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Fisher Information Notice: FIN 2016-03

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Subject: Groove Pin Dedication

Equipment Affected by this Information Notice:

Items subject to this Fisher Information Notice (FIN) were provided to Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) Watts Bar Nuclear Plant per TVA Order 702507 (Fisher Order Number 025 - N230331922). Specifically, this FIN applies to a plug/stem assembly that Fisher Controls International LLC (Fisher) supplied to TVA, item number 15A2560X072 (Equipment). In this Equipment, the essential-to-function groove pin was erroneously provided as commercial-grade.

Purpose:

The purpose of this FIN is to alert the customer that, as of 22 January 2016, Fisher became aware of a situation which may affect the performance of the aforementioned Equipment, including its safety-related function.

Fisher is informing the customer of this circumstance in accordance with Section 21.21 (b) of 10 CFR 21.

Applicability:

This FIN applies only to the Equipment supplied by Fisher to TVA Watts Bar via the aforementioned order.

Discussion:

The supplied Equipment in question features a plug tip which is connected to the plug by a simple threaded joint. A groove pin is used to prevent the plug tip from unscrewing from the plug block (please see attached Item 1 for part identification). Because the threaded joint is not self-locking, the groove pin serves as a primary locking device. It is therefore considered essential-to-function and requires dedication per FMP2K27 (Control of Commercial Grade Items to be Dedicated for Use in Nuclear Safety-Related Applications). However, review of the documentation package reveals that the groove pin was not subjected to the requirements of FMP2K27; thus, the part was supplied as a commercial-grade item.

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Fisher has no reason to believe the groove pin supplied is defective, only that the part was not properly processed. The part in question does not pose an inherent safety risk and there are no known field issues with the affected Equipment.

Action Required:

Fisher will provide TVA with a properly dedicated groove pin. In addition, a Corrective Action Request (CAR 1796) has been initiated by Fisher to prevent reoccurrence of this issue.

10 CFR 21 Implications:

Fisher requests that the recipient of this FIN review it and take appropriate action in accordance with 10 CFR 21. If there are any technical questions or concerns, please contact:

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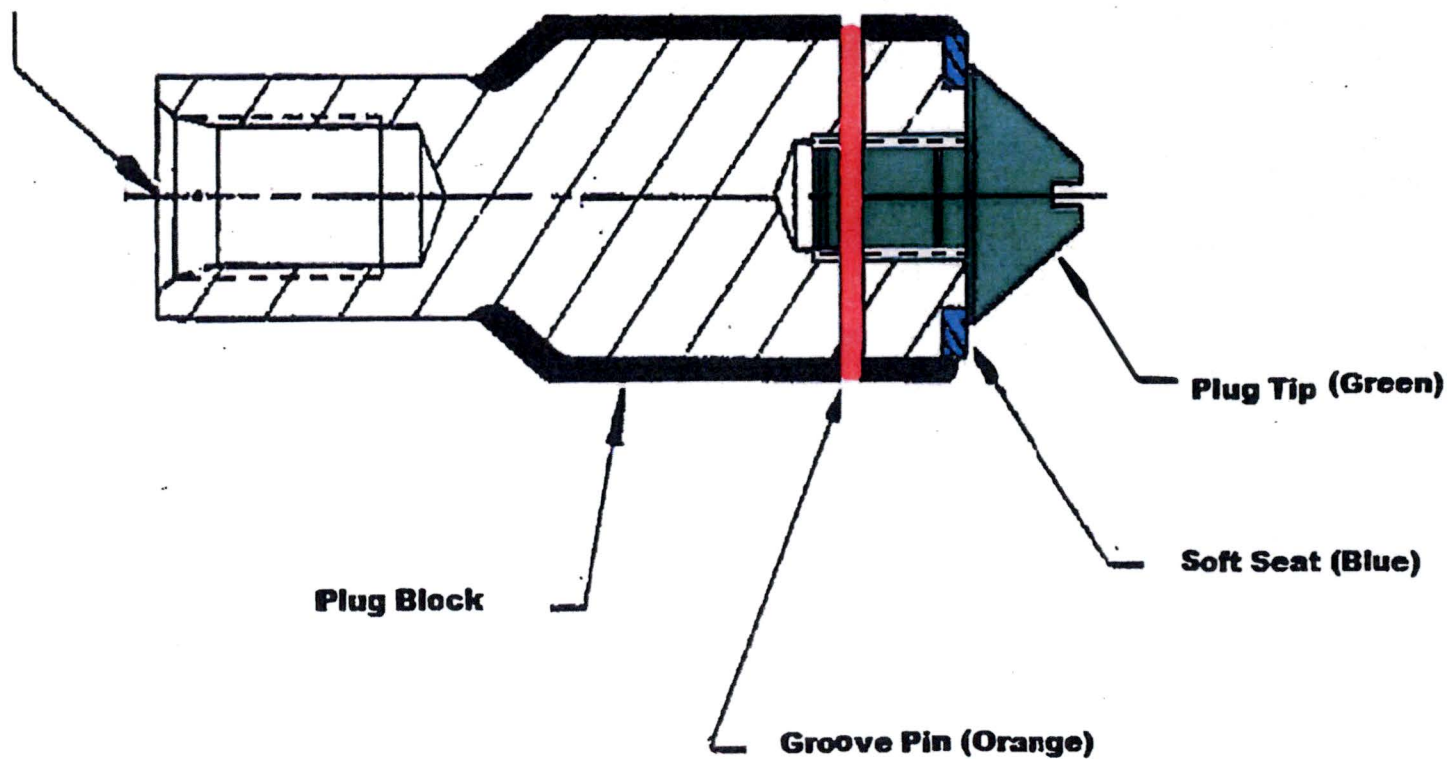
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Item 1
Part Identification Sketch

Plug Block: ASME Code Part
Plug Tip: Dedicated Part
Soft Seat: Dedicated Part
Groove Pin: Dedicated Part

Part 15A2560X072
TVA PO 702507

Stem Connection



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