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NEW PROBLEM AT OYSTER CREEK

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George Ritter called me today to inform me of the identification of a new problem with the reactor vessel internals at Oyster Creek.

During recent inspection of the core shroud support ring* a defect was found. The defect was removed and examined metallurgically. The initial results of this examination indicate evidence of stress corrosion.

Jersey Central and General Electric are reviewing the significance of this finding and its possible implications. A scheduled briefing on the vessel problems (to have been held on May 24th) has been postponed for at least a month; a scheduled ACRS review of these problems will be postponed similarly.

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- * This ring is made of 304 stainless steel, which was sensitized during the heat treatment of the vessel.

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