ	Cu%	NI%	Chemistry Factor	Fluence (x10 ^{19 n} /cm ²)	Measured Shift (@ 30 ft Ibs.) (F)	Predicted Shift (PTS Rule) (F)	Predicted Shif Minus Measured Shift
Diablo Canyon 1 (Category 3)	27204 _j	1092 _j	3714j	.21 _j	.98 _j	226	.298 _j	110 _j	151	41
Diablo Canyon 2 (Category 3)	21935 & 12008 _k	1092 _k	3869 _k	.22 _k	.83 _k	205	.351 _k .887 ₁	174 _k 204 _j	146 198	-28 -6
D. C. Cook Unit 1 (Category 3)	13253 _n	1092 _n	3791 _n	.27 _m	.74 _m	206	18 _m 62 _m 1.06 _m 1.88 _m	80 _m 165 _m 200 _m 205 _m	112 178 209 242	32 13 9 37
Maine Yankee (Category 3)	IP3571 ₀	1092 ₀	3958 ₀	.310	.760	222	567 _p 1.76 _p 7.13 _p	222q 270q 345q	187 256 325	-35 -14 -20
Millstone Unit 2 (Category 3)	90136 _f	0091 _r	3998 ₁	.30 _r	.06;	136	.378 _r	76 _r	99	23
St. Lucie Unit 1 (Category 3)	90136 _S	0091 _S	3999 _S	.23 _S	.11 _S	110	.55 _S 716 _S	74 ₈ 73 ₅	92 100	18 27
Fort Calhoun (Category 3)	305414 _u	1092 _U	3951 _U	.35 _t	.60 _t	212	.51 _t	238 _t	172	-66
Kawaunee (Catag bry 3)	1P3571 _v	1092 _v	3958 _V	.20 _v	77 _V	189	.599 _V 2.07 _V 2.89 _V	175 _V 235 _V 230 _V	162 226 242	13 -9 12

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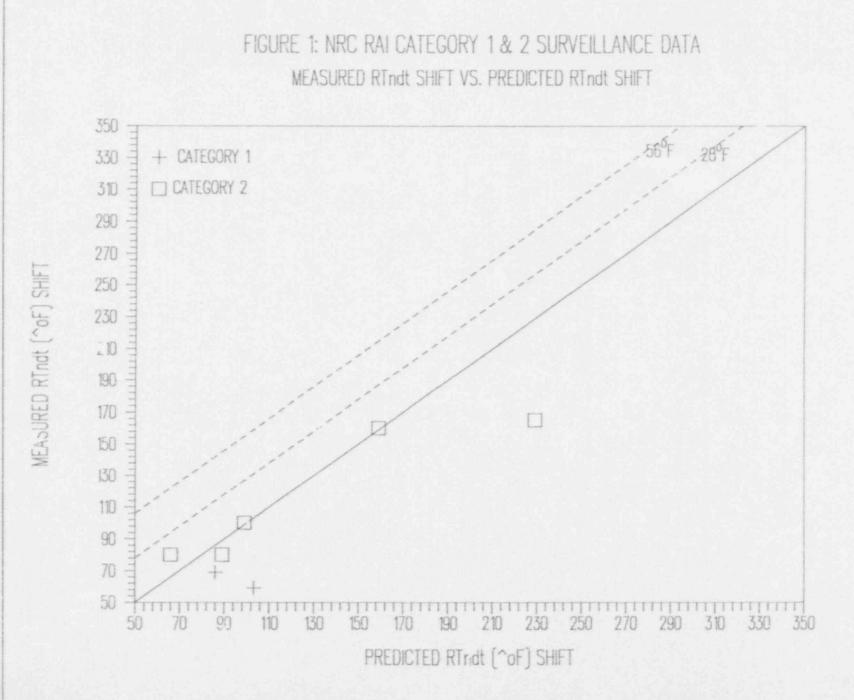
Table 4

Reactor Vessels Included on the NRC List Provided with the RAI without Applicable Surveillance Results (Category 4)

Vessel	Reason for Exclusion from Consideration
Cooper	BWR
Fermi No. 2	BWR
Fitzpatrick	BWR
Hatch No. 1	BWR
Hatch No. 2	BWR
LaSalle	BWR
Pilgrim	BWR

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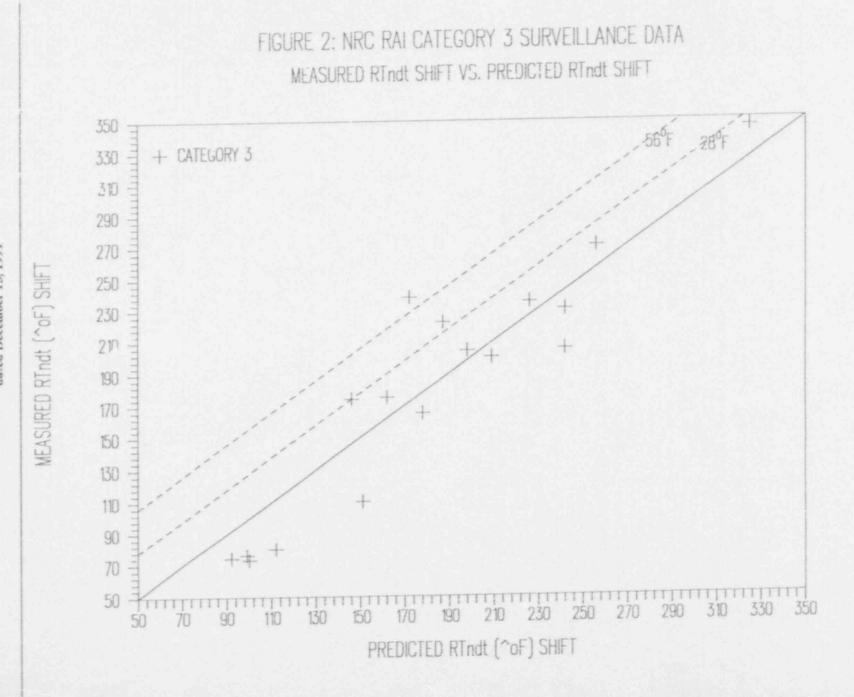


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Question 3

How were the embrittlement effects of operating the Calvert Cliffs reactors with the core critical and cold leg temperatures less than $525 \circ F$ considered? If the reactor vessels were irradiated (fluence greater than 10^{16} n/cm²) at temperatures less than $525 \circ F$, what was the neutron fluence at the various irradiation temperatures? What was the effect of this low temperature irradiation on the RTPTS value for the reactor vessel?

RESPONSE

Calvert Cliffs operates in accordance with a power-dependent cold leg temperature program that ranges from 532°F at zero power with the reactor critical to 548°F at 100% power. Consequently, we did not consider any embrittlement effects that may be realized by operating the Calvert Cliffs reactors with the core critical and coid leg temperature less than 525°F.

DISCUSSION

A review of plant operating records verified that, with the exception of fleeting excursions during transients at low power, the cold leg temperature has remained above 525°F. We conservatively estimate that no more than 5 Effective Full Power Hours (EFPH) of critical operation has occurred with cold leg temperature below 525°F. Such transitory events correspond to a resultant fluence substantially below 10¹⁶ n/cm².

Consequently, the effect of such minimal low temperature irradiation on the RT_{PTS} value is negligible. This has been confirmed by Calvert Cliffs' surveillance capsule results that demonstrate the shift in the reference temperature to be less than predicted.

In addition, BG&E knows of no technical justification supporting 10¹⁶ n/cm² as a valid criterion beyond which embrittlement effects at low irradiation temperatures must be "considered." Therefore, until a technical basis is demonstrated, 10¹⁶ n/cm² does not appear to be an appropriate "screening criterion" and is not accepted by BG&E.

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Proprietary Affidavit for Attachment (3)

Baltimore Gas & Electric Company Docket Nos. 50-317 and 50-318 May 22, 1992

AFFIDAVIT PURSUANT

TO 10 CFR 2.790

Combustion Engineering, Inc.) State of Connecticat) County of Hartford) SS.:

I, S. A. Toelle, depose and say that I am the Manager Nuclear Licensing, of Combustion Engineering, Inc., duly authorized to make this affidavit, and have reviewed or caused to have reviewed the information which is identified as proprietary and referenced in the paragraph immediately below. I am submitting this affidavit in conformance with the provisions of 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations in conjunction with Baltimore Gas & Electric Company for withholding this information.

The information for which proprietary treatment is sought is contained in the following document:

Attachment to B-MECH-92-109, "Response to USNRC Question on Differences in Reported Nickel Content," May 14, 1992.

This document has been appropriately designated as proprietary.

I have personal knowledge of the criteria and procedures utilized by Combustion Engineering in designating information as a trade secret, privileged or as confidential commercial of financial information.

Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (b) (4) of Section 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, the following is furnished for consideration by the Commission in determining whether the information sought to be withheld from public disclosure, included in the above referenced document, should be withheld.

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- The information sought to be withheld from public disclosure, which is owned and has been held in confidence by Combustion Engineering, is the fabrication processes for reactor vessel welds.
- 2. T'a information consists of test data or other similar data concerning a process, method or component, the application of which results in substantial competitive advantage to Combustion Engineering.
- 3. The information is of a type customarily held in confidence by Combustion Engineering and not customarily disclosed to the public. Combustion Engineering has a rational basis for determining the types of information customarily held in confidence by it and, in that connection, utilizes a system to determine when and whether to hold certain types of information in confidence. The details of the aforementioned system were provided to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission via letter DP-537 from F. M. Stern to Frank Schroeder Gated December 2, 1974. This system was applied in determining that the subject document herein is proprietary.

- 4. The information is being transmitted to the Commission in confidence under the provisions of 10 CFR 2.790 with the understanding that it is to be received in confidence by the Commission.
- 5. The information, to the best of my knowledge and belief, is not available in public sources, and any disclosure to third parties has been made pursuant to regulatory provisions or proprietary agreements which provide for maintenance of the information in confidence.
- 6. Public disclosure of the information is likely to cause substancial harm to the competitive position of Combustion Engineering because:
 - a. A similar product is manufactured and sold by major pressurized water reactor competitors of Combustion Engineering.
 - b. Development of this information by C-E required thousands of manhours and hundreds of thousands of dollars. To the best of my knowledge and belief, a competitor would have to undergo similar expense in generating equivalent information.
 - c. In order to acquire such information, a competitor would also require considerable time and inconvenience to establish the fabrication processes for reactor vessel welds.

- d. The information required significant effort and expense to obtain the licensing approvals necessary for application of the information. Avoidance of this expense would decrease a competitor's cost in applying the information and marketing the product to which the information is applicable.
- e. The information consists of the fabrication processes for reactor vessel welds, the application of which provides a competitive economic advantage. The availability of such information to competitors would enable them to modify their product to better compete with Combustion Engineering, take marketing or other actions to improve their product's position or impair the position of Combustion Engineering's product, and avoid developing similar data and analyses in support of their processes, methods or apparatus.
- f. In pricing Combustion Engineering's products and services, significant research, development, engineering, and yoical, manufacturing, licensing, quality assurance and other costs and expenses must be included. The ability of Combustion Engineering's competitors to utilize such information without similar expenditure of resources may enable them to sell at prices reflecting significantly lower costs.
- g. Use of the information by competitors in the international marketplace would increase their ability to market nuclear steam supply systems by reducing the costs associated with

their tochnology development. In addition, disclosure would have an adverse economic impact on Combustion Engineering's potential for obtaining or maintaining foreign licensees.

Further the deponent sayeth not.

S. A. I.

S. A. Toelle Manager Nuclear Licensing

Sworn to before me May this 15th day of May , 1992

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My commission ex les: 3/31/94

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