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Task: Allegation A-61a

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At the completion of all work, NCR W3-4504, Revision 2, was completed and closed. Later, four documentation discrepancies were discovered and NCR W3-4504 was reopened and designated Revision 3. Three of the four discrepancies resulted from an original requirement that the weld was to conform to Section III of the ASME Code. Since the load bearing capability of the damaged threads remains, it was determined that the seal weld was for leak-tight purposes only and not for load bearing purposes. Thus, its conformance to the ASME Code was not required. As a result, the discrepancies were no longer applicable.

The fourth discrepancy was that "there was no evidence of a sign off by Mercury or Tompkins-Beckwith after the final corrective action was supposedly completed on Revision 3." Since the resolution of the discrepancies resulted from an engineering decision, EBASCO signed Revision 3. The other contractors had previously signed the earlier NCR revisions which reflected the completion of their work.

The NRC reviewed all the documentation supporting the closure of Revision 3, and concurred that the discrepancies were adequately resolved.

This allegation has neither safety significance nor generic implications.

[Potential Violations: None.]

Actions Required: None.

References: NCR W3-4504, Revision 3.

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