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Subject: Meeting Held March 6, 1996, between Commonwealth Edison  
Company (ComEd) and Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)  
Byron Station Units 1 and 2, Braidwood Station Units 1 and 2  
NRC Docket Nos. 50-454/455; 50-456/457

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March 6, 1996, between ComEd and NRR regarding ABB/Combustion  
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**MARCH 6, 1996**

**ABB  
COMBUSTION ENGINEERING NUCLEAR OPERATIONS  
WELDED SLEEVES**

## **AGENDA**

- **INTRODUCTION/OBJECTIVES**  
[J. BLOMGREN]
- **ABB CENO SLEEVE DESIGN AND EXPERIENCE**  
[D. STEPNIK]
- **RECENT EVENTS**
  - **PRAIRIE ISLAND OBSERVATION/PROCESS**  
[R. PEARSON]
  - **PRAIRIE ISLAND TUBE PULL RESULTS**  
[W. GAHWILLER/J. LAREAU]
  - **INSTALLATION PROCESS/INSPECTION CHANGES**  
[J. LAREAU]

# **AGENDA**

- **OPERATING UNITS**  
**[D. AYRES]**
- **BASIS FOR BYRON BRAIDWOOD SLEEVE APPROVAL**  
**[J. BLOMGREN]**
- **CONCLUSIONS**  
**[J. BLOMGREN]**

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## **INTRODUCTION/OBJECTIVES**

# **ComEd/NRR**

## **OBJECTIVES**

- **GET NRC CONCURRENCE FOR USE OF ABB CENO SLEEVES AT BYRON/BRAIDWOOD**
- **PRESENT ABB CENO INFORMATION ON RESULTS OF PI TUBE PULLS**
- **ABB CENO PLAN AND SCHEDULE FOR RESOLUTION OF SLEEVE ISSUES**

# **ComEd/NRR**

## **OUTAGE SCHEDULE BYRON STATION**

- **TS CHANGE BYRON 1 SUBMITTED 5/19/95  
—REQUIRED APPROVAL 2/96**
- **UNIT OFF-LINE APRIL 5**
- **ECT APRIL 11 TO APRIL 18**
- **SLEEVING APRIL 22 TO MAY 5**
- **MANWAY INSTALLATION MAY 2 TO MAY 7**
- **MODE 4 MAY 14**
- **UNIT ON-LINE MAY 20**

# **ComEd/NRR SLEEVE MEETING**

## **REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- **ABB CENO SLEEVING HISTORY**
- **PI RECENT EVENTS**
- **INSTALLATION PROCESS ISSUES**
- **NDE TECHNIQUES**
- **PROCESS CHANGES**
- **OPERATING SLEEVES**

## **PRAIRIE ISLAND UNIT 1 PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS**

- **WELD INDICATIONS ARE PROCESS INDUCED**
- **PROCESS INDUCED FLAWS CAUSED BY INADEQUATE CLEANING**
  - **OXIDES PRESENT IN ALL CASES**
  - **NO INTERGRANULAR NATURE**
  - **NO GROWTH INDICATED BY I COIL**
- **OXIDE INDUCED WELD INDICATIONS DETECTED BY NDE**
- **STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY IS ADEQUATE**
- **LEAK RATE SMALL**

## **BYRON/BRAIDWOOD BASIS FOR ACCEPTANCE**

- **HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE OF SLEEVES**
- **PROCESS CONTROLS**
- **IMPROVED INSPECTION**
  - **ENHANCED UT PROCESSING**
  - **ADDING VISUAL OF CLEANED TUBE (PROCESS INSPECTION)**
  - **+ POINT EXAM**

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**ABB CENO SLEEVE DESIGN**

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**EXPERIENCE**

## **ABB WELDED SLEEVE DESIGN CRITERIA**

- **LEAKTIGHT TO > 6500 psi**
- **LOW RESIDUAL STRESS**
- **CORROSION RESISTANT**
- **INSPECTABLE (100% U.T./V.T./ECT)**
- **REPAIRABLE (REWELD)**
- **STRUCTURAL REQUIREMENTS**
- **MAXIMUM TUBESHEET COVERAGE**
- **MINIMUM EFFECT ON HEAT TRANSFER**
- **PLUGGABLE**

# CENO SLEEVING EXPERIENCE

| DATE  | PLANT            | STANDARD | PERIPHERAL | ETZ/RTZ | TSP |
|-------|------------------|----------|------------|---------|-----|
| 1/96  | PRAIRIE ISLAND 1 | 253      | 0          | 0       | 0   |
| 10/95 | ANO2             | 0        | 0          | 627     | 0   |
| 10/95 | ZION 1           | 911      | 0          | 0       | 0   |
| 1/95  | ZION 2           | 162      | 0          | 0       | 0   |
| 5/94  | PRAIRIE ISLAND 1 | 117      | 0          | 0       | 0   |
| 11/93 | ZION 1           | 61       | 0          | 0       | 0   |
| 6/93  | KRSKO            | 0        | 0          | 164     | 16  |
| 4/93  | GINNA            | 51       | 0          | 0       | 0   |
| 11/92 | PRAIRIE ISLAND 1 | 158      | 0          | 0       | 0   |
| 11/92 | ZION 2           | 170      | 0          | 0       | 0   |
| 6/92  | ASCO 1           | 0        | 0          | 49      | 5   |
| 4/92  | GINNA            | 178      | 63         | 0       | 0   |
| 4/92  | ZION 1           | 124      | 0          | 0       | 0   |
| 3/92  | KEWAUNEE         | 0        | 16         | 0       | 0   |
| 7/91  | RINGHALS 3       | 0        | 0          | 46      | 22  |
| 4/91  | GINNA            | 183      | 29         | 0       | NA  |
| 4/90  | ZION 2           | 62       | 0          | 0       | -   |
| 4/90  | GINNA            | 198      | 48         | 0       | -   |
| 31/90 | PRAIRIE ISLAND 1 | 62       | 0          | NA      | -   |
| 4/89  | GINNA            | 408      | 107        | -       | -   |
| 10/89 | ZION 1           | 445      | 0          | -       | -   |
| 9/88  | PRAIRIE ISLAND 1 | 73       | 0          | -       | -   |
| 5/87  | RINGHALS 2       | 571      | NA         | -       | -   |
| 4/87  | PRAIRIE ISLAND 1 | 27       | -          | -       | -   |
| 2/87  | GINNA            | 104      | -          | -       | -   |
| 10/86 | ZION 1           | 128      | -          | -       | -   |
| 5/86  | RINGHALS 2       | 599      | -          | -       | -   |
| 2/86  | GINNA            | 36       | -          | -       | -   |
| 5/85  | RINGHALS 2       | 59       | -          | -       | -   |
| 4/84  | RINGHALS 2       | 18       | -          | -       | -   |
|       |                  | 5178     | 263        | 886     | 43  |

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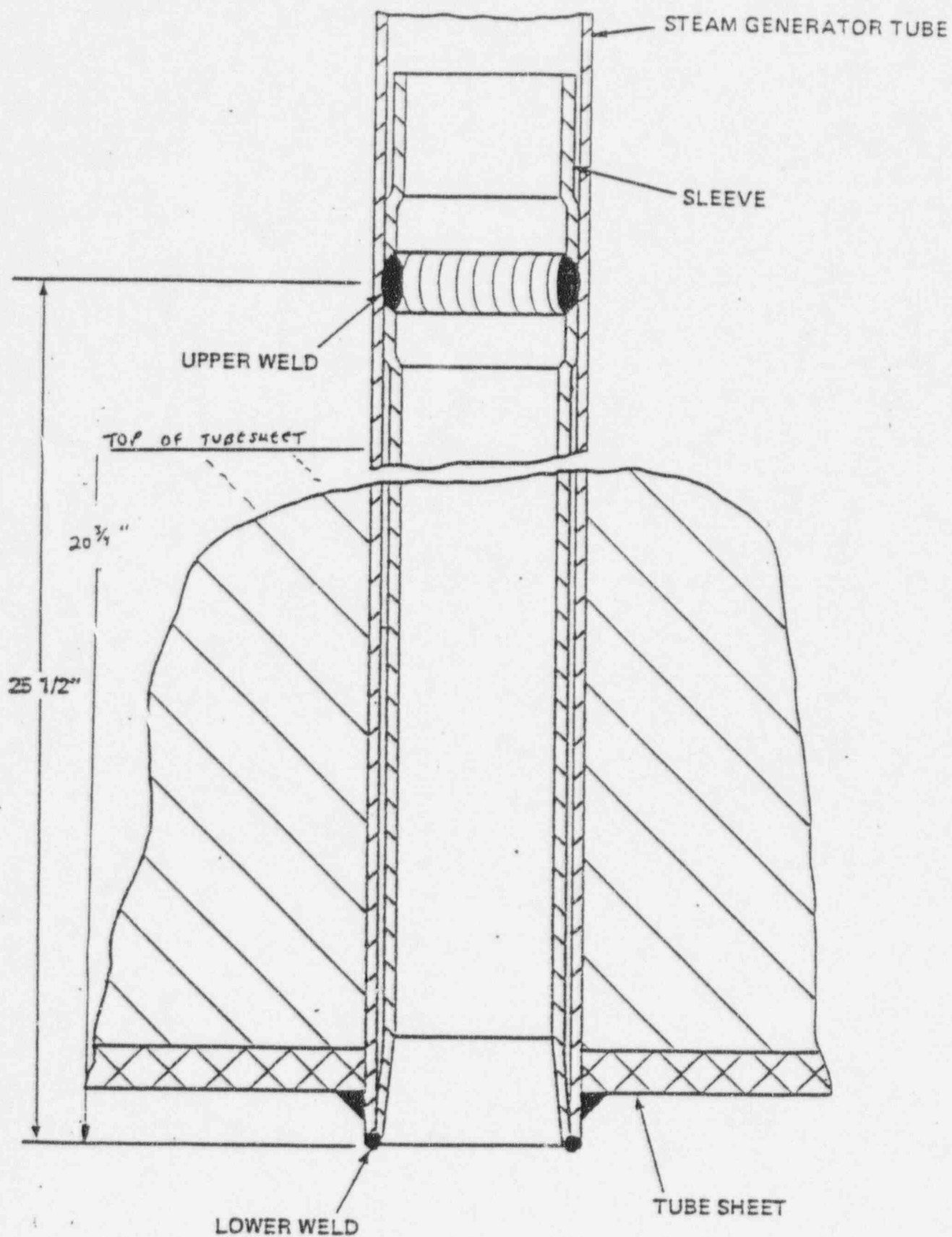
**RECENT EVENTS**

## **PRAIRIE ISLAND SLEEVING HISTORY**

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Installed</b> | <b>Plugged</b> | <b>In Service</b> |
|-------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| <b>8704</b> | <b>27</b>        | <b>0</b>       | <b>27</b>         |
| <b>8808</b> | <b>74</b>        | <b>1</b>       | <b>100</b>        |
| <b>9001</b> | <b>63</b>        | <b>0</b>       | <b>163</b>        |
| <b>9106</b> | <b>0</b>         | <b>1</b>       | <b>162</b>        |
| <b>9210</b> | <b>158</b>       | <b>1</b>       | <b>319</b>        |
| <b>9405</b> | <b>118</b>       | <b>1</b>       | <b>436</b>        |
| <b>9601</b> | <b>285</b>       | <b>41</b>      | <b>680</b>        |

## **SLEEVE INDICATIONS FROM EDDY CURRENT**

- **Volumetric Indications at Upper Sleeve Weld**
  - 25 old sleeves (no change over one 20 month cycle based on I-coil and 3 coil RPC)
  - 26 new sleeves
- **Circumferential Indications at Upper Sleeve Weld**
  - 4 old sleeves (no change over 20 month cycle based on I-coil and 3 -coil RPC)
  - 6 new sleeves
- **No indications in parent tubing or sleeve away from the sleeve weld**

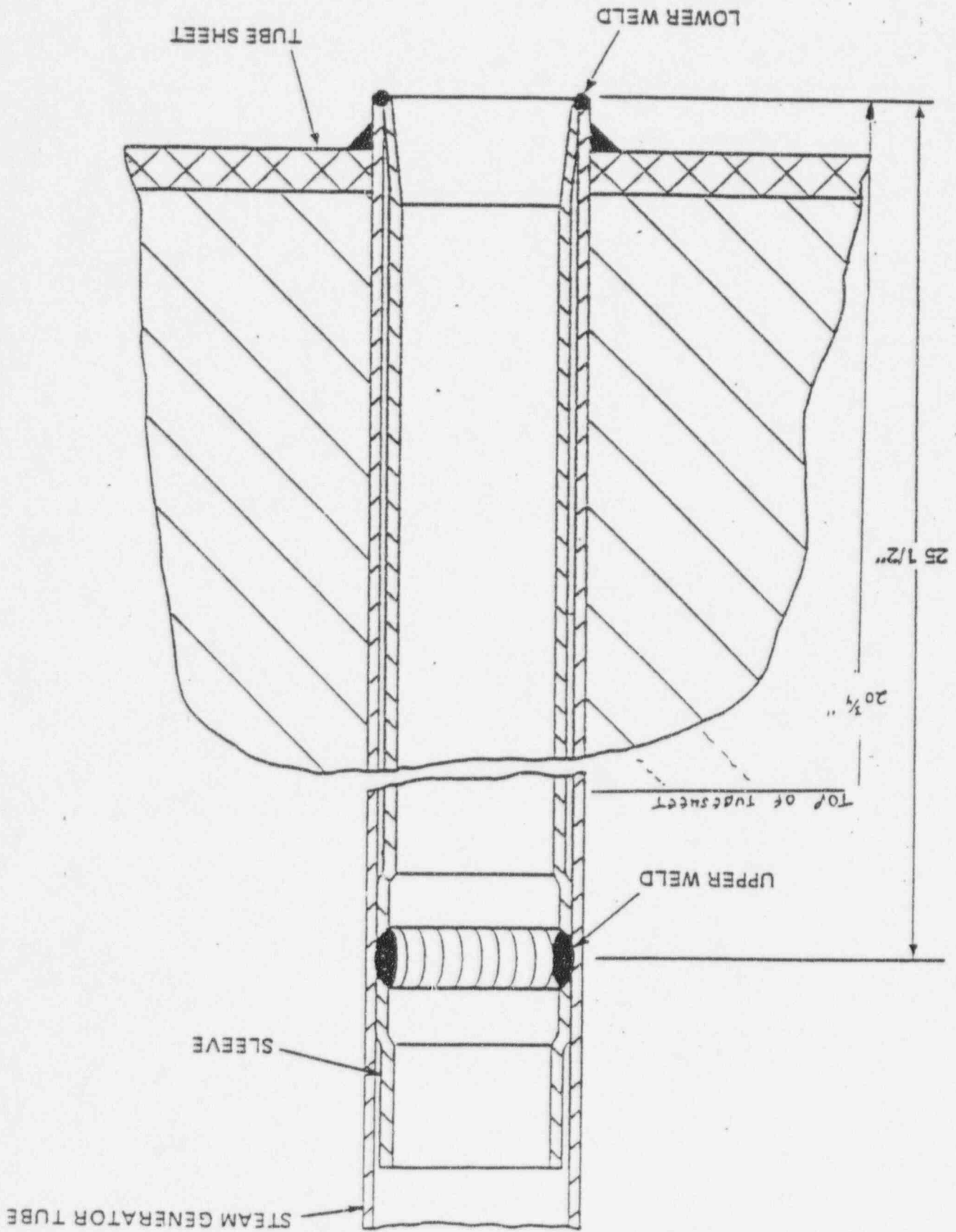


## **SLEEVE PULL - PURPOSE**

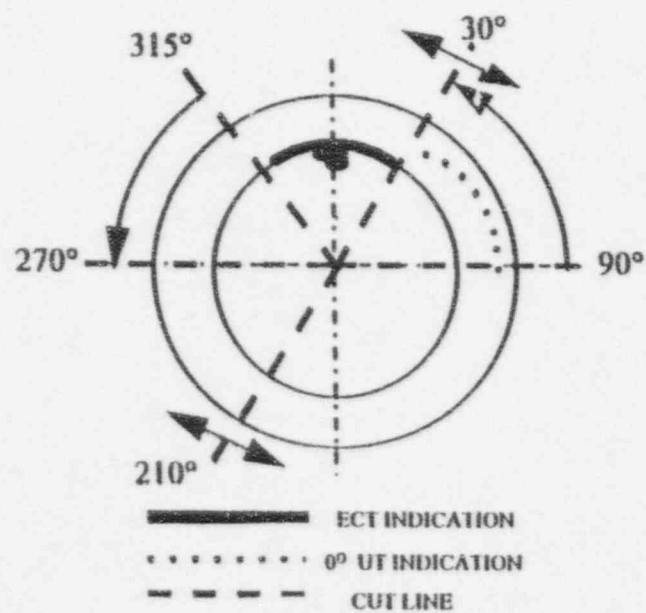
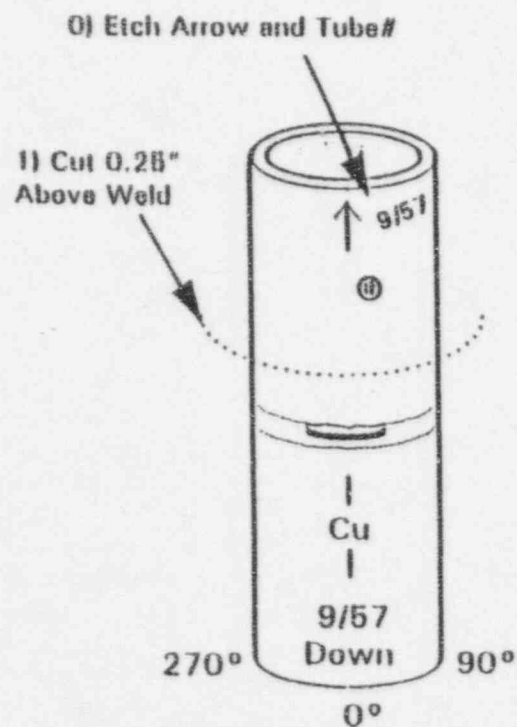
- **Identify physical condition which is source of ET Indications**
- **Evaluate Effect on Structural Integrity**
- **Identify Root Cause (Service or Process)**
- **Evaluate Leak Tightness**
  - **Plant developed a 23 GPD(max) leak on 11/17/96**
  - **One Sleeve, R7C63, leaked 1 drop per 6 minutes under 750# Secondary Pressure**
- **Received Encouragement from NRC**

## **SLEEVE PULL - TUBE SELECTION**

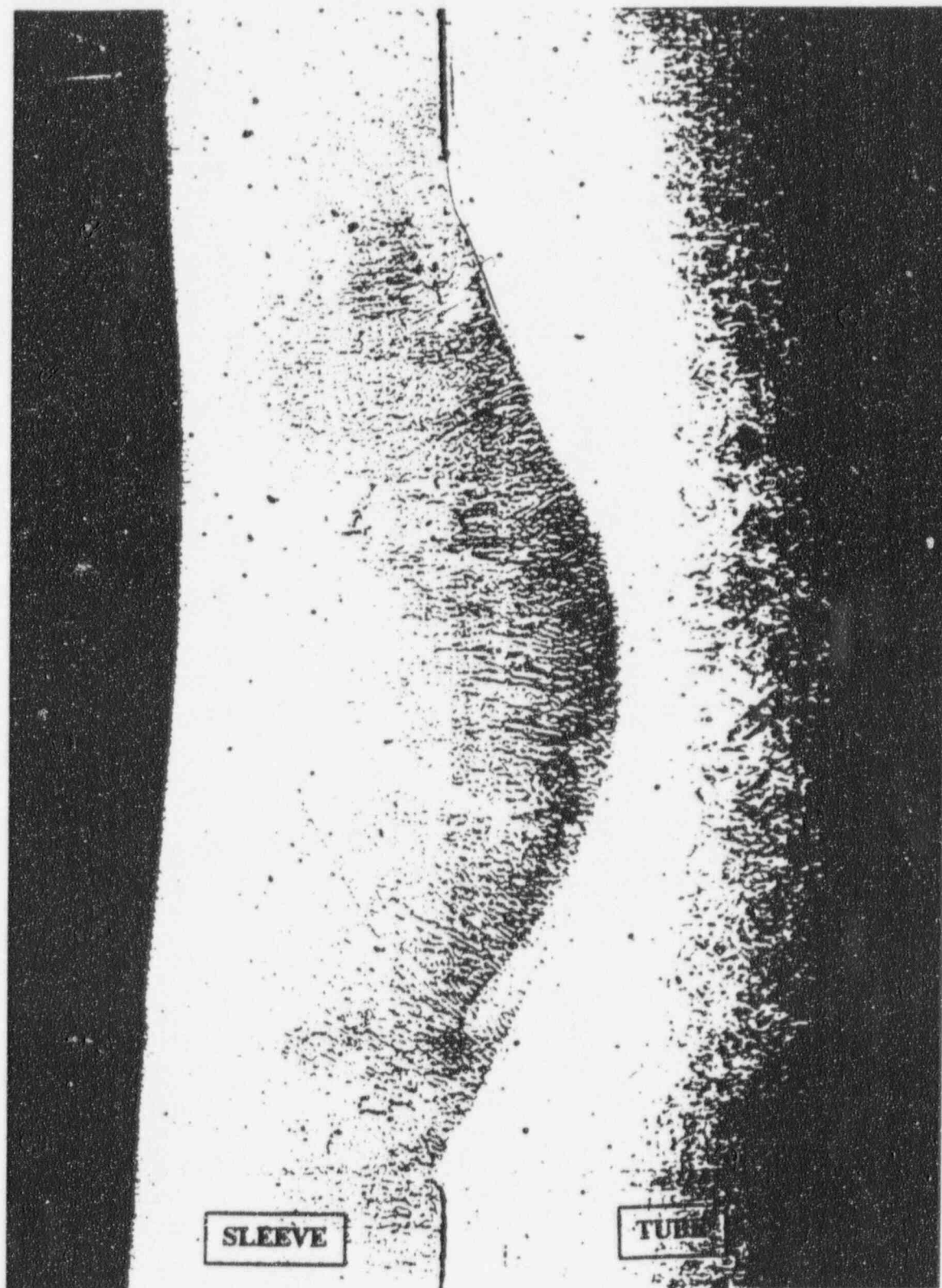
- **R5C48**                      **Single Circumferential Indication**  
**Installed 9210**                      **1 Weld**
- **R7C52**                      **Multiple Circumferential Indication**  
**Installed 9405**                      **4 Welds**
- **R9C57**                      **Single Circumferential Indication**  
**Installed 9210**                      **1 Weld**
- **R7C63**                      **Volumetric Indication**  
**Installed 9210**                      **2 Welds**
- **R5C74**                      **Multiple Circumferential Indication**  
**Installed 9601**                      **2 Welds**



# **PRAIRIE ISLAND TUBE/SLEEVE TYPICAL CUT PLAN**

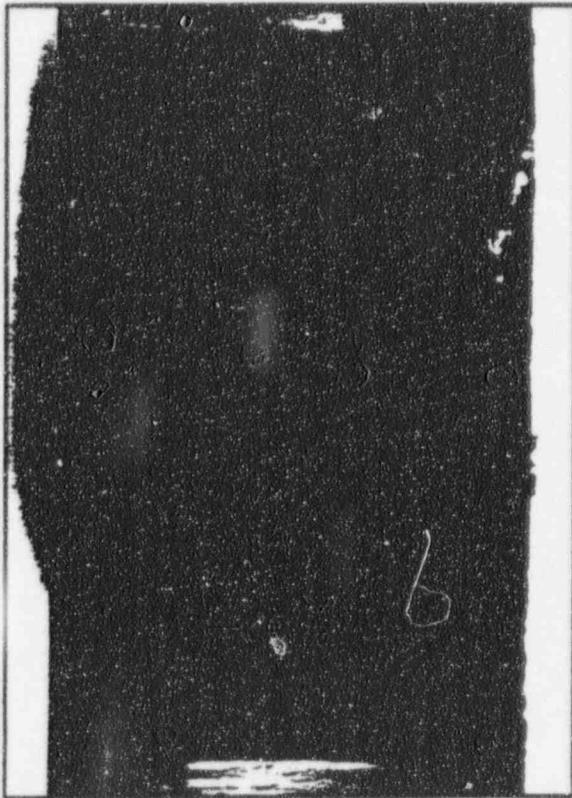


**TUBE R 9 C 57**  
**ACCEPTABLE WELD**

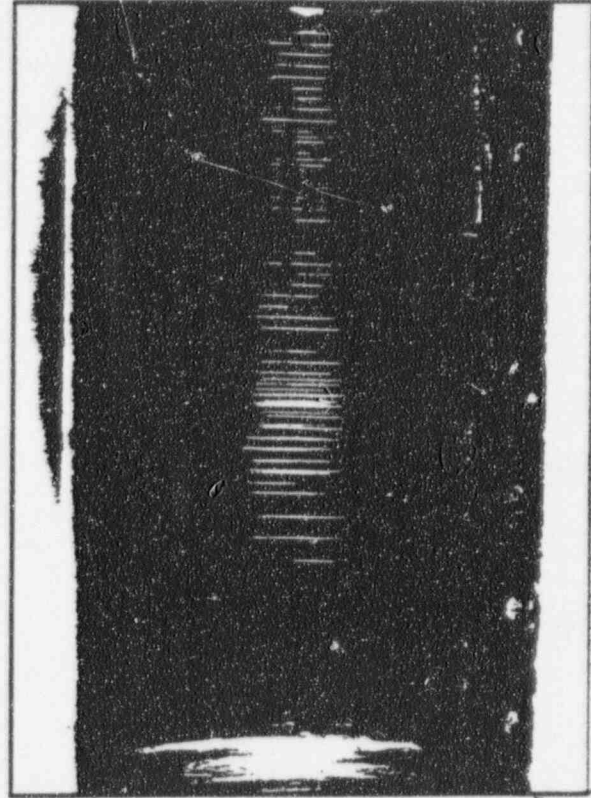


**PRAIRIE ISLAND UNIT 1  
STEAM GENERATOR 1 2  
TUBE R 5 C 74**

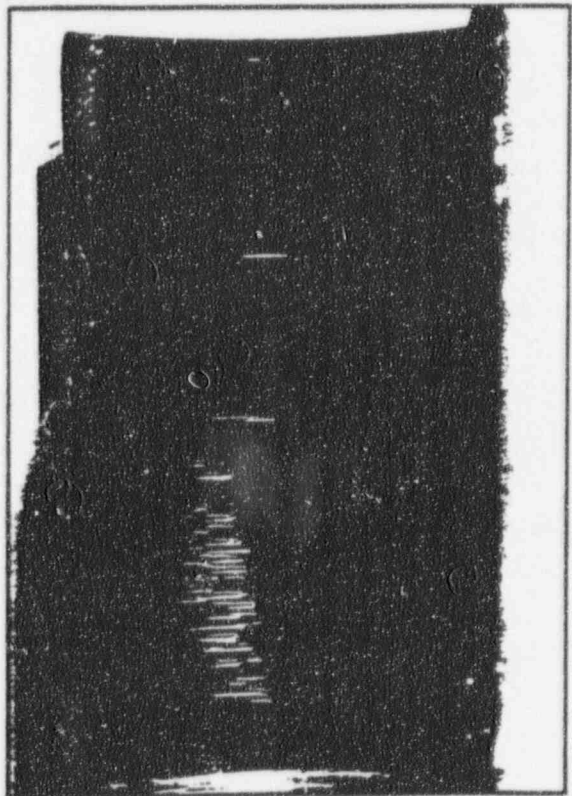
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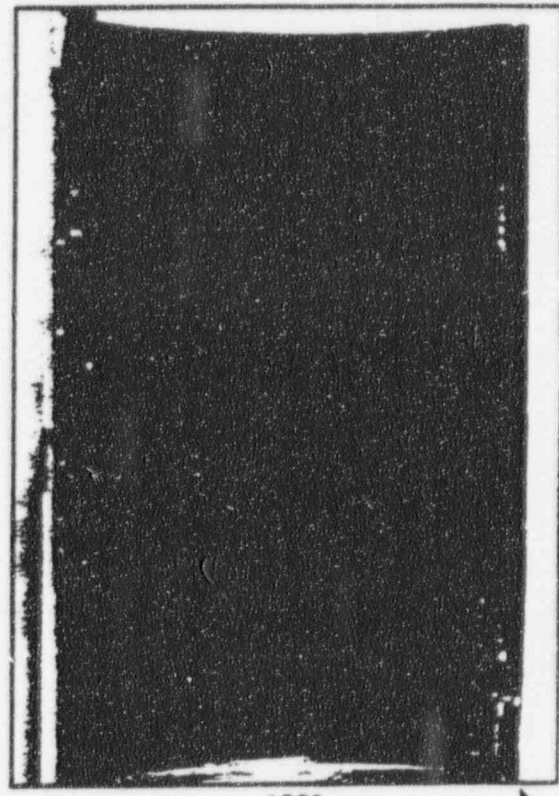
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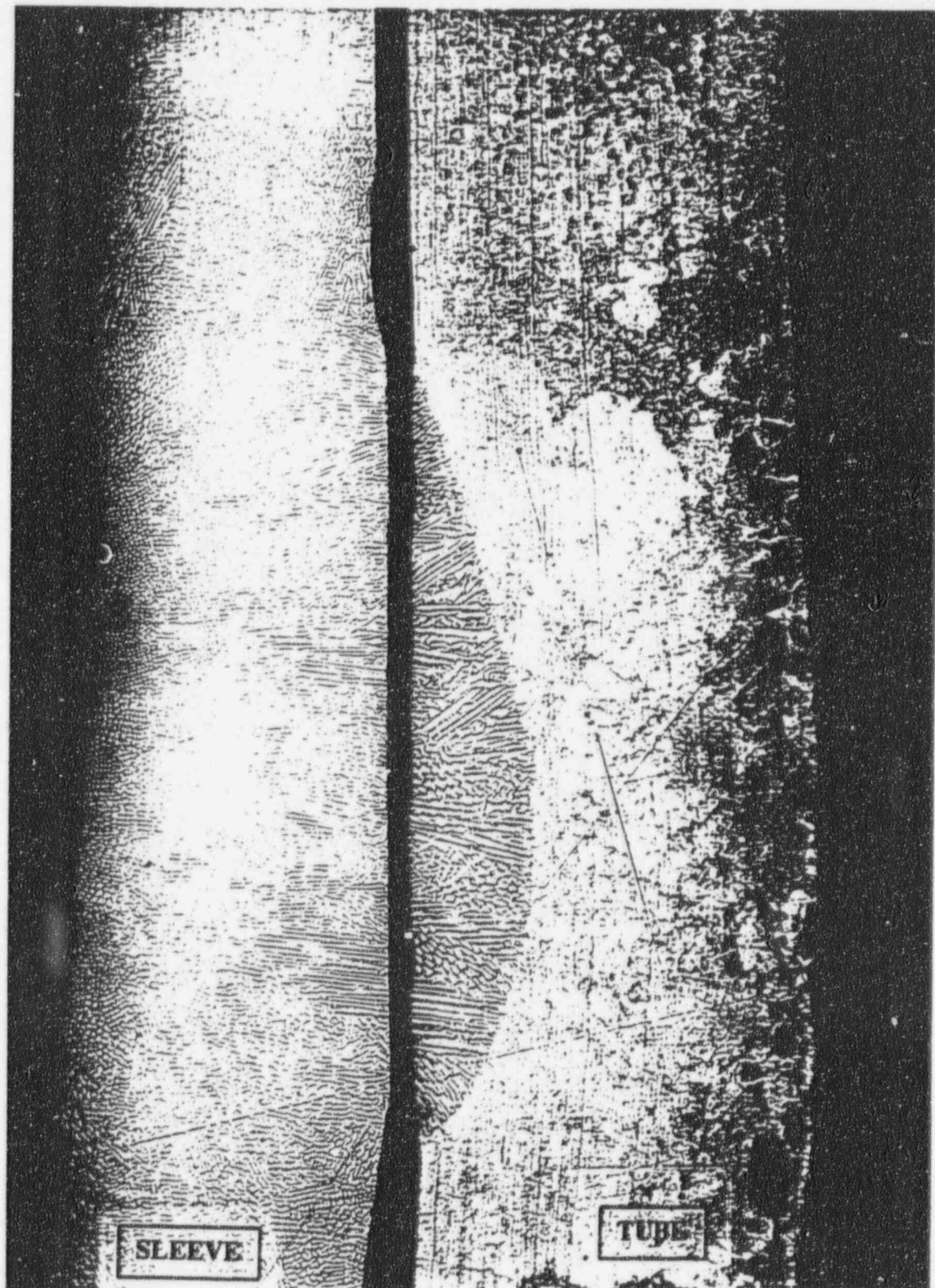


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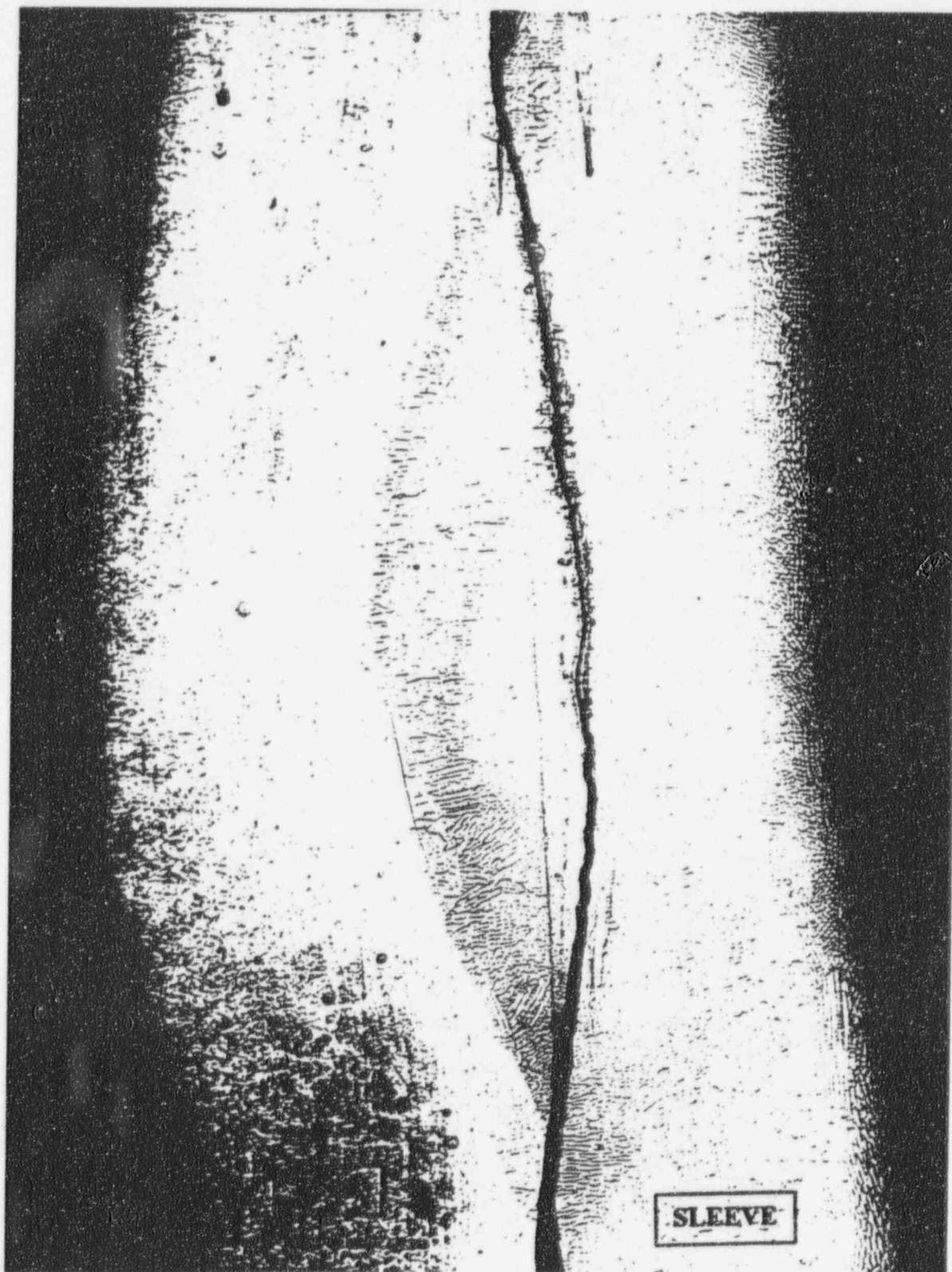


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**TUBE R 7 C 63**  
**LACK OF FUSION**

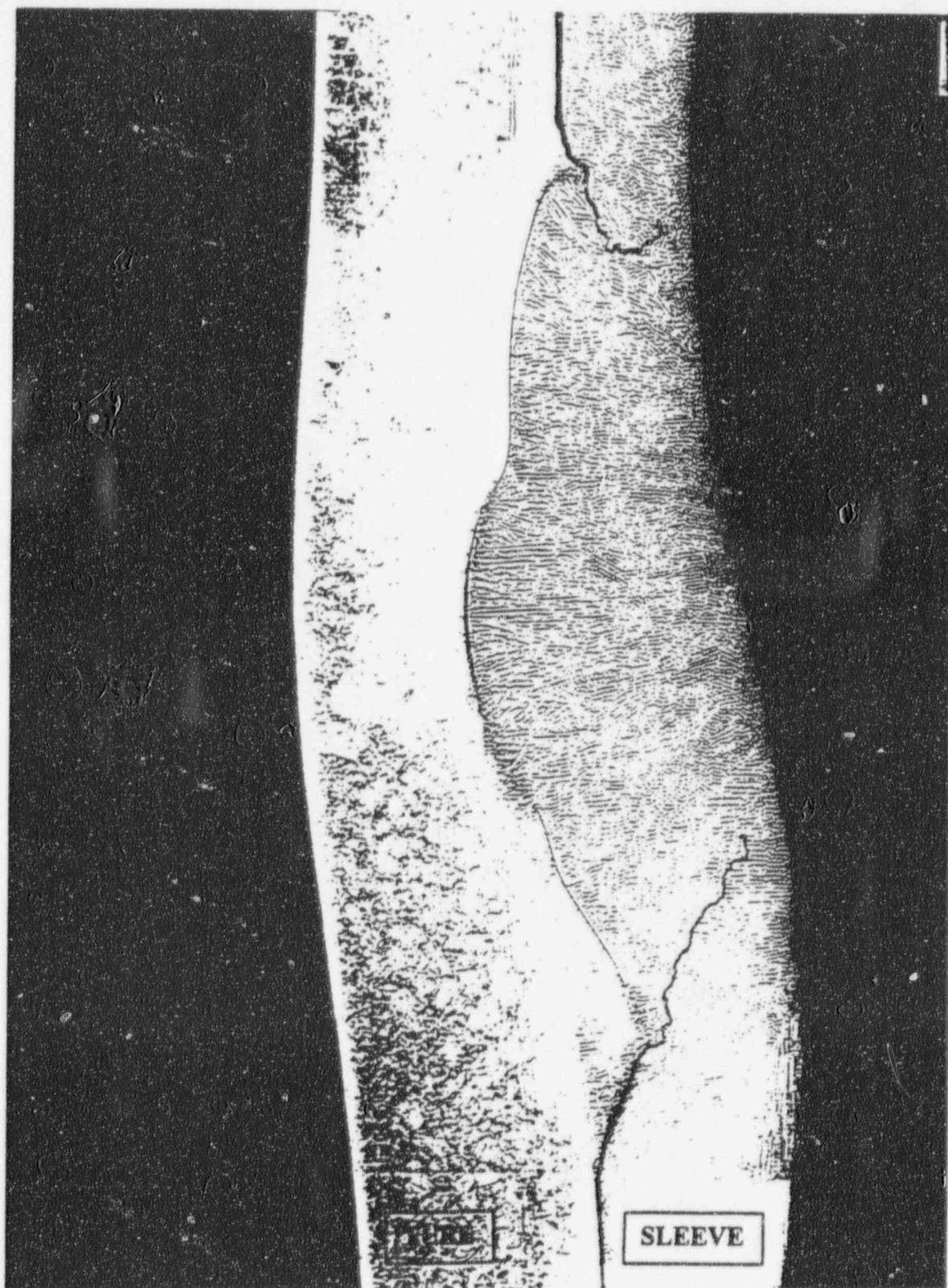


**TUBE R 7 C 52**  
**OXIDE INCLUSION / FILM**

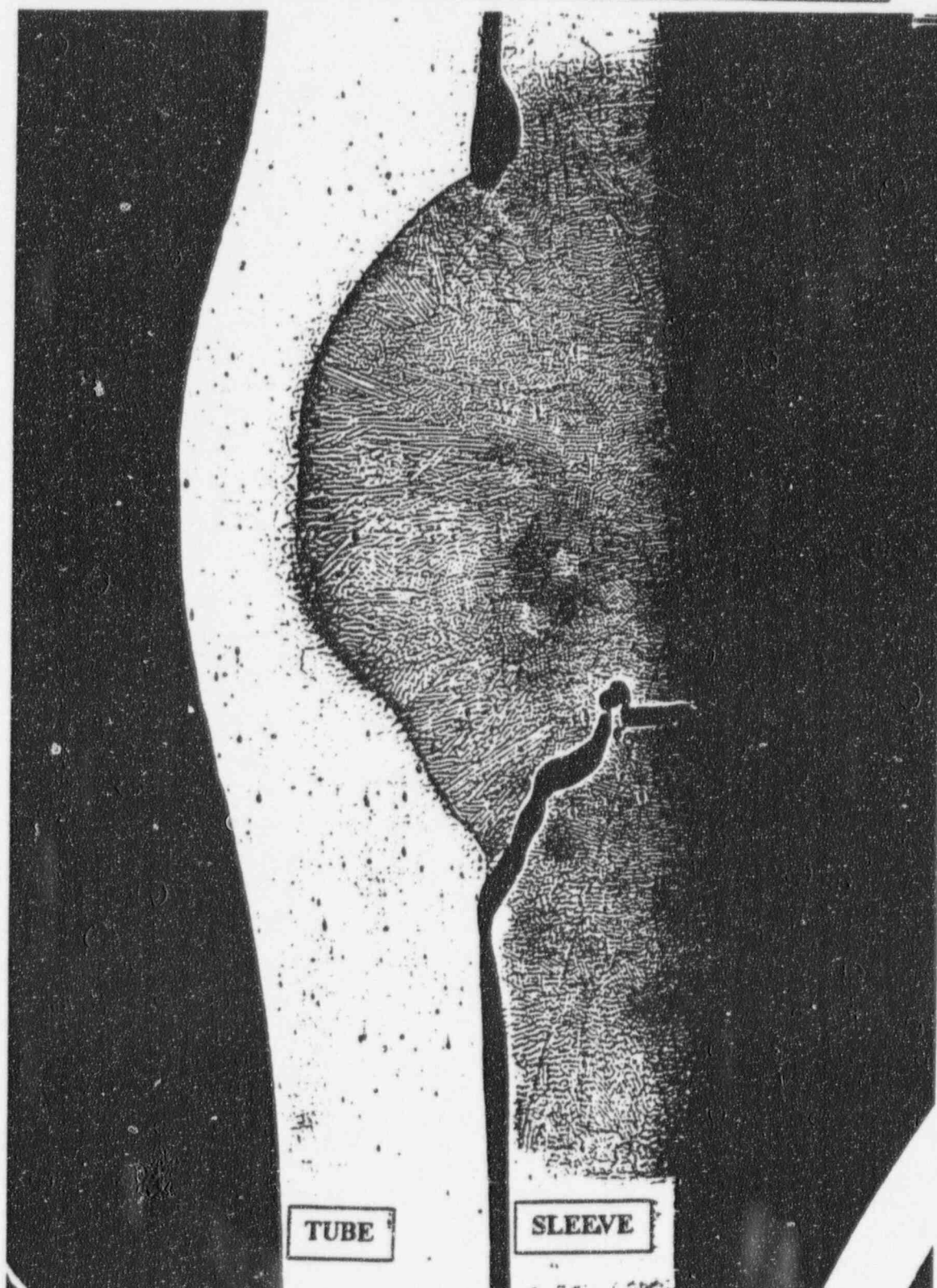


**SLEEVE**

**TUBE R 5 C 74**  
**OXIDE INCLUSION / FILM**



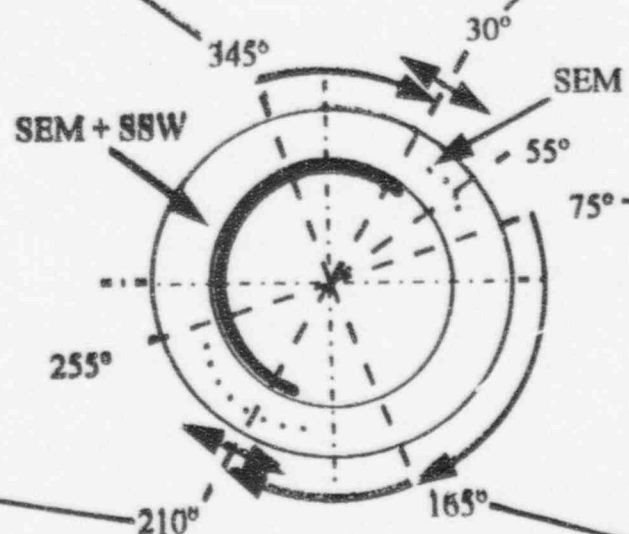
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**SEPARATED OXIDE INCLUSION / FILM**



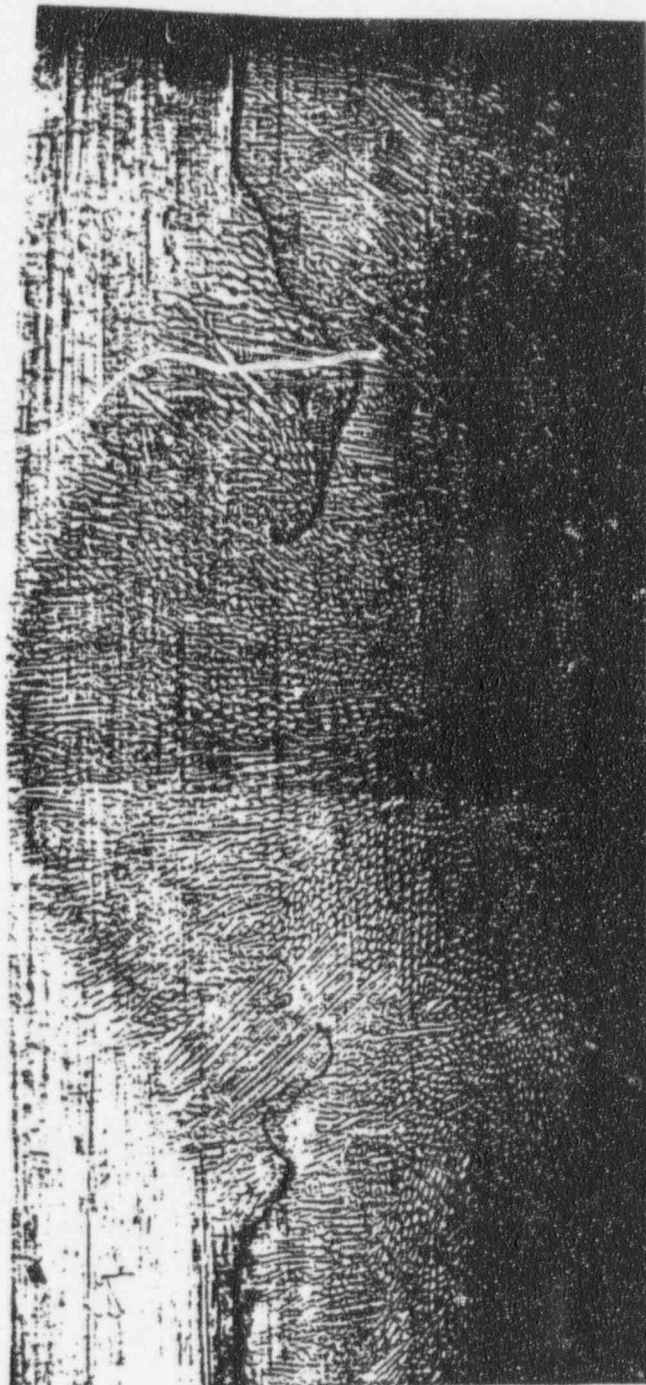
# PRAIRIE ISLAND UNIT 1 S/G 1 2

## TUBE R 7 C 52

(View from tubesheet up)



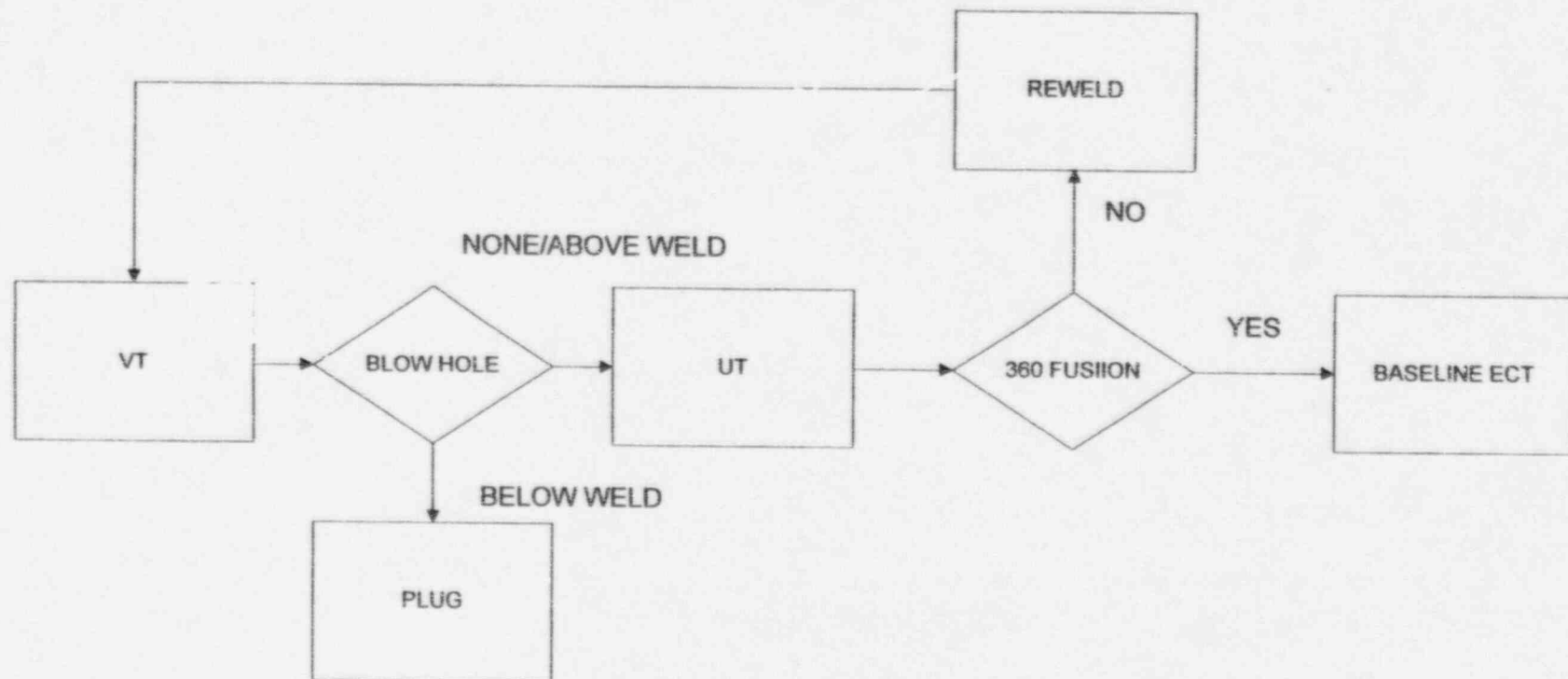
— ECT INDICATION  
..... 6° UT INDICATION  
- - - CUT LINE



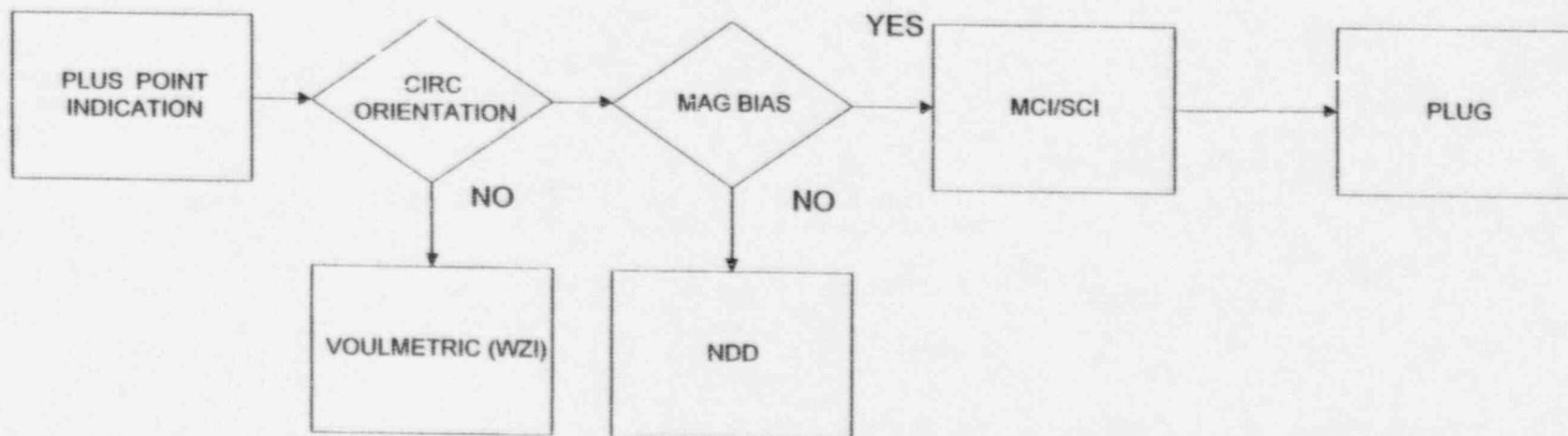
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LONGITUDINAL VIEW OF TUBE  
R26C39 AT 90° POSITION.

FIGURE 5

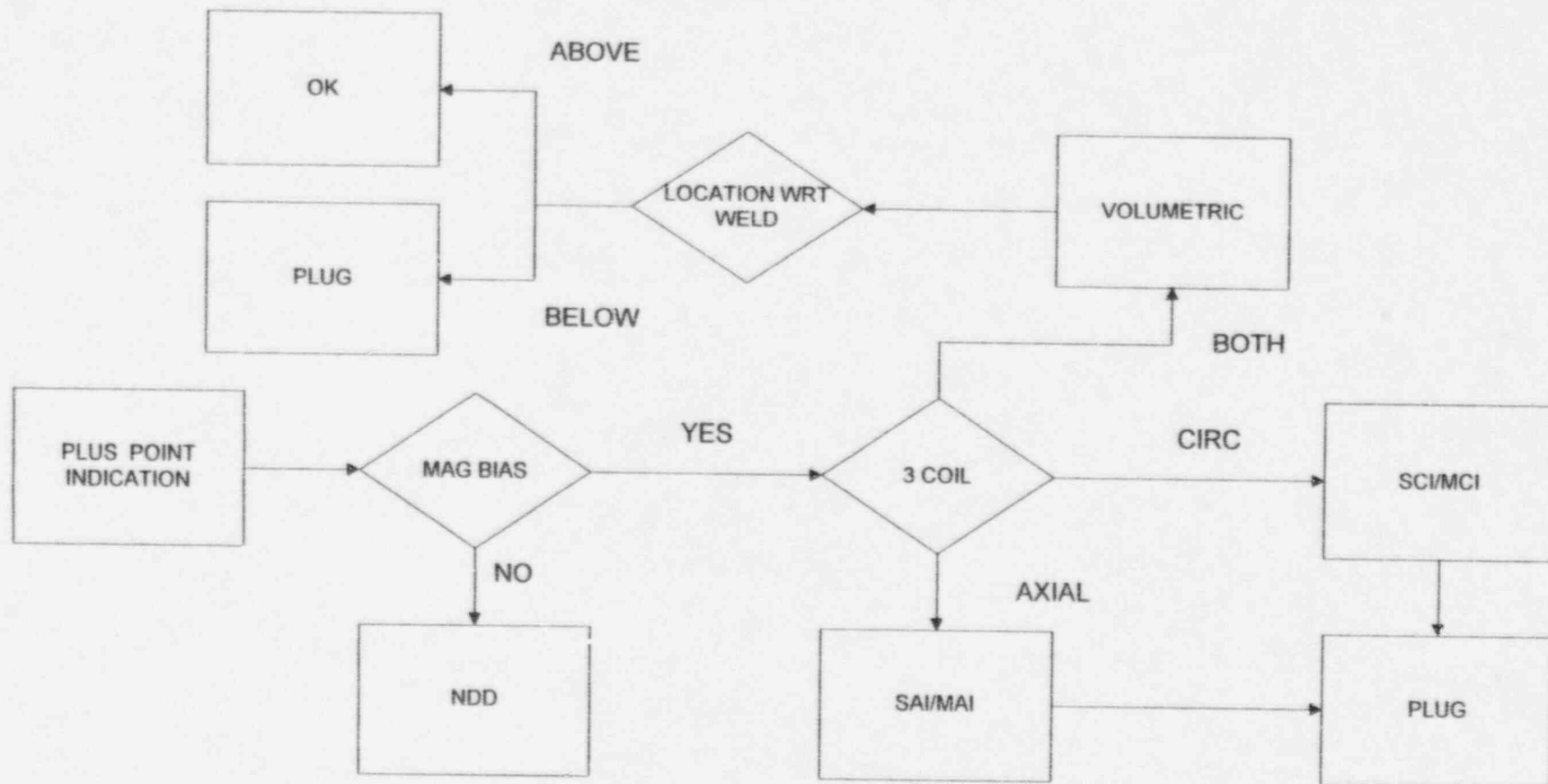
# INSPECTION PROGRAM POST WELDING



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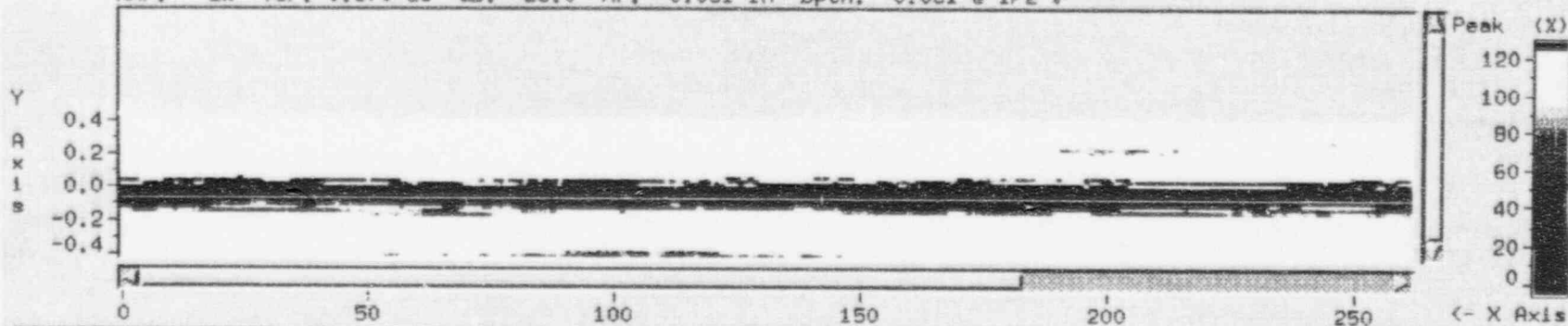


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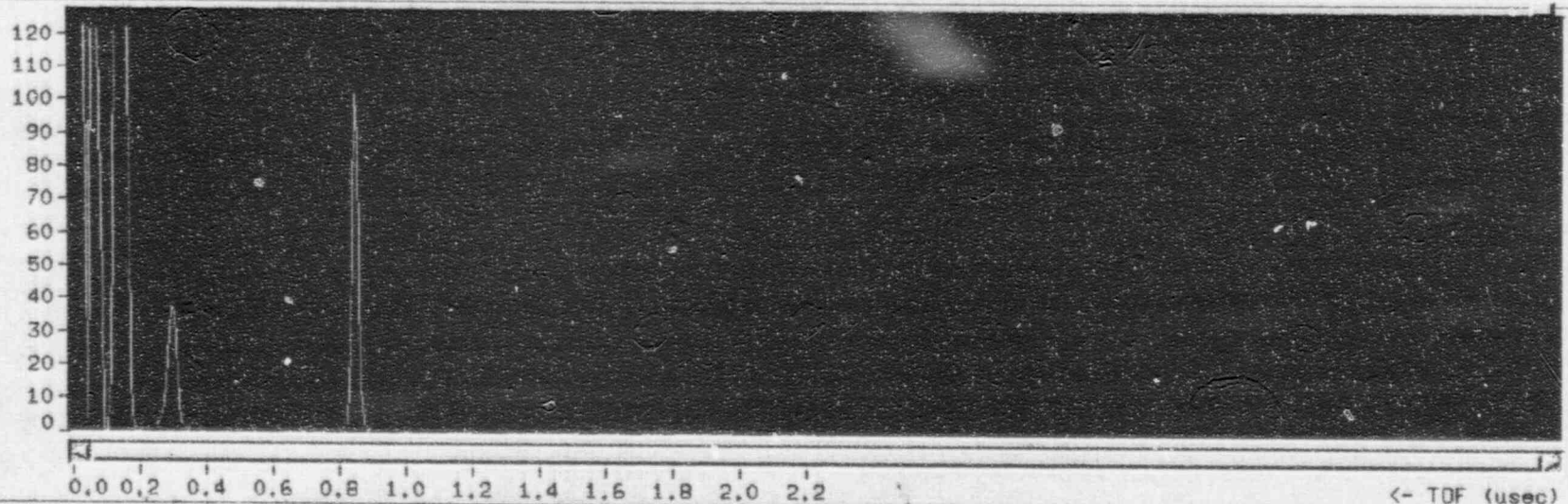
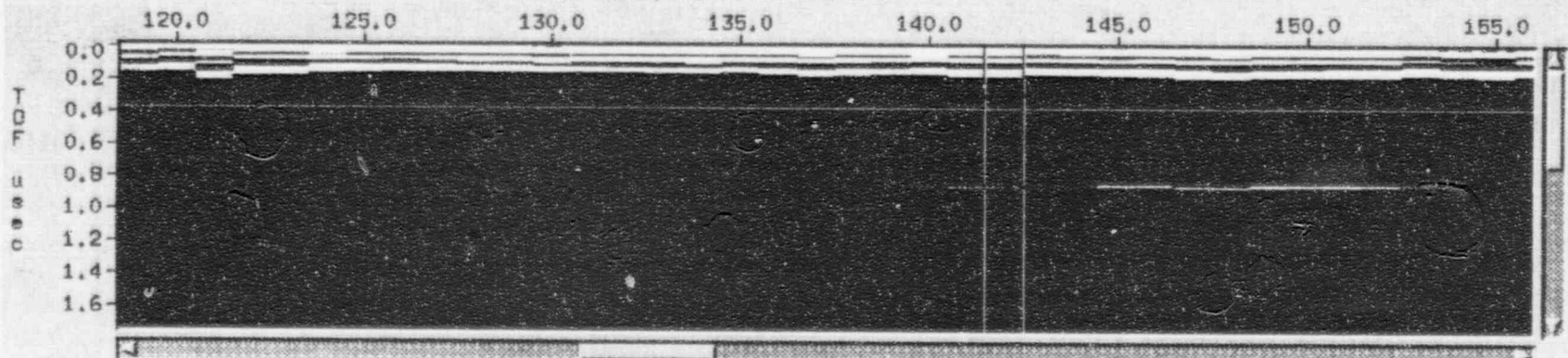


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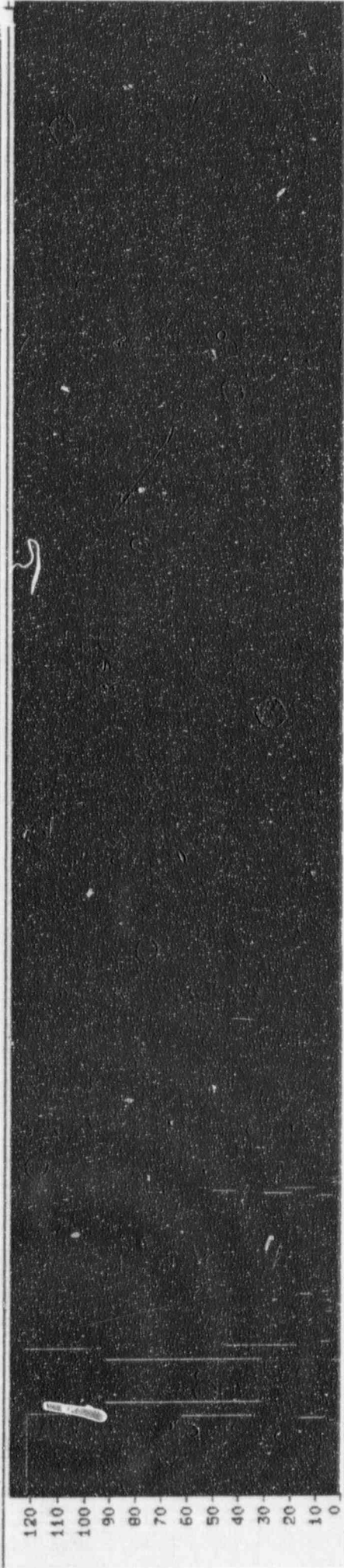
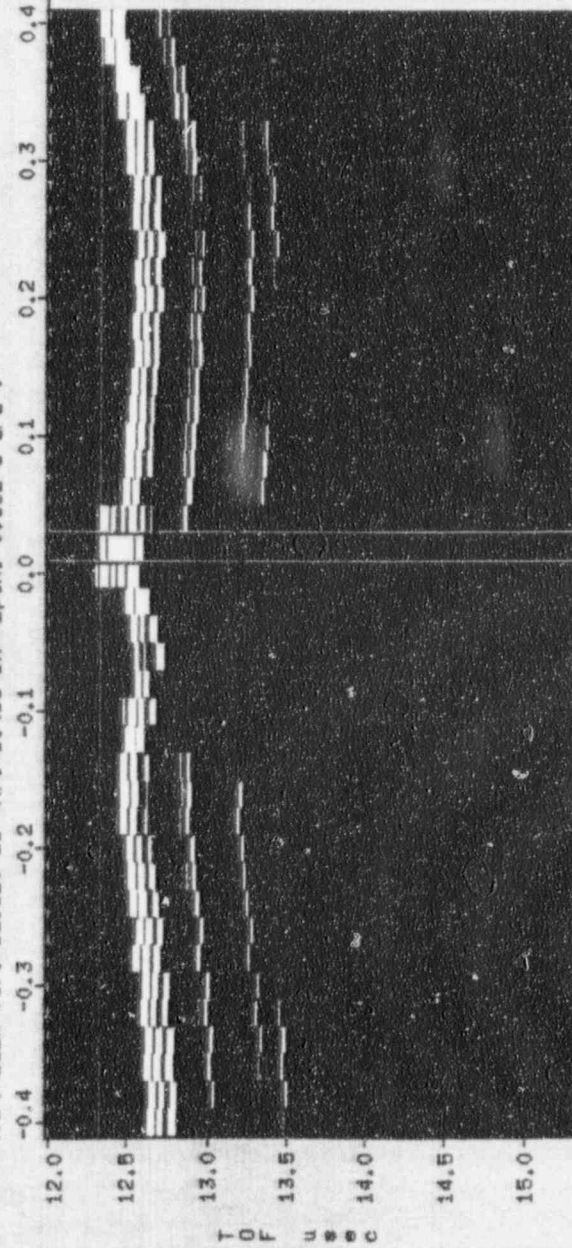
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X Axis: 321.000, Y Axis: 0.020  
 PMP: 78X TDF: 12.320 us dB: 5.8 MP: 1.418 in Depth: 1.418 @ 1/2 V

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 A 0.2  
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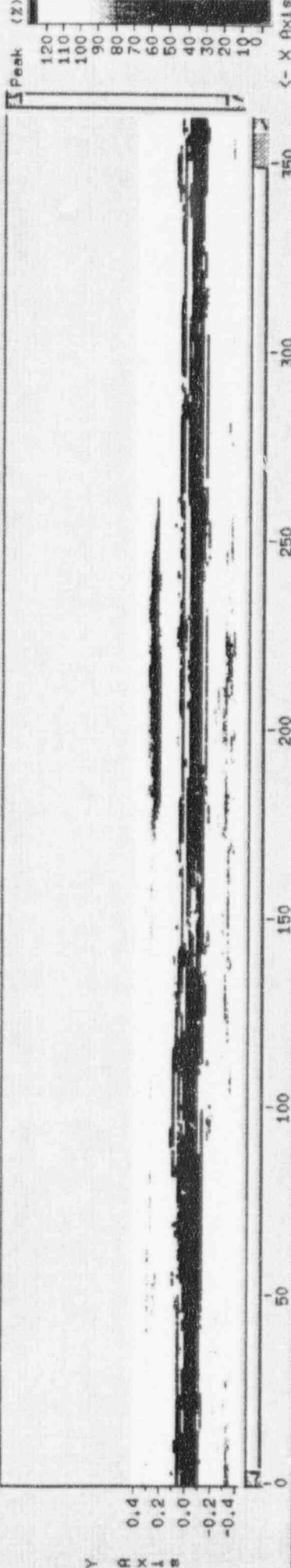
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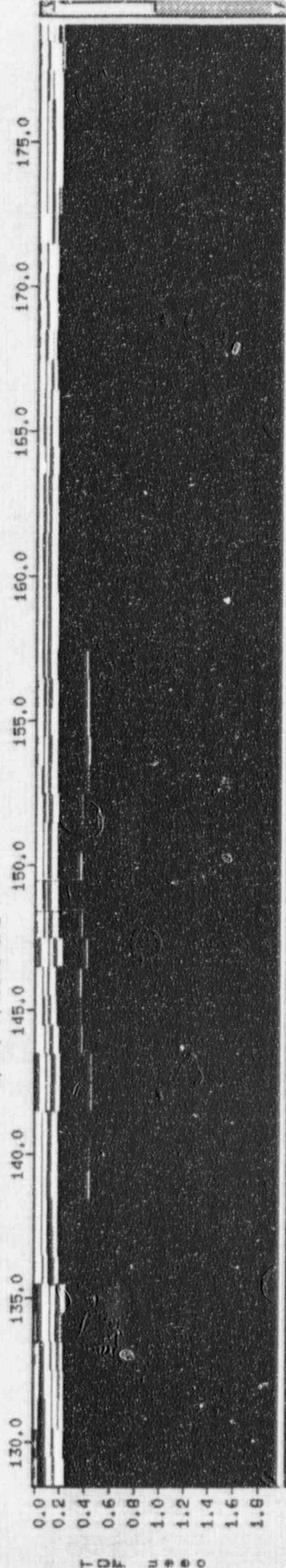


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X Axis: 149.000 Y Axis: -0.060 DTDF: 0.360 us Mass: NA  
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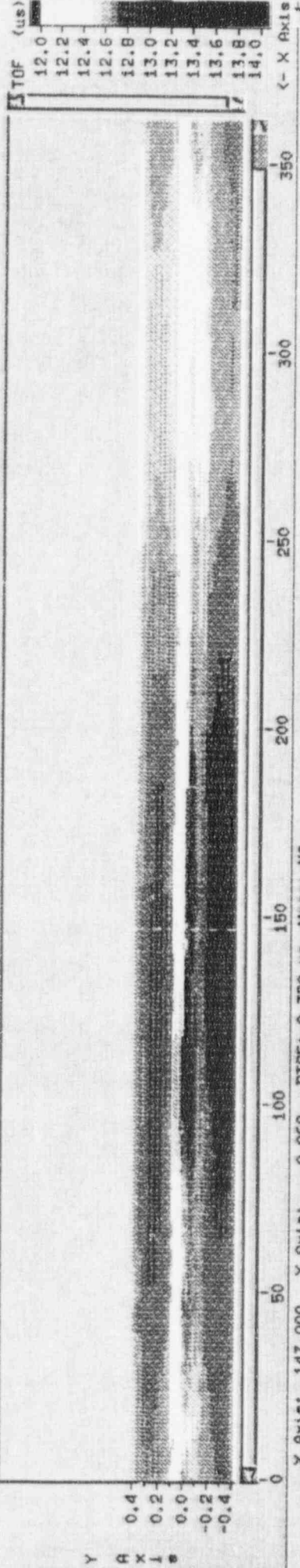
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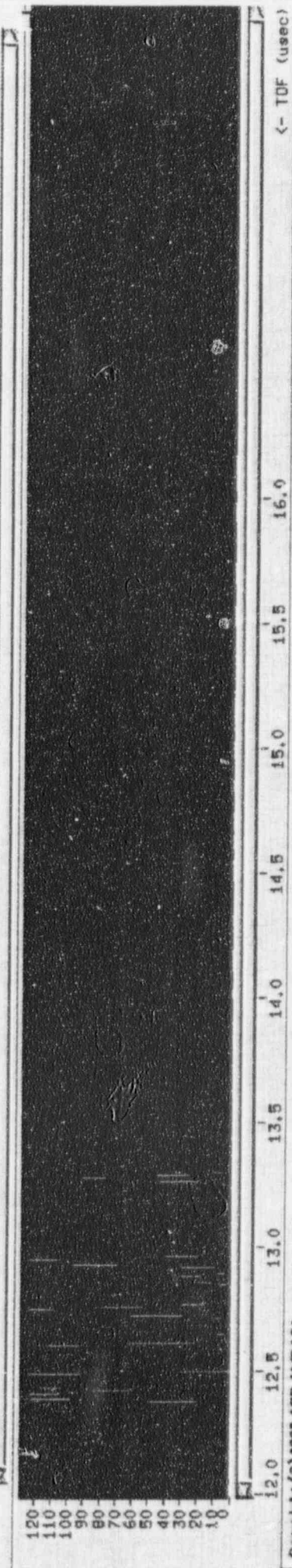
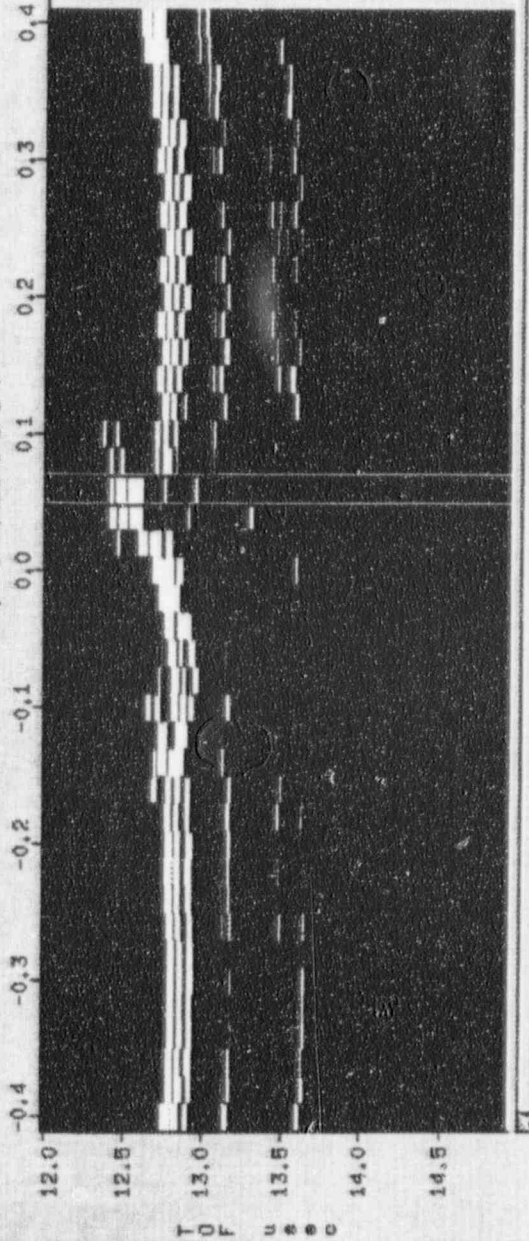
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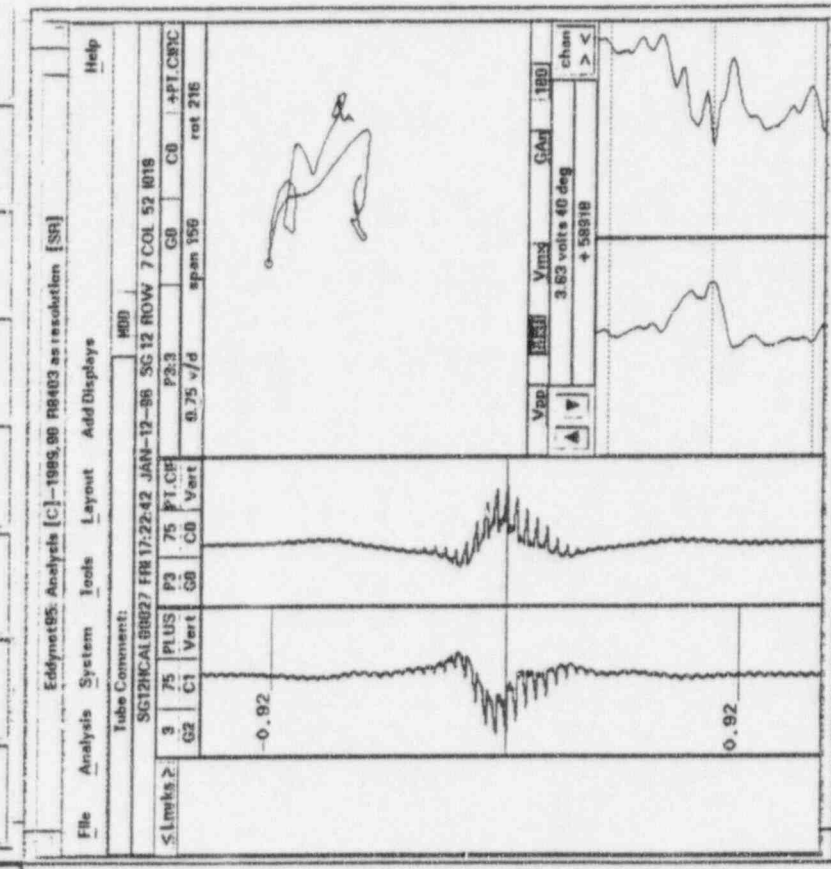
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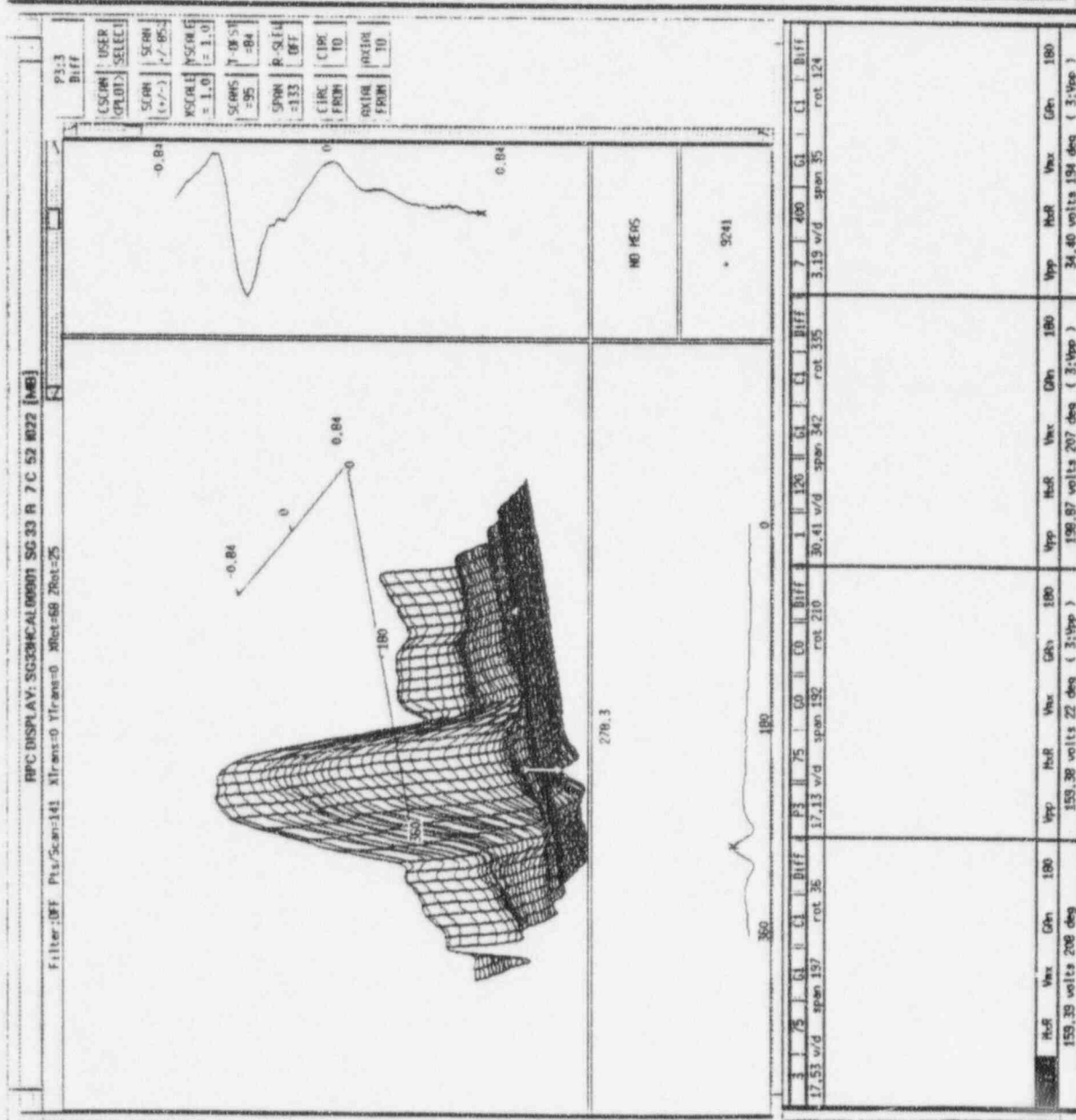
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## **CONCLUSIONS**

- **ROOT CAUSE**
  - INADEQUATE CLEANING**
- **CORRECTIVE ACTION**
  - CLEANING PROCESS CHANGED**
  - IMPROVED INSPECTION**

## **BYRON/BRAIDWOOD BASIS FOR ACCEPTANCE**

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  - **+ POINT EXAM**

## **ACRONYMS**

|                  |                                                    |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| • <b>SCI/MCI</b> | <b>Single/Multiple circumferential indications</b> |
| • <b>SAI/MAI</b> | <b>Single/Multiple axial indications</b>           |
| • <b>PV</b>      | <b>Permeability variation</b>                      |
| • <b>VOL</b>     | <b>Volumetric indication</b>                       |
| • <b>WZI</b>     | <b>Weld zone indication</b>                        |
| • <b>+PT</b>     | <b>Plus point probe design</b>                     |
| • <b>C SCAN</b>  | <b>Plan view of data</b>                           |
| • <b>B SCAN</b>  | <b>0 - 360 degree cross section view</b>           |
| • <b>B' SCAN</b> | <b>Axial cross section</b>                         |
| • <b>SEM</b>     | <b>Scanning electron microscope</b>                |
| • <b>UET</b>     | <b>Upper expansion transition</b>                  |

| Plant                | Inlet Log Temp (F) | Sleeve Type (1) | ABB-CEND S/O Sleeve Operating History (to January 1996) |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | TOTAL |
|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
|                      |                    |                 | Estimated EFPY of Sleeve Operation (2)                  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |
|                      |                    |                 | <1                                                      | 1    | 1.5  | 2.0  | 2.5  | 3.0  | 3.5  | 4.0  | 4.5 | 5.0 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 6.5 | 7.0 | 7.5 |       |
| Ringhals 2           | 610                | STAW            |                                                         |      | 16   |      |      |      |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |
|                      | 600                | STAW            |                                                         |      |      | 571  | 599  |      | 59   | 16   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1245  |
| Bunn                 | 601                | STAW            |                                                         |      |      | 51   | 178  |      | 183  | 198  |     | 408 |     |     | 104 |     | 36  | 1158  |
|                      |                    | PTAW            |                                                         |      |      |      | 63   |      | 29   | 48   |     | 107 |     |     |     |     |     | 247   |
| Prairie Island 1 (4) | 590                | STAW            |                                                         |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |
|                      |                    | RTHT            | 253                                                     |      | 117  |      | 158  |      |      |      |     | 62  |     |     | 73  |     | 27  | 100   |
|                      |                    |                 |                                                         |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 590   |
| Kewaunee (4)         | 590                | PTAW            |                                                         |      |      |      | 16   |      |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 16    |
| Zion 1 (4)           | 594                | STAW            | 911                                                     |      | 61   | 124  |      |      | 445  |      |     |     | 128 |     |     |     |     | 1669  |
| Zion 2 (4)           | 594                | STAW            |                                                         | 162  | 170  |      |      |      | 82   |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 414   |
| AND 2 (4)            | 611                | RTHT            | 627                                                     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 627   |
| Ringhals 3 (4)       | 610                | RTHT            |                                                         |      |      |      |      |      | 46   |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 46    |
|                      |                    | SPHT            |                                                         |      |      |      |      |      | 22   |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 22    |
| KRSND (4)            | 619                | RTHT            |                                                         |      | 164  |      |      |      |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 164   |
|                      |                    | SPHT            |                                                         |      | 16   |      |      |      |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 16    |
| Total                |                    |                 | 1791                                                    | 162  | 528  | 746  | 1014 | 0    | 866  | 262  | 0   | 577 | 128 | 0   | 177 | 0   | 63  | 6314  |
| Cumulative Total     |                    |                 | 6314                                                    | 4523 | 4361 | 3833 | 3087 | 2073 | 2073 | 1207 | 945 | 945 | 368 | 240 | 240 | 63  | 63  |       |
|                      |                    |                 |                                                         |      | (3)  |      |      |      |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |

(3)

#### Notes:

(1) Sleeve Type designations and their totals are as follows:

|      |                                                                                                |        |
|------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| STAW | Standard Tubesheet sleeves where the welds are in the As Welded condition                      | Totals |
| PTAW | Peripheral (Initially Curved) Tubesheet sleeves where the welds are in the As Welded condition | 4586   |
| STHT | Standard Tubesheet sleeves where the upper weld has been Post Weld Heat Treated                | 263    |
| RTHT | Roll Transition sleeves where the weld has been Post Weld Heat Treated                         | 590    |
| SPHT | Support Plate sleeves where the welds have been Post Weld Heat Treated                         | 837    |
|      |                                                                                                | 38     |

(2) EFPY of operation is based either on data received from the plant or calculated from the load factor published in Nuclear Engineering International for the period during which the sleeves have been in place. Operating time is rounded to the nearest 0.1 EFPY as of 1 July 1995

(3) 16 Sleeves which ran for a year at Ringhals 3 before T hot was reduced are included in totals for 600 F

(4) Plants inspected with I-coil or Plus Point ECT probe