



Figure 1.2.1d: MPC-44 Basket Cell Identification

certain necessary alternatives, as discussed in Section 2.2. The principal exception to the above Code pertains to the MPC lid, vent and drain port cover plates, and closure ring welds to the MPC lid and shell, as discussed in Section 2.2. In addition, Threaded Anchor Locations (TALs) in the MPC lid are designed in accordance with the requirements of NUREG-0612 for critical lifts to facilitate handling of the loaded MPC.

The MPC closure welds are partial penetration welds that are structurally qualified by analysis in Chapter 3. The MPC lid and closure ring welds are inspected by performing a liquid penetrant examination in accordance with the drawings contained in Section 1.5. The integrity of the MPC lid-to-shell weld is further ensured by performing a progressive liquid penetrant examination of the weld layers, and a Code pressure test.

The structural analysis of the MPC, in conjunction with the redundant closures and nondestructive examination, pressure testing, and helium leak testing (~~helium leak testing not required for redundant port cover design~~) provides assurance of canister closure integrity in lieu of the specific weld joint configuration requirements of Section III, Subsection NB.

Compliance with the ASME Code, with respect to the design and fabrication of the MPC, and the associated justification are discussed in Section 2.2. The MPC design is analyzed for all design basis normal, off-normal, and postulated accident conditions, as defined in Section 2.2. The required characteristics of the fuel assemblies to be stored in the MPC are limited in accordance with Section 2.1.

### Thermal

The thermal design and operation of the MPC in the HI-STORM FW System meets the intent of the review guidance contained in ISG-11, Revision 3 [2.0.1]. Specifically, the ISG-11 provisions that are explicitly invoked and satisfied are:

- i. The thermal acceptance criteria for all commercial spent fuel (CSF) authorized by the USNRC for operation in a commercial reactor are unified into one set of requirements.
- ii. The maximum value of the calculated temperature for all CSF under long-term normal conditions of storage must remain below 400°C (752°F). For short-term operations, including canister drying, helium backfill, and on-site cask transport operations, the fuel cladding temperature must not exceed 400°C (752°F) for high burnup fuel (HBF) and 570°C (1058°F) for moderate burnup fuel.
- iii. The maximum fuel cladding temperature as a result of an off-normal or accident event must not exceed 570°C (1058°F).
- iv. For HBF, operating restrictions are imposed to limit the maximum temperature excursion during short-term operations to 65°C (117°F) and the number of excursions to less than 10.

**TABLE 2.2.14**  
**List of ASME Code Alternatives for Multi-Purpose Canisters (MPCs)**

			clearances are satisfied. The dimensions required to be met in fabrication are chosen to meet the functional requirements of the dry storage components. Thus, although the post-forming Code cylindricity requirements are not evaluated for compliance directly, they are indirectly satisfied (actually exceeded) in the final manufactured components.
MPC Enclosure Vessel	NB-4122	Implies that with the exception of studs, bolts, nuts and heat exchanger tubes, CMTRs must be traceable to a specific piece of material in a component.	MPCs are built in lots. Material traceability on raw materials to a heat number and corresponding CMTR is maintained by Holtec through markings on the raw material. Where material is cut or processed, markings are transferred accordingly to assure traceability. As materials are assembled into the lot of MPCs being manufactured, documentation is maintained to identify the heat numbers of materials being used for that item in the multiple MPCs being manufactured under that lot. A specific item within a specific MPC will have a number of heat numbers identified as possibly being used for the item in that particular MPC of which one or more of those heat numbers (and corresponding CMTRs) will have actually been used. All of the heat numbers identified will comply with the requirements for the particular item.
MPC Lid and Closure Ring Welds	NB-4243	Full penetration welds required for Category C Joints (flat head to main shell per NB-3352.3)	MPC lid and closure ring are not full penetration welds. They are welded independently to provide a redundant seal.
MPC Closure Ring, Vent and Drain Cover Plate Welds	NB-5230	Radiographic (RT) or ultrasonic (UT) examination required.	Root (if more than one weld pass is required) and final liquid penetrant examination to be performed in accordance with NB-5245. The closure ring provides independent redundant closure for vent and drain cover plates. Vent and drain port cover plate welds are helium leakage tested. <u>If the redundant port cover design is used, a helium leakage test is not required.</u>
MPC Lid to Shell Weld	NB-5230	Radiographic (RT) or ultrasonic (UT) examination required.	Only progressive liquid penetrant (PT) examination is permitted. PT examination will include the root and final weld layers and each approx. 3/8" of weld depth.

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## 2.3 SAFETY PROTECTION SYSTEMS

### 2.3.1 General

The HI-STORM FW System is engineered to provide for the safe long-term storage of spent nuclear fuel (SNF). The HI-STORM FW will withstand all normal, off-normal, and postulated accident conditions without release of radioactive material or excessive radiation exposure to workers or members of the public. Special considerations in the design have been made to ensure long-term integrity and confinement of the stored SNF throughout all cask normal and off-normal operating conditions and its retrievability for further processing or ultimate disposal in accordance with 10 CFR 72.122(l) and ISG-2 [2.3.1].

### 2.3.2 Protection by Multiple Confinement Barriers and Systems

#### 2.3.2.1 Confinement Barriers and Systems

The radioactivity which the HI-STORM FW System must confine originates from the spent fuel assemblies and, to a lesser extent, any radioactive particles from contaminated water in the fuel pool which may remain inside the MPC. This radioactivity is confined by multiple engineered barriers.

Contamination on the outside of the MPC from the fuel pool water is minimized by preventing contact, removing the contaminated water, and decontamination. An inflatable seal in the annular gap between the MPC and HI-TRAC VW, and the elastomer seal in the HI-TRAC VW bottom lid (see Chapter 9) prevent the fuel pool water from contacting the exterior of the MPC and interior of the HI-TRAC VW while submerged for fuel loading.

The MPC is a seal welded enclosure which provides the confinement boundary. The MPC confinement boundary is defined by the MPC baseplate, MPC shell, MPC lid, closure ring, port cover plates, and associated welds.

The MPC confinement boundary has been designed to withstand any postulated off-normal operations, accident conditions, or external natural phenomena. Redundant closure of the MPC is provided by the MPC closure ring welds which provide a second barrier to the release of radioactive material from the MPC internal cavity. Therefore, no monitoring system for the confinement boundary is required.

Confinement is discussed further in Chapter 7. MPC field weld examinations, helium leakage testing of the port cover plate welds ~~(if applicable)~~, and pressure testing are performed to ensure the confinement function. Fabrication inspections and tests are also performed, as discussed in Chapter 10, to verify the integrity of the confinement boundary.

used to remove all liquid water from the MPC. For MPCs with high burn-up fuel and higher heat loads, cyclic vacuum drying may be performed in accordance with Chapter 4 of this FSAR and ISG-11 Rev. 3. The annular gap between the MPC and HI-TRAC is filled with water during vacuum drying to promote heat transfer from the MPC and maintain lower fuel cladding temperatures. The internal pressure is reduced and held in accordance with Technical Specifications to ensure that all liquid water is removed.

An FHD system may also be used for high-burn-up fuel at higher decay heat loads as well as for moderate burn-up fuel and HBF at lower heat loads to remove residual moisture from the MPC. Gas is circulated through the MPC to evaporate and remove moisture. The residual moisture is condensed until no additional moisture remains in the MPC. The temperature of the gas exiting the system demister is maintained in accordance with Technical Specification requirements to ensure that all liquid water is removed.

Following MPC moisture removal, by VDS or FHD, the MPC is backfilled with a predetermined amount of helium gas. The helium backfill ensures adequate heat transfer during storage, and provides an inert atmosphere for long-term fuel integrity. Cover plates are installed and seal welded over the MPC vent and drain ports with liquid penetrant examinations performed on the root and final passes (for multi-pass welds). The cover plate welds are then leak tested.

An option available on all MPCs is the addition of a second cover plate on the drain and vent ports. Only the inner cover plate is leak tested. The outer cover plate is installed in a counterbored recess directly over the inner port cover. The outer port cover is welded with visual and liquid penetrant examinations performed on the root, final, and at least one intermediate weld pass.

The MPC closure ring is then placed on the MPC and aligned, tacked in place, and seal welded providing redundant closure of the MPC confinement boundary closure welds. Tack welds are visually examined, and the root and final welds are inspected using the liquid penetrant examination technique to ensure weld integrity.

The annulus shield (if utilized) is removed and the remaining water in the annulus is drained. The MPC lid and accessible areas of the top of the MPC shell are smeared for removable contamination. HI-TRAC VW surface dose rates are measured in accordance with the technical specifications. The MPC lift attachments are installed on the MPC lid. The MPC lift attachments are the primary lifting point on the MPC. MPC slings are installed between the MPC lift attachments and the lift yoke.

MPC transfer may be performed inside or outside the fuel building. The empty HI-STORM FW overpack is inspected and positioned with the lid removed. Next, the mating device is positioned on top of the HI-STORM FW and HI-TRAC VW is placed on top of it. The mating device assists in the removal of the HI-TRAC VW bottom lid and helps guide the HI-TRAC VW during its placement on the HI-STORM FW. The MPC slings are attached to the MPC lift attachments. The MPC is transferred using a suitable load handling device.

~~If using redundant port cover plates, install the redundant port cover plate, perform the multi-pass welds, and perform NDE on the redundant port cover plates with approved procedures (See 9.1 and Table 2.2.14). Repair any weld defects in accordance with the site's approved Code weld repair procedures.~~

~~9.10. If not using a redundant port cover plate, Pp~~Perform a leakage test of the MPC vent port cover plate and drain port cover plate in accordance with the following and site-approved procedures. When using a redundant port cover plate, only the inner cover plate is leak tested.:

- a. If necessary, remove the cover plate set screws or plugs.
- b. Flush the cavity with helium to remove the air and immediately install the set screws or plugs recessed below flush of the top of the cover plate.
- c. Plug weld the recess above each set screw or plug to complete the penetration closure welding in accordance with the licensing drawings using approved procedures. Repair any weld defects in accordance with the applicable Code and re-perform the NDE until the weld meets the required acceptance criteria.
- d. Flush the area around the vent and drain cover plates with compressed air or nitrogen to remove any residual helium gas.
- e. Perform a helium leakage rate test of vent and drain cover plate welds in accordance with the Mass Spectrometer Leak Detector (MSLD) manufacturer's instructions and leakage test methods and procedures of ANSI N14.5 [9.1.2]. The MPC Helium Leak Rate acceptance criterion is provided in LCO 3.1.1.

~~If using redundant port cover plates, install the redundant port cover plate, perform the multi-pass welds, and perform NDE on the redundant port cover plates with approved procedures (See 9.1 and Table 2.2.14). Repair any weld defects in accordance with the site's approved Code weld repair procedures.~~

~~10.11.~~ Weld the MPC closure ring as follows:

- a. Install and align the closure ring.
- b. Weld the closure ring to the MPC shell and the MPC lid, and perform NDE in accordance with the licensing drawings using approved procedures. Repair any weld defects in accordance with the applicable code and re-perform the NDE until the weld meets the required acceptance criteria.
- c. If necessary, remove the AWS.

## 9.2.5 Preparation for Storage

#### 10.1.4 Leakage Testing

Leakage testing shall be performed in accordance with written and approved procedures and the leakage test methods and procedures of ANSI N14.5 [10.1.5], as follows.

Helium leakage testing of the MPC base metals (shell, baseplate, and MPC lid) and MPC shell to baseplate and shell to shell welds is performed on the unloaded MPC. The acceptance criterion is “leaktight” as defined in ANSI N14.5. Shop leakage tests of the base metals and enclosure welds may be performed using automated leak test equipment to minimize the need for operator actions and interpretations. Automated leak test equipment design and computer software programs shall be reviewed and approved by a Level III Leak Test specialist qualified in accordance with ANSI N14.5. Maintenance and calibration of the equipment and testing of the software shall be performed by individuals qualified in accordance with ANSI N14.5 using written procedures produced under the licensee’s quality program. The placement of the MPC components in the test equipment and recording of the test data in the documentation package for the equipment shall be performed by personnel trained and qualified in accordance with the licensee’s quality program. The helium leakage test of the vent and drain port cover plate welds shall be performed using a helium mass spectrometer leak detector (MSLD). If a leakage rate exceeding the acceptance criterion is detected, then the area of leakage shall be determined and the area repaired per ASME Code Section III, Subsection NB, Article NB-4450 requirements. Re-testing shall be performed until the leakage rate acceptance criterion is met.

An option available on all MPCs is the addition of a second cover plate on the drain and vent ports. The outer cover plate is installed in a counterbored recess directly over the inner port cover. The outer port cover is welded using a minimum of three weld passes that bridge the weld joint. Visual and liquid penetrant examinations shall be performed on the root, final and at least one intermediate weld pass. ~~Helium leak testing is not required when the redundant port cover design is used~~

Leakage testing of the field welded MPC lid-to-shell weld and closure ring welds are not required. Leak testing results for the MPC shall be documented and shall become part of the quality record documentation package.

Leakage testing of the vent and drain port cover plate welds ~~when required~~ shall be performed after welding of the cover plates and subsequent NDE. For instances where redundant port covers have been installed, leakage testing is ~~only~~ not required on inner port cover. The description and procedures for these field leakage tests are provided in Chapter 9 of this FSAR and the acceptance criteria are defined in the Technical Specifications for the HI-STORM FW system.

Table 10.1.1 (continued)  
MPC **INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA**

Function	Fabrication	Pre-operation	Maintenance and Operations
Structural	a) Assembly and welding of MPC components is performed per ASME Code Section IX and III, Subsection NB, as applicable.  b) Materials analysis (steel, neutron absorber, etc.), is performed and records are kept in a manner commensurate with "important to safety" classifications.	a) None.	a) A multi-layer liquid penetrant (PT) examination of the MPC lid-to-shell weld is performed per ASME Section V, Article 2. Acceptance criteria for the examination are defined in Subsection 10.1.1, and in the Licensing Drawings.  b) ASME Code NB-6000 pressure test is performed after MPC closure welding. Acceptance criteria are defined in the Code.
Leak Tests	a) Helium leakage testing of the MPC base metal (shell, baseplate and MPC lid), MPC shell to baseplate welds and MPC shell to shell welds is performed on the unloaded MPC. Acceptance criterion is in accordance with "leaktight" definition in ANSI N14.5.	a) None.	a) Helium leakage testing is performed on the vent and drain port cover plates to MPC lid field welds <u>and the cover plate base metals.</u> <u>If the redundant port cover design is used on the vent and drain ports, helium leak testing is only not required on inner port cover.</u> See Technical Specification for guidance on acceptance criteria.
Criticality Safety	a) The boron content is verified at the time of neutron absorber material manufacture.  b) The installation of MPC cell panels is verified.	None.	None.
Shielding Integrity	a) Material compliance is verified through CMTRs.  b) Dimensional inspection of MPC lid thickness is performed.	None.	None.



Table 10.1.4 HI-STORM FW <del>MPC</del> NDE REQUIREMENTS			
Weld Location	NDE Requirement	Applicable Code	Acceptance Criteria (Applicable Code)
Shell longitudinal seam	RT	ASME Section V, Article 2 (RT)	RT: ASME Section III, Subsection NB, Article NB-5320
	PT (surface)	ASME Section V, Article 6 (PT)	PT: ASME Section III, Subsection NB, Article NB-5350
Shell circumferential seam	RT	ASME Section V, Article 2 (RT)	RT: ASME Section III, Subsection NB, Article NB-5320
	PT (surface)	ASME Section V, Article 6 (PT)	PT: ASME Section III, Subsection NB, Article NB-5350
Baseplate-to-shell	RT	ASME Section V, Article 2 (RT)	RT: ASME Section III, Subsection NB, Article NB-5320
	PT (surface)	ASME Section V, Article 6 (PT)	PT: ASME Section III, Subsection NB, Article NB-5350
Lid-to-shell	PT (root and final pass) and multi-layer PT.	ASME Section V, Article 6 (PT)	PT: ASME Section III, Subsection NB, Article NB-5350
	PT (surface following pressure test)		
Closure ring-to-shell	PT (final pass)	ASME Section V, Article 6 (PT)	PT: ASME Section III, Subsection NB, Article NB-5350
Closure ring-to-lid	PT (final pass)	ASME Section V, Article 6 (PT)	PT: ASME Section III, Subsection NB, Article NB-5350
Closure ring radial welds	PT (final pass)	ASME Section V, Article 6 (PT)	PT: ASME Section III, Subsection NB, Article NB-5350
Port cover plates-to-lid <u>(Single port cover plate option)</u> <u>Port cover plates-to-lid (when in conjunction with redundant port cover plate)</u>	PT (root and final pass)  <u>PT (final pass)</u>	ASME Section V, Article 6 (PT)  <u>ASME Section V, Article 6 (PT)</u>	PT: ASME Section III, Subsection NB, Article NB-5350  <u>PT : Clean White</u>
<u>Port cover plates-to-lid (Redundant Port Cover Plates to-lid Option)</u>	<u>Inner Plate: PT (root and final pass only)</u> <u>Outer Plate: PT (root, final and at least one intermediate pass)</u>	<u>ASME Section V, Article 6 (PT)</u>	<u>PT: ASME Section III, Subsection NB, Article NB-5350. In addition, the PT of the Inner Plate shall produce a clean, "White" result to indicate a lack of porosity</u>
Lift lug and lift lug baseplate	PT (surface)	ASME Section V, Article 6 (PT)	PT: ASME Section III, Subsection NB, Article NB-5350
Vent and drain port cover plate plug welds	PT (surface)	ASME Section V, Article 6 (PT)	PT: ASME Section III, Subsection NB, Article NB-5350

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Cooling provided by normal operation of the forced helium dehydration system ensures that the fuel cladding temperature remains below the applicable limits since forced recirculation of helium provides more effective heat transfer than that which occurs during normal storage operations.

The conditions and requirements for drying the MPC cavity based on the burnup class of the fuel (moderate or high), heat load, and the applicable short-term temperature limit are given in the CoC/TS Appendix A, Table 3-1. The temperature limits and associated cladding hoop stress calculation requirements are consistent with the guidance in NRC Interim Staff Guidance (ISG) Document 11.

Having the proper quantity of helium in the MPC ensures adequate heat transfer from the fuel to the fuel basket and surrounding structure of the MPC and precludes any overpressure event from challenging the normal, off-normal, or accident design pressure of the MPC.

Meeting the helium leak rate limit prior to TRANSPORT OPERATIONS ensures there is adequate helium in the MPC for long term storage and that there is no credible effluent dose from the MPC.

~~MPCs that utilize the redundant port cover design exhibit increased confinement boundary reliability. Each port cover plate is subjected to NDE to ensure absence of porosity in the material and is welded to the MPC lid in the same manner as in the non-redundant design. Each cover plate weld is subjected to similar NDE acceptance criteria, where successful NDE will verify the associated weld's integrity to maintain the MPC confinement boundary. As such, this surveillance does not need to be performed for MPCs that utilize the redundant port cover design.~~

All of these surveillances must be successfully performed once, prior to TRANSPORT OPERATIONS to ensure that the conditions are established for SFSC storage which preserve the analysis basis supporting the MPC design.

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REFERENCES

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1. FSAR Chapters 1, 4, 7 and 9
  2. Interim Staff Guidance Document 11, Rev. 3
  3. Interim Staff Guidance Document 18, Rev. 1
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