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Based on the procedures and design features discussed above, the potential for condensation induced waterhammer is minimized in the main feedwater piping.

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- Feedwater containment isolation valves
- Feedwater regulation valves
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- Feedwater preheater bypass valves
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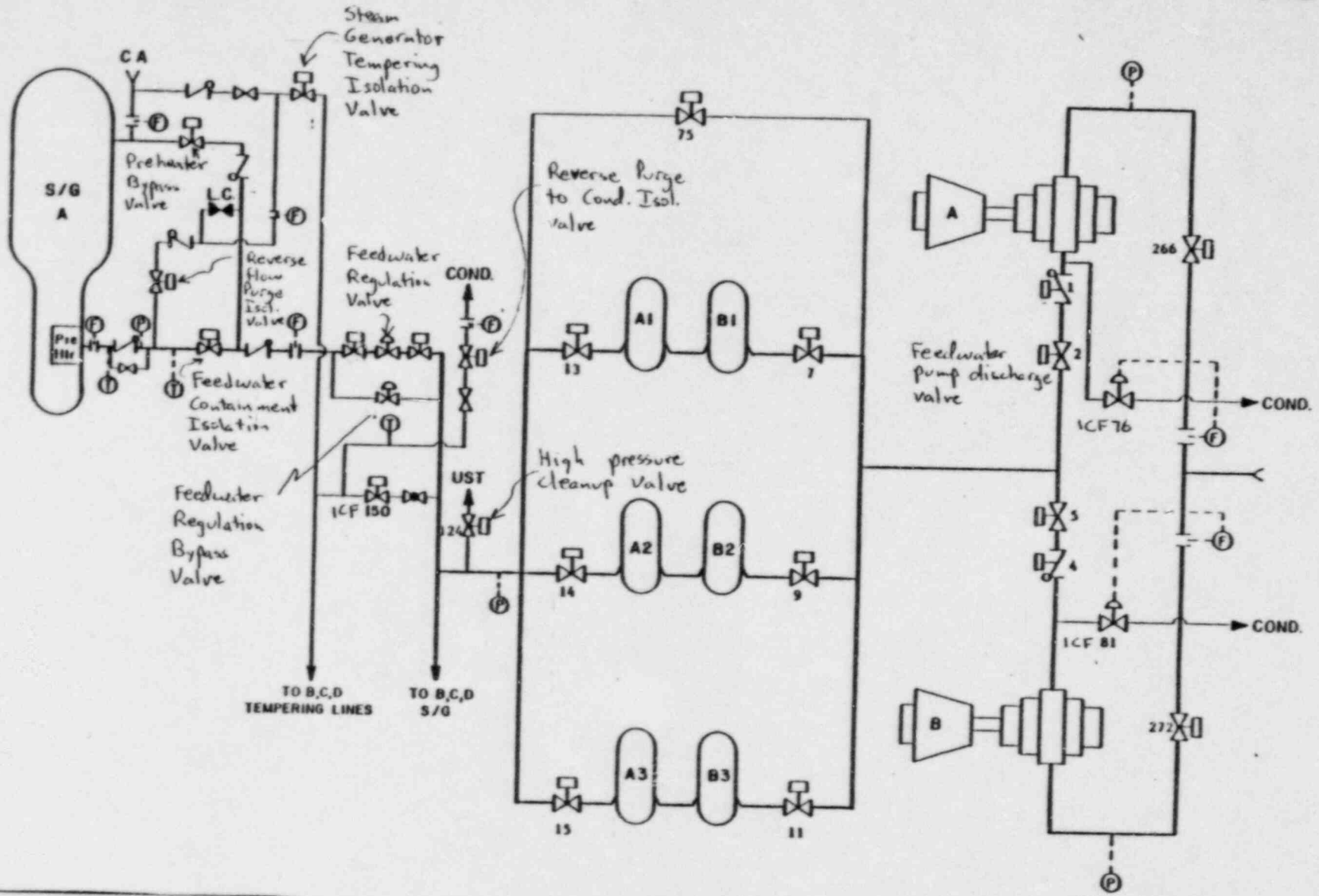
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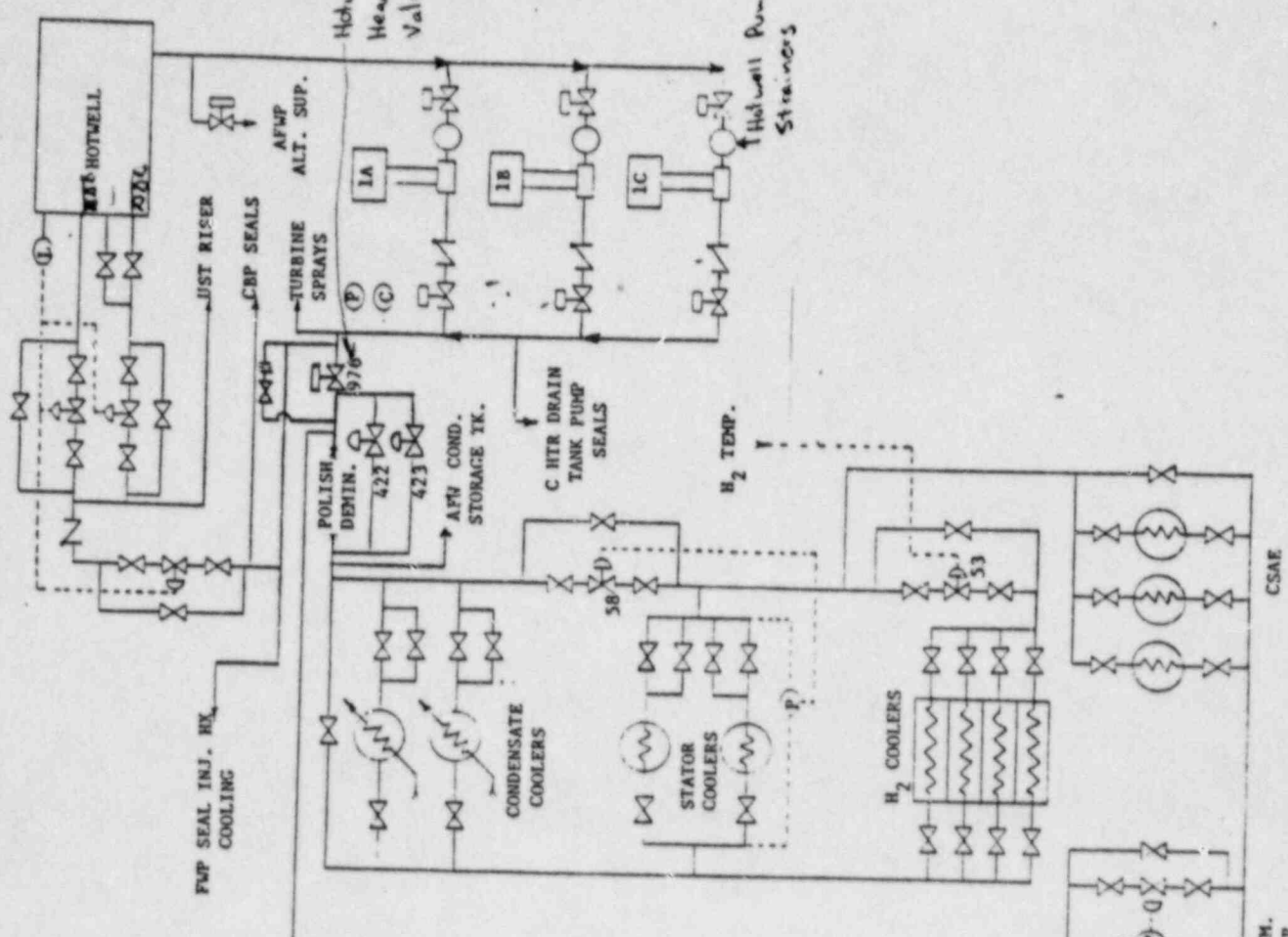
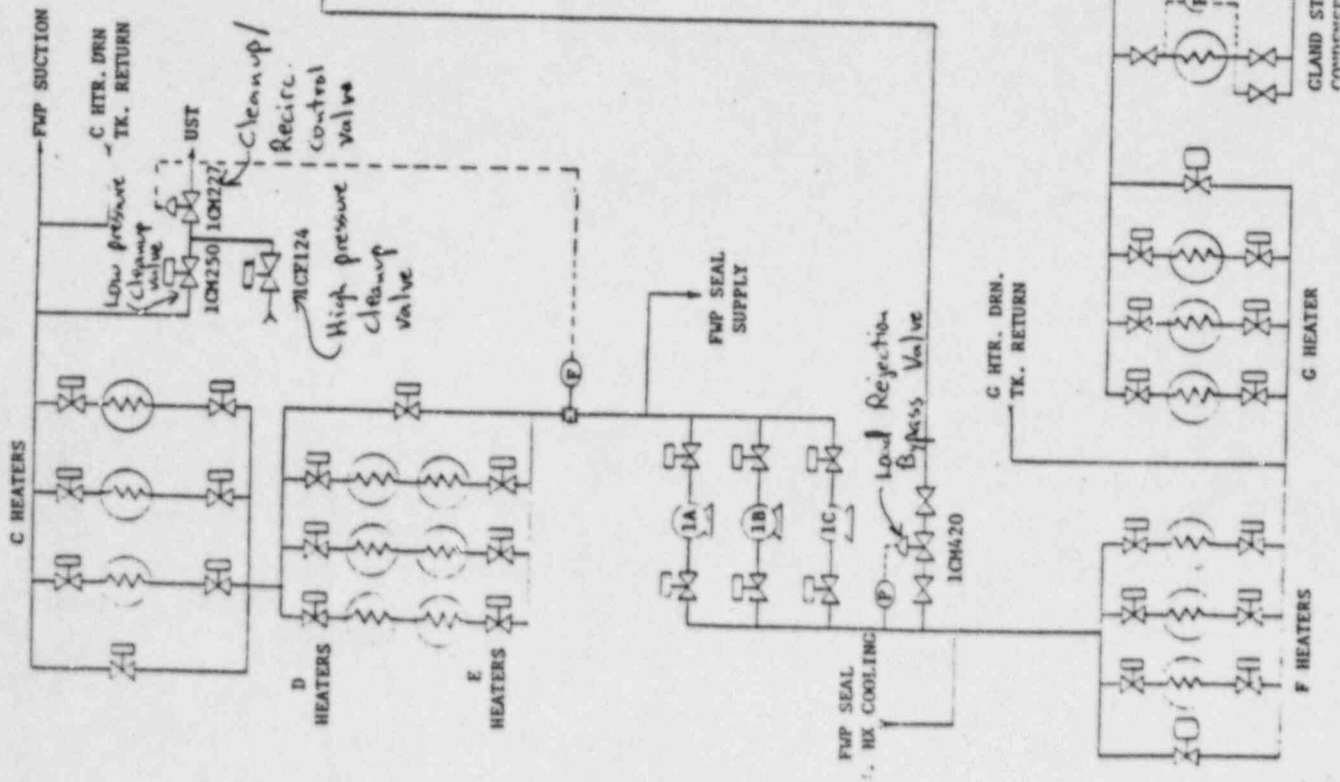
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- 5) Set position of ICM227 to obtain a flowrate of about 4000 gpm.
- 6) Open ICF76 and or/ICF81 to increase flow to 5000 gpm.
- 7) Start second hotwell pump.
- 8) Increase flow through ICF76 and/or ICF81 to 6000 gpm.
- 9) Draw vacuum in the main condenser, feedwater pump turbine condensers, and upper surge tanks.
- 10) Place upper surge tank and condensate storage tank heating system into service.
- 11) Align auxiliary steam to C heaters for heatup.
- 12) When the condensate has been cleaned sufficiently and proper flow rate has been established, place the condensate polishers in "auto" mode (ICM422 and ICM423 are under control of the polisher system to maintain pressure drop and the cells are in "filter" mode).
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- 17) Fill steam generators to no-load level through the feedwater control valve bypass valves and the feedwater preheater bypass valves to the auxiliary nozzle by use of one condensate booster pump. Place control valve bypass valves in auto mode via the selector station.
- 18) Shut off auxiliary steam to the C heaters. The heaters may now rely on steam extracted from the turbine.
- 19) The feedwater pump should be windmilling. Admit steam to increase turbine speed so that pressure is less than 1335 psig, but high enough to feed the steam generators.
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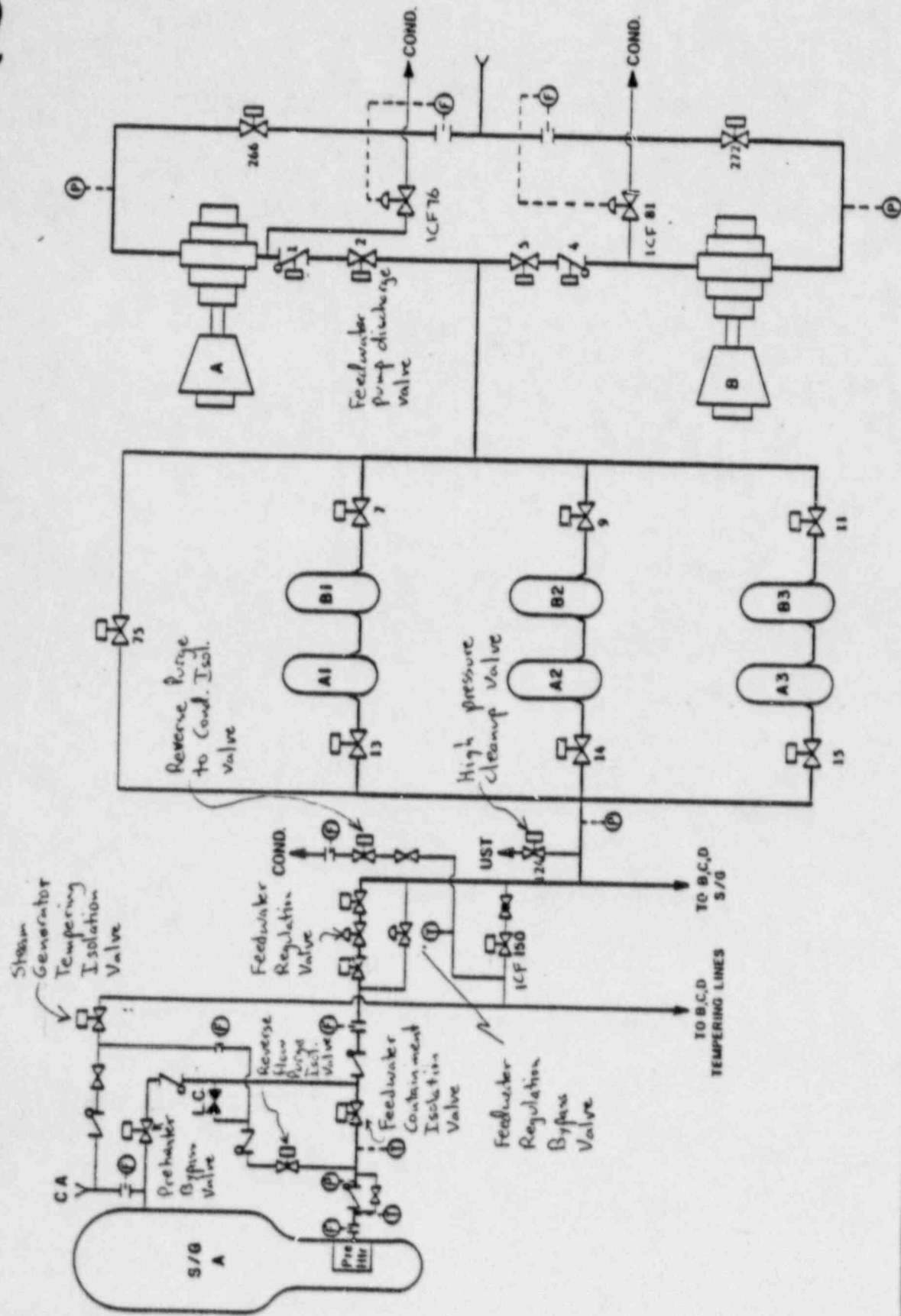
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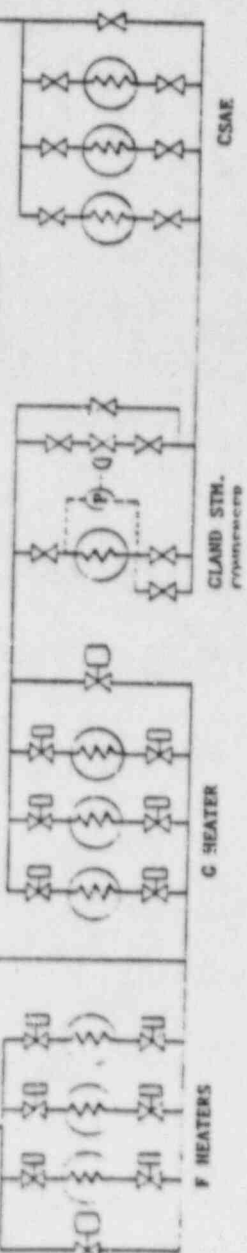
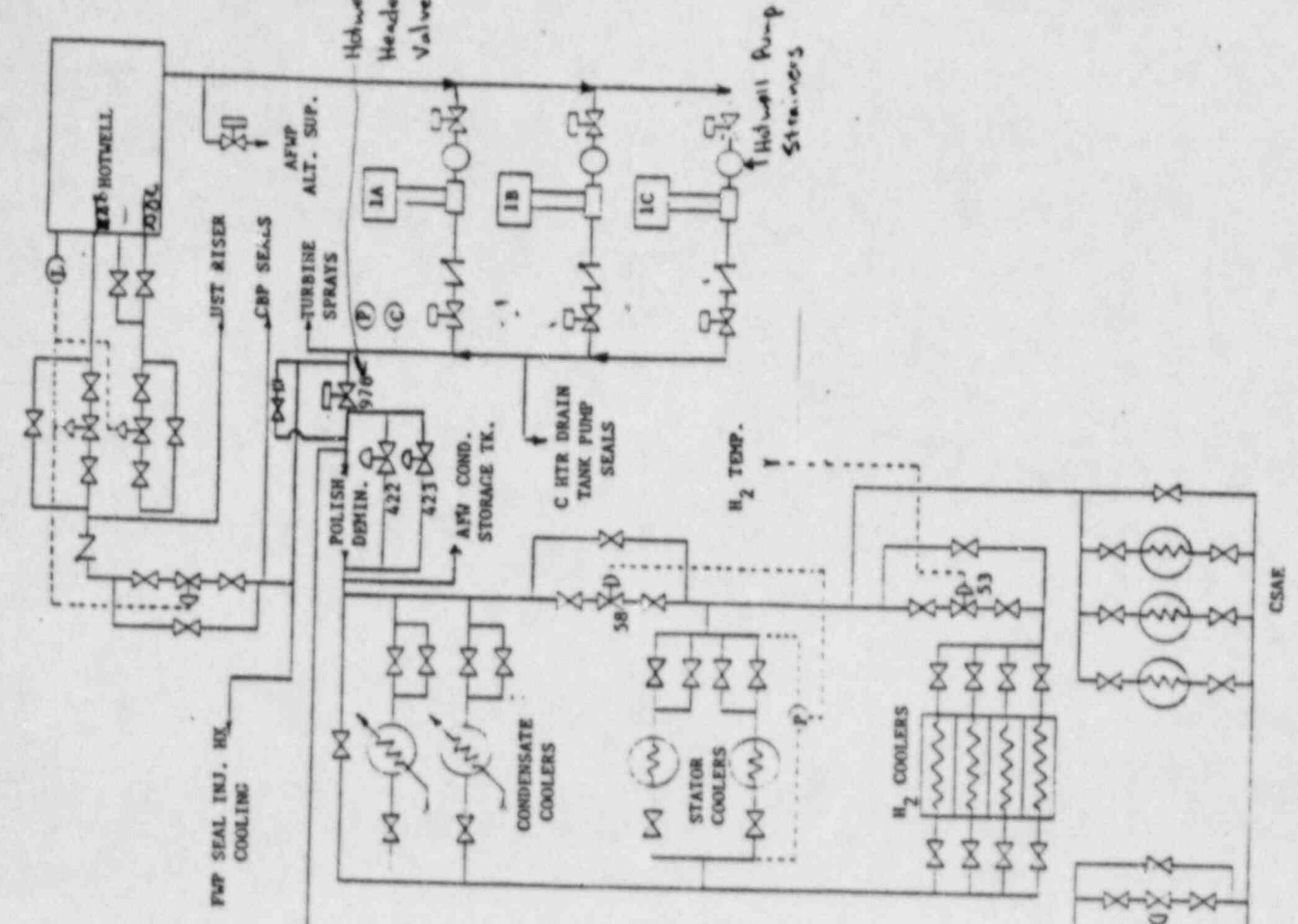
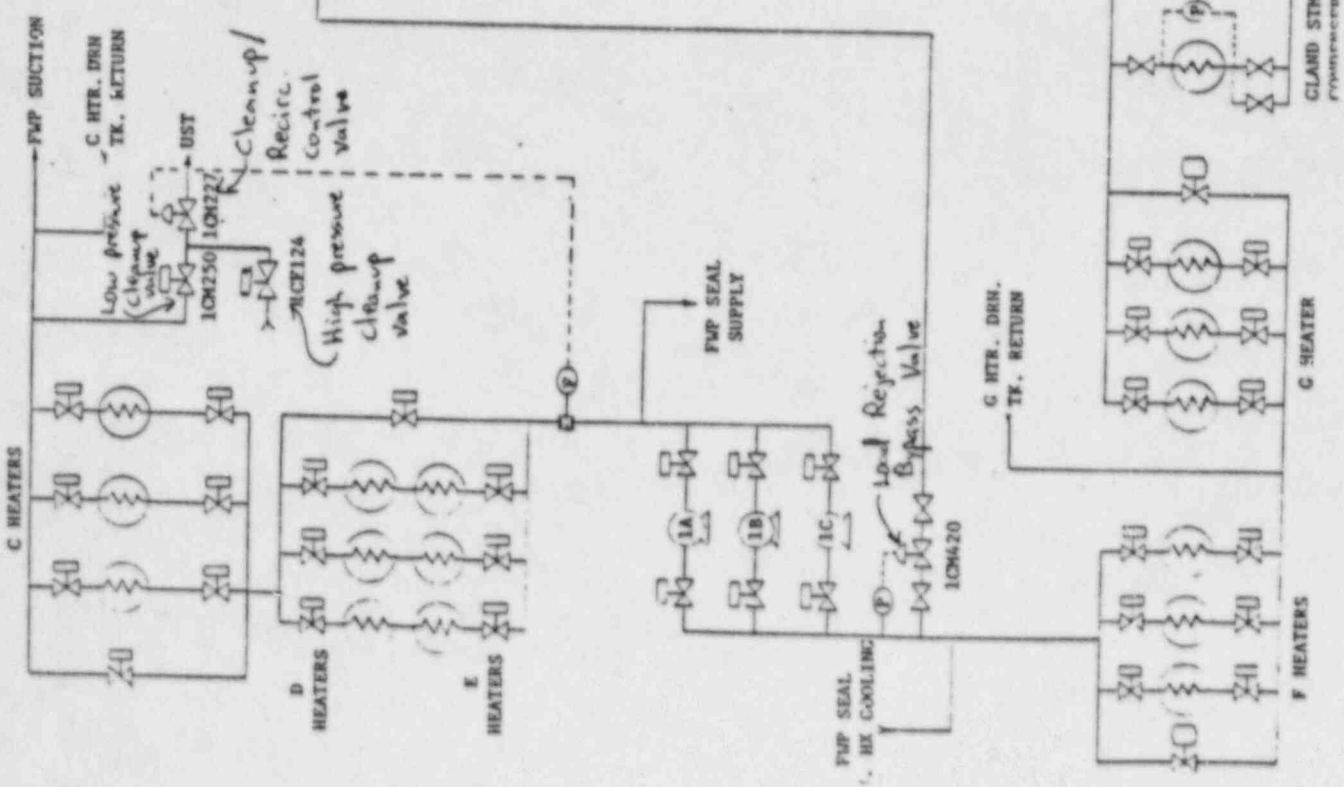
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Cold Startup (See attached flow diagrams)

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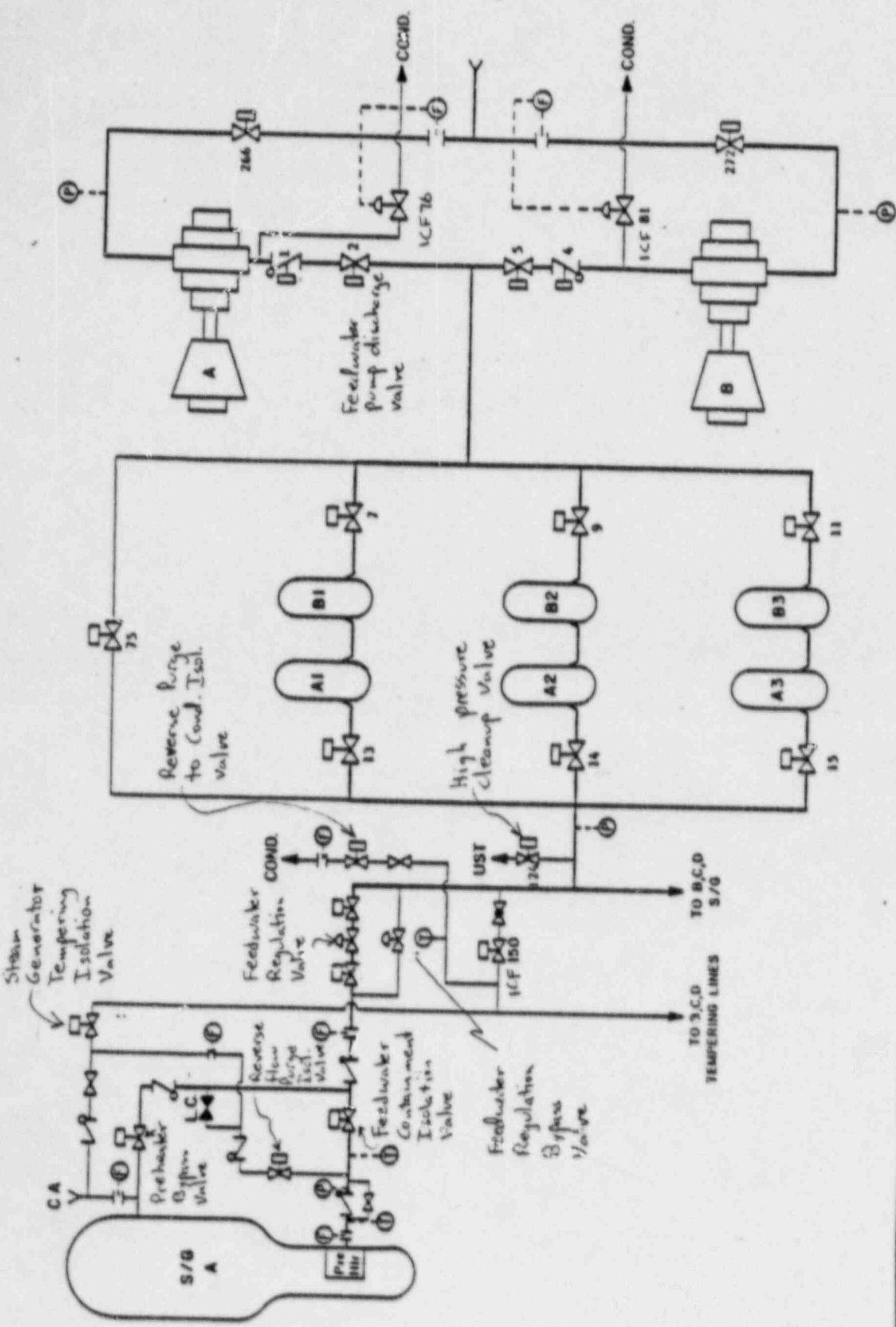
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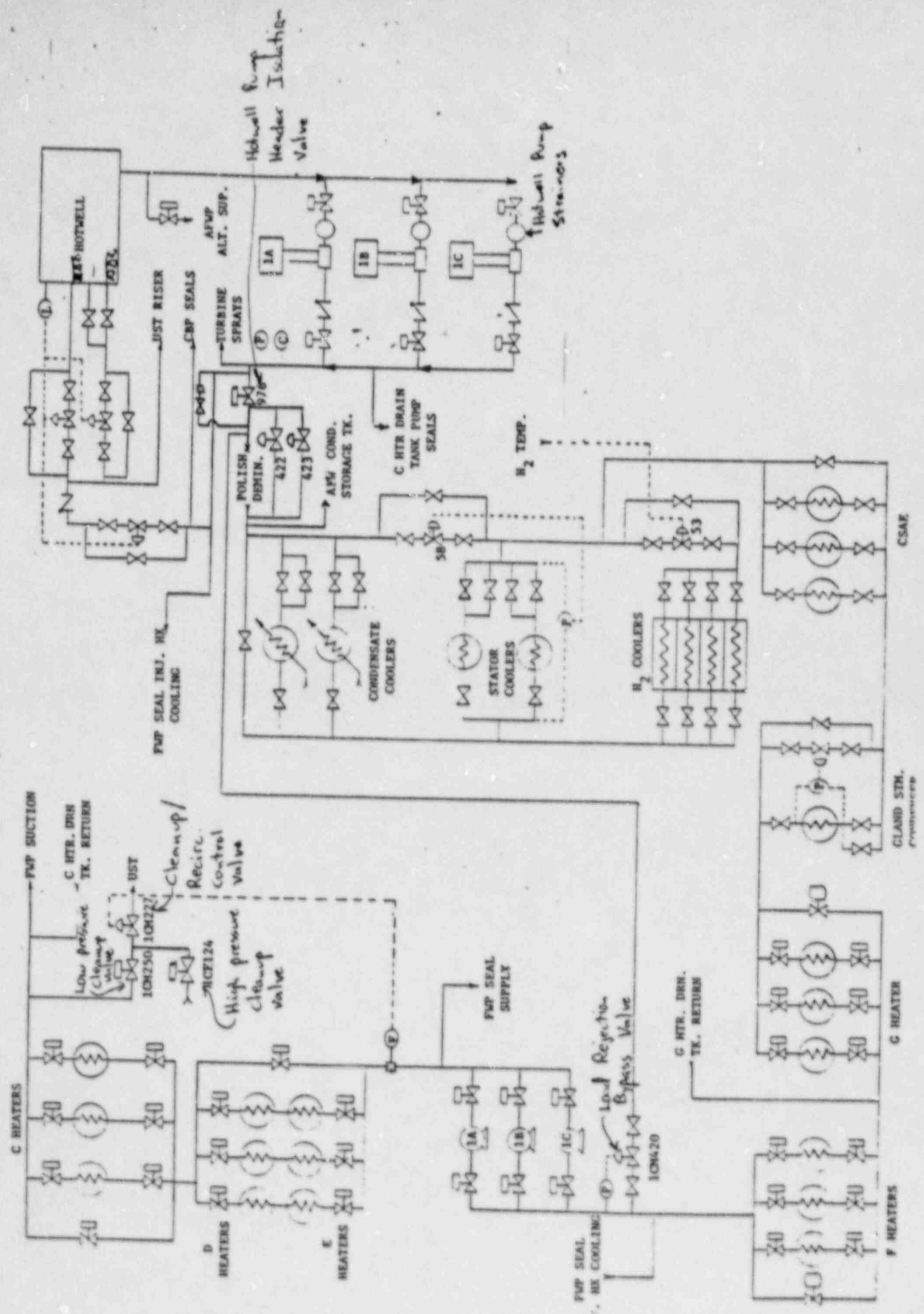
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- 12) When the condensate has been cleaned sufficiently and proper flow rate has been established, place the condensate polishers in "auto" mode (ICM422 and ICM423 are under control of the polisher system to maintain pressure drop and the cells are in "filter" mode).
- 13) Slowly open the recirculation valve, either ICF76 or ICF82, of the feedwater pump to be started, while slowly closing ICM227. When ICM227 is closed completely, the feedwater pump recirculation valve should be opened fully.
- 14) Close CF System flush isolation valve ICM124, or booster pump recirculation isolation valve ICM250 if low pressure cleanup were used.
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- 16) Begin warming feedwater pump turbines by slowly admitting auxiliary steam.
- 17) Fill steam generators to no-load level through the feedwater control valve bypass valves and the feedwater preheater bypass valves to the auxiliary nozzle by use of one condensate booster pump. Place control valve bypass valves in auto mode via the selector station.
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- 23) Monitor thermocouple readings between isolation valves and steam generators.
- 24) When temperature limits are met on all four steam generators, close reverse purge to condenser isolation valve.
- 25) Close reverse flow purge isolation valves.
- 26) Open tempering supply to CA nozzles valve ICF150 to provide tempering flow to the upper nozzles.
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Hotwell Pump
Header Isolation
Valve

Hotwell Pump
Streamers

FMP SEAL INJ. NO.
COOLING

H₂ TEMP.

FMP SUCTION

C HTR. DEN.
TK. RETURNS

Low pressure
cleanup valve
10M250
UST
Recirc.
Control
Valve
10M2124
High pressure
cleanup valve

FMP SEAL
SUPPLY

FMP SEAL.
INJ. COOLING

Load Rejection
Bypass Valve
10M20

G HTR. DEN.
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Pressure

G HEATER

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Attention: B.J. Youngblood, Director
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Subject: McGuire Nuclear Station
Docket Nos. 50-369, -370

Dear Mr. Youngblood:

By letter dated November 27, 1985, NRC staff requested additional information regarding elimination of arbitrary intermediate pipe breaks from the McGuire structural design bases.

Accordingly, please find attached the Duke response to this request. If there are any questions please advise through normal licensing channels.

Very truly yours,

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Attachment

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System Design and Operating Procedures
Implemented at McGuire to Minimize Potential for Waterhammer

A. Feedwater System

Potential waterhammer at McGuire is minimized by the utilization of several startup and normal operational methods along with waterhammer prevention features originally designed into the system. The startup of a feedwater pump is done only after all voids in the piping have been purged. Air voids in the piping upstream of the feedwater regulation valves are removed by filling, venting and pressurizing the system via the hotwell pumps. The hotwell pumps are interlocked with the hotwell pump header isolation valve so that the pump cannot be started if the valve is open. The flow is passed through bypass piping which contains an orifice sized to achieve low flow. Low flows will prevent bubble collapse during filling when significant voids are present. Filling by use of the hotwell pumps is done prior to admitting flow to the steam generators. The remaining piping to the steam generators is purged by use of the auxiliary feedwater nozzle (i.e. steam generator preheater bypass piping). Flow during this phase of purging is provided by the condensate booster pump and is regulated through a 6" feedwater regulation bypass valve. Waterhammer is therefore avoided during the initial phases of startup by filling and venting at low flows and low pressure.

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