NRC UPDATE MEETING SOUTH TEXAS BMI FLUX THIMBLE WEAR AUGUST 10 1988

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AGENDA

- O SUMMARY OF THE MAY 17 HL&P/W/NRC MEETING
- O CURRENT WESTINGHOUSE 14' CORE PLANT STATUS
- O OVERVIEW AND PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS OF MOL HOT CELL EXAMINATIONS
- O SUMMARY OF THE WALTZ MILL TESTS WITH FLOW LIMITERS
- O UPDATE ON FRENCH 14' CORE OPERATING PLANTS
- O SOUTH TEXAS UNIT 1 AND 2 PLANNED ACTIONS

SUMMARY OF THE MAY 17TH MEETING

- O EDDY CURRENT INSPECTION IS CONSERVATIVE IN MEASURING WEAR
- O USE OF A LINEAR WEAR RATE IS A VALID TECHNIQUE FOR PREDICTING THIMBLE WEAR
- O SOUTH TEXAS UNIT 1 WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE SAFELY BY FOLLOWING THE PREVIOUSLY IMPLEMENTED PLANT
 - THE NEXT ECT OF THE FLUX THIMBLES SHALL
 BE CONDUCTED AFTER AN ADDITIONAL 16
 WEEKS OF 4 PUMP FLOW, OR SOONER IF A
 LONG ENOUGH OUTAGE OCCURS
- O RESULTS OF THE MOL HOT CELL EXAM SHALL BE PRESENTED TO THE NRC

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONAL EXPERIENCE WITH FLOW LIMITERS SOUTH TEXAS UNIT 1

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* INDICATES THIMBLES THAT HAVE WEAR AT THE FLOW LIMITER AND OTHER ELEVATIONS

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CURRENT PLANT STATUS - 14' CORE PLANTS

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O SOUTH TEXAS 2 - CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION

TIHANGE 3 OPERATING PLAN

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O BY FOLLOWING THE ESTABLISHED PLAN THE TIHANGE 3
UNIT OPERATED SAFELY UNTIL THE NEXT SCHEDULED
REFUELING

CURRENT PLANT STATUS - SOUTH TEXAS UNIT 1

THIMBLE INSPECTION INTERVAL

CONSERVATISMS IN REPORTED THIMBLE WALL LOSS

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O WITH LARGE WEAR SCARS ECT IS CONSERVATIVE

- O CONSERVATIVE WEAR SCAR ASSUMPTION FOR CALIBRATION OF ECT
 - CONSERVATISM CONFIRMED BY HOT CELL EXAM
 OF THANGE THIMBLE SAMPLES
- O WEAR RATE CAN BE SHOWN TO DECREASE WITH TIME
 - LARGER WEAR SURFACE

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SCHEDULE

- O HOT CELL WORK COMMENCED 6/30/88
- O PRELIMINARY VISUAL EXAMS COMPLETED 7/1/88
- O FLOW LIMITER SPRING RATE TESTS COMPLETED 7/1/88
- O FLOW LIMITER OVERALL HEIGHT MEASUREMENTS COMPLETED 7/6/88
- O FINAL REPORT DUE FROM MOL BY SEPTEMBER 30, 1988

HOT CELL EXAMINATION OF TIHANGE 3 SAMPLES

(MOL, BELGIAN CENTER FOR NUCLEAR STUDIES)

PRELIMINARY OBSERVATIONS (CONTINUED):

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PRELIMINARY OBSERVATIONS: (CONTINUED)

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O OVERALL HEIGHT OF 4 FLOW LIMITERS MEASURED

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HOT CELL EXAMINATION OF TIHANGE 3 SAMPLES (Mol, Belgian Center For Nuclear Studies)

PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS: (FLOW LIMITER)

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FLOW LIMITER PERMANENT SET OR SHORTENING IS
ATTRIBUTED TO:

CORE LOCATION

F. L. OVERALL HEIGHT

BOT. NOZZLE HGT

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(AFTER 1 CYCLE)
HEIGHT CHANGE
DUE TO WEAR

F. L. OVERALL
HEIGHT
(AFTER 1 CYCLE)
OVERALL HGT CNG

HEIGHT CHANGE NOT DUE TO WEAR

NOTES

WALTZ MILL FULL FLOW TEST SUMMARY JUNE 1988

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WALTZ-MILL FULL FLOW TEST SUMMARY JUNE 1988

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WALTZ MILL FULL FLOW TEST SUMMARY RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS

CORRECTIVE MEASURES ASSESSMENT

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WALTZ MILL FULL FLOW TEST SUMMARY RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS

WEAR CAUSE - TIHANGE 3 AND DOEL 4

SUMMARY OF RECENT FRENCH 14' CORE PLANT OPERATING EXPERIENCE

SEVERAL FRENCH PLANTS HAVE NOW OPERATED WITH CORRECTIVE HARDWARE FOR ONE OR MORE CYCLES. RESULTS FROM THESE PLANTS ARE SUMMARIZED BELOW.

THIMBLE
SIZE

SLEEVE
SIZE

SPRING CAP

WEAR DEPTH*

< .004
.004-.006"
.008-.012"
.012-.016"
.016-.020"
> .020"

*WEAR DEPTH AFTER ONE CYCLE OF OPERATION

CONCLUSIONS FROM THE JUNE 24 FOUR PARTY MEETING (WESTINGHOUSE/FRAMATOME/EDF/CEA)

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SOUTH TEXAS UNIT 1 SHORT TERM ACTIONS

O DURING THE UPCOMING OUTAGE IN SEPTEMBER;

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O BASED ON INSPECTION RESULTS: NEXT INSPECTION INTERVAL WILL BE DETERMINED.

SOUTH TEXAS UNIT 1 LONG TERM ACTIONS

O DURING FIRST REFUELING
OUTAGE;

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SOUTH TEXAS UNIT 2 PLANNED ACTIONS

PRIOR TO CORE LOADING;

- INSTALL MANUAL THIMBLE ISOLATION VALVES

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