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Subject:

James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant

Docket No. 50-333

Reactor Pressure Vessel Shell Weld Examination Proposed Alternative

Reference:

Letter from J. Knubel (NYPA) to U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

(USNRC), dated May 28, 1998

Dear Sir:

In the referenced letter, NYPA submitted for your review and approval an alternative plan for the examination of the James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant Reactor Pressure Vessel (RPV) shell welds. The following additional information supplements the referenced submittal. Attached is a sketch which identifies the estimated accessible and inaccessible portions of the FitzPatrick plant RPV shell welds, which can be examined using the GE GERIS 2000 examination equipment. Also attached is a table which lists the beltline region weld lengths and the estimated exam coverage for the associated vertical and the intersecting circumferential weld. The table also contains previous RPV shell weld beltline region outer diameter inspection coverage. A sketch of the previous outer diameter exams and results is also provided.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Art Zaremba at (315) 349-6365.

Very truly yours,

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RPV Shell Weld Exam Information

Item 1: Sketch - Project Examination Coverage
Item 2: Table A - Anticipated Weld Examination Coverage Beltline Region
Item 3: Drawing - Prior O.D. RPV Shell Weld Inspection Coverage

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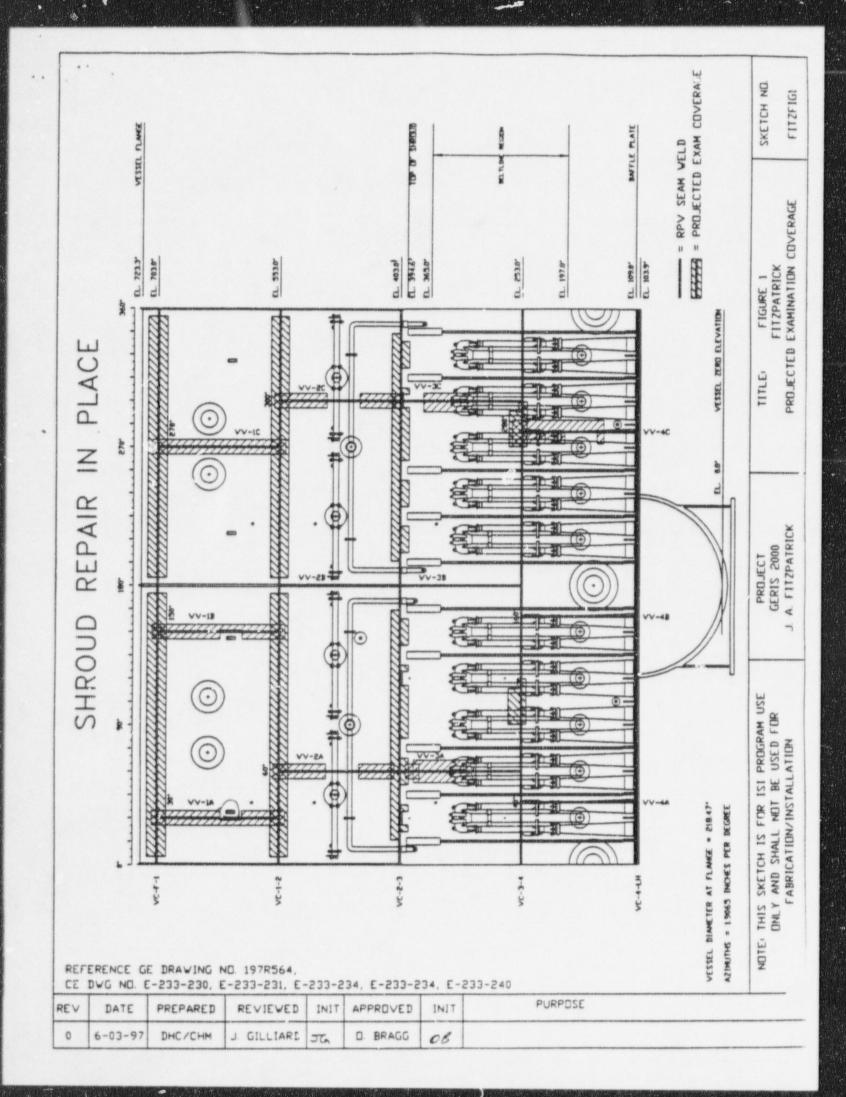


Table A - Anticipated Weld Examination Coverage Beltline Region

WELD NO.	WELD LENGTH IN BELTLINE REGION Inches	PROJECTED ID EXAM (RO13)		PRIOR OD EXAM (APPROX.)		TOTAL CUMULATIVE EXAM (APPROX.) (ID + OD)	
		Inches	%	Inches	%	Inches	%
VC-3-4	686.3 (ID) 730.4 (OD)	201	31	732	10 ²	93	13
VV-3A	112	56	50	16.5³	15.3	72.5	65
VV-3B	112	0	0	16	14	16	14
VV-3C	112	56	50	17.5	16	73.5	66
VV-4A	56	0	0	6	11	6	11
W-4B	56	0	0	0	0	0	0
VV-4C	56	56	100	0	0	56	100

Notes: (1) Along VC-3-4 at intersection with VV-4C (2) 10% Total along VC-3-4 at intersections with VV-3A, VV-3B and VV-3C (3.3% at each intersection) (3) Incomplete Scan

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