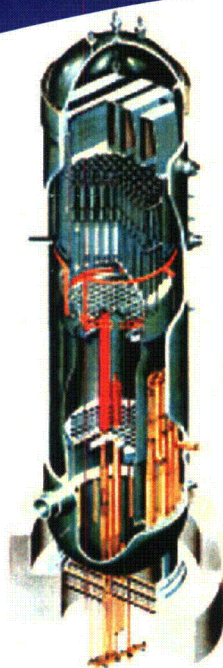


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# PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

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This report provides the boiling water reactor (BWR) fleet with inspection options for all of the safety-related vessel internal components, and provides a stable mechanism for documenting the capability of the evolving inspection technology. It is the sole resource for internals inspection information for BWR owners.

## **Background**

In 1990, a visual examination of the core shroud of a Swiss BWR revealed the presence of intergranular stress corrosion cracking. Since that event, examinations of other BWR vessel internal components have revealed an industry-wide cracking problem. In 1994, domestic BWR-owning utilities formed the Boiling Water Reactor Vessel and Internals Project (BWRVIP), which is chartered to support a program addressing the problems of reactor internals, internal attachments, vessel welds, and vessel nozzles. Most international BWR owners have become members. This annual report defines inspection standards and documented inspection techniques for BWR vessel internal components.

## **Objectives**

In-service inspection program managers and BWR vessel internals program managers use this document to ensure that their components are inspected in compliance with BWRVIP guidance.

## **Approach**

The BWRVIP strives to make effective inspection techniques available by developing inspection standards that can ensure the structural integrity of the components and providing demonstrated, documented techniques for effectively examining the susceptible components.

## **Results**

Procedure standards have been developed for ultrasonic, visual, and eddy current inspection. Many inspection techniques have been demonstrated and documented. In support of these demonstrations, realistic mockups of reactor internal components have been manufactured with controlled flaws. BWR owners can use these documented techniques to inspect their vessel internal components in compliance with BWRVIP guidance.

## **Applications, Value, and Use**

The information contained in this report is applied by all BWR owners in the preparation for and during refueling outages. It is updated annually.

**Keywords**

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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This document presents findings and products of the Inspection Focus Group of the Boiling Water Reactor Vessel and Internals Project (BWRVIP). An overview of the structure of the BWRVIP is presented, with an outline of the goals and approach of the Focus Group.

The Inspection Focus Group has developed guideline documents which establish protocols for utilities and nondestructive evaluation (NDE) vendor companies to follow in order to gain access to BWRVIP-owned mockups; to perform formal demonstrations of NDE techniques using BWRVIP mockups; and to perform their own demonstrations of NDE techniques or inspection tooling in a manner acceptable to the Focus Group. These documents are included in their entirety.

The Focus Group has conducted extensive investigations and demonstrations of NDE techniques appropriate for inspection of BWR internals. These efforts have included the design, fabrication, and inspection of a series of realistic mockups containing realistic simulations of the degradation mechanisms of concern. These investigations result in the development of evaluation factors, which are numerical values, related to the uncertainties inherent in delivering and executing an NDE technique in a BWR. These evaluation factors are combined with the actual results of an inspection to form input into a fracture-mechanics assessment of the component's serviceability.

The Focus Group's activities are ongoing. The various components of BWR vessels and internals are being addressed in concert with other technical Committee efforts. For components addressed to date, this report includes data on mockup fabrication, NDE uncertainty measurements and evaluation factors, and procedure standards for ultrasonic examination, eddy current examination, and visual examination.

This is a living document. Updates to the included data on components that have already been addressed, and new report sections on components that have not yet been addressed, will be supplied as they are developed. A history of changes is included within the document.

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Affected Section(s)	Description of Change
Section 3.1	Revised to clarify guidance for flaw measurement accuracy of visual indications including treatment of NDE uncertainty as described in BWRVIP letter 2004-426, which was approved by the NRC on December 23, 2011 (reference: ADAMS accession numbers ML113550419 and ML113110505)
Table 4.4.2-1	Updated to reflect archival of NDE demonstrations.
4.4.23, 4.4.24, 4.4.33	Revised to reflect UT demonstrations that have been archived.
Table 5.4-1	Updated to reflect archival of NDE demonstrations.
5.4.12, 5.4.26	Revised to reflect UT demonstrations that have been archived.
Table 6.4.2-1	Updated to reflect archival of NDE demonstrations.
6.4.15, 6.4.16, 6.4.17, 6.4.23, 6.4.24	Revised to reflect UT demonstrations that have been archived.
8.4	Revised to add UT demonstration summary table.
8.4.5	New section: new NDE technique demonstration.
Table 10.4-1	Updated to reflect archival of NDE demonstrations.

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10.4.4, 10.4.5, 10.4.6, 10.4.7	Revised to reflect UT demonstrations that have been archived.
12.4.1	New section for UT demonstration summary table.
12.4.2	New section: new NDE technique demonstration.

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Affected Section(s)	Description of Change
1.4	Add nine-month implementation requirement.
4.3.1.12	New section documenting new NDE mockup.
Table 4.4.2-1	Updated to document new demonstrations.
4.4.69–4.4.74	New sections: new NDE technique demonstrations.
Table 5.4-1	Updated to document new demonstration.
5.4.58	New section: new NDE technique demonstration.
Table 6.4.2-1	Updated to document new demonstrations.
6.4.53–6.4.64	New sections: new NDE technique demonstrations.
12.3	New section documenting new NDE mockup.
Table 15.4.1-1	Updated to document new demonstrations.
15.4.4–15.4.7	New sections: new NDE technique demonstrations.

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Affected Section(s)	Description of Change
Table 4.4.2-1	Updated to document new demonstrations.
4.4.67–4.4.68	New sections: new NDE technique demonstrations.
Table 5.4-1	Added table for UT demonstration summary.
5.4.53–5.4.57	New sections: new NDE technique demonstrations.
6.3.1.6	New section documenting new NDE mockups.
10.3.6	New section documenting new NDE mockups.
Table 10.4-1	Added table for UT demonstration summary.
10.4.24	New section: new NDE technique demonstration.
13.3.2	New section documenting new NDE mockup.



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Affected Section(s)	Description of Change
	Deleted the Inspection Focus Group roster.
2.5, Para. 6.0	Clarified intent of performing cleaning assessments.
Table 4.4.2-1	Updated to document new demonstrations.
4.4.62–4.4.66	New sections: new NDE technique demonstrations.
5.4.50–5.4.52	New sections: new NDE technique demonstrations.
Table 6.4.2-1	Updated to document new demonstrations.
6.4.44–6.4.52	New sections: new NDE technique demonstrations.
7	Revised section to incorporate new inspection guidance for grid beams and to include new NDE mockups.
10.4.23	New section: new NDE technique demonstration.
10.6.5	New section: new delivery tool demonstration.
Table 15.4.1-1	Updated to document new demonstrations.
15.4.3	New section: new NDE technique demonstration.

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Affected Section(s)	Description of Change
xxxiii	Updated the Inspection Focus Group roster.
4.3.1.10	Added new radial ring segment mockup.
4.3.1.11	Added new top guide support ring-to-cylinder mockup.
Table 4.4.2-1	Updated to reflect archival of NDE demonstrations and to document new demonstrations.
4.4.10, 4.4.11, 4.4.12, 4.4.13, 4.4.14, 4.4.15, 4.4.19, 4.4.20, 4.4.25, 4.4.26, 4.4.28, 4.4.29, 4.4.30, 4.4.34, 4.4.39	Revised to reflect UT demonstrations that have been archived.
4.4.59–4.4.61	New sections: new NDE technique demonstrations.
4.7.8	New section: new delivery tool demonstration.
5.3.1	Revised section to incorporate new NDE mockup for weld H7.
5.4.7, 5.4.8, 5.4.9, 5.4.10, 5.4.13, 5.4.15, 5.4.16, 5.4.20, 5.4.21, 5.4.22, 5.4.33, 5.4.34, 5.4.35	Revised to reflect UT demonstrations that have been archived.

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5.4.47–5.4.49	New sections: new NDE technique demonstrations.
Table 6.4.2.-1	Updated to reflect archival of NDE demonstrations.
6.4.3–6.4.4	Revised to reflect UT demonstrations that have been archived.
7.4.2	Revised to reflect UT demonstration that has been archived.
8.4.3	Revised to reflect UT demonstration that has been archived.
10.3.5	Updated to include new description and drawings of jet pump beam mockups.
10.4.8, 10.4.13, 10.4.14, 10.4.17, 10.4.18	Revised to reflect UT demonstrations that have been archived.
10.4.22	New section: new NDE technique demonstration.
13.3	Added new control rod drive housing NDE mockup.
13.4.1	New section: new NDE technique demonstration.
15	New section: added new section addressing access hole covers.

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Affected Section(s)	Description of Change
xxxi	Updated the Inspection Focus Group roster.
2.6, Para. 3.3	Clarified requirement for qualifications of UT analysis personnel with regard to automated versus manual IGSCC qualifications.
2.6, Para. 4.2	Updated UT technique parameters to include key elements associated with application of phased array techniques.
2.6, Para. 4.3	Added guidance to assist with updates of UT hardware and software for evaluating impact on published BWRVIP demonstrations.
2.6, Para. 9.1	Clarified requirement for UT data analyst to review examination data quality.
Table 4.4.2-1	Updated to reflect new NDE technique demonstration.
4.4.58	New section: new NDE technique demonstration.
6.3.1.6	New section: new NDE mockups for core spray.
10.3.3	Updated to reflect the addition of an NDE mockup for the jet pump downcomer mixer weld.
10.4.19–10.4.21	New sections: new NDE technique demonstrations.

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Affected Section(s)	Description of Change
xxvii	Updated the Inspection Focus Group roster.
2.5, Para. 2.3	Clarified requirement for performing a VT-1 or VT-3 in accordance with a BWRVIP document versus in accordance with the utility's ASME Section XI requirements.
2.5, Para. 3.6	Changed the definition of Enhanced VT-1 (EVT-1) from requiring ½ mil resolution to requiring the capability of resolving the ASME Code Section XI VT-1 0.044 inch characters.
2.5, Para. 5.1	Deleted the requirement for the ½ mil SRCS and added the requirement for ASME Code Section XI VT-1 0.044 inch characters as a required SRCS.
2.5, Para. 6.3.2	Updated to reflect requirement for resolving the ASME Code Section XI VT-1 0.044 inch characters.
2.5, Para. 6.5.5	Added requirement for camera motion (speed) during examination to not exceed 0.5 inch/sec.
2.5, Para. 6.5.6	Changed requirement for camera angle to not exceed 30 degrees from perpendicular to the surface.
Table 4.4.2-1	Updated to reflect new NDE technique demonstrations and included reference to vertical welds in the applicable weld(s) column.

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4.4.47–4.4.57	New sections: new NDE technique demonstrations.
5.4.40–5.4.46	New sections: new NDE technique demonstrations.
Table 6.4.2-1	Updated to reflect new NDE technique demonstrations.
6.4.40–6.4.43	New sections: new NDE technique demonstrations.
10.4.18	New section: new NDE technique demonstration.

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Affected Section(s)	Description of Change
xxvii	Updated the Inspection Focus Group roster.
Chapter 1	Updated to include NEI 03-08 Implementation Requirements.
Table 4.4.2-1	Updated to reflect new NDE technique demonstrations.
4.4.42–4.4.46	New sections: new NDE technique demonstrations.
5.3.2	Added two new shroud support mockups.
Table 6.4.2-1	Updated to reflect new NDE technique demonstrations.
6.4.36–6.4.39	New sections: new NDE technique demonstrations.
10.4.14	Corrected errata.
10.4.15–10.4.17	New sections: new NDE technique demonstrations.



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Affected Section(s)	Description of Change
xxv	Updated the Inspection Focus Group roster.
2.5, Para. 4.3	Added guidance for visual examination training, regarding detection and reporting of unusual crud deposits on the vessel interior or internals.
2.5, Para. 6.3.2	Clarified EVT-1 guidance to require that the resolution targets must be seen as a dark object; detection only of the bright, glinting reflection of the lights is not adequate.
2.6, Para. 3.1	Clarified UT personnel requirements to include CP-189 in addition to ASNT-TC-1A.
2.6, Para. 3.3	Corrected errata.
2.6, Para. 7.3	Clarified discussion of one-sided UT access. This change was also made in many report sections documenting individual technique demonstrations.
2.6, Para. 7.5	Clarified requirement for adequate recording of transducer position data in ultrasonic examination.
2.6, Para. 11.0	New paragraph, providing background information on UT with one-sided access.

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2.7, Para. 3.1	Clarified ET personnel requirements to include CP-189 in addition to ASNT-TC-1A.
4.4.36, 5.4.21	Corrected errata.
4.4.37–4.4.41	New sections: New NDE technique demonstrations.
4.7.6–4.4.7	New sections: New delivery system demonstrations.
5.4.37–5.4.39	New sections: New NDE technique demonstrations.
5.6.4	New section: New delivery system demonstration.
10.3.5	Added documentation of new jet pump beam mockups.
10.4.1	Modified discussion of single-side access, for consistency with similar discussions elsewhere in the document.
10.4.11–10.4.14, 10.5.2	New sections: New NDE technique demonstrations.
10.6.4	New section: New delivery system demonstration.

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Affected Section(s)	Description of Change
xxxiii	Updated the Inspection Focus Group roster.
Chapter 1	Replaced all references to Inspection Committee with Focus Group.
2.5, Para. 3.5	Removed recording medium, water clarity, and lighting from list of key elements.
2.5, Para. 6.2	Changed title from Minimum Water Clarity to Environmental Conditions.
2.5, Para. 6.2.2	Added lighting conditions as an environmental condition, along with water clarity.
2.6, Para. 3.3, 4.1	Clarified UT qualifications that are required for standby liquid control welds and recognizes the recent availability of qualified manual examiners.
2.6, Para. 5.2	Clarified acceptability of normal variation in transducer frequency.
4.3.1.8, 4.3.1.9	New sections: Added documentation of new mockups BWRVIP-SSC-1 and BWRVIP-H6OH.
4.4.2	Added new Demonstration References for UT Demonstrations 33 and 34.

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4.4.35, 4.4.36	New sections: New NDE technique demonstrations.
5.3.2	Changed the word six to seven in the first line of the third paragraph.
5.4.21	Corrected an erratum and clarified the description of a technique's performance.
5.4.29–36	New sections: New NDE technique demonstrations.
10.2	Added a paragraph providing VT-1 guidance for viewing jet pump wedges.
11.1	Updated BWRVIP-27 to BWRVIP-27A where necessary.
11.2.3, 11.2.4	Updated guidance for SLC examination to include all allowable inspection alternatives: volumetric every ten years, surface examination every other outage, or enhanced leakage inspection every outage. Enhanced leakage inspection is to be performed with the insulation removed.

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Affected Section(s)	Description of Change
xix	Updated the Inspection Focus Group roster.
5.4.27 – 5.4.28	New sections: New NDE technique demonstrations.
5.6.3	New section: New NDE delivery system demonstration.
6.4.32 - 6.4.35	New sections: New NDE technique demonstrations.
All NDE technique and delivery system demonstrations	Added the publication date of each demonstration.
Many UT demonstrations	Where appropriate, added a note stating the need to ultrasonically examine stainless steel and nickel-alloy welds from both directions if possible. (The same note was already present in generic form in Section 2.6, the UT Standard. This action identifies more clearly which UT technique demonstrations it applies to.)

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Affected Section(s)	Description of Change
xvii	Updated the Inspection Focus Group roster.
2.5, Para. 8.1.2	Clarifies documentation of EVT-1 examination coverage to recognize access limitations. Documentation must include an estimate of the percentage of the examination area that was covered with EVT-1 quality.
2.6 and 2.7, Para. 2.4	New paragraphs. References ASNT CP-189 in addition to SNT-TC-1A for qualification and certification of examination personnel.
2.6, Para. 3.3	Clarifies qualification requirements for personnel performing UT. Provides personnel qualification requirements for examining standby liquid control welds, and for determining whether flaws have propagated into the pressure vessel. Deleted Paragraph 3.3.3.2, which was made redundant by this change.
2.6, Para. 7.3	New paragraph. States the need to ultrasonically examine stainless steel and nickel-alloy welds from both directions.
4.4.2, 6.4.2	Updated demonstration tables.
4.4.33–4.4.34	New sections: New NDE technique demonstrations.
4.7.5	New section: New NDE delivery system demonstration.
6.3.1.4	Added documentation of core spray tee box mockup BWRVIP-N.
6.4.18, 6.4.19 and 6.4.24	Withdrew UT demonstrations for core spray hidden weld P9 because of recent findings from a new, more comprehensive set of mockups.
6.4.26–6.4.31	New sections: New NDE technique demonstrations.
10.4.10	New section: New NDE technique demonstration.

# HISTORY OF CHANGES TO THIS DOCUMENT

## REVISION 4

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Affected Section(s)	Description of Change
xvii	Updated the Committee roster.
2.6, Para. 3.3	Clarifies prerequisite for UT data analysis personnel: their IGSCC qualification must be on non-overlaid components.
4.1, 5.1, 6.1, 7.1, 8.2, 9.2, 10.2, 11.2, 12.2, 13.2	Clarifies that examination procedures must be appropriate to the specific configuration of the plant. Previously “utility-specific” procedures were called for. This change of wording is intended to remove any suggestion that the procedures must be tied administratively to the specific utility.
4.4.2, 6.4.2	Updated demonstration tables.
4.4.29–4.4.32	New sections: New NDE technique demonstrations.
5.3.5	New section: Description of BWR/2 H8/H9 mockups.
5.4.23–5.4.26	New sections: New NDE technique demonstrations.
5.6.2	New section: New NDE delivery system demonstration.
6.4.21–6.4.25	New sections: New NDE technique demonstrations.
8.4.4	New section: New NDE technique demonstration.
TOC, Figure 6.3.1.5-1, 11.2.3	Correction of errata.



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## REVISION 3

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Affected Section(s)	Description of Change
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1	Updated the Committee roster.
2.5, Para. 8.1.3	For EVT-1, recommends that the method of measuring flaw length (estimation or ruler) be recorded.
5.3.4	Updated the description of shroud support mockups.
5.4.21, 5.4.22	New sections: New NDE technique demonstrations.
6.2.2, 9.2, 10.2	Updates status of hidden welds.
6.3.1.5	New section: description of BWR/6 core spray mockup.
6.4.20	New section: New NDE technique demonstration.
10.4.9, 10.5.1	New sections: New NDE technique demonstrations.
13.3	Updated the status of control rod guide tube mockup.

# HISTORY OF CHANGES TO THIS DOCUMENT

## REVISION 2

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Affected Section(s)	Description of Change
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1	Updated the Committee roster.
2.6, Paragraph 3.3	Modified the personnel qualification requirements for selected examinations.
3.0	Correction: Changed heading numbers to correspond with rest of the document.
4.3.1.7	New section: Description of new mockup BWRVIP-H1.
4.4.28	New section: New NDE technique demonstration.
5.4.20	New section: New NDE technique demonstration.
6.3.1.2	Correction: Figure 6.3.1.2-4 correct image inserted.
6.4.18-19	New sections: New NDE technique demonstrations.
8.4.3	New section: New NDE technique demonstration.

# HISTORY OF CHANGES TO THIS DOCUMENT

## REVISION 1

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This is a living document. Updates to the included data on components that had already been addressed, and new report sections on components that had not yet been addressed, will be added as they are developed. Minor or editorial changes may not appear in this listing. This document supersedes the November 21, 1994 Inspection *Committee document BWR-VIP Core Shroud NDE Uncertainty & Procedure Standard* and the October 1995 document *Boiling Water Reactor Pressure Vessel and Internals Examination Guidelines (BWRVIP-03)*.

Affected Section(s)	Description of Change
1	Updated the Committee roster and Acknowledgments.
2.1 - 2.4	Changes to administrative procedures, made necessary by discontinuation of referenced Inspection Committee working groups. Revised key elements for visual inspection.
2.5	New section: "Generic Standards for Visual Examination of Reactor Pressure Vessel Internals, Components, and Associated Repairs."
2.6	New section: "Generic Standards for Ultrasonic Examination of BWR Vessel Internal Components."
2.7	New section: "Generic Standards for Eddy Current Examination of BWR Vessel Internal Components."
3.0	New section: "Demonstration of Accuracy of Flaw Length Measurement by Visual Examination." This section replaces the existing Section 3.
3.0	Correction: Changed heading numbers to correspond with rest of the document.
4	Added reference to generic NDE standards, Sections 2.5 – 2.7.
4.3	Added documentation of new mockups.

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4.4.19 – 4.4.26, 4.6.5 – 4.6.6, 4.7.3	New sections: Documentation of NDE demonstrations conducted since issuance of prior documents.
4A, 4B, 4C	Deleted. Shroud-specific NDE standards deleted, references to generic standards in Sections 2.5 – 2.7 added.
5	Added reference to generic NDE standards, Sections 2.5 – 2.7.
5.3	Added documentation of new mockups.
5.4.10 – 5.4.18	New sections: Documentation of NDE demonstrations conducted since issuance of prior documents.
6	New section: Core Spray Piping and Sparger. These components had not been addressed in prior documents, except for Section 6A, “Standards for Visual Inspection of Core Spray Piping, Spargers, and Associated Components.”
6A	Section 6A, “Standards for Visual Inspection of Core Spray Piping, Spargers, and Associated Components,” is now deleted and Section 2.5 is referenced instead. New Section 6A: “Investigation of Core Spray Internal Piping Overlay Inspection.”
7	New section: Top Guide.
8	New section: Core Plate.
9	New section: LPCI Coupling.
10	New section: Jet Pump Assembly.
11	New section: Standby Liquid Control.
12	New section: Vessel Attachments.
13	New section: Lower Plenum.
14	New section: Vessel Penetrations.

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## BWRVIP OVERVIEW AND BACKGROUND

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In 1990 a visual examination (VT) of the core shroud of a Swiss boiling water reactor (BWR) revealed the presence of cracking adjacent to one of the horizontal welds. A boat sample was taken, and its analysis identified the flaw mechanism as intergranular stress corrosion cracking (IGSCC). Since that event, examinations of other BWR shrouds have revealed an industry-wide problem with IGSCC and irradiation-assisted stress corrosion cracking (IASCC) associated with core shroud welds. As a result of this and degradation of other in-vessel components, domestic BWR-owning utilities have formed the Boiling Water Reactor Vessel and Internals Project (BWRVIP), which is chartered to support a program addressing the problems of reactor internals, internal attachments, vessel welds, and vessel nozzles. The inspection guidance provided herein supplements mandated examinations so that BWR owners can assure safety and assess component integrity in support of business decisions.

### 1.1 BWRVIP

BWRVIP was established by executive participants from each domestic BWR-owning utility. The BWRVIP's technical program is managed by the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI). The Executive Operating Committee of BWRVIP oversees the activities of BWRVIP's five technical committees and focus groups:

- The Assessment Committee
- The Inspection Focus Group
- The Repair Focus Group
- The Mitigation Committee
- The Integration Committee

The Inspection Focus Group is tasked with producing nondestructive evaluation (NDE) techniques for assessing the integrity of the affected components. This document presents findings and products of the Inspection Focus Group.

### 1.2 BWRVIP Inspection Focus Group

The Focus Group comprises NDE and inservice inspection (ISI) representatives of BWR utilities, and is supported by EPRI task managers, the EPRI NDE Center, and NDE vendor company representatives. The Focus Group established the NDE Methods Working Group and the Qualification and Data Management Working Group to perform and direct activities in support of its goals.

The Focus Group is chartered to ensure the availability of effective, predictable, and cost-effective inspection techniques to determine the condition of BWR vessel welds, internals, vessel attachments, and penetrations which are potentially susceptible to degradation.

To satisfy this charter, the Focus Group has set the following goals:

- To provide demonstrated, documented NDE techniques for effectively examining the susceptible components.
- To develop inspection standards that can ensure the structural integrity of the components.
- To liaise with regulatory agencies on inspection issues.
- To develop and maintain an internal budget and financial controls.
- To develop short, medium, and long range plans based on utility inspection needs.
- To interface with the other Committees of BWRVIP.
- To provide training, when necessary, to support the industry's inspection needs.

This document presents the Focus Group's activities toward the first two goals. It provides measurements of the uncertainty of NDE techniques as applied to examinations of BWR internal components, to be included with flaw size measurements in calculations of the serviceability of components for subsequent operation; guidance for utilities or vendors to perform measurements of uncertainty that can be recognized by the Focus Group; standards for NDE procedures for examination of internal components; and a referenceable vehicle for regulatory review and approval.

### **1.3 General Approach to Inspection Support**

The Assessment Committee and Repair Focus Group identify those structures that require inspection because of their safety function, susceptibility to degradation, or pre- and post-repair inspection needs. The degradation mechanism, likely flaw locations and orientations, and the degradation severity that must be detected are also identified. The Inspection Focus Group then develops, demonstrates, and documents NDE techniques capable of establishing component and component repair integrity. Alternatively, the Focus Group may witness and document such demonstrations by NDE vendor companies.

The design and fabrication of realistic component mockups are an important part of the Inspection Focus Group's program. The mockups are designed to represent the materials and welding techniques used in the original construction of the components. Intentional defects in the mockups are of the size, location, and orientation of concern, and are designed to resemble the suspect degradation mechanism in their response to NDE techniques.

The Inspection Focus Group also supports BWR internals inspections by providing specific training to spread the knowledge that has been gained through individual plant experiences. Training courses in visual and ultrasonic examination of core shroud welds, and in access and

other inspection issues for internal components located below the core plate, have been offered or are planned.

The Focus Group has provided on-site advisory support to requesting member utilities during their internals inspection outages. EPRI and the EPRI NDE Center, directed by the Focus Group, have assisted in on-site advisory support and also have performed off-site data reviews and supporting laboratory work

## **1.4 Implementation Requirements**

In accordance with the requirements of Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) 03-08, Guideline for the Management of Materials Issues, this report is considered to be “needed.”

A nine-month implementation schedule is applicable starting from the date that the report is published.

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## **GENERAL PROCEDURES**

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## **2.1 Guidelines for Use of BWRVIP Mockups**

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## **4.0 Guidelines for Use Prioritization**

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## **2.2 Protocol for NDE Technique Demonstrations on BWRVIP Mockups**

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## **2.3 Guidelines for Determining NDE Technique Uncertainty**

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## **2.4 Guidelines for Determining Inspection Tool Positioning Uncertainty**

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## **2.5 Generic Standards for Visual Inspection of Reactor Pressure Vessel Internals, Components, and Associated Repairs**

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**Figure 2.5.8.1-1. System Setup**

## **2.6 Generic Standards for Ultrasonic Examination of BWR Vessel Internal Components**

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## **2.7 Generic Standards for Eddy Current Examination of BWR Vessel Internal Components**

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## DEMONSTRATION OF ACCURACY OF FLAW LENGTH MEASUREMENT BY VISUAL EXAMINATION

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## **SHROUD**

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4.3.1.2 Utility H3 and H4 Mockups

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4.3.1.3 Shroud Block BWRVIP-A: Ring-to-Cylinder

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**Figure 4.3.1.3-1. Design of Shroud Mockup BWRVIP-A**

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**Figure 4.3.1.3-2. Cross Section of Weld in Mockup BWRVIP-A**

4.3.1.4 Shroud Block BWRVIP-B: Ring-to-Cylinder

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**Figure 4.3.1.4-1. Design of Shroud Mockup BWRVIP-B**



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**Figure 4.3.1.4-2. Cross section of Weld in Mockup BWRVIP-B**

4.3.1.5 Shroud Block BWRVIP-C: Cylinder-to-Cylinder

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**Figure 4.3.1.5-1. Design of Shroud Mockup BWRVIP-C**

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**Figure 4.3.1.5-2. Cross Section of Weld in Mockup BWRVIP-C**

4.3.1.6 Shroud Mockup BWRVIP-G and H: Ring Segment Welds

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**Figure 4.3.1.6-2. Cross Section of Mockup BWRVIP-G and BWRVIP-H**

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**Figure 4.3.1.6-3. Shroud Ring Segment Weld**

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#### 4.3.1.8 Shroud Mockup BWRVIP-SSC1: Shroud Scallops

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4.3.1.9 Shroud Mockup BWRVIP-H6OH: Overhanging Core Plate Support Ring

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**Figure 4.3.1.9-1. Illustration of the Overhanging Configuration of Weld H6b**

4.3.1.10 Shroud Mockup BWRVIP-TGSR: Radial Ring Segment Mockup

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**Figure 4.3.1.10-1. BWRVIP-TGSR Mockup (Photograph)**

4.3.1.11 BWRVIP-H2/H3: Top Guide Support Ring-to-Cylinder Mockup

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**Figure 4.3.1.11-1. Typical Phased Array Technique for Examination of Core Shroud H2 Welds**

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**Figure 4.3.1.11-2. Typical Phased Array Technique for Examination of Core Shroud H3 Welds**

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**Figure 4.3.1.11-3. Photograph of BWRVIP-H2/H3 Mockup**

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**Figure 4.3.1.11-4. Configuration of BWRVIP-H2/H3 (Side View)**

#### 4.3.1.12 BWR/6 H3 Core Shroud Weld Mockups (BWRVIP-BWR6-H3-A and BWRVIP-BWR6-H3-B)

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**Figure 4.3.1.12-1. Roll-Out View of Shroud Flange, Showing Bolt Hole and Alignment Pinhole Locations**

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**Figure 4.3.1.12-3. BWR/6 H3 Core Shroud Mockups (Photograph)**

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**Figure 4.3.1.12-4. BWR/6 H3 Core Shroud Mockups (Photograph of Bolt Holes)**

### **4.3.2 Special Purpose Mockups**

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#### **4.3.2.1 Surface Roughness**

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**Figure 4.3.2.1-1. Surface Roughness Mockup**

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**Figure 4.3.2.2-1. Mockup With Multiple, Parallel EDM Notches**

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## **4.4 UT Technique Demonstrations for Core Shroud Welds**

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### **4.4.1 General Findings for UT**

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#### **4.4.2 UT Demonstration Summary**

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#### **4.4.3 UT Demonstration 1**

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#### **4.4.5 UT Demonstration 3**

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**Figure 4.4.5-1. Principle of Operation of Creeping-Wave Probes**

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**Figure 4.4.5-2. Principle of Operation of LLT Technique**

#### **4.4.6 UT Demonstration 4**

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#### **4.4.7 UT Demonstration 5**

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**Table 4.4.18-1. Definition of Scan Patterns Used in UT Demonstration 16**

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**Table 4.4.18-2. Results of UT Demonstration 16**

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**Table 4.4.27-1. Sizing Performance and Evaluation Factors for UT Demonstration 25**

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**Table 4.4.36-1. Crack Location and Orientation Categories in Mockup BWRVIP-H6OH**

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**Figure 4.4.40-1. Illustration of Sector-Scan Examination of Weld H2 and Full-Vee Linear-Scan Examination of Weld H3**

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**Table 4.4.41-1. Linear Scans Performed in Various Shroud Inspection Situations**

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#### **4.4.42 UT Demonstration 40**

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**Table 4.4.42-1. Sizing Performance and Evaluation Factors for UT Demonstration 40**

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**Figure 4.4.46-1. GE Immersion UT Technique for Weld H1**

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**Figure 4.4.51-1. Configuration of H1 Inspection Using Array Probe at the Top of the Shroud Flange**

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**Table 4.4.55-1. Crack Location and Orientation Categories in Mockup BWRVIP-H6OH**

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**Table 4.4.56-1. Crack Location and Orientation Categories in Mockup BWRVIP-H6OH**

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**Figure 4.4.57-1. Probe Scan Line Locations for Mockup BWRVIP-A**

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**Figure 4.4.57-2. Probe Scan Line Locations for Mockup BWRVIP-B**

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**Figure 4.4.58-1. BWRVIP-A and BWRVIP-B Scan Surface**

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**Figure 4.4.58-2. BWRVIP-A and BWRVIP-B (H3 and H6/H6B) Scan Surface**

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**Figure 4.4.58-3. BWRVIP-C (H4/H5) Flaws Connected to the Scan Surface**

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**Figure 4.4.58-4. BWRVIP-C (H4/H5) Flaws Connected Opposite to the Scan Surface**

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**Figure 4.4.59-1. Surface Distance of First and Fourth Scan Lines**

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#### **4.4.60 UT Demonstration 58**

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**Figure 4.4.60-1. Vertical Ring Segment Weld Orientation**

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#### **4.4.61 UT Demonstration 59**

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**Table 4.4.61-1. Focal Law Groups for Demonstration 59**

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**Figure 4.4.62-1. Scanning the H1 Weld from the Core Shroud Flange**

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**Figure 4.4.63-1. H5/H6A Looking Up and Looking Down Scan Configurations**

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**Figure 4.4.63-2. H4/H5 and Vertical Weld Scan Configuration**

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**Figure 4.4.64-1. H2 Examination Technique**

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**Figure 4.4.65-1. H3 Full-Vee Technique at Rear Scan Line Position**

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**Figure 4.4.65-2. H3 Full-Vee (Red) and High-Angle (Pink) Technique at Forward Scan Line Position**

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**Table 4.4.66-1. Crack Location and Orientation Categories in Mockup BWRVIP-H6OH**

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**Figure 4.4.66-1. H6OH Examination Technique**

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**Table 4.4.68-4-1. UT System Essential Variables**

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**Figure 4.4.68-1. Top View of Data Collected with the UltraVision 3.2/Dynaray System**

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**Figure 4.4.68-2. Top View of 2006 Data Collected with the TomoView/TomoScan-III System**

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#### **4.4.69 UT Demonstration 67**

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**Figure 4.4.69-1. Probe Position on BWRVIP Mockup**

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**Figure 4.4.70-1. Mockups BWRVIP-A and BWRVIP-B (H1, H2, and H5/H6A Scan Surface)**

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**Figure 4.4.70-2. Mockups BWRVIP-A and BWRVIP-B (H3 and H6/H6B Scan Surface)**

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**Figure 4.4.70-3. Mockup BWRVIP-C (H4/H5 Flaws Connected to the Scan Surface)**

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**Figure 4.4.70-4. Mockup BWRVIP-C (H4/H5 Flaws Connected Opposite to the Scan Surface)**

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**Figure 4.4.71-1. Probe Positions on BWRVIP Mockup**

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**Figure 4.4.72-1. 25° to 55° Sector Scan Technique for H3 Weld Examination**

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**Figure 4.4.72-2. Creeping Wave (ODCR) Technique for H3 Weld Examination**

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**Figure 4.4.73-1. Core Plate Support Ring and Top Guide Support Ring Scan Locations**

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**Table 4.4.74-1. Crack Location and Orientation Categories in Mockup BWRVIP-H6OH**

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**Figure 4.4.74-1. H6OH Line Scan Examination Technique**

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## **4.5 VT Technique Demonstrations for Core Shroud Welds**

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### **4.5.1 VT General Findings**

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#### **4.5.1.1 Training**

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### **4.5.2 VT Demonstration 1**

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**Table 4.5.2-1. Data and Analysis from Shroud VT Demonstration 1**

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**Figure 4.5.2-1. VT Length Measurement Performance on Simulated Cracks  
(Pieces of Tape) in NDE Center's 20-foot-deep Water Tank**

## **4.6 ET Technique Demonstrations for Core Shroud Welds**

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### **4.6.1 ET General Findings**

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**Figure 4.6.1-1. Cross-Wound ET Probe**

**4.6.1.1      Detection of Skewed Reflectors**

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**4.6.1.2      Effect of Scanning on a Rough Surface**

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**Figure 4.6.1.2-1. Eddy Current Image of Surface Roughness Mockup**

**4.6.1.3      Scan Pattern**

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#### **4.6.2 ET Demonstration 1**

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##### **4.6.2.1 Crack Length Measurement**

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##### **4.6.2.2 Optimum Parameters for ET Imaging**

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**Figure 4.6.2.2-1. Amplitude and Phase Eddy Current Images of Mockup BWRVIP-A.  
(a) Amplitude, raw. (b) Amplitude, thresholded**

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**Figure 4.6.2.2-1 (continued). Amplitude and Phase Eddy Current Images of Mockup BWRVIP-A. (c) Phase, raw. (d) Phase, thresholded**

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##### **4.6.4.1 Data Acquisition**

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##### **4.6.4.2 Data Evaluation**

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**Figure 4.6.6-1. Eddy Current Surface Probe**

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**Figure 4.6.6-2. Eddy Current Responses from Ring Segment Weld Mockup**

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**Figure 4.6.6-3. Eddy Current Responses Obtained from Surface Flaws of Various Depths**

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**Figure 4.6.6-4. Shroud Mockup Containing Rough Weld Surface**

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**Figure 4.6.6-5. Eddy Current Response From Shroud Mockup with Rough Weld Surface**

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## **4.7 Delivery System Demonstrations for Core Shroud Welds**

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#### **4.7.1 Delivery System Demonstration 1**

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### **4.7.3 Delivery System Demonstration 3**

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#### **4.7.4 Delivery System Demonstration 4**

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**Table 4.7.4-1. Evaluation Factors for Carousel Scanner**

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##### **4.7.7.1 Flaw Length Measurement Within a Single Scan**

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##### **4.7.7.2 Flaw Length Measurement Using More Than One Scan**

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#### **4.7.8 Delivery System Demonstration 8**

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**Table 4.7.8-1. Evaluation Factors for TS<sup>2</sup>**

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**Figure 4.7.8-1. Illustration of Potential Location Error for BWR Vertical Weld UT Inspections**

4.7.8.3      H2/H3 Welds (Scanned from the Ledge)

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**Figure 4.7.8-2. Illustration of Potential Location Error for Depth Sizing When Scanning on the H2/H3 Ledge**



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**Figure 4.3.1.7-1. Mockup BWRVIP-H1 Shroud Weld H1**

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**Figure 4.3.1.9-2. BWRVIP-H6OH, Representing the Overhanging Core Plate Support Ring Weld Configuration**

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**Figure 4.3.1.10-2. Configuration Drawing of Mockup BWRVIP-TGSR**

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**Figure 4.3.1.10-3. Flaw Details for Mockup BWRVIP-TGSR**

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**Figure 4.3.1.11-5. Configuration of BWRVIP-H2/H3 (End View)**

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**Figure 4.3.1.11-6. BWRVIP-H2/H3 Ring Segment Weld Flaws**

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**Figure 4.3.1.11-7. BWRVIP-H2/H3 Ring-to-Cylinder Weld Flaws (Flaws 1 Through 4)**



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**Figure 4.3.1.11-8. BWRVIP-H2/H3 Ring-to-Cylinder Weld Flaws (Flaws 5 Through 8)**

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**Figure 4.3.1.11-9. BWRVIP-H2/H3 Flaw Details**

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## **5.4 UT Technique Demonstrations for Core Shroud Support Welds**

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**Figure 5.4.48-1. Geometry and Ultrasonic Beam Simulation for Inspection of Weld H8**

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**Figure 5.4.48-2. Coverage for Inspection of Weld H8**

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**Figure 5.4.48-3. Some Potential Flaw Locations and Orientations in Weld H8**

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**Figure 5.4.54-1. Axial Beam Direction Scan for H9 Weld (Side View)**

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**Figure 5.4.54-2. Circumferential Beam Direction Scan for H9 Weld (Top View)**



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**Figure 5.4.56-1. Axial Flaw Located in the H9 Weld and Attachment Pad. (Axial flaw detection in this area was possible.)**

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**Figure 5.4.56-2. Axial Flaw Located in H9 Weld and Shroud Support Plate. (Axial flaw detection in this area was unreliable.)**

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**Figure 5.4.56-3. Reported RPV Extent (Flaw Depth Reported Along the Ultrasound Depth Axis)**



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**Figure 5.4.56-4. Reported Shroud Support Plate Extent (Flaw Depth Based on Axial Distance Measurements)**

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## **CORE SPRAY PIPING AND SPARGER**

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**Figure 6.2-2. Typical BWR/3-5 Core Spray Piping Configuration**

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**Figure 6.2-3. Typical BWR/6 Core Spray Piping Configuration**

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**Figure 6.2-4. Typical Core Spray Sparger**

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**Figure 6.3.1.1-4. Mockup BWRVIP-J: Downcomer Slip Joint: Flaw Details**

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**Figure 6.3.1.2-2. BWR/2 Shroud Penetration Mockup (BWRVIP-K)**



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**Figure 6.3.1.2-3. Mockup BWRVIP-K: BWR/2 Shroud Penetration: Configuration**

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**Figure 6.3.1.2-4. Mockup BWRVIP-K: BWR/2 Shroud Penetration: Flaw Details**

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**Figure 6.3.1.3-1. BWRVIP-L Mockup: Shroud Penetration (BWR/3-5)**

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**Figure 6.3.1.3-2. BWR/3-5 Shroud Penetration Mockup (BWRVIP-L)**

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**Figure 6.3.1.3-3. Mockup BWRVIP-L: BWR/3-5 Shroud Penetration: Configuration**

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**Figure 6.3.1.3-4. Mockup BWRVIP-L: BWR/3-5 Shroud Penetration: Flaw Details**

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6.3.1.5 BWR/6 Core Spray Pipe Coupling Assembly Mockup (BWRVIP-CS6)

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**Figure 6.3.1.4-1. BWRVIP-M Mockup: Header Tee Box**



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**Figure 6.3.1.5-1. BWR/6 Core Spray Pipe Coupling Assembly Mockup BWRVIP-CS6: Weld Configuration and Flaw Details**

6.3.1.6 BWR/3-6 P4a, P4b, and P4c Pipe-to-Elbow Mockups (BWRVIP-P4-1r, BWRVIP-P4-2r, and BWRVIP-P4-3)

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**Figure 6.3.1.6-2. Flaw Details of BWRVIP-P4-1r**

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## **6.4 UT Technique Demonstrations for Core Spray Welds**

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**Figure 6.4.32-1. Correspondence of Flaws in Mockup BWRVIP-J to the Inspection  
Configuration of BWR/2 Weld P8**

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**Figure 6.4.35-1. Detection Paths for Flaws in Mockup BWRVIP-K**



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**Figure 6.4.45-1. Array Probe Positioning for Scanning from the Cover Plate Side**

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**Figure 6.4.46-1. 45° and 50° Examination Angles**

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**Figure 6.4.47-1. 1/2-Vee Technique for ID Flaws (Pipe Side)**

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**Figure 6.4.48-1. 45° and 50° Examination Angles from Riser Pipe Side (P5 Shown)**

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**Figure 6.4.49-1. Direction of Sound Beams**

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# 6A

## INVESTIGATION OF CORE SPRAY INTERNAL PIPING OVERLAY INSPECTION

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**Figure 6A.1.3-1. Mockup BWRVIP-CSRA: Weld Overlay Repair with Cracks Propagating from Existing Throughwall Defects: Configuration and Flaw Details**

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**Figure 6A.1.3-2. Mockup BWRVIP-CSRC: Weld Overlay Repair with Sidewall Lack of Fusion:  
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**Figure 7.2-1 Grid Beam Regions to Be Inspected for BWR/2-5 Designs**

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**Figure 7.2.1-1. Typical Vertical Aligner Pin Assembly**

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**Figure 7.2.3-1. Lateral Restraint Brackets and Wedges**



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**Figure 7.2.5-1. Rim-to-Bottom Plate Weld**

### **7.2.6 Grid Beams**

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**Figure 7.2.6-1. Typical 0.36-Inch Wide Top Guide Grid Structure**

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**Figure 7.2.6-2. Typical 0.55-Inch Wide Top Guide Grid Structure**

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**Figure 7.2.6-3. Typical BWR/6 Top Guide Grid Structure**

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**Figure 7.2.6-4. Photograph of BWR/2 Grid Beam Cracking Observed During Metallurgic Evaluation**

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**Figure 7.2.6-5. Mid-Span Flaw in Upper Grid Beam**

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**Figure 7.2.6-6. Intersecting Slot Flaw in Upper Grid Beam**

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**Figure 7.2.6-7. Mid-Span Flaw in Lower Grid Beam**

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**Figure 7.2.6-8. Flaw Located at Incore Instrumentation Notch Location of Lower Grid Beam**

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**Figure 7.2.6-9. Intersecting Slot Flaw in Lower Grid Beam**

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**Figure 7.2.6-10. Flaw Emanating from Poison Notch**

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**Figure 7.2.6-11. Configuration of Top Guide Grid, Fuel Channels, and Control Blades**

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**Figure 7.2.6-12. Phased Array Sector Scan Techniques for Top Guide Grid Beam  
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## **7.3 Applicable Mockups**

### **7.3.1 Top Guide Grid Mockup BWRVIP-I**

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**Figure 7.3.1-1. Configuration of Top Guide Grid Mockup BWRVIP-I**

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**Figure 7.3.1-2. Top Guide Grid Mockup BWRVIP-I, Plate BWRVIP-I-A: Configuration and  
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**Figure 7.3.1-3. Top Guide Grid Mockup BWRVIP-I, Plate BWRVIP-I-B: Configuration and Flaw Details**

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**Figure 7.3.1-4. Top Guide Grid Mockup BWRVIP-I, Plate BWRVIP-I-C: Configuration and Flaw Details**

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**Figure 7.3.1-5. Top Guide Grid Mockup BWRVIP-I, Plate BWRVIP-I-D: Configuration and Flaw Details**

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**Figure 7.3.1-6. Top Guide Grid Mockup BWRVIP-I, Plate BWRVIP-I-E: Configuration and Flaw Details**

### **7.3.2 Top Guide Grid Mockups BWRVIP-TG1-x Through BWRVIP-TG13-x Series**

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**Table 7.3.2-1. BWRVIP Top Guide Grid Beam Mockups**

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**Table 7.3.2-1. BWRVIP Top Guide Grid Beam Mockups (continued)**

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## **7.4 UT Technique Demonstrations for Top Guide Components**

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### **7.4.1 General Findings for UT**

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#### 7.4.1.1      Grid Beams

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#### **7.4.2 UT Demonstration 1**

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**Figure 7.3.2-1. BWRVIP-TG1-x and BWRVIP-TG2-x Flaw Details**

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**Figure 7.3.2-2. BWRVIP-TG3-x and BWRVIP-TG4-x Flaw Details**

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**Figure 7.3.2-3. BWRVIP-TG5-x and BWRVIP-TG6-x Flaw Details**

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**Figure 7.3.2-4. BWRVIP-TG7-x Flaw Details**

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**Figure 7.3.2-5. BWRVIP-TG8-x and BWRVIP-TG9-x Flaw Details**

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**Figure 7.3.2-6. BWRVIP-TG10-x and BWRVIP-TG11-x Flaw Details**



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**Figure 7.3.2-7. BWRVIP-TG12-x and BWRVIP-TG13-x Flaw Details**

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## **CORE PLATE**

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## **8.2 Inspection Considerations**

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### **8.2.1 Rim Hold-Down Bolt Locations**

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### **8.3 Applicable Mockups**

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**Figure 8.3-1. EDM Notches in Upper and Lower Threaded Regions of Core Plate Bolt Mockup**

## **8.4 UT Technique Demonstrations for Core Plate Rim Hold-Down Bolts**

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**Table 8.4-1. UT Demonstration Summary**

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**Figure 8.4.5-1 BWRVIP-B Mockup Configuration (with Bolt Installed)**

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**Figure 8.4.5-2 BWRVIP-H6OH Mockup Configuration (with Bolt Installed)**

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## LPCI COUPLING

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### **9.3 Applicable Mockups**

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### **9.4 UT Technique Demonstrations for LPCI Coupling Welds**

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## **JET PUMP ASSEMBLY**

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#### ***10.3.2 Mockup BWRVIP-V***

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#### ***10.3.3 Mockups BWRVIP-Z3 and BWRVIP-Z3R***

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#### ***10.3.4 Mockup BWRVIP-Z4***

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### ***10.3.5 Jet Pump Beam Mockups***

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**Figure 10.3.5-1. EPRI Jet Pump Beam Mockup A**

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**Figure 10.3.5-2. EPRI Jet Pump Beam Mockup B (No Flaws)**



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**Figure 10.3.5-3. EPRI Jet Pump Beam Mockup C**

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**Figure 10.3.5-4. Jet Pump Beam Mockup BWRVIP-G2JPB1**

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**Figure 10.3.5-5. Jet Pump Beam Mockup BWRVIP-G2JPB2-R1**

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**Figure 10.3.5-6. Jet Pump Beam Mockup BWRVIP-G2JPB3**

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**Figure 10.3.5-8. Jet Pump Beam Taper-to-Radius Transition Mockups (Perspective Drawing)**

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**Figure 10.3.5-9. Jet Pump Beam Taper-to-Radius Transition Mockups (Photo)**

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**Figure 10.3.5-10. Jet Pump Beam Taper-to-Radius Transition Mockups (Side View Drawing)**

***10.3.6 Riser Brace Mockups BWRVIP-RB-1 and BWRVIP-RB-2***

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**Figure 10.3.6-1. BWRVIP-RB-1 and BWRVIP-RB-2 Mockups (Photograph)**

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**Figure 10.3.6-2. Flaw Layout and Electrode Profiles**



**Table 10.3.6-1. Flaw Table for BWRVIP-RB-1 and BWRVIP-RB-2**

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## **10.4 UT Technique Demonstrations**

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### **10.4.1 General Findings for UT**

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**Figure 10.4.16-1. LaSalle 1, Fermi Jet Pump Adapter Configuration**

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**Figure 10.4.16-2. Demonstration for Weld AD-1**

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**Figure 10.4.16-3. Demonstration for Weld AD-2**

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**Figure 10.4.16-4. Demonstration for Weld DF-3**

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#### **10.4.18      *UT Demonstration 17***

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#### **10.4.19      UT Demonstration 18**

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**Figure 10.4.19-1. Area BB-2 and BB-3 Examination Technique**

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**Figure 10.4.19-2. Jet Pump Beam Taper-to-Radius Transition Mockups**



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#### **10.4.21      *UT Demonstration 20***

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#### **10.4.22      *UT Demonstration 21***

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**Figure 10.4.22-1. Fermi-2 and LaSalle-1 (“U-Shaped”) Curved Adapter Configuration**

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**Figure 10.4.22-2. Fermi-2 and LaSalle-1 DF-3 Weld Inspection Location**

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**Figure 10.4.23-1. Azimuthal Focal Laws (Technique 2 Shown on AD-1 Weld Configuration)**

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**Figure 10.4.23-2. Linear Focal Laws (Shown on AD-1 Weld Configuration)**

**Table 10.4.23-1. Demonstrated Parameters for Technique 1**

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**Table 10.4.23-2. Demonstrated Parameters for Technique 2**

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**Figure 10.4.24-1. Area BB-2 and BB-3 Examination Technique**

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**Figure 10.4.24-2. Jet Pump Beam Taper-to-Radius Transition Mockups**



## **10.5 ET Technique Demonstrations**

### **10.5.1 ET Demonstration 1**

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## **10.5.2 ET Demonstration 2**

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## **10.6 Delivery System Demonstrations**

### ***10.6.1 Delivery System Demonstration 1***

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## **10.6.2 Delivery System Demonstration 2**

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### **10.6.5 Delivery System Demonstration 5**

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**Figure 10.3.1-1. Jet Pump Riser Mockup BWRVIP-U: Configuration and Flaw Details**



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**Figure 10.3.2-1. Jet Pump Riser Mockup BWRVIP-V: Configuration and Flaw Details**

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Figure 10.3.3-1. Jet Pump Mixer Mockup BWRVIP-Z3: Configuration and Flaw Details

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**Figure 10.3.4-1. Jet Pump Mixer Mockup BWRVIP-Z4: Configuration**

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**Figure 10.3.4-2. Jet Pump Mixer Mockup BWRVIP-Z4: Flaw Details**

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## **STANDBY LIQUID CONTROL**

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## **11.2 Inspection Considerations**

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### **11.2.1 Nozzle-to-Vessel Weld**

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### **11.2.2 Penetration-to-Vessel Weld**

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### **11.2.3 Nozzle-to-Safe-End Weld**

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#### ***11.2.4 Penetration-to-Safe-End Extension Weld***

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### **11.3 Applicable Mockups**

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### **11.3.1 Mockup BWRVIP-X1**

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### **11.3.2 Mockup BWRVIP-X2**

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### **11.3.3 Mockup BWRVIP-Y3**

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### **11.3.4 Mockup BWRVIP-Y4**

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### **11.3.5 Mockup BWRVIP-Y5**

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## **11.4 UT Technique Demonstrations for SLC Components**

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### **11.4.1 General Findings for UT**

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#### **11.4.2 UT Demonstration 1**

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**Figure 11.3.1-1. SLC Nozzle Mockup BWRVIP-X1: Configuration and Flaw Details**

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**Figure 11.3.2-1. SLC Nozzle Mockup BWRVIP-X2: Configuration and Flaw Details**

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**Figure 11.3.3-1. SLC Penetration Mockup BWRVIP-Y3: Configuration and Flaw Details**

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**Figure 11.3.4-1. SLC Penetration Mockup BWRVIP-Y4: Configuration and Flaw Details**

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**Figure 11.3.5-1. SLC Penetration Mockup BWRVIP-Y5: Configuration and Flaw Details**

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## **VESSEL ATTACHMENTS**

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## 12.2 Inspection Considerations

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## 12.3 Applicable Mockups

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### ***12.3.1 Steam Dryer Support Lug Attachment Weld***

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#### **12.3.1.1 BWRVIP-SDL1 (Steam Dryer Support Lug Mockup)**

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**Figure 12.3.1.1-1. BWRVIP-SDL-1 Mockup (Photograph)**

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**Figure 12.3.1.1-2. "Set-in" Lug Configuration (Cross-Sectional View)**

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**Figure 12.3.1.1-3. Flaws in Lugs A, B, and C**

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**Figure 12.3.1.1-4. Flaws in Lugs D, E, and F**

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**Figure 12.3.1.1-5. Typical Fabrication Flaws in Close Proximity to Flaw F1**

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**Figure 12.3.1.1-6. Repaired Lack-of-Fusion Flaw**

## **12.4 UT Technique Demonstrations for Vessel Attachment Welds**

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### **12.4.1 UT Demonstration Summary**

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**Figure 12.4.2-1. Probe Position and Scan Distance on the BWRVIP Mockup**

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**Figure 12.4.2-2. Focal Law Calculator Image Showing All Three Sets of Sector Scans**

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**Figure 12.4.2-3. Length Measurements for Flaws with Orientations Similar to the Orientations of A-1, B-1, B-2, D-1, and D-2**

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**Figure 12.4.2-4. Depth Measurements for Flaws with Orientations Similar to the Orientations of A-1, B-1, B-2, D-1, and D-2**

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**Figure 12.4.2-5. Length and Depth Measurements for Flaws with Orientations Similar to the Orientation of C-2**

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**Figure 12.4.2-6. Length and Depth Measurements for Flaws with Orientations Similar to the Orientation of A-2 (Note That Flaw Extents Are Measured from the Edge of the Lug and Not from the Flaw Initiating Point in the Weld)**

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## **LOWER PLENUM**

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## **13.2 Inspection Considerations**

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## **13.3 Applicable Mockups**

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### **13.3.1 BWRVIP-CRDH1**

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**Table 13.3.1-1. Specifications of Applicable Flaws for BWRVIP-CRDH1**

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**Figure 13.3.1-1. BWRVIP-CRDH1 Mockup (Photograph)**

### **13.3.2 BWRVIP-CRDH2**

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**Table 13.3.2-1. Specifications of Applicable Flaws for BWRVIP-CRDH2**

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**Figure 13.3.2-1. BWRVIP-CRDH2 Mockup (Photograph)**

## **13.4 UT Technique Demonstrations for Lower Plenum Welds**

### **13.4.1 UT Demonstration 1**

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## **INSTRUMENT PENETRATIONS**

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### **14.1 Summary**

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### **14.2 Inspection Considerations**

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## **ACCESS HOLE COVERS**

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### **15.1 Summary**

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**Figure 15.1-1. Access Hole Cover**

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## **15.2 Inspection Considerations**

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**Figure 15.2-1. Examples of Shroud Support Plate Side Ultrasonic Examination Techniques**

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**Figure 15.2-2. Retrofit Top Hat Access Hole Cover Configuration**

### ***15.2.1 Thin Access Hole Covers***

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**Figure 15.2.1-1. Thin AHC and Conventional Shroud Support Plate with Ledge**

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### ***15.2.2 Intermediate Thickness Access Hole Covers***

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**Figure 15.2.2-1. Intermediate Thickness Access Hole Cover and Conventional Shroud Support Plate Without Ledge**

### **15.2.3 Thick Access Hole Covers**

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**Figure 15.2.3-1. Thick Access Hole Cover and Conventional Shroud Support Plate with Ledge**

### **15.2.4 Non-Creviced Retrofit Design for Some BWR/4 and BWR/5 Plants**

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**Figure 15.2.4-1. Retrofit Design for Some BWR/4 and BWR/5 Plants**

***15.2.5 Non-Creviced Single Access Hole Cover Design***

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**Figure 15.2.5-1. BWR/6 Single Oval Design**

### **15.3 Applicable Mockups**

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#### ***15.3.1 Access Hole Cover Mockups***

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### 15.3.1.1 BWRVIP-AHC1

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**Figure 15.3.1.1-1. BWRVIP-AHC1 Mockup (Photograph)**

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**Figure 15.3.1.1-2. Bottom Side of BWRVIP-AHC1 Mockup (Photograph)**

15.3.1.2 BWRVIP-AHC2

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**Figure 15.3.1.2-1. BWRVIP-AHC2 Mockup (Photograph)**

**15.3.1.3 BWRVIP-AHC3 and BWRVIP-AHC4**

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**Figure 15.3.1.3-1. BWRVIP-AHC3 and BWRVIP-AHC4 (Photograph)**

15.3.1.4 BWRVIP-AHC5

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**Figure 15.3.1.4-1. BWRVIP-AHC5 Mockup (Photograph)**

**15.3.1.5 BWRVIP-AHC6**

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**Figure 15.3.1.5-1. BWRVIP-AHC6 Mockup (Photograph)**

## **15.4 UT Technique Demonstrations for Access Hole Covers**

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### **15.4.1 UT Demonstration Summary**

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**Table 15.4.1-1. UT Demonstration Summary**

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### **15.4.2 UT Demonstration 1**

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**Figure 15.4.2-1. Surface Distance Required for Azimuthal (Sector) Scan**

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**Figure 15.4.2-2. Surface Distance Required for Linear Scans (Electronic Raster)**



**Table 15.4.2-1. Demonstrated Examination Groups and Scan/Index Resolutions**

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### **15.4.4 UT Demonstration 3**

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**Table 15.4.4-1. Demonstrated Scan and Index Variables**

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#### **15.4.5 UT Demonstration 4**

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**Figure 15.4.5-1. Demonstrated Immersion Technique (1-inch Water Path)**

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**Table 15.4.5-1. Demonstrated Scan and Index Variables**

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**Table 15.4.6-1. Demonstrated Scan and Index Variables**

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**Figure 15.4.7-1. Demonstrated Immersion Technique (1-inch Water Path)**

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**Table 15.4.7-1. Demonstrated Scan and Index Variables**

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**Figure 15.3.1.1-3. Configuration Drawing of BWRVIP-AHC1**

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**Figure 15.3.1.1-4. Partial Top View of BWRVIP-AHC1 (1 of 2)**

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**Figure 15.3.1.1-5. Partial Top View of BWRVIP-AHC1 (2 of 2)**

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**Figure 15.3.1.1-6. BWRVIP-AHC1 (Flaws 1a Through 1e)**

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**Figure 15.3.1.1-7. BWRVIP-AHC1 (Flaws 1f Through 1i)**

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**Figure 15.3.1.1-8. BWRVIP-AHC1 (Flaws 1j Through 1n)**

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**Figure 15.3.1.2-2. Configuration Drawing for BWRVIP-AHC2**



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**Figure 15.3.1.2-3. BWRVIP-AHC2 Flaw Drawings (Flaws 2a Through 2d)**

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**Figure 15.3.1.2-4. BWRVIP-AHC2 Flaw Drawings (Flaws 2e Through 2h)**

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**Figure 15.3.1.2-5. BWRVIP-AHC2 Flaw Drawings (Flaws 2i Through 2l)**

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**Figure 15.3.1.3-2. Configuration Drawing of BWRVIP-AHC3**

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**Figure 15.3.1.3-3. Flaw Detail Drawing of BWRVIP-AHC3**

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**Figure 15.3.1.3-4. Configuration Drawing of BWRVIP-AHC4**

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**Figure 15.3.1.3-5. Flaw Detail Drawing of BWRVIP-AHC4**

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**Figure 15.3.1.4-2. BWRVIP-AHC5 (Flaw Table and Configuration Dimensions)**



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**Figure 15.3.1.4-3. BWRVIP-AHC5 (Ring-to-Cover Weld Flaw Locations)**

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**Figure 15.3.1.4-4. BWRVIP-AHC5 (Ring-to-Cover Weld Flaw Details)**

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**Figure 15.3.1.4-5. BWRVIP-AHC5 (Adapter Ring-to-Ring Weld Flaw Locations)**

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**Figure 15.3.1.4-6. BWRVIP-AHC5 (Adapter Ring-to-Ring Weld Flaw Details)**

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**Figure 15.3.1.5-2. Configuration Drawing of BWRVIP-AHC6**

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**Figure 15.3.1.5-3. Flaw Detail Drawing for BWRVIP-AHC6 (Flaws 6a Through 6d)**

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**Figure 15.3.1.5-4. Flaw Detail Drawings for BWRVIP-AHC6 (Flaws 6e Through 6h)**

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