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1.0 PROBLEM:

The purpose of this calculation is to determine if the portions of the Unit-2 "B" LPI piping and components exceeded design parameter(s) resulting from pressurization during heat up. This calculation is performed to resolve PIP 2-097-1553.

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2.0 RELATION TO NUCLEAR SAFETY:

This calculation is QA Condition 1. The Low Pressure Injection system is required to mitigate the consequence of design basis accident (LOCA) and provide decay heat removal capability during shutdown.

### 3.0 DESIGN METHOD:

Low Pressure Injection flow diagram, piping drawings, and equipment manufacturer's drawings will be reviewed to identify line size and pipe schedule(s), design pressure and temperature, and design codes for all equipment that was pressurized. The review will investigate and identify the design limits and determine if any were exceeded.

4.0 APPLICABLE CODES AND STANDARD:

4.1 ANSI N45.2-11

4.2 ASME/ANSI B16.34-1988 (valves)

4.3 ASME VIII 1968, 1969 Winter Addendum (cooler)

4.4 TEMA-R Standards (cooler)

4.5 USAS B31.1.0 1967 Power Piping Code

4.6 USAS B31.7 Nuclear Piping Code

5.0 DESIGN INPUTS:

- 5.1 ANSI N45.2-11 has been reviewed and all applicable inputs are addressed in the appropriate sections of the calculation.
- 5.2 Tech. Spec. 3.3.2 states that when the RCS, with fuel in the core, is in a condition with pressure equal to or greater than 350 psig or temperature equal to or greater than 250 deg.F, the following conditions must be met in order to be operable:
  1. Two independent LPI trains, each comprised of an LPI pump and a flowpath capable of taking suction from the BWST and discharging into the RCS automatically upon ESPS actuation (LPI segment), together with two LPI coolers and reactor building emergency sump isolation valves (manual and remote-manual) shall be operable.
  2. Tests or maintenance shall be allowed on any component of the LPI system provided the redundant train of LPI system is operable. If the LPI system is not restored to meet the requirements of Specification 3.3.2a(1) above within 24 hours, the reactor shall be placed in a hot shutdown condition within 12 hours. If the requirements of Specification 3.3.2a(1) are not met within 24 hours following hot shutdown, the reactor shall be placed in a condition with the RCS pressure below 350 psig and RCS temperature below 250 deg.F within an additional 24 hours.
- 5.3 Overpressurization events may exceed design rating. However, this does not mean that code stress allowables are exceeded. PIP 2-97-1553 states that the RCS pressure and temperature at the time of the event was 302 psig at 175 F.

6.0 FSAR CRITERIA:

FSAR Chapter 6.3.2.2.2

The Low Pressure Injection System is designed to:

- 1) Maintain core cooling for larger break sizes
- 2) Control boron concentration in the core while operating in the recirculation mode.

FSAR Chapter 6.3.2.3.1

The Low Pressure Injection system piping and valves are subjected to more severe conditions during decay heat removal operation than during emergency operation. Table 6.0-4 gives the design pressure and temperature of the Engineering Safeguard piping (Attachment #4).

FSAR Chapter 6.3.2.3.3

LPI Heat Exchangers are designed and manufactured to the requirements of the ASME VIII and TEMA-R (Rigorous) Standards.



7.0 ASSUMPTIONS:

- 7.1 Assume RCS Low Range transmitter instrument accuracy results in RCS pressure being 9.44 psig higher than indicated. OSC-5596 has calculated that this instrument can be off this much 6 months after calibration. This instrument was calibrated during FEB. 1997 (per Ed Payseur). It is therefore conservative to assume that the instrument has drifted to the maximum value. This will elevate the pressure used for evaluation.
- 7.2 Assume pumps are within IWP test acceptance criteria. This is acceptable because the LPI pumps are tested quarterly to verify their performance.

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8.0 REFERENCES:

- 8.1 OFD-102A-2.1 Rev.17
- 8.2 OFD-102A-2.2 Rev.17
- 8.3 PIP-2-97-1553
- 8.4 Crane Technical Paper No.410 24th Printing 1988
- 8.5 OSC-5616 LPI Overpressure/Overtemperature Prevention Analysis Rev.2
- 8.6 Letter from Ingersoll-Rand pumps to Steve Nader  
Requalification of LPI and HPI pumps  
P.O. No. C14954-67 dated June 23, 1992

9.0 CALCULATION:

9.1 Calculated pressure at the discharge of "C" LPI pump.  
(Ref. OSC-5616 Rev.2)

302 psig RCS Pressure  
+ 9.44' psig Low Range Press. X'ter inaccuracy  
- 5.82' psig El. Diff. Between Hot leg and press. Tap  
+ 21' psig Elevation head  
326.26 psig at the suction of the LPI pump  
+ 184\*\* psig (pump develop head at No flow)

510.26 psig This is the at the "C" LPI pump discharge  
that pressurized the "2B" LPI train

\* These values are taken from the LPI termination/initiation  
calculation (OSC-5616).

\*\* This is 425 ft pump develop head at 60 F. At 175 F this is 179  
psig. The higher value is used for added conservatism.

9.2 Design review of the LPI instruments:  
(Information below provided by ESE/Fred Custer)

ON2LPIPG0008 Ashcroft model 1379S calibrated range 0-  
400psig, Proof Pressure 520 psig, burst pressure 2800  
psig Ref. Product Information Letter from Ashcroft  
dated 2/17/92

ESE Recommendation: Re-calibrate

ON2LPIPG0022 Barton type 224 model 288A calibrated  
range 0-200 psid, safe working pressure 500 psig.  
Ref. Barton Catalog product Bulletin 224-5-16

ESE Recommendation: Re-calibrate

ON2LPIPG0250 Ashcroft model 1379S calibrated range 0-  
100 psig, Proof Pressure 130 psig, bursting pressure  
2400 psig Ref. Product Information Letter from  
Ashcroft dated 2/17/92

ESE Recommendation: Re-calibrate

ON2LPIPT0012 Bailey Meter Company Type KP2331A Model  
A1 calibrated range 0-600 psig, Maximum static  
pressure 1000 psig. Ref. OM-1201C-39-1 Tab 21 Section

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P41-8 page19 and IP/O/B/0203/001F data sheet 13 of 17  
and OM-1201-28 and OM-1201-342

ESE Recommendation: Re-calibrate

ON2LPIFT0004A Rosemount Model 1151DP5E22B2 upper range  
limit 27 psid, over-pressure limit 2000 psig. Ref. OM-  
267A-53

ESE Recommendation: Re-calibrate

ON2LPIFT0004P Rosemount Model 1153DB5RB upper range  
limit 27 psid, over-pressure limit 2000 psig Ref. OM-  
267-846

ESE Recommendation: Re-calibrate

9.3 Design review of the LPI Valves: (Provided by Valve  
Engineering/Jim Kiser)

By examination as shown below, the maximum pressure during  
this event did not exceed the pressure/temperature rating of  
any valves. The following table includes all valves exposed  
to the overpressure.

**PIP 97-1553 LP Overpressure  
Event**

Valve Evaluation for 523 psig and  
175 degrees F

Tag #	Item #	Outline Dwg. OM	Body Material	ANSI Class	Design Code	Allowable P/T
2GWD-033	FS/2/53/007	246-006,001	A182 F316	600	B16.5, 1957	1400 psig/200 F
2GWD-142	FS/2/53/013	246-006,001	A182 F316	600	B16.5, 1957	1400 psig/200 F
2GWD-152	DMV-671	245-158,001	A182 F316	1700	N/A	3505 psig/200 F
2LP-08	2/53/012	245-365 & 367	A351 CF8M	300	B16.5, 1968	700 psig/200 F
2LP-13	2/53/056	245-062,001	A351 CF8M	300	B16.5, 1957	700 psig/200 F
2LP-14	3/53/018R	251-260,001	A351 CF8M	300	B16.34, 1973	620 psig/200 F
2LP-16	2/53/053	201-377,001	A351 CF8M	300	B16.5, 1968	700 psig/200 F
2LP-33	2/53/009	245-26A,001	A351	300	B16.5, 1957	700 psig/200 F

2LP-34	2/53/010	245-062,001	CF8M A351	300	B16.5, 1957	700 psig/200 F
2LP-37	DMV-709	254-227,004 254-228,001	CF8M A351 CF8M body/A182- F316 flange	300 See note:	B16.5, 1988	620 psig/200 F See note:
2LP-39	DMV-299	245- 1356,001	A182 F316	1700	N/A	3505 psig/200 F
2LP-40	2/53/028	245-063,001	A351 CF8M	300	B16.5, 1957	700 psig/200 F
2LP-42	FS/2/53/001	246-004,001	A182 F316	600	B16.5, 1957	1400 psig/200 F
2LP-68	2/53/060	245-063,001	A351 CF8M	300	B16.5, 1957	700 psig/200 F
2LP-69	2/53/062	245-605,001	A351 CF8M	300	B16.5, 1968	700 psig/200 F
2LP-73	2/53/063	245-063,001	A351 CF8M	300	B16.5, 1957	700 psig/200 F
2LP-95	2/53/066	245-620,001	A351 CF8M	300	B16.5, 1968	700 psig/200 F
2LP-96	FS/2/5/084	246-006,008	A182 F316	600	B16.5, 1957	1400 psig/200 F
2LP-102	DMV-6781	248-519,001				
2LWD-272	FS/2/53/074	246-006,006	A182 F316	600	B16.5, 1957	1400 psig/200 F
2LWD-273	FS/2/53/077	246-006,006	A182 F316	600	B16.5, 1957	1400 psig/200 F
2LWD-332	FS/2/53/012	246-006,001	A182 F316	600	B16.5, 1957	1400 psig/200 F
2LWD-347	FS/1/70A/363	246-006,008	A182 F316	600	B16.5, 1957	1400 psig/200 F
2LWD-373	FS/1/70A/515	246-006,008	A182 F316	600	B16.5, 1957	1400 psig/200 F
2LWD-374	FS/1/70A/048	246-006,001	A182 F316	600	B16.5, 1957	1400 psig/200 F
2LWD-411	DMV-300	245- 1356,001	A182 F316	1700	N/A	3505 psig/200 F

Assumptions:

1) Valve was built to the Design Code and year that was in effect the year the drawing

was originated by the manufacturer unless drawing states something different.

2) Valves that VCRL indicates (x) will be assumed as correct.

Note:

1) Valve body is good for 2160 psig/500 F per OM-254-228, flange rating is the limiting part.

#### 9.4 Design review of the piping and components:

##### LPI COOLER:

The LPI "B" cooler is designed for 370 psig 300 F. If the cooler were to be hydrotested it would be done at 1.5 times of design. This would be 555 psig for 300 F. The tube side of this cooler was hydrotested to 675 psig at 60 F. This incident pressurized the cooler tubeside to conservatively 511 psig at 175 F. This is less than hydro pressure. It can be considered a hydro test. The LPI cooler manufacturer (Atlas Manufacturing/Ramsey Mahadeen) concurs, this pressurization can be considered a hydro test.

Note: A 16"X 10" reducer is shown on the OFD at the LPI cooler. These are the inlet and outlet nozzles of the cooler. These nozzles are supplied with the cooler and were hydro tested at 675 psig at 60 F.

##### LPI PUMPS:

The LPI pumps are qualified for:  
560 psig at 300 F (Ref.8.10)  
580 psig at 250 F (Ref.8.10)

##### PIPING:

For piping systems the larger diameter pipes will take less pressure than small pipes for a given pipe schedule. Below are the pipes that will be evaluated.

$$P = \frac{2SE(t_m - A)}{D_o - 2y(t_m - A)} \quad (\text{Ref. B31.1 Section 104.1})$$

where: Material A-312 TP-304 (Oconee Pipe Spec OS-0243.00-00-0001) PS-301.2 and PS301.3

S = 17050 psi (Ref. B31.7 Table A.8) \*interpolated value

E = .85 (Ref. B31.1 1967)

y = .4 (Ref. B31.1 1967)

A = .00 Since the pipe are welded and there are no threaded connection.

10.0 CONCLUSION:

Piping systems are considered safe for operation if the maximum sustained pressure and temperature on any part does not exceed the pressure and temperature allowed by code.

USAS B31.1 Section 102.2.4 acknowledges that system transients will occur. It states that a system can be overpressurized to 115% of code design pressure for 10% of operating life or 120% for 1% of operating life. Only the 10" pipe exceeded the 120% of maximum allowable pressure.

Design review investigated all portions of the LPI system (i.e. instrument, valves, piping and components) affected by the incident. The limiting component in this evaluation is the 10", 8", and 14" LPI piping. The highest pressure the LPI system was exposed to was 511 psig. This pressure did not exceed the design rating of the valves or instruments.

B31.1 Class II (Oconee construction code) required system be hydroed to 1.5 of design pressure. The 1.5 of design is 555 psig. The incident pressurized the piping, components, and instruments to less 1.5 of design (i.e. 511 psig at 175 F). Hydro test is a non destructive examination.

Since the incident was less than hydro pressure, the LPI system was not subjected to any damaging stress. It can be considered a one time hydro and should be tracked as an additional ISI. Therefore, the LPI system is safe for continued operation.

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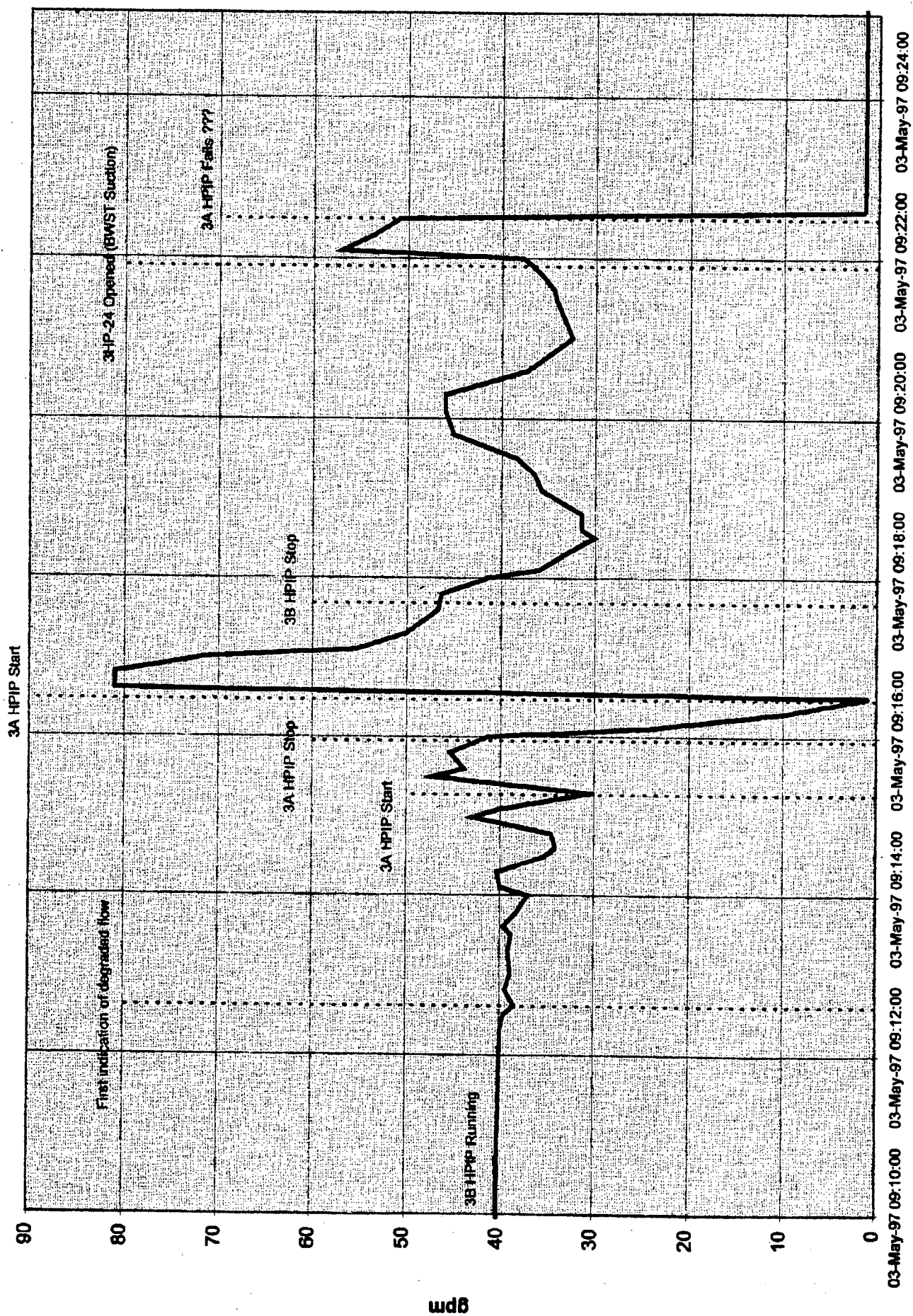
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Pipe Size	Pipe Schedule	Diameter (D <sub>o</sub> )	Nominal Wall	$t_m$ Min. Wall	Max. Pressure psig	Max Hydro 1.5 P
¾"	S-40s	1.05	.113	.099	2955.85	555
1"	S-40s	1.315	.133	.116	2750.99	555
2"	S-40	2.375	.154	.135	1726.05	555
3"	S-40s	3.5	.216	.189	1635.86	555
4"	S-10s	4.500	.120	.105	689.18	555
6"	S-10s	6.625	.134	.117	519.22	555
8"	S-10s	8.625	.148	.1291	438.25	555
10"	S-10s	10.750	.165	.144	392.47	555
14"	S-10	14.00	.250	.219	457.03	555

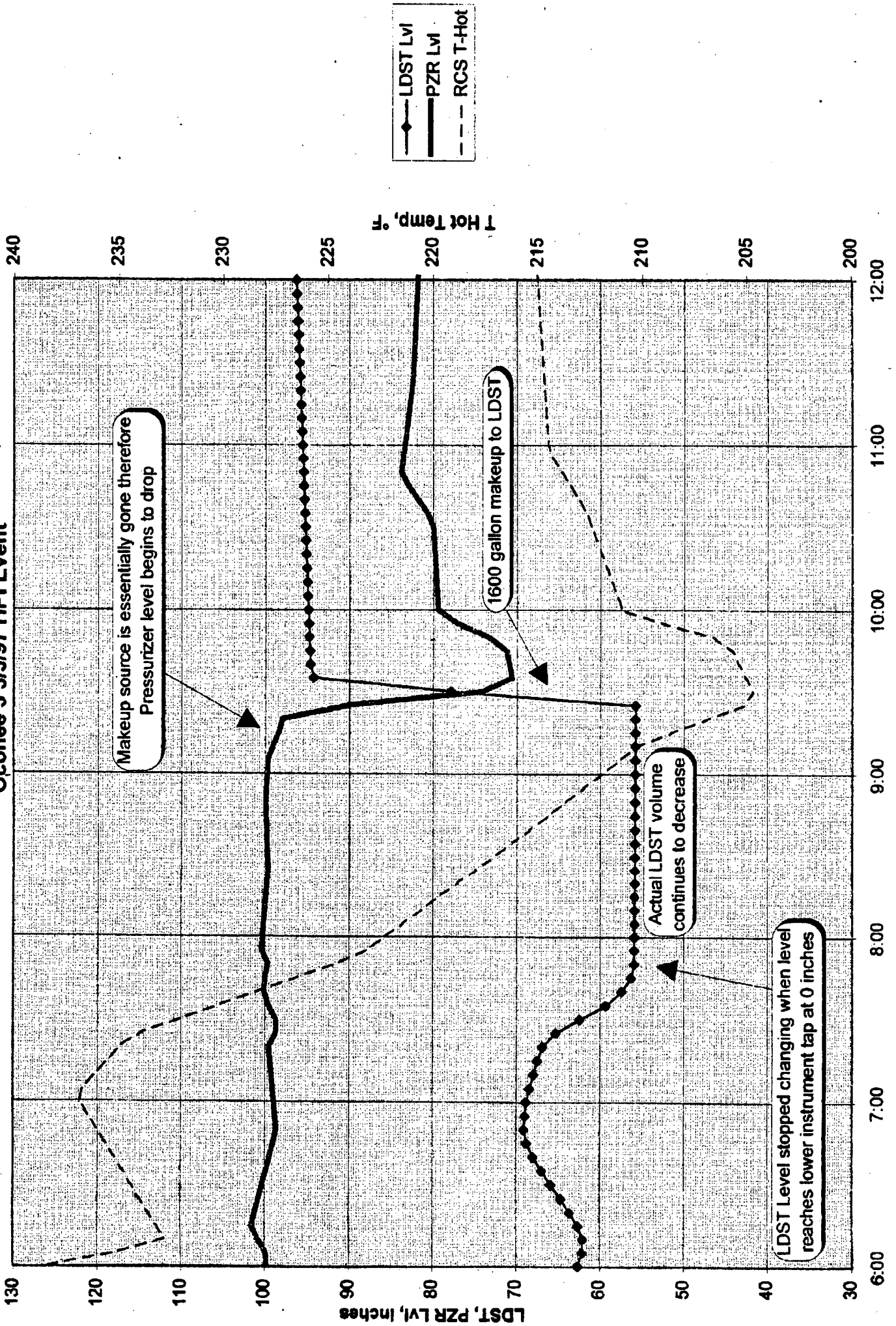
By inspection only the 8", 10", & 14" pipe have a "maximum pressure" less than the overpressure seen during the event. The overpressure event was of a short duration (less than 30 mins). It is appropriate to use a "transient" (B31.1 section 102.2.4) overpressure allowance of 120% since it is well below 1% of operating life. Based on this, ONLY the 10" pipe doesn't meet the code equation  $(392.47 \times 1.2) = 470.96$  and it misses by approximately 40 psig. This overpressure seen during this event was less than the hydro pressure of 555 psig  $(370 \text{ psig} \times 1.5)$ .

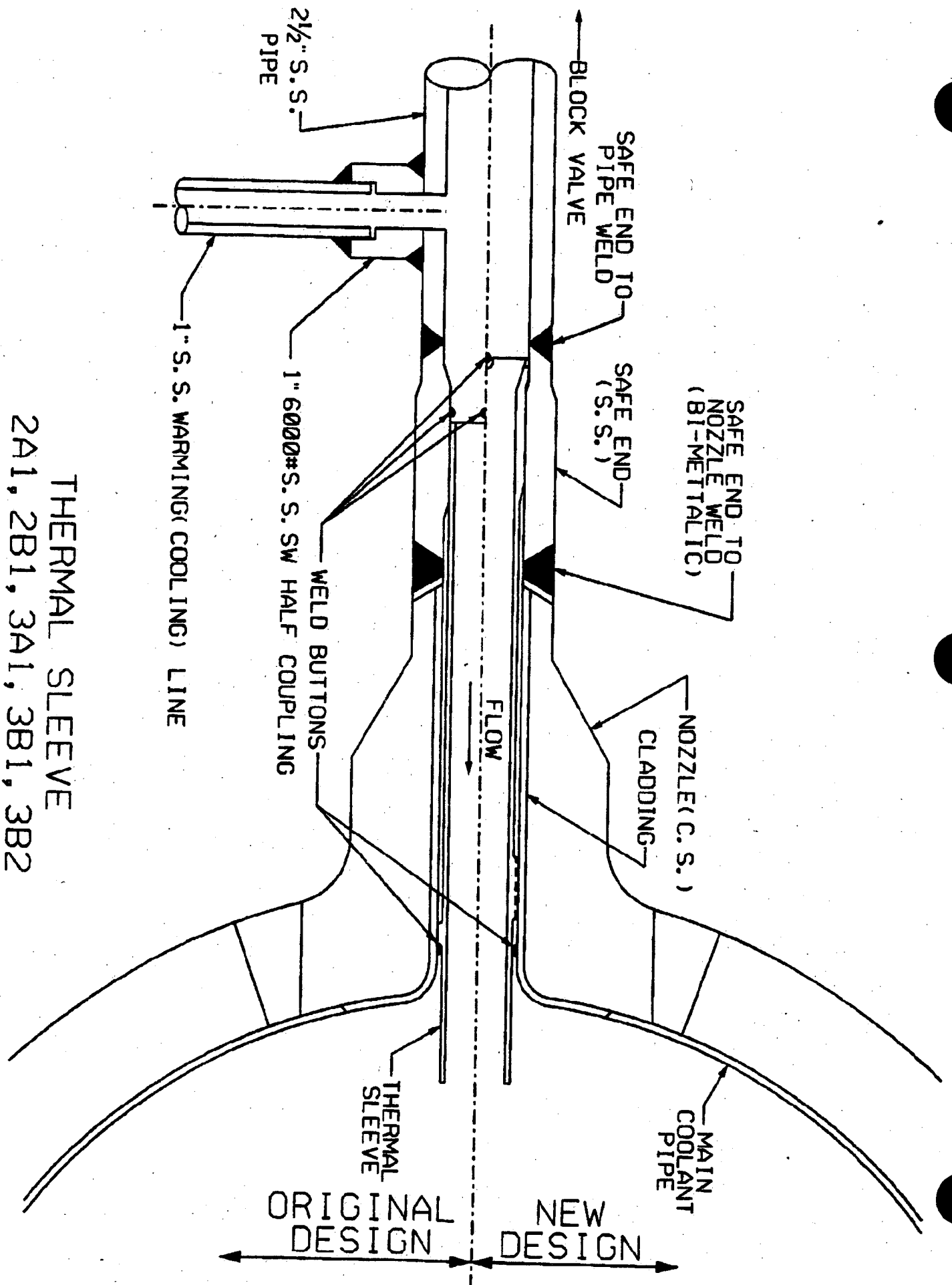


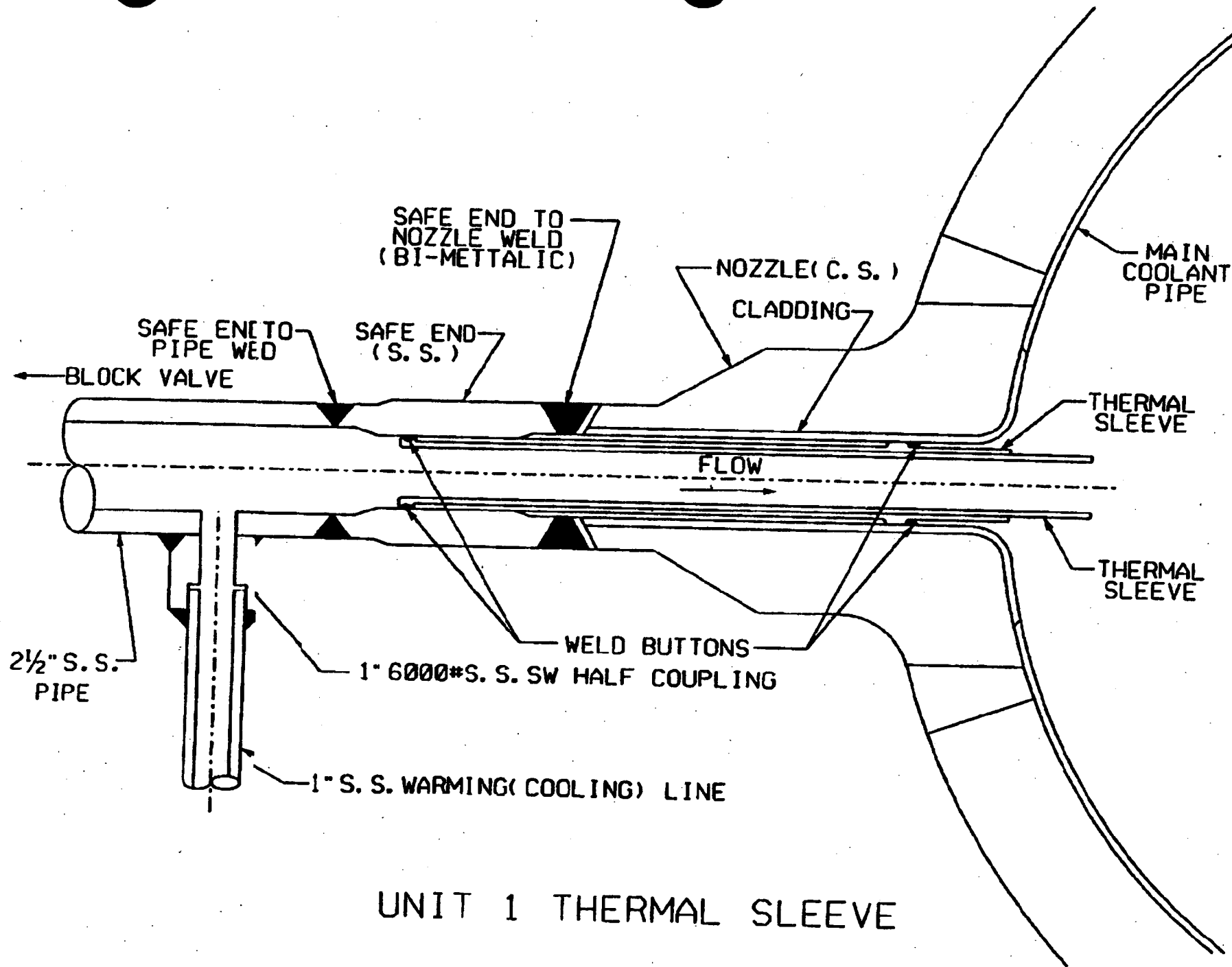
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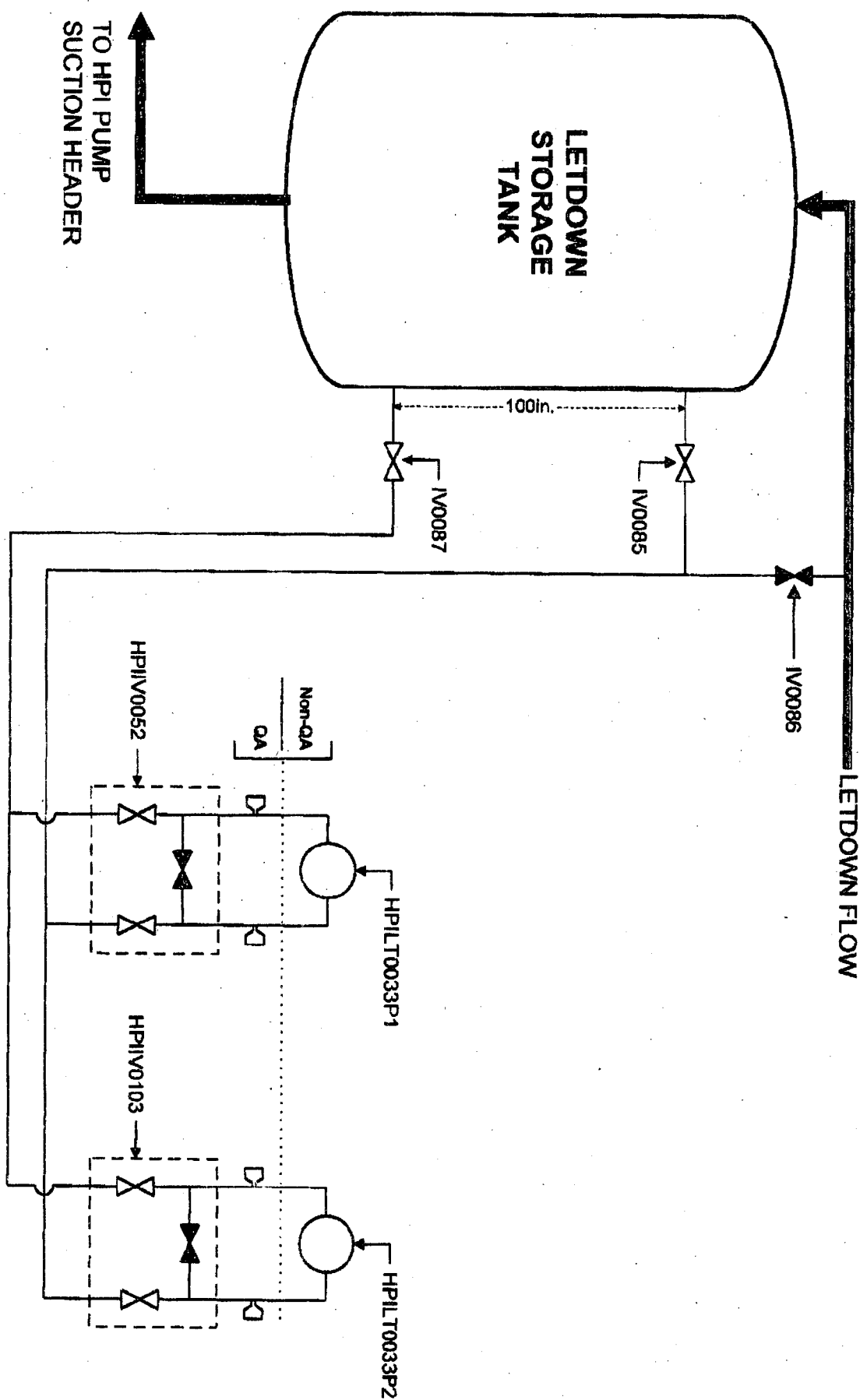






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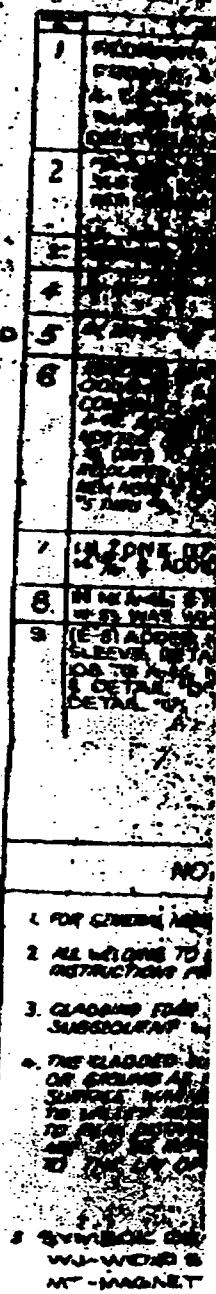
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**METALLURGICAL EXAMINATION  
OF  
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**Re:** Met Lab Data Compilation

**SUMMARY OF WORK COMPLETED:**

1. Samples were received at the LRC on April 28th (make-up line with cracked safe-end to pipe weld and attached warming line) and May 2nd (safe-end and thermal sleeve); Initial unpacking and radiation surveys were completed shortly thereafter. Results of these inspections are as follows:
  - contact radiation levels were slightly over 1 R/hr. with a high, soft  $\beta$  component;
  - smearable contamination levels were extremely high (e.g.,  $> 3 \text{ M dpm/100cm}^2$ )
2. All components were subjected to thorough visual inspections, augmented by stereovisual and liquid penetrant inspections as deemed appropriate by the lab team. In general, these inspections were performed on both exterior surfaces and interior surfaces after sectioning. In addition, dimensional inspections of the safe-end and thermal sleeve were performed to characterize the wear damage and material loss of the sleeve as well as assess the fit between the safe-end and sleeve in the contact region. All visual, stereovisual, liquid penetrant and dimensional inspections have been completed. Results of these inspections are as follows:

**Note:** *Dimensional data should be considered preliminary, since a careful review has not yet been performed due to the intense work schedule in lab.*

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**Note:** *No other degradation was noted on the exterior surfaces of the make-up line or other make-up line welds, as determined by an ASNT Level II inspector from FTI; no other degradation was noted on the exterior surfaces of the safe-end; no cracking was identified on the interior surfaces of the warming line and socket region.*

4. Several cracked regions, including the make-up line to safe-end weld, make-up line near the warming line penetration, safe-end upstream of the thermal sleeve, and thermal sleeve near the inlet and outlet ends have been flattened and/or bent open to expose the fracture surfaces for visual, stereovisual and SEM fractographic examination. Nearly all of the planned examinations have been completed except for one axial crack sample from the outlet end of the thermal sleeve. The results of these examinations are summarized below:

- **Throughwall circumferential crack at the make-up line to safe-end weld** - the majority of the crack face exhibited a dark brown oxide film; SEM examination showed that the crack had propagated in a transcrystalline mode with evidence of cyclic loading (i.e., striations from the ID to the OD surfaces); the fatigue striations were frequently observed to bow toward the OD surface; although precise measurements of striation spacings were not possible, generally the shortest spacings were on the order of one micron or less.

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5. Several cracked regions, including the make-up line to safe-end weld, make-up line near the warming line penetration, safe-end upstream of the thermal sleeve, thermal sleeve near the inlet and outlet ends have been mounted and prepared for metallographic examination. Most of the planned examinations have been completed, although photographic documentation is still in progress. The results of these examinations are summarized below:
- **Circumferential crack at the make-up line to safe-end weld** - the crack was contained within the weld fusion zone and had propagated in transcrystalline fashion exhibiting little branching.
  - **Make-Up line, safe-end & thermal sleeve cracking** - all cracking was found to be transgranular and most of the cracking exhibited little branching; crack depths in the make-up line were generally less than 30% throughwall

#### **PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS:**

1. ID surface cracking observed in the make-up line, safe-end and thermal sleeve was predominantly the result of thermal fatigue; these cracks, in general, appeared to be slow growing.
2. The throughwall circumferential crack in the make-up line to safe-end weld probably initiated at the weld root by thermal fatigue, but other sources of high-cycle/low-amplitude loading most likely propagated the crack to failure; this crack was slow growing and had probably been present for an extended period of time.

**Note:** *Aside from in-service thermal fatigue cracking, the weld appeared to be in good condition; a slight concavity condition was observed at the weld root.*

3. The wear damage, material loss and long axial cracking observed near the outlet end of the thermal sleeve is more likely the result of flow induced vibration (FIV) from RCS cross-flow excitation, although initiation of the long axial cracks may have been due to localized thermal fatigue in this region. Wear in the rolled region is also consistent with FIV.

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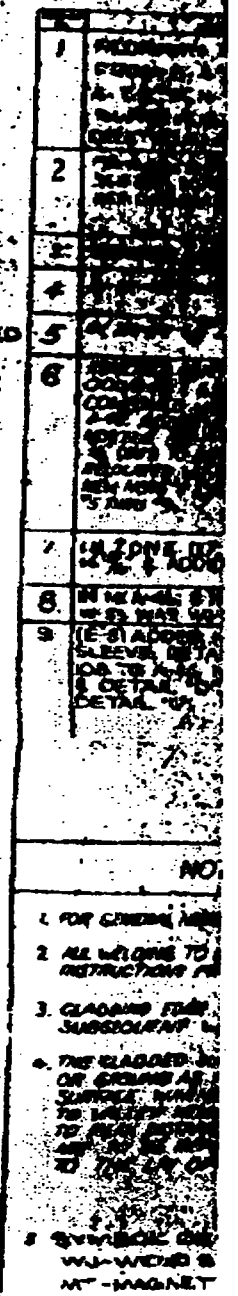
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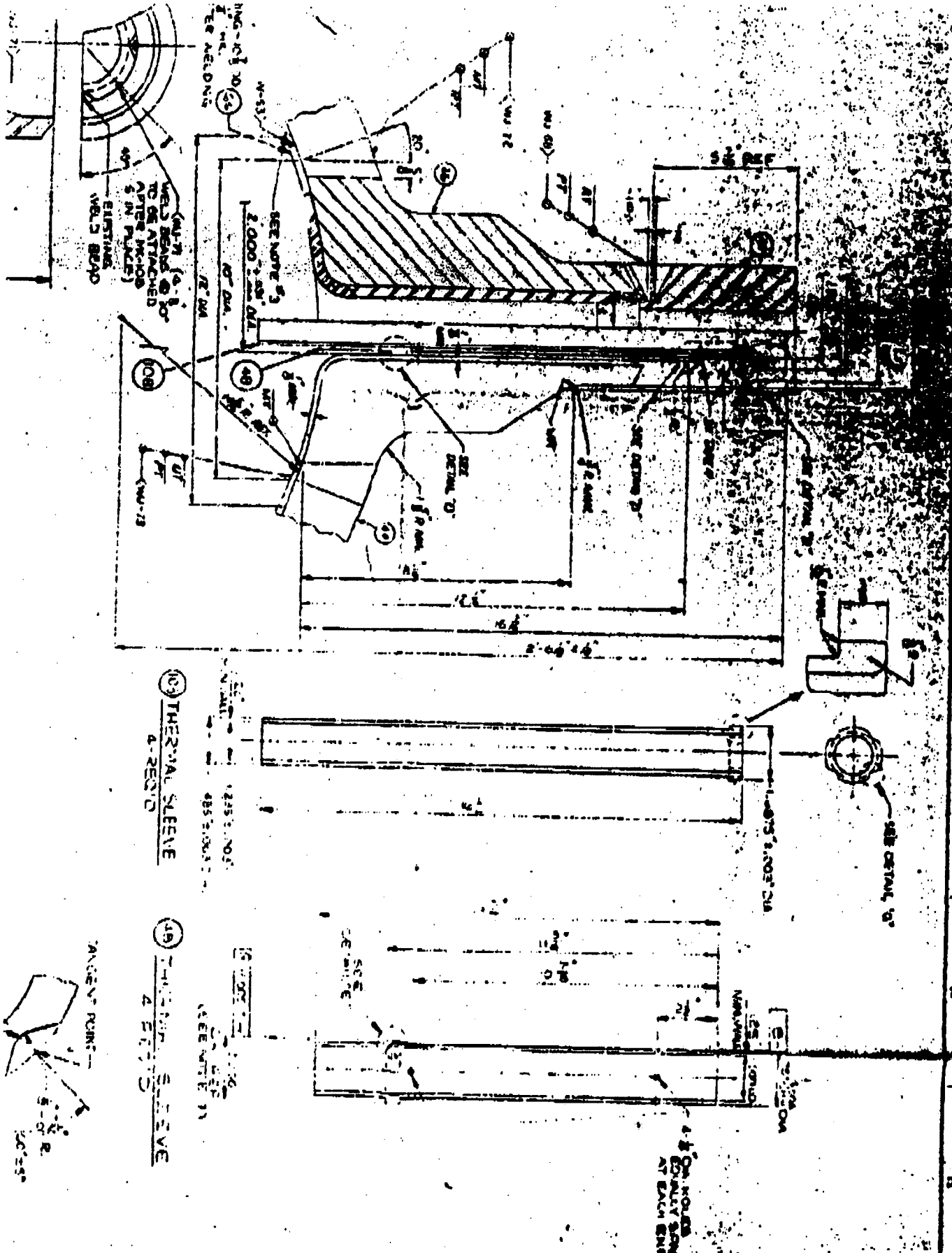
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