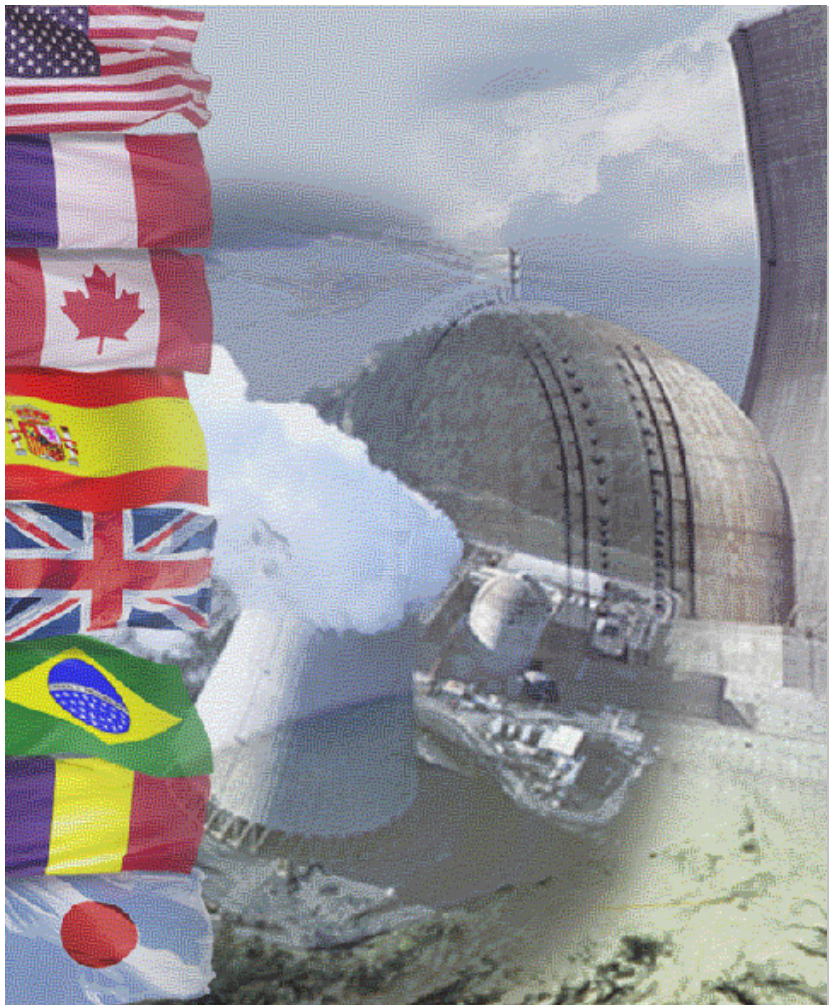

Bottom Mounted Nozzle Strategic Plan

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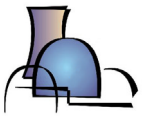
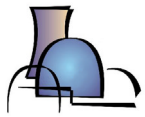
Meeting Agenda

- Short Term
  - BWOG LOCA Evaluation
  - WOG Reasonable Assurance of Safe Operation
  - MRP Visual Examination Recommendations
- Long Term Strategic Plan
  - NDE Demonstration Program
  - Bottom Mounted Nozzle Assessment Plan
  - Industry Integrated Inspection Plan
  - Bottom Mounted Nozzle Repairs
- Summary/Schedule



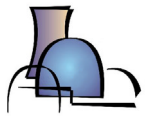
Short Term Industry Evaluations

- Because of the STP-1 event and the possible BMN leakage at Davis-Besse, several short term actions in the industry were undertaken.
  - BWOG performed LOCA analysis work in 2002.
  - WOG completed a “Reasonable Assurance of Safe Operation”
  - MRP issued recommendations for visual examinations to the PWR fleet.
- OG evaluations confirmed that the ECCS systems would allow for safe shutdown in the event of catastrophic failure.



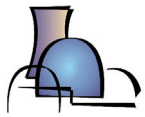
BWOG LOCA Evaluation

- Framatome ANP performed two small break LOCA analyses for B&W 177 Fuel Assembly (FA) plants:
  - Lowered Loop (ONS-1, ONS-2, ONS-3, CR-3, TMI-1, and ANO-1)
  - Raised-Loop (Davis-Besse)
- Each plant type was evaluated for a break area of:
  - The inside diameter of the BMN tube with the incore detector ejected (0.0021 ft^2)
  - The reactor vessel BMN bore diameter with the incore detector ejected and nozzle not obstructing the break flow area (0.0060 ft^2).
- Work completed using an Appendix K methodology



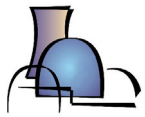
BWOG LOCA Evaluation Conclusions

- Generic 0.0021-ft^2 break
  - No core uncovering for either plant design
    - Minimum RCS level remained within the hot legs.
- Generic 0.0060-ft^2 break
  - 177 FA raised loop plant
    - No core uncovering
      - Minimum RV level was ~2 ft above top of the heated core region.
  - 177 FA lowered loop plants
    - Some core uncovering
      - Minimum RV level was ~4 ft below the top of the heated core region.
    - Bounding peak cladding temperature (PCT) of 1346 F
      - 10 CFR 50.46 criteria for PCT is 2200 F.



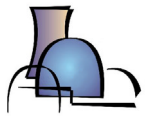
BWOG LOCA Evaluation Conclusions cont'd

- **Any break of a single bottom mounted nozzle at any B&W operating (177 FA) plant would be mitigated by the ECCS systems and allow for safe shutdown preventing fuel damage.**
- Observation
  - Operator initiated steam generator cooldown improves ECCS delivery. This increases the minimum core mixture level (decrease PCT) for the largest bottom mounted nozzle break.



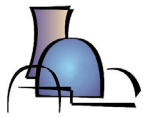
WOG Reasonable Assurance of Safe Operation

- Potential failures modes of BMN tubes were examined:
  - Axial cracking
    - Expected that leakage would be detectable by inspection before failure would occur.
  - Circumferential cracking below the weld
    - ID of BMN penetration
      - 0.6 inches (0.002 sq ft area) for W NSSS
      - 0.75 inches (0.003 sq ft area) for CE System 80 NSSS
    - Expected that leakage would be detectable by inspection before failure would occur.
  - Complete loss of weld integrity.
    - Ejection of BMN penetration tube not credible.



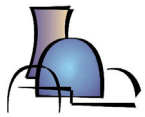
WOG Reasonable Assurance of Safe Operation Conclusions

- **Assessment concludes BMN ID failure mitigated by ECCS without crediting operator action to initiate RCS cooldown and depressurization.**
- Observations
  - Existing Emergency Procedure Guidance directs RCS cooldown and depressurization using steam generators. This is beneficial for BMN event mitigation.



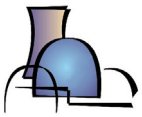
MRP Visual Examination Recommendations

- June 2003, MRP letter to all PWR Owners recommending:
  - Perform bare metal examination of any Alloy 600 nozzles on bottom head
    - Current or next outage
    - Perform expedited modifications (if necessary) to allow examination at earliest possible scheduled outage
  - Non-visual NDE may ultimately be a prudent and necessary component in a comprehensive inspection plan

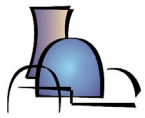


Boric Acid Deposit Sampling and Analysis

- White Paper was provided to MRP members September 2003
  - Provides cautions, recommendations and experiences from various plants
  - Describes visual examination of deposit, sampling techniques, types of analyses that may be useful, typical aging equations, etc.
  - Identifies that each situation is somewhat unique and guidance must be adapted
- Currently evaluating need for formal document

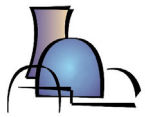


Bottom Mounted Nozzle Strategic Plan



Bottom Mounted Nozzle Strategic Plan

- NDE Demonstration Program
  - MRP Alloy 600 ITG
- BMN Assessment Plan
  - MRP Alloy 600 ITG lead, supported by BWOG, WOG
- Integrated Industry Inspection Plan
  - MRP Alloy 600 ITG and PWR Owners
- BMN Repairs
  - MRP Alloy 600 ITG



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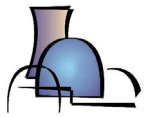
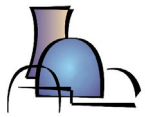
NDE Demonstration Program

- Purpose: to demonstrate NDE technologies and techniques for use in the industry to effectively inspect RV bottom head nozzles
- The program has the following characteristics:
  - Blind
    - Supported by non-blind preparation phases
  - Procedure demonstration
    - No acceptance criteria
  - Measurements of flaw detection capability and limits
    - No acceptance (pass-fail) criteria



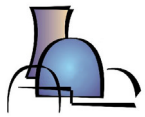
NDE Demonstration Program

- BMN NDE mockup design criteria completed
  - Similar to recommendations for upper head mockups
    - Demonstrate basic flaw detection and sizing capability
    - Assume PWSCC is the operative damage mechanism
    - Include axial, circumferential flaw orientations/ OD and ID of tube
    - Include weld flaws



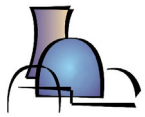
NDE Demonstration Program
Existing Mockups

- One partial-scale mockup of the B&W design
  - Conventional EDM notches that could be used for scanner and equipment development and examination coverage
- Two full-scale mockups of the Westinghouse Design.
  - Conventional EDM notches that could be used for scanner and equipment development and examination coverage
  - Contains simulation of wastage
- Two tube-only mockups of the Westinghouse Design
  - Processed EDM notches whose flaw responses would be considered representative.
  - Although the tube mockups are not welded into plate material, when used in combination with the full-scale mockups, enhance the assessment of procedure capability.



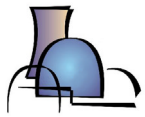
NDE Demonstration Program – New Mockup Fabrication

- Two mockups of the B&W design geometry and two mockups of the Westinghouse design.
  - Full-scale tubes welded into 6” to 7” thick vessel plate material
  - The nozzle/head geometry, weld prep geometry, and welding processes are based on original drawings or information obtained from participating utilities.
  - Fabrication processes are selected to simulate the original fabrication process as closely as practical.
  - The mockups will also contain lack-of-fusion (LOF) and grinding marks.



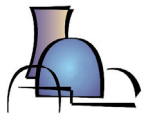
NDE Demonstration Program – New Mockup Fabrication (Continued)

- The mockups contain simulated flaws manufactured using isostatic processed electro-discharged machining (EDM) notches.
- Deeper flaws are comprised of multiple processed notches to simulate flaw branching.
- Shallow flaws are in some cases single processed notches with no branching, which simulate findings from destructive sectioning of field-removed flaws.



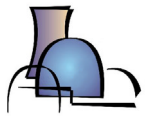
Bottom Mounted Nozzle Assessment Plan

- Purpose
  - Demonstrate safety of operation
  - Demonstrate continued compliance with all applicable regulatory requirements
  - Define the inspection requirements
  - Develop inspection and evaluation guidelines necessary to assure continued safe and reliable operations



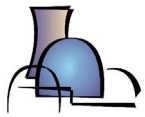
Bottom Mounted Nozzle Assessment Plan

- Purpose (continued)
  - Provide inspection, monitoring, and repair guidance that ensures low probabilities of failure and high margins of safety
  - Demonstrate low probabilities of leakage



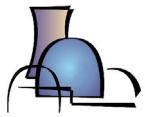
Industry BMN Assessment Plan

- Coordinated effort between MRP, BWOG, and WOG
  - Industry has committed funds through WOG and BWOG to complete the Assessment Plan
  - Tasks are already underway
- Final Management Plan will be consolidated by MRP



Industry BMN Assessment Plan

- Primary Elements of Plan
  - Failure Modes and Effects Analysis
  - Review of Design and Manufacturing Data
  - LOCA Analysis
  - Stress Analysis & Fracture Mechanics Analysis
  - Collateral Damage Assessment
  - Wastage Assessment
  - Inspection History and Ongoing Results
  - Core Damage Frequency
  - Long Term Inspection Recommendations
  - Repair Recommendations



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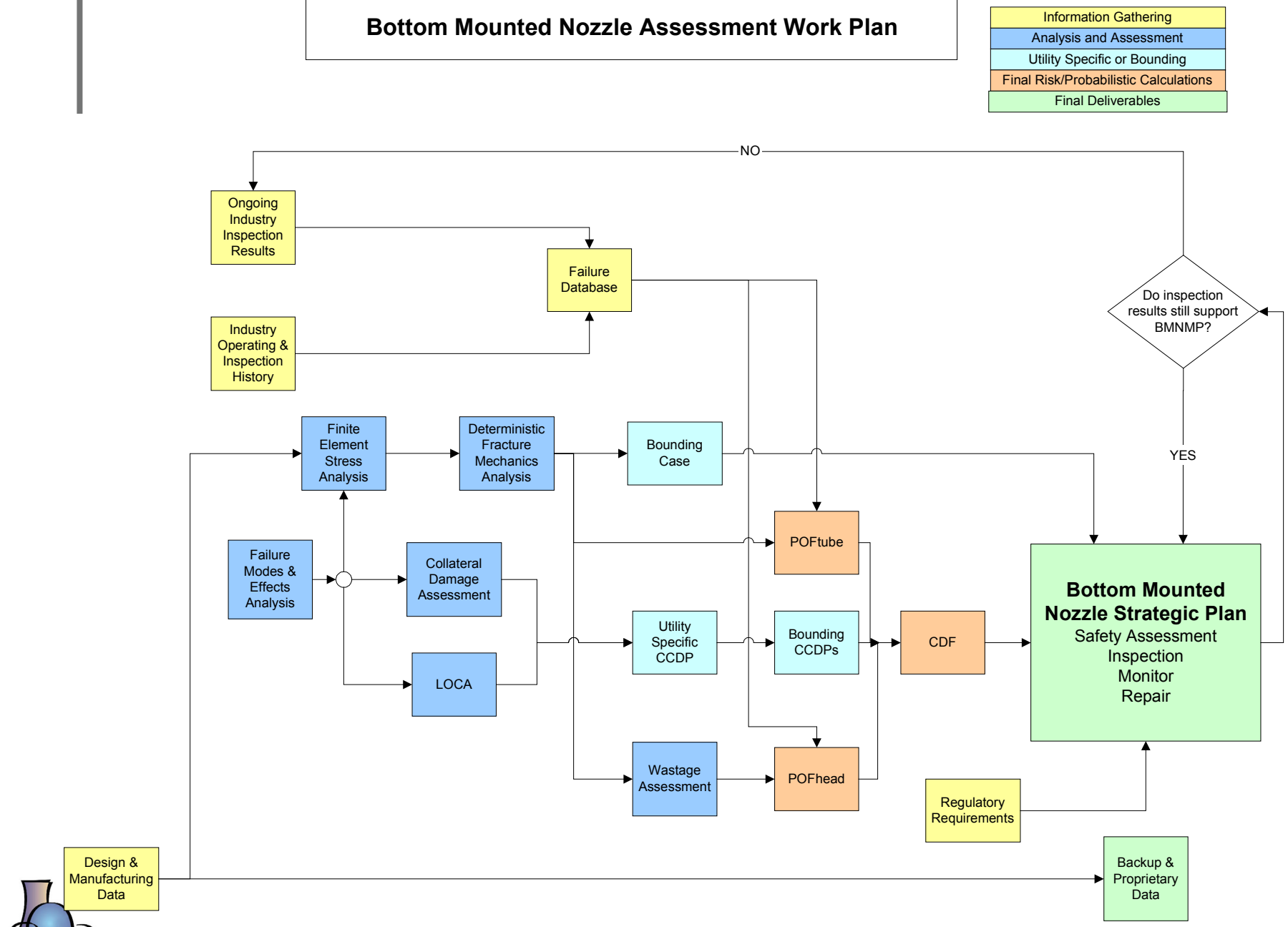
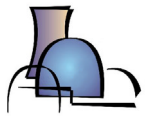


Elements of BMN Assessment Plan

– Failure Modes and Effects Analysis

- To identify all potential failure modes for BMN nozzles

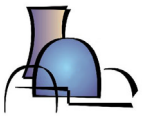
- Provide the cause, effect, detection capability and frequency of occurrence for the failure modes identified in step one.



Elements of BMN Assessment Plan

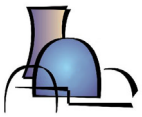
- Review of Design and Manufacturing Data
  - Collect information for subsequent analyses for inspections, repair, and analysis.
    - Examples of information being collected: cold leg temperature, vessel manufacturer, material properties, manufacturing steps, joint design and weld configuration, vessel design and bounding operating loads

- LOCA Analysis
  - Determine the plant response due to loss of a nozzle
  - Subsequently, review whether Emergency Operating Procedures (EOP) should be enhanced.



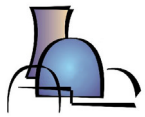
Elements of BMN Assessment Plan (cont'd)

- Stress Analysis & Fracture Mechanics Analysis
  - Determine the level and distribution of stresses that might act to initiate and drive cracking
  - Deterministic Fracture Mechanics will develop an understanding of the flaw tolerance of this component.
  - The fracture mechanics analyses will provide bounding flaw size and the probabilities of tube and head failure



Elements of BMN Assessment Plan (cont'd)

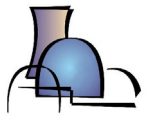
- Collateral Damage Assessment
  - Assuming a BMN failure, determine if damage to adjacent equipment will prevent or hinder safe shutdown of the reactor during this LOCA
    - Various plant layouts will be reviewed to determine what types of equipment can be damaged.
    - Issues to be considered include cavity pressure effects under the vessel, effect of ejection on adjacent nozzles, etc.



Elements of BMN Assessment Plan (cont'd)

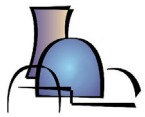
– Wastage Assessment
  - To understand the rate of corrosion associated with leakage due to PWSCC degradation
  - Based on the calculated corrosion rates, inspection requirements will be identified

– Inspection History and Ongoing Results
  - Consolidate information to understand the type and frequencies of BMN inspections worldwide
  - Provide input to the failure database – information will be used to evaluate probability of tube and head failure



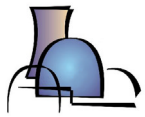
Elements of BMN Assessment Plan (cont'd)

- Core Damage Frequency
  - Consolidate the probability of head failure, probability of tube failure, and the bounding CCDPs to determine the change in core damage frequency due to PWSCC degradation of BMN nozzles
- Long Term Inspection Recommendations
  - Develop a BMN inspection strategy to ensure continued safe operation



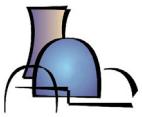
Integrated Industry Inspection Plan

- Purpose
  - Perform selected volumetric inspections while the work progresses to determine long term inspection and monitoring strategy.
  - Gather additional data on extent of the problem.
  - Develop a proactive industry management program that assures safe and reliable operation.



Integrated Industry Inspection Plan

- Multiple plants over several years
  - Spring 2004 to Fall 2005
- Broad cross section of plants
  - No susceptibility ranking for initial choices
  - Based on manufacturer of lower vessel head, NSSS vendor, date of commercial operation
  - 10 year Vessel Examination Schedules



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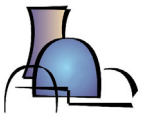
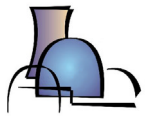
Integrated Industry Inspection Plan

- Potential Inspection Requirements:
  - BMV of lower vessel head
  - UT of nozzle
  - Enhanced visual of j-groove weld
  - ECT of j-groove weld
- As inspection results come in, results will be reviewed to determine if a susceptibility model could/should be developed
- Develop a BMN inspection strategy to ensure continued safe operation



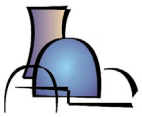
Bottom Mounted Nozzle Repairs

- Define the attributes of an ideal repair.
- Evaluate the current repair options with respect to ideal attributes and define/discuss the various strengths and areas for improvement of each repair technique available.
- Develop new repair technology, if necessary.
- Provide resources for repair technique development efforts as appropriate.



Project Activities

- Spring 2004
  - Visual Exam Results from Fall 2003 Outages
  - First NDE Demonstration Program Results
  - Volunteers identified for Integrated Industry Inspection Plan
- Summer 2004
  - LOCA Analysis
  - Wastage Assessment
- Fall 2004
  - Failure Modes and Effects Analysis
- Spring 2005 – Spring 2006
  - Fracture Mechanics and Deterministic Calculations
  - Core Damage Frequency
  - Final BMN Inspection Strategy
  - Final BMN Assessment



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Summary

- Bare metal visual examinations are on-going.
- Multiple volumetric examinations to be completed over next 4 outage seasons.
- NDE Demonstrations are underway
- BMN assessment is progressing
- Propose meeting in March 2004 to review project status and any preliminary results.

- **No immediate safety concern.**