

# Successive Examinations for Flaws Found by Augmented Inspection Programs

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# The Question

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A licensee discovered flaws/indications during a VIP-75/GL 88-01 examination which, while not IGSCC flaws, required evaluation per IWB-3600.

Regional staff raised a question with DNRL staff regarding whether ASME Code successive examination criteria applied in this case.

# NRC Perspective

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Regardless of the motivation for performing the original examination:

- Same ASME Code Class System Involved
- Same Weld Being Inspected
- Same Flaw/Indication Discovered
- Same IWB-3600 Evaluation Required
- Same Successive Examination Criteria Per IWB-2420
  - Unless an alternative under 50.55a(z) can be justified and approved