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CAPABILITY FOR FULL PRESSURE TEST OF CONTAINMENT

At the July 1969 ACRS meeting, the ACRS (Okrent, Libarkin, and others) informally discussed with me the capability of full pressure testing containment structures. They said that the applicants for TMI-2 said that their containment structure is designed for periodic full pressure testing. The applicants also stated that extensive design changes had to be made to equipment inside the containment in order to permit such periodic tests.

The point raised by the ACRS members was that they, and we, have assumed that the capability to periodic proof test a containment is provided in each design that we approve with perhaps some, but not extensive, removal or protection of equipment being required. The ACRS members said that the statements on TMI-2 implied that the capability for proof testing may be available for other containments more on paper than in fact. They suggested that a standard question on this might be "resurrected" for future plants, and past and current applications might be checked on this matter.

I reminded the ACRS members that our GDC required capability for full pressure testing of containment structures. I said that in view of the many "new" applicants and in particular, "new" AE's, in the field we would review our present approach on this matter and decide what if any changes might be proposed to our management for their consideration.

The C&CT Branch should review this matter and have a recommended position available for consideration by Division management prior to the August ACRS meeting.

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