

LIMERICK GENERATING STATION UNITS 1 & 2

DESIGN ASSESSMENT REPORT

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 - b. Poolswell Elevation
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TABLE 1.3-2

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OF LGS LICENSING BASIS WITH NRC
ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

| <u>NRC Acceptance Criteria</u> | <u>Criteria Source</u> | <u>LGS Position</u> | |
|---|----------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| 24 psi overpressure added to local hydrostatic pressure below vent exit (walls and basemat) - linear attenuation to pool surface. | NUREG-0487 Supplement 1 | Acceptable | |
| | | Also Available On Aperture Card | |
| Calculated by the pool-swell analytical model (PSAM) used in calculation of submerged boundary loads. | NUREG-0487 | Acceptable | |
| Use PSAM with polytropic exponent of 1.2 to a maximum swell height which is the greater of 1.5 x vent submergence or the elevation corresponding to the drywell floor uplift $\Delta P=2.5$ psid. | NUREG-0808 | Acceptable. Used NUREG-0487, Supplement 1 | 1 1 1 |
| Velocity history vs. pool elevation predicted by the PSAM used to compute impact loading on small structures and drag on gratings between initial pool surface and maximum pool elevation and steady-state drag between vent exit and maximum pool elevation. Analytical velocity variation is used up to maximum velocity. | NUREG-0808 | Acceptable. Used NUREG-0487. PSAM calculates velocity without 1.1 multiplier. However, poolswell velocity multiplied by 1.1 when used in force code. | 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 |

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d. Poolswell
Acceleration

e. Wetwell Air
Compression

f. Drywell
Pressure

2. Loads on Submerged
Boundaries

3. Impact Loads

a. Small
Structures

| <u>RC Acceptance Criteria</u> | <u>Criteria Source</u> | <u>LGS Position</u> |
|---|----------------------------|---|
| Maximum velocity applies hereafter up to maximum poolswell. PSAM predicted velocities multiplied by a factor of 1.1. | | |
| Acceleration predicted by the PSAM. Pool acceleration is used in the calculation of acceleration loads on submerged components during poolswell. | NUREG-0487 | Acceptable |
| Well air compression is calculated by PSAM consistent with maximum poolswell elevation calculated in B.1.b above. | NUREG-0487 Supplement 1 | Acceptable. Maximum poolswell elevation calculated in accordance with NUREG-0487, Supplement 1. |
| Methods of NEDM-10320 and NEDO-20533 Appendix A. Used in PSAM to calculate poolswell loads. | NUREG-0487 | Acceptable |
| Maximum bubble pressure predicted by the PSAM added uniformly to local hydrostatic pressure below vent exit (walls and basemat) - linear attenuation to pool surface. Applied to walls up to maximum poolswell elevation. | NUREG-0487 | Acceptable |
| | | Also Available On Aperture Card |
| 35 x Pressure-Velocity correlation for pipes and I-beams based on STF impulse data and flat pool assumption. Variable pulse duration. | NUREG-0808 | Acceptable |

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b. Large
Structures

c. Grating

4. Wetwell Air
Compression

a. Wall Loads

d. Diaphragm
Upward Loads

5. Asymmetric LOCA
Pool

C. Steam Condensation and
Chugging Loads

1. Downcomer Lateral
Loads

a. Single-Vent
Loads (24 in.)

| <u>Acceptance Criteria</u> | <u>Criteria Source</u> | <u>LGS Position</u> |
|---|------------------------|---|
| Plant unique load are applicable. | NUREG-0487 | Not Applicable No large structures |
| Poolswell drag vs. grating area relation and pool velocity elevation. Pool velocity from the PSAM. Poolswell drag multiplied by dynamic drag factor. | NUREG-0808 | Acceptable |
| Direct application of PSAM calculated pressure due to wetwell depression. | NUREG-0487 | Acceptable |
| Pressure for diaphragm loadings only. | NUREG-0808 | Acceptable. Calculated diaphragm uplift ΔP = 10.6 psid (Figs. 4.2-3, 4.2-4). Design diaphragm uplift ΔP = 20 psid. |
| 20 percent of max- imum bubble pressure statically applied to top of the submerged boundary. | NUREG-0808 | Acceptable |
| | | Also Available On Aperture Card |
| Dynamic load to end of stroke. Half sine wave with a duration of 3 to 5 seconds and corresponding maximum amplitudes of up to 10 Klbf. | NUREG-0808 | Acceptable |

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C. T-Quencher
Tie Down Loads

| <u>NRC Acceptance Criteria</u> | <u>Criteria Source</u> | <u>LGS Position</u> |
|--|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| b. DLWL shall be equal to the differences between the plant downcomer exit elevation and the quencher center line elevation (m) | | |
| 3. Frequency Range | NUREG-0802 | Acceptable (DAR Section 4.1.4.1) |
| For the single valve and asymmetric load cases, the timewise compression of the design pressure signatures shall be increased to provide an overall dominant frequency range that extends up to 11 Hz. | | |
| 4. Vertical Pressure Distribution | NUREG-0802 | Acceptable |
| The maximum pressure amplitudes shall be applied uniformly to the containment and pedestal walls up to an elevation 2.5 feet above the quencher centerline followed by linear attenuation to zero at pool surface. | | Also Available On Aperture Card |
| The T-quencher load specification described in SSER DAR Section 4.1.2, as interpreted in Sections 2.2.3 and 2.3.3 of NUREG-0802, may be applied for evaluation of quencher and quencher support. | NUREG-0802 | Acceptable |

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8. Seismic Slosh Load

V. Confirmatory In-plant
Tests of SRV Discharge

A. SRV Load Specification

B. Pool Temperature
Specification
(Thermal Mixing)

| <u>PRC Acceptance Criteria</u> | <u>Criteria Source</u> | <u>LGS Position</u> |
|--|------------------------|--|
| Methodology for establishing loads resulting from seismic slosh to be evaluated on a plant unique basis. | NUREG-0487 | Load is negligible when compared to design basis loads (Section 4.2.3.7) |
| In the event that an applicant cannot demonstrate, to the staff's satisfaction, equivalence in any of the areas cited in acceptance criteria A.1.1 through A.1.7 of NUREG-0802, Appendix A, in-plant confirmatory testing may be employed to demonstrate the applicability of the acceptance criteria for individual plants. Such testing, if proposed, should conform to the guidelines set down in NUREG-0763. | NUREG-0802, Appendix A | Acceptable. No in-plant test is required. DAR Section 4.1.1.1 demonstrates the acceptability of using the SSES SRV load specification for LGS. |
| The acceptability of the safety relief valve in-plant confirmatory test program shall be based on conformance with the guidelines specified in Sections 6, 7, and 8 of NUREG-0763. If the applicant/licensee elects not to perform the SRV in-plant tests, justification should be provided following the guidelines specified in Section 4 of NUREG-0763. | NUREG-0763 | Acceptable. The LGS pool thermal mixing analysis will be confirmed by in-plant testing and analysis. |

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CONTAINMENT DESIGN PARAMETERS

| | <u>Drywell</u> | <u>Suppression Chamber</u> |
|---|------------------------|----------------------------|
| <u>DRYWELL AND SUPPRESSION CHAMBER</u> | | |
| Internal design pressure, psig | 55 | 55 |
| External to internal design differential pressure, psid | 5 | 5 |
| Drywell deck design differential pressure, psid | 30 downward | 20 upward |
| Design temperature, °F | 340 | 220 |
| Drywell net free volume, at suppression pool low water level, including downcomers, ft ³ | 243,580 ⁽³⁾ | |
| Suppression chamber free volume including pedestal interior, ft ³ | | |
| Low water level | | 159,540 ⁽³⁾ |
| High water level | | 147,670 ⁽³⁾ |
| Suppression pool water volume including pedestal interior, ft ³ | | |
| Low water level | | 122,120 ⁽³⁾ |
| High water level | | 134,600 ⁽³⁾ |
| Suppression pool net surface area, ft ² | | |
| Outside pedestal | | 4974 |
| Inside pedestal | | 293 |
| Suppression pool depth, ft | | |
| Low level | | 22' |
| Normal level | | 23' |
| High level | | 24'-3" |

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| | <u>Drywell</u> | <u>Suppression Chamber</u> |
|--|----------------|----------------------------|
| <u>VENT SYSTEM</u> | | |
| Number of downcomers | 87(4) | |
| Nominal downcomer diameter, ft | 2 | |
| Downcomer area (each), ft ² | 2.95 | |
| Downcomer submergence, ft | | |
| Low water level | 10' | |
| Normal water level | 11' | |
| High water level | 12'-3" | |
| Downcomer loss coefficient (including exit loss) | 2.18(3) | |

SAFETY RELIEF VALVES

| | |
|--------|----|
| Number | 14 |
|--------|----|

Spring Set Pressures, Mass Flow Rates:

| <u>Valve</u> | <u>Set Pressure (psig)</u> | <u>Mass Flow (lbm/hr) at 103% of Spring Set Pressure</u> |
|--------------|----------------------------|--|
| A | 1150 | 917,000 |
| B | 1150 | 917,000 |
| C | 1150 | 917,000 |
| D | 1140 | 909,000 |
| E* | 1140 | 909,000 |
| F | 1150 | 917,000 |
| G | 1150 | 917,000 |
| H* | 1130 | 901,500 |
| J | 1130 | 901,500 |

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| <u>Valve</u> | <u>Set Pressure (psig)</u> | <u>Mass Flow (lbm/hr) at 103% of Spring Set Pressure</u> |
|--------------|----------------------------|--|
| K* | 1140 | 909,000 |
| L | 1130 | 901,500 |
| M* | 1140 | 909,000 |
| N | 1130 | 901,500 |
| S* | 1140 | 909,000 |

*ADS Valves

SAFETY RELIEF VALVE DISCHARGE LINES

Nominal Diameter

12"

Length, Number of Bends, and Air Volume for each SRV Pipe:

| <u>Valve</u> | <u>Bends</u> | <u>Length⁽¹⁾ (ft)</u> | <u>Volume⁽²⁾ (ft³)</u> |
|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| A | 9 | 142.2 | 94.3 |
| B | 7 | 115.1 | 74.2 |
| C | 7 | 115.3 | 75.4 |
| D | 9 | 142.2 | 94.8 |
| E | 9 | 133.6 | 89.1 |
| F | 11 | 134.0 | 88.3 |
| G | 11 | 134.6 | 88.5 |
| H | 11 | 138.1 | 91.2 |
| J | 7 | 116.1 | 76.0 |
| K | 12 | 131.6 | 86.2 |
| L | 10 | 131.6 | 86.5 |
| M | 13 | 134.9 | 88.2 |

TABLE 1.4-1 (Cont'd)

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| <u>Valve</u> | <u>Bends</u> | <u>Length⁽¹⁾</u> <u>(ft)</u> | <u>Volume⁽²⁾</u> <u>(ft³)</u> |
|--------------|--------------|--|--|
| N | 10 | 142.2 | 93.8 |
| S | 12 | 140.0 | 93.2 |

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- (1) Line lengths are measured from the valve to the quencher inlet.
- (2) Air volume is calculated up to pool normal water level.
- (3) These values vary slightly from those actually used in the analysis. The difference in analysis results is negligible.
- (4) Four of 87 downcomers are capped (Appendix J).
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CHAPTER 4

TABLES

| <u>Number</u> | <u>Title</u> |
|----------------------------|--|
| 4.1-1 through 4.1-41 | These tables are proprietary and are located in the proprietary supplement to this DAR |
| 4.2-1 | Short-Term LOCA Loads Associated with Poolswell |
| 4.2-2 | Short-Term Drywell Pressures During Poolswell |
| 4.2-3 | LGS Plant-Unique Poolswell Code Input Data |
| 4.2-4 | Deleted |
| 4.2-5 | LOCA Water Jet Loads |
| 4.2-6 | Deleted |
| 4.2-7 | Poolswell Air Bubble Loads |
| 4.2-8 | Poolswell Water Friction Drag Loads |
| 4.2-9 | Deleted |
| 4.2-10 | Maximum Load on Submerged Structures |
| 4.2-11 | Component LOCA Load Chart for LGS |
| 4.2-12 | Wetwell Piping LOCA Loading Situations |

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the structural loading conditions in the containment because they are the basis for other containment hydrodynamic phenomena. The response must be determined for a range of parameters such as break size, reactor pressure, and containment initial conditions.

4.2.4.1 Design Basis Accident (DBA) Transients

The DBA LOCA for LGS is conservatively estimated to be a 3.538 ft² break of the recirculation line. This transient results in the maximum drywell pressure and therefore governs the LOCA hydrodynamic loads. The LGS-unique assumptions and input for the analysis are given in FSAR Section 6.2.1. Drywell and wetwell pressure and temperature responses are shown in Figures 4.2-11 and 4.2-12. This description of the transient does not include the effect of reactor subcooling.

4.2.4.2 Intermediate Break Accident (IBA) Transients

The worst-case intermediate break for LGS is a 0.1 ft² break of a liquid line. The drywell and wetwell pressure and temperature responses are shown in Figures 4.2-13 and 4.2-14. This description of the transient does not include the effect of reactor subcooling.

4.2.4.3 Small Break Accident (SBA) Transients

Plant-unique SBA data for LGS is not available. The wetwell and drywell pressure and temperature transients for a typical Mark II containment are used to estimate the LGS containment response to these accidents. These curves are shown in Figure 4.2-15 (extracted from Reference 4.2-6).

4.2.5 LOCA LOADING HISTORIES FOR LGS CONTAINMENT COMPONENTS

The various components directly affected by LOCA loads are shown schematically in Figure 4.2-16. These components may in turn load other components as they respond to the LOCA loads. For example, lateral loads on the downcomer vents produce minor reaction loads in the drywell floor from which the downcomers are supported. The reaction load in the drywell floor is an indirect load resulting from the LOCA and is defined by the appropriate structural model of the downcomer/drywell floor system. Only the direct loading situations are described in detail here. Table 4.2-11 is a LOCA load chart for LGS. This chart shows

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TABLE 4.2-2

SHORT-TERM DRYWELL PRESSURE DURING POOLSWELL

| <u>Time (sec)</u> | <u>Pressure (psia)</u> |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 0.0000 ⁽¹⁾ | 36.11 |
| 0.0600 | 36.29 |
| 0.1000 | 36.82 |
| 0.1200 | 37.08 |
| 0.1500 | 37.57 |
| 0.2000 | 38.04 |
| 0.2400 | 38.49 |
| 0.2800 | 38.91 |
| 0.3200 | 39.30 |
| 0.3600 | 39.67 |
| 0.4000 | 40.01 |
| 0.5000 | 40.75 |
| 0.6000 | 40.75 |
| 0.7000 | 41.39 |
| 0.8000 | 42.07 |
| 0.9000 | 42.30 |
| 1.0000 | 43.56 |
| 1.1000 | 44.603 |
| 1.2000 | 45.36 |
| 1.3000 | 46.08 |
| 1.4000 | 46.75 |

⁽¹⁾ Represents the beginning of the poolswell phase, which starts 0.7107 seconds after the break.

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TABLE 4.2-3

LGS PLANT UNIQUE POOLSWELL CODE INPUT DATA

| | | |
|--|-------------------------|--|
| Downcomer area (each) | 2.95 ft ² | |
| Suppression pool free surface area (outside pedestal) | 4973.89 ft ² | |
| Maximum downcomer submergence | 12.25 ft | |
| Downcomer loss coefficient (without exit loss) | 1.11 | |
| Number of downcomers | 87 | |
| Initial wetwell pressure | 15.45 psia | |
| Wetwell free air volume | 149,425 ft ³ | |
| Vent clearing time | 0.7107 sec | |
| Slug velocity in downcomer at vent clearing | 3.096 ft/sec | |
| Initial drywell temperature | 135°F | |
| Initial drywell relative humidity | 0.20 | |
| Downcomer friction coefficient, f | 0.0115 (nominal) | |
| Bubble initialization parameter (nominal) | 50 | |

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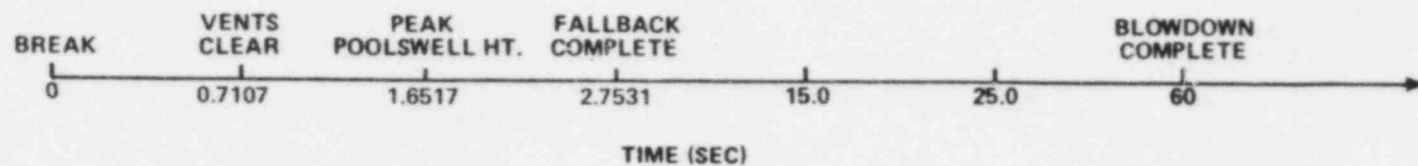
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P&T
DURING POOLSWELL *

WETWELL/DRYWELL
P&T
DURING LOCA **

WETWELL/DRYWELL P&T DURING LOCA ***

POOLSWELL
AIR
BUBBLE *

| | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| MIXED FLOW C.O. **** | STEAM FLOW C.O. **** | CHUGGING *** |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|



- * DBA ONLY
- ** IBA OR SBA
- *** EITHER DBA, IBA OR SBA
- **** DBA AND IBA ONLY

FIGURE 4.2.17

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LOCA LOADING HISTORY
FOR THE CONTAINMENT WALL
AND PEDESTAL

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WETWELL/DRYWELL
P&T
DURING POOLSWELL *

WETWELL/DRYWELL
P&T
DURING LOCA ****

WETWELL/DRYWELL P&T DURING LOCA ***

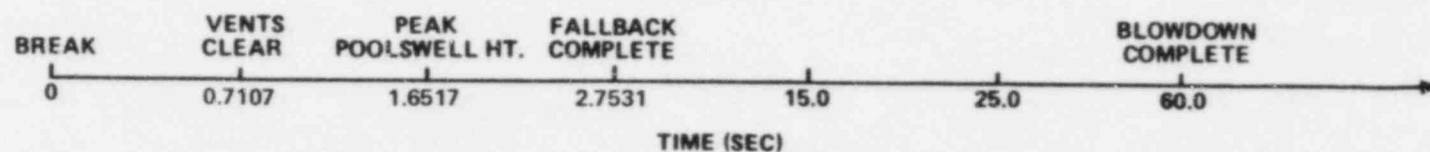
DOWNCOMER
WATER JET
LOAD *

POOLSWELL
AIR
BUBBLE *

MIXED FLOW
C.O. **

STEAM FLOW
C.O. **

CHUGGING ***



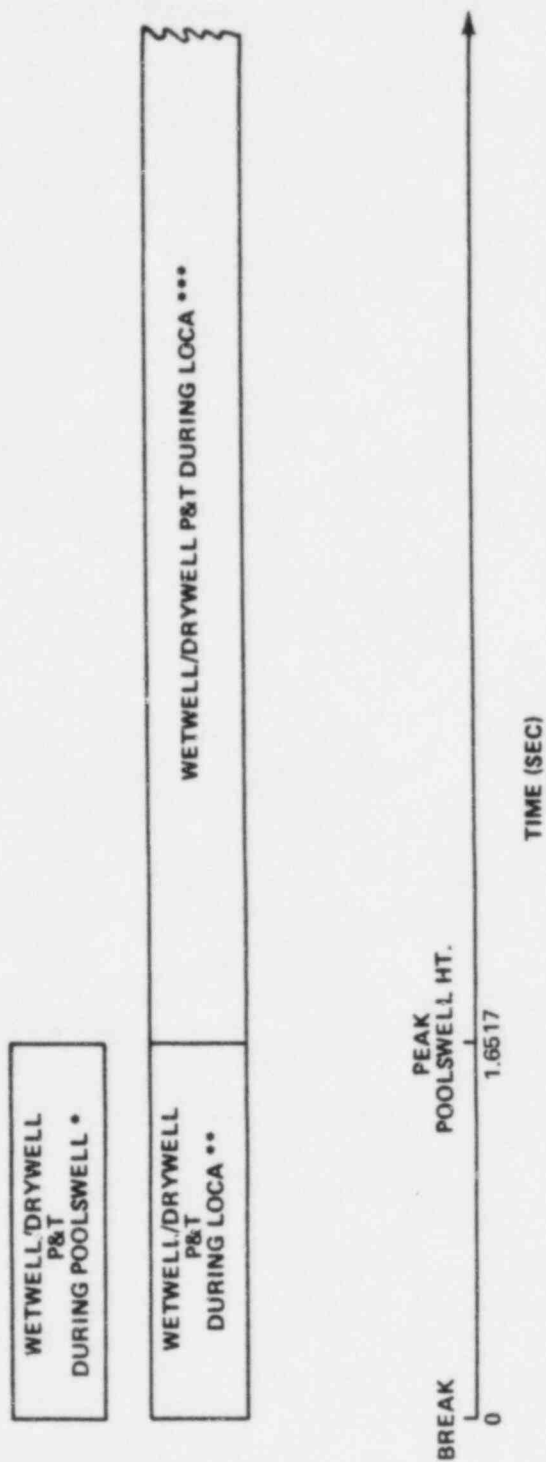
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FIGURE 4.2-18

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LOCA LOADING HISTORY
FOR THE BASEMAT
AND LINER PLATE

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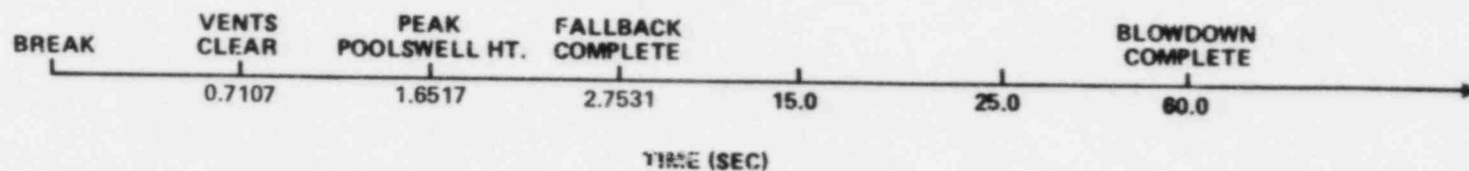
LOCA LOADING HISTORY
 FOR THE DRYWELL AND
 DRYWELL FLOOR

POOLSWELL
DRAG
LOAD *

POOLSWELL
AIR BUBBLE
LOAD *

FALLBACK
LOAD *

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| MIXED FLOW C.O. ** | STEAM FLOW C.O. ** | CHUGGING *** |
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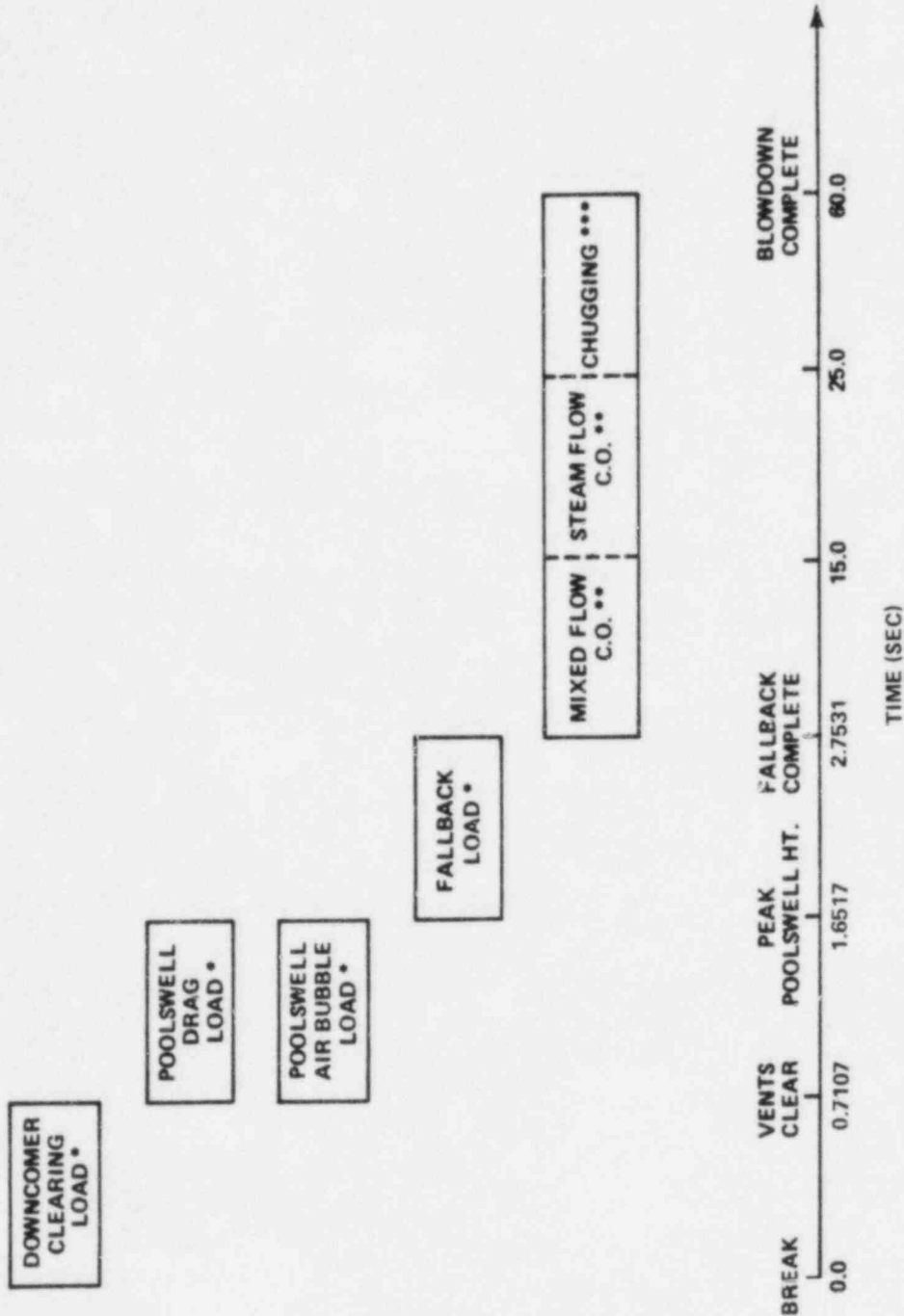
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FIGURE 4.2-20

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LOCA LOADING HISTORY
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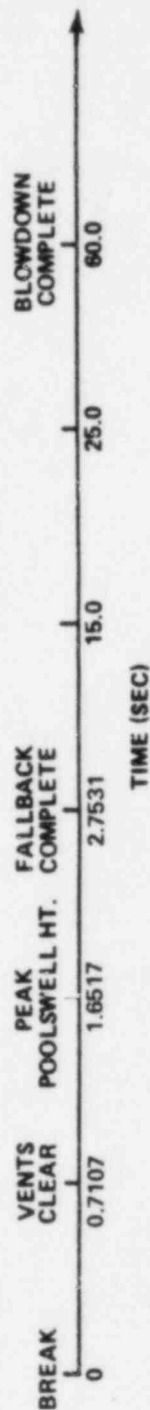
LOCA LOADING HISTORY
 FOR THE DOWNCOMERS

POOLSWELL
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LOADS *

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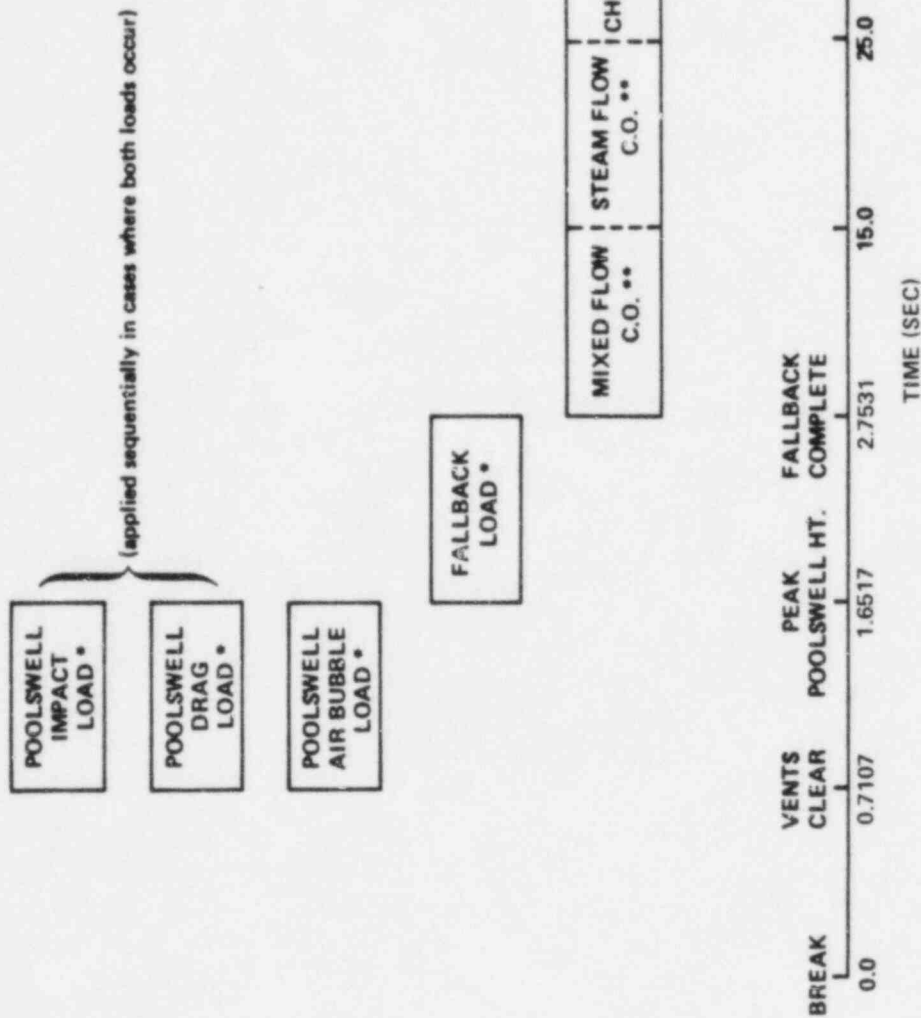
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LOCA LOADING HISTORY
 FOR THE DOWNCOMER
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LOCA LOADING HISTORY
 FOR THE WETWELL PIPING

TABLE 5.7-1

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LOAD COMBINATIONS AND ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA FOR
ASME CLASS 1, 2 AND 3 NSSS PIPING, EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPORTS

| <u>LOAD COMBINATION</u> | <u>DESIGN BASIS</u> | <u>EVALUATION⁽¹⁾ BASIS</u> | <u>SERVICE LEVEL</u> |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| N + SRV (ALL) | Upset | Upset | (B) |
| N + OBE | Upset | Upset | (B) |
| N + OBE + SRV (ALL) | Emergency | Upset | (B) |
| N + SSE + SRV (ALL) | Faulted | Faulted | (D)(1) |
| N + SBA + SRV | Emergency | Emergency | (C)(1) |
| N + SBA + SRV (ADS) | Emergency | Emergency | (C)(1) |
| N + SBA/IBA + OBE + SRV (ADS) | Faulted | Faulted | (D)(1) |
| N + SBA/IBA + SSE + SRV (ADS) | Faulted | Faulted | (D)(1) |
| N + LOCA ⁽²⁾ + SSE | Faulted | Faulted | (D)(1) |

LOAD DEFINITION LEGEND

| | | |
|-----|---|--|
| N | - | Normal loads (e.g., weight, pressure, temperature, etc) |
| OBE | - | Operating basis earthquake loads |
| SSE | - | Safe shutdown earthquake loads |
| SRV | - | Safety/relief valve discharge induced loads from two adjacent valves (one valve actuated when adjacent valve is cycling) |

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| | | |
|-------------------|---|--|
| SRV ALL | - | Loads induced by actuation of all 14 safety/relief valves that activate within milliseconds of each other (e.g., turbine trip operational transient) |
| SRV ADS | - | Loads induced by the actuation of all 5 safety/relief valves associated with automatic depressurization system that actuate within milliseconds of each other during the postulated small or intermediate size pipe rupture. |
| LOCA | - | Loss-of-coolant accident associated with the postulated pipe rupture of large pipes (e.g., main steam, feedwater, recirculation piping) |
| LOCA ₁ | - | Poolswell drag/fallback loads on piping and components located between the main vent discharge outlet and the suppression pool water upper surface |
| LOCA ₂ | - | Poolswell impact loads on piping and components located above the suppression pool water upper surface |
| LOCA ₃ | - | Oscillating pressure induced loads on submerged piping and components during condensation oscillations |
| LOCA ₄ | - | Building motion induced loads from chugging |
| LOCA ₅ | - | Building motion induced loads from main vent air clearing |
| LOCA ₆ | - | Vertical and horizontal loads on main vent piping |
| LOCA ₇ | - | Annulus pressurization loads |
| SBA | - | Abnormal transients associated with a small break accident |
| IBA | - | Abnormal transients associated with an intermediate break accident. |

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- (1) All ASME Class 1, 2 and 3 piping that are required to function for safe shutdown under the postulated events are designed to meet the requirements described in NEDO-21985 (Sept. 1978).
- (2) The most limiting case of load combinations among LOCA₁ through LOCA₇.
- (3) Evaluation basis in accordance with NRC requirements.
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QUESTION 480.71

Concerns regarding the capability of the vacuum breaker to perform its function during the pool swell and chugging phases of LOCA have been raised. Provide the design changes, if any, that have been implemented to resolve this concern.

RESPONSE

The four downcomers on which the wetwell-to-drywell vacuum breakers are mounted have been capped, thereby eliminating the adverse effects of the chugging phenomenon on the vacuum breakers.

The vacuum breaker has been redesigned so that it will successfully perform its given task during and after poolswell. The adequacy of the redesign has been demonstrated by analysis and test.

The redesign and requalification program that considers the effects of the poolswell and chugging events was initiated and funded by three utilities.

DAR Appendix J has been added to provide details of the wetwell-to-drywell vacuum breaker and downcomer capping adequacy assessments.

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WETWELL-TO-DRYWELL VACUUM BREAKER AND DOWNCOMER CAPPING
ADEQUACY ASSESSMENT

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J.1 INTRODUCTION

In April 1981, the ACRS expressed concern regarding the potential pool bypass from a stuck-open wetwell-to-drywell vacuum breaker. This concern stems from the fact that following the onset of a LOCA about 20 seconds into the transient, the chugging phenomenon takes place. This rapid steam condensation will cause repeated and strong dynamic under and overpressure conditions in the downcomer. As a result of this pressure variation, the vacuum breaker attached to the downcomer may open.

Because chugging is a repetitive phenomenon, the vacuum breaker may be called on to function in a cyclic manner during these intermittent steam condensation events. These potential opening and closing impact loads could exceed the original design basis of the vacuum breakers. Failure of a vacuum breaker to close during this time could result in steam bypass of the suppression pool and subsequent pressurization of the wetwell air space, thus jeopardizing the integrity of the containment.

In July 1981, the NRC staff was informed that the Mark II owners who have vacuum breakers attached to the downcomer were conducting a joint qualification test program to demonstrate the operability of the vacuum breaker under this intermittent steam condensation loading. The Mark II owners also identified the potential adverse effect of poolswell on the performance of vacuum breakers. Because the wetwell air space will pressurize during the poolswell event, the resulting differential pressure will cause the vacuum breaker to cycle open and then cycle closed when the pool falls back to the normal water level. The potential opening and closing impact load could exceed the original design basis of the vacuum breakers.

J.2 DESIGN ASSESSMENT

J.2.1 VACUUM BREAKER CYCLING DURING POOLSWELL

To qualify the Limerick vacuum breakers to withstand the dynamic effects of poolswell, design modifications to the vacuum breakers have been implemented based on results from the Anderson Greenwood Company (AGCo) vacuum breaker test program. The modifications and test program results have been transmitted to the NRC (References J.2-1 and J.2-2).

J.2.2 VACUUM BREAKER CYCLING DURING CHUGGING

To qualify the Limerick vacuum breakers to withstand the dynamic effects of chugging, the four downcomers on which the wetwell-to-drywell vacuum breakers are mounted have been capped. Capping the downcomers will eliminate the dynamic under and overpressures caused by the sudden steam condensation at the downcomer exit and eliminate the vacuum breaker cyclic actuation due to chugging phenomena. The locations of these capped downcomers are shown in Figure J.2-1.

J.2.2.1 Downcomer Capping Design Assessment

J.2.2.1.1 Downcomer Modifications

Figure J.2-2 shows a configuration of a modified downcomer with vacuum breaker (typical of four). The modifications include installation of a cap, a 3-inch drain line, and a 1-inch weir at the drywell entrance of the downcomer.

The capping design incorporates a 3-inch Schedule 160 drain line. Water motion in the 3-inch drain line has been modeled. As a result of this work, the drain has been extended 9 ft 7-3/4 inches above the downcomer exit plane. This extended length will prevent water from fountaining into the downcomer during the rapid drywell depressurization caused by the gross chugging at the downcomer exits. In addition, to prevent water from exiting the drain line during the chugging/CO phase of a LOCA, the drain line is extended 4 feet below the downcomer exit plane. Therefore, potential chugging/CO dynamic loading phenomena at the drain exit are precluded.

The addition of a 1-inch weir at the drywell entrance of each capped downcomer is designed to limit the maximum ECCS flow into these downcomers during the recirculation mode after a LOCA. The 3-inch drain line is capable of passing this limited flow of ECCS water while preventing the downcomers from being filled to the vacuum breaker elevation.

J.2.2.1.2 Containment Evaluation

Capping 4 out of 87 downcomers requires an evaluation to determine its effect on the containment design basis LOCA loading conditions and safety margins. To resolve this concern,

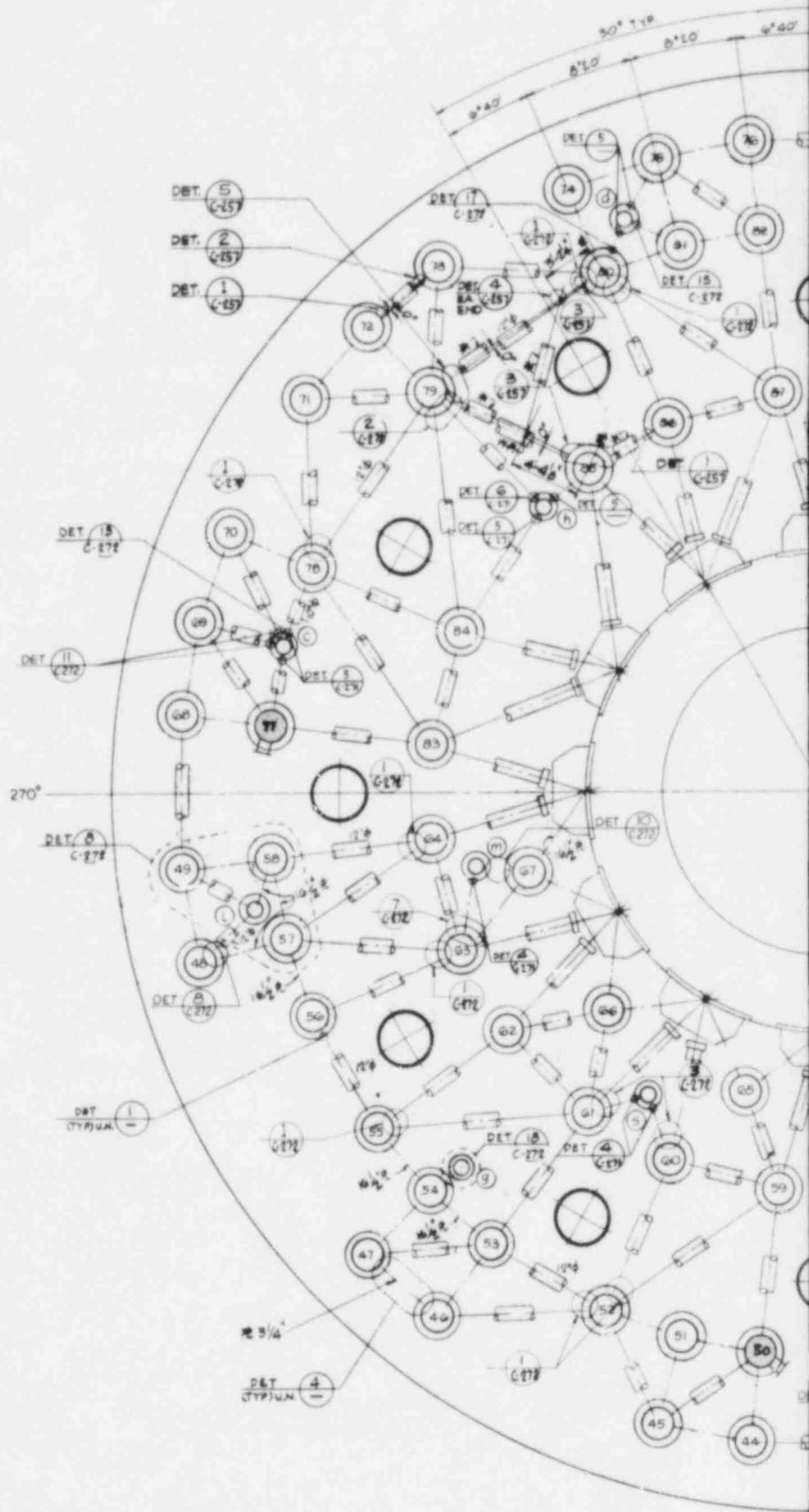
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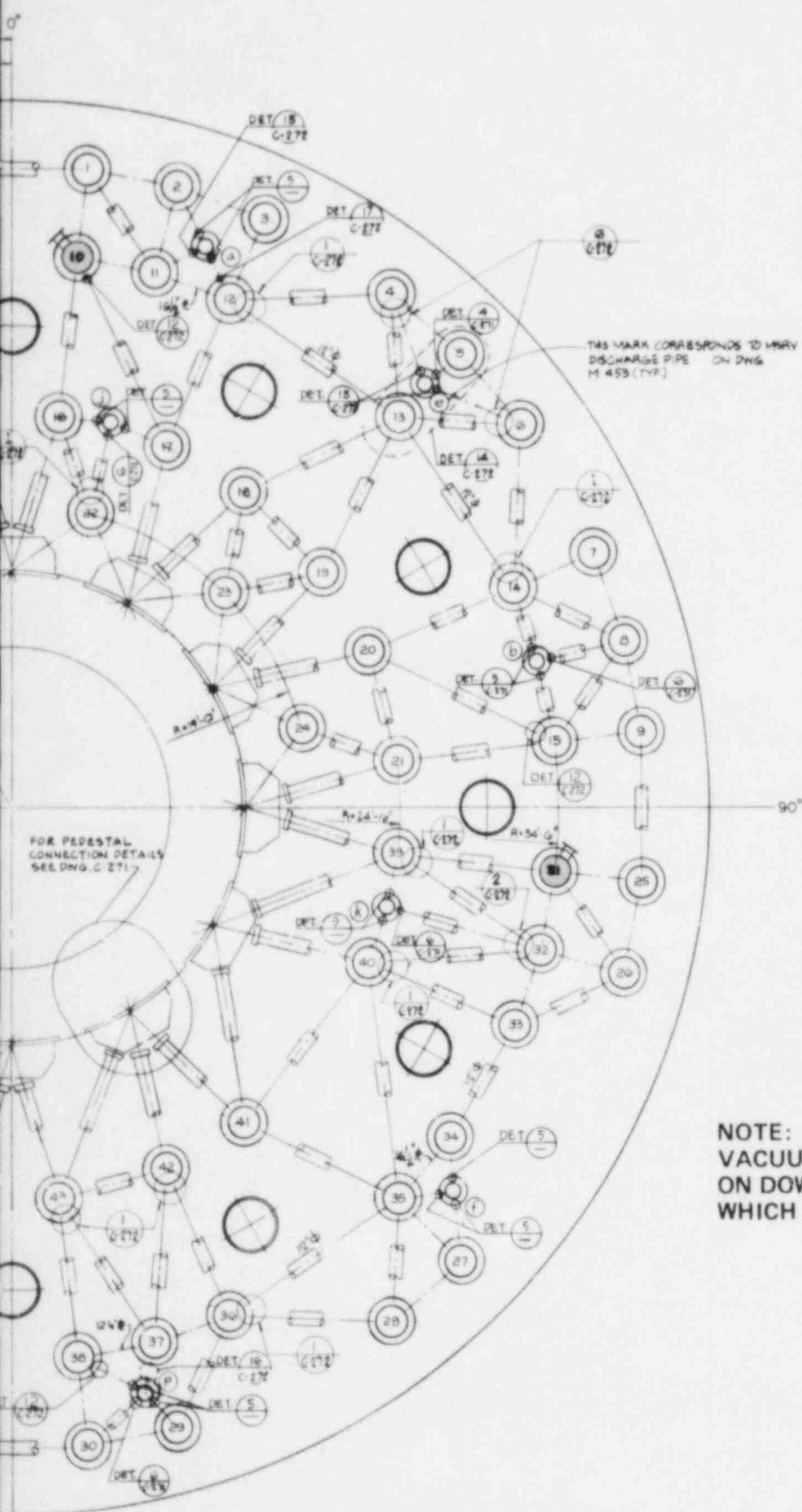
Bechtel's computer program COPDA was used to evaluate the drywell conditions based on 83 and 87 downcomers, respectively. The results indicate that there is no significant change in either drywell pressure and temperature or steam blowdown rate through the downcomers for the capped and uncapped situations.

Based on this analysis, capping 4 out of 87 downcomers will have no adverse effects on the Limerick containment safety margins resulting from design basis LOCA loads, as defined in DAR Section 4.2, including poolswell loads, containment functional pressure, submerged structure loads, boundary loads, and asymmetric effects.

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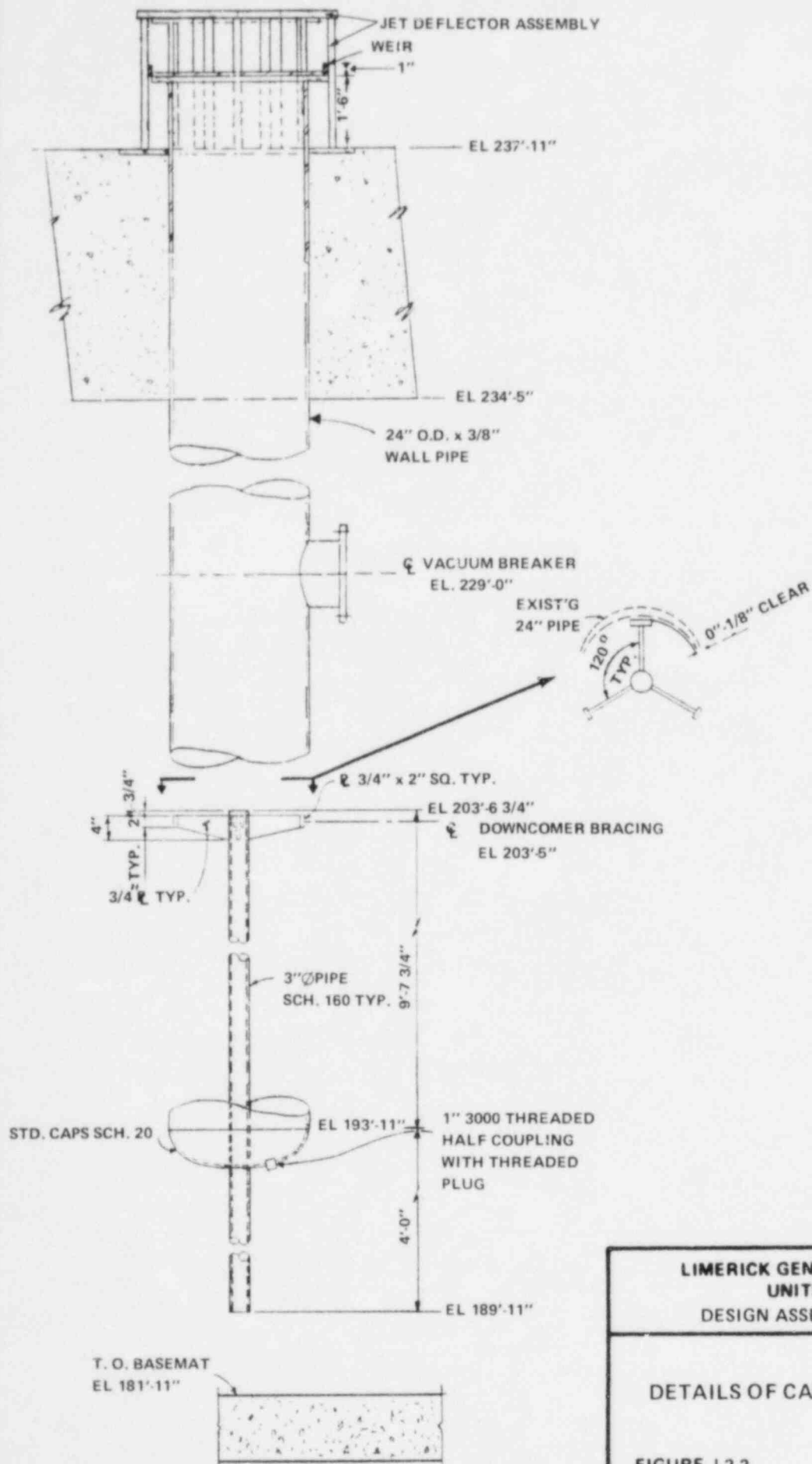
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LOCATION OF CAPPED DOWNCOMERS
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FIGURE J.2-1

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DETAILS OF CAPPED DOWNCOMER

FIGURE J.2-2

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