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SUBJECT:

SUMMARY OF MEETING WITH WESTINGHOUSE OWNERS GROUP (WOG)

CONCERNING PRIMARY WATER STRESS CORROSION CRACKING (PWSCC)

OF INCONEL 600

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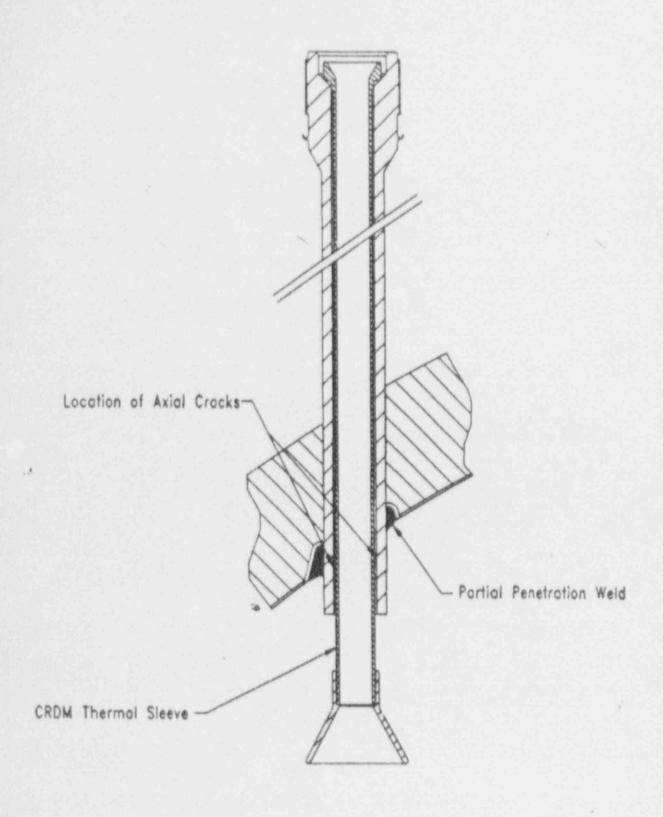
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- Determination of Unreviewed Safety Question

INSPECTION

R/V CLOSURE HEAD ALLOY 600 PENETRATION ISSUE APPLIED INSPECTION TECHNIQUES

VISUAL EXAMINATION

- Used both on I.D and OD of penetration
- Provides little information on flaw indication dimensions

PENETRANT TEST (PT)

- Used both on ID and OD of penetration
- Requires thermal sleeve removal or modification to inspect ID
- Provides length information on flaw indications

ULTRASONIC TEST (UT)

- Requires thermal sleeve removal or modification to perform inspection
- Provides depth and length data
- Requires couplant for application

EDDY CURRENT TESTING (ECT)

- Applied between thermal sleeve or through thermal sleeve
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- THIS ISSUE APPEARS NOT TO BE A SAFETY ISSUE
- DEVELOPING ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA AND EVALUATING INSPECTION/REPAIR/MITIGATION TECHNOLOGY
- NOVEMBER 92 MEETING TO REVIEW:
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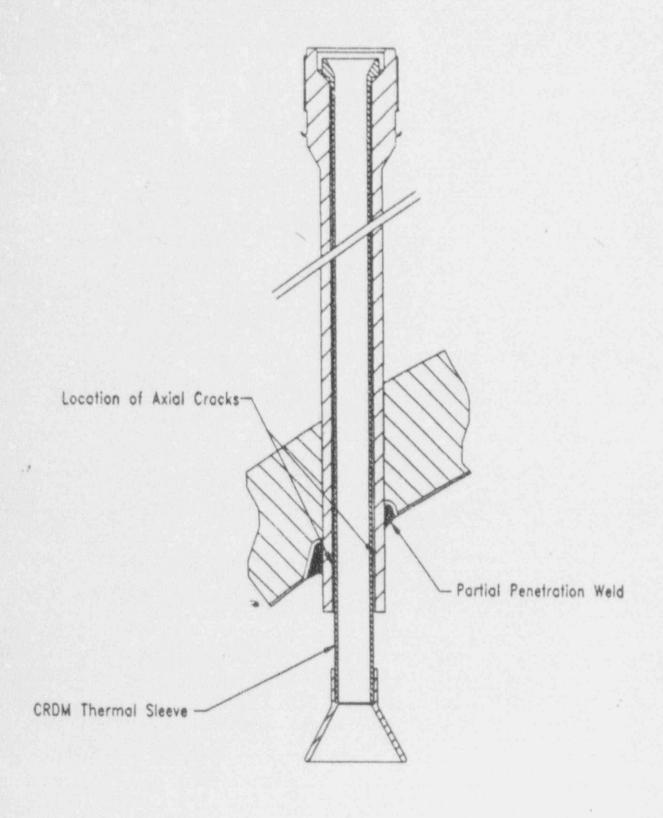
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- Proving a basis for Continued Plant Operation with cracked penetrations
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- Corrosion Assessment An assessment of the effects of postulated leakage on the carbon steel of the reactor vessel head.
- Determination of Unreviewed Safety Question

INS ECTION

R/V CLOSURE HEAD ALLOY 600 PENETRATION ISSUE APPLIED INSPECTION TECHNIQUES

VISUAL EXAMINATION

Used both on I.D and OD of penetration

Provides little information on flaw indication dimensions

PENETRANT TEST (PT)

Used both on ID and OD of penetration

 Requires thermal sleeve removal or modification to inspect ID

Provides length information on flaw indications

ULTRASONIC TEST (UT)

- Requires thermal sleeve removal or modification to perform inspection
- Provides depth and length data
- Requires couplant for application

EDDY CURRENT TESTING (ECT)

- Applied between thermal sleeve or through thermal sleeve
- Provides length information on flaw indications

- THIS ISSUE APPEARS NOT TO BE A SAFETY ISSUE
- DEVELOPING ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA AND EVALUATING INSPECTION/REPAIR/MITIGATION TECHNOLOGY
- NOVEMBER 92 MEETING TO REVIEW:
 - SAFETY EVALUATION
 - ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA
 - REPAIR METHODOLOGIES