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1.0 SUMMARY

Six Raychem test specimens each consisting of three in-line type splices were subjected to a test program based on the guidelines of IEEE Standards 323-1974[1] and 383-1974[2] to determine their suitability for service within the containment of a nuclear power generating station.

The test program consisted of:

1. Thermal aging (O, 1000, 1500 hours @ 150°C)
2. Radiation exposure (200 - 290 Mrads)
3. Simulated loss of coolant accident combined with main steamline break (LOCA/MSLB) conditions while the specimens were energized at rated current and voltage. (25 Arms, 1000 Vrms)

The electrical integrity of the specimens was evaluated by:

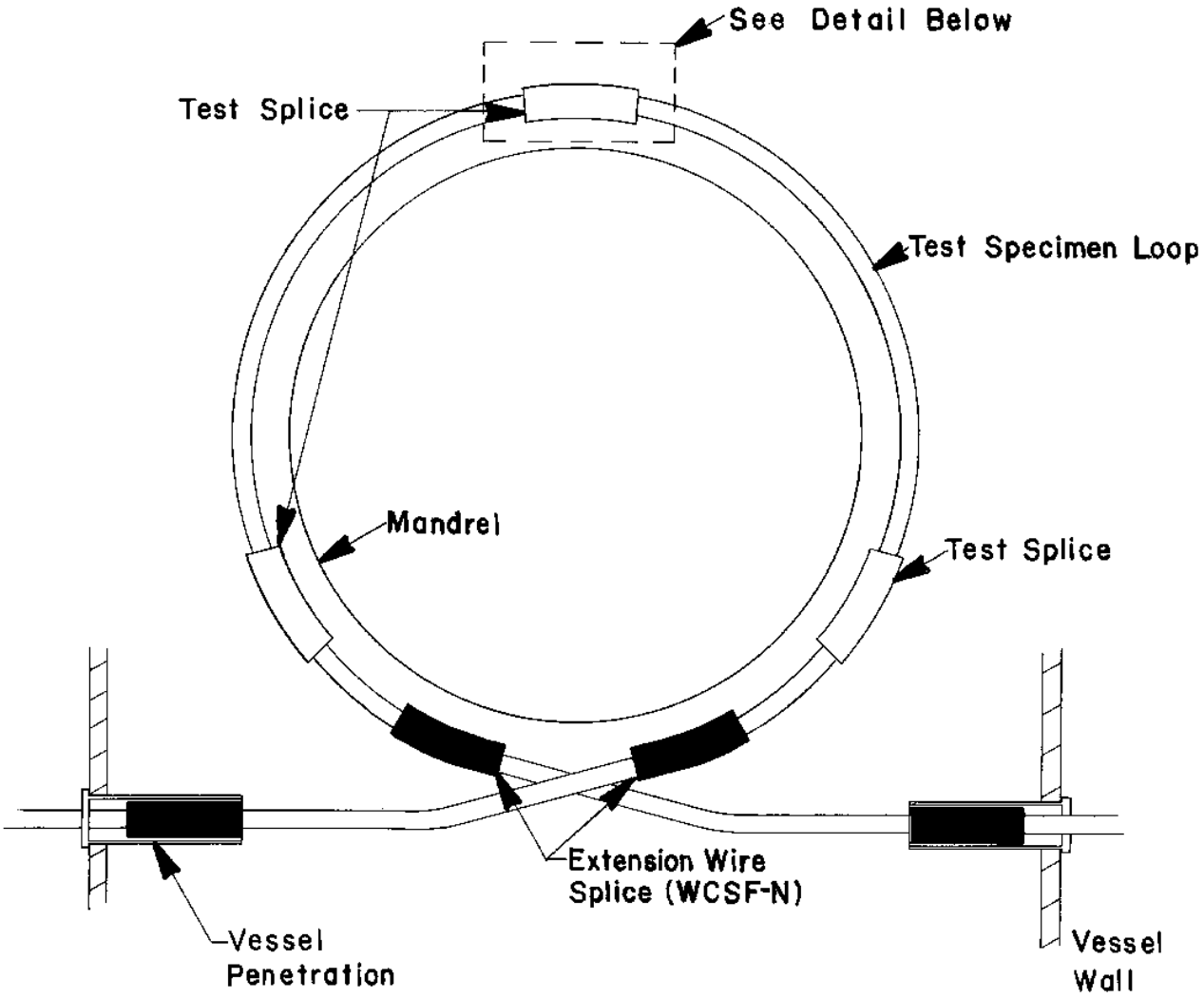
1. Insulation resistance measurements at 500Vd-c
2. Voltage withstand tests at 3600 Volts rms for 5 minutes
3. The ability to maintain electrical loading at rated voltage and current during the simulated LOCA/MSLB.

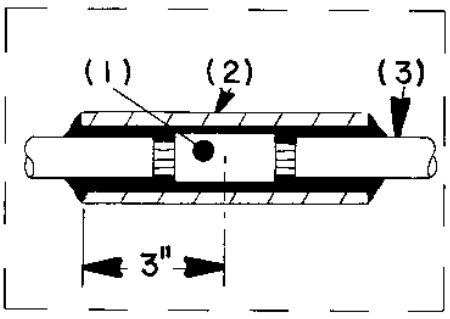
The splice systems demonstrated satisfactory performance in this test program and no failures were recorded in any of the 18 splices tested.

The test program was conducted by Wyle Laboratories, Norco, California during the period of August, 1979 to February, 1980.

2.0 TEST SPECIMENS

Each test specimen was comprised of three splices forming a test loop as shown in Figure 1. The materials used to make the splice systems are also listed. A total of six specimens, or eighteen splices, were used for the test program.





(1) Connector, Burndy YSV-10
(2) Raychem WCSF-N, Insulating Sleeve Size 115, 6Inch, Precoated With S-1119 Adhesive.
(3) Rockbestos Firewall III Insulated Wire, 1/C, 12 Awg. (.030 in. wall)

FIGURE 1. SAMPLE CONSTRUCTION

3.0 TEST PROGRAM

3.1 Pretest Inspection

The specimens were visually inspected upon receipt at Wyle Laboratories. There was no evidence of damage due to shipping.

3.1.1 Functional Test (Baseline Data)

Each specimen was immersed in water and given a voltage withstand test of 3.6kVrms a-c for five minutes. All three splices were immersed during this test. The voltage was applied between the specimen conductor and the grounded tank or vessel. All specimens passed the test.

While still immersed for the above test, the insulation resistance (IR) of each specimen was measured at 500V d-c. These results are given in Table 1 on page 13.

The continuity of each specimen loop was also verified with a low voltage ohmmeter.

3.2 Thermal Aging

Two of the six specimen loops were wrapped onto a 20-inch diameter stainless steel mandrel and tied in place. The mandrel and specimens were placed in an air-circulating oven operating at 150°C (302°F) for 500 hours. At that time, two additional specimen loops were added to the mandrel, and the oven aging continued for another 1000 hours. After removal from the oven, the two remaining specimen loops were then added to the mandrel.

Specimen No.	Thermal Aging (Hours at 150°C)
1-1	1500
1-2	1500
1-3	1000
1-4	1000
1-5	Unaged
1-6	Unaged

The mandrel, with the specimens in place, is shown in Figure 2.

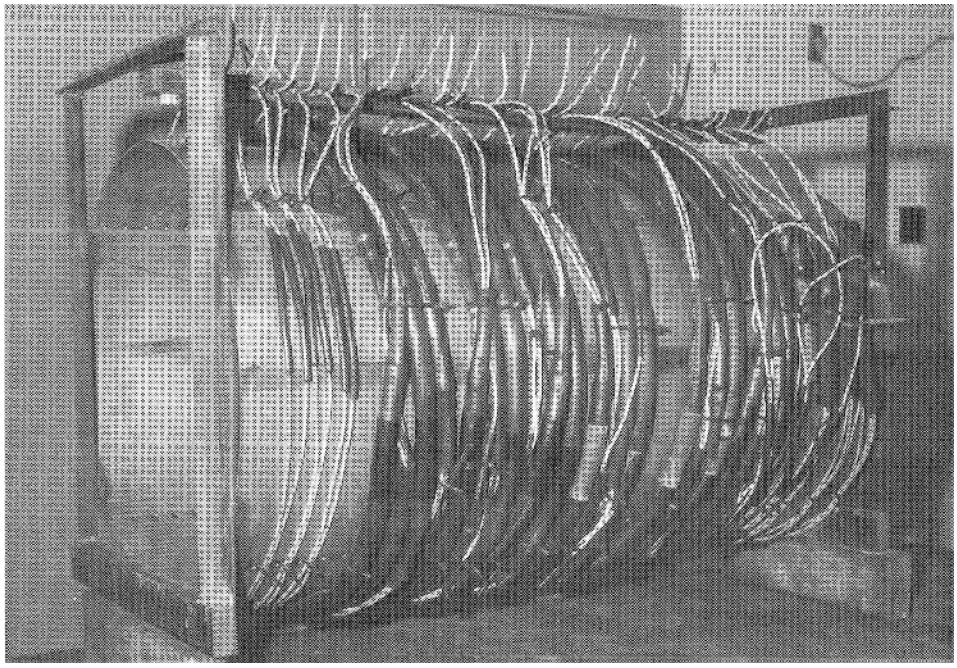


FIGURE 2. Mandrel and Samples

(Specimens 1-1 through 1-6 are located at
the extreme left of the mandrel.)

Note Several other types of product specimens were also tested in this program and are shown on the mandrel along with the splice specimens. This report covers only the in-line splice specimens. The other specimens are the subject of separate reports.

1. Both 1000 and 1500 hours exceed the required aging time to simulate 40 year life for the cable.

3.2.1 Functional Tests

The mandrel with the specimens in place was immersed in water and the insulation resistance measurements made. This was accomplished by splicing long extension leads to each end of the test loops. The splices between the specimens and the extension leads were also covered with WCSF-N heat shrinkable tubing. The mandrel immersed in water is shown in Figure 3.

All specimens again passed the five minute, 3.6kV a-c voltage withstand test. The insulation resistance values are given in Table 1 on page 13.

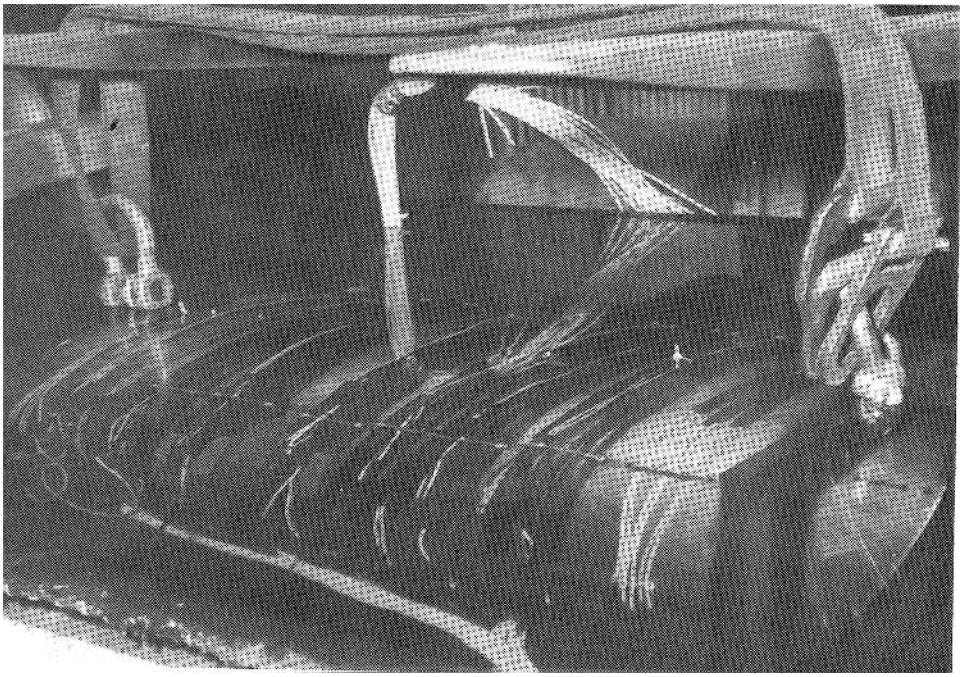


FIGURE 3. Mandrel and Samples Immersed in Water

3.3 Radiation Exposure

The specimens, while still on the mandrel, were subjected to gamma radiation from a Cobalt-60 source. The total dose given the specimens ranged from 2.0 x 10^8 to 2.9 x 10^8 rads. The dose rate was between 0.32 and 0.47 x 10^6 rads per hour. The certificate of radiation dose is shown in Appendix 1.

3.3.1 Functional Tests

The functional tests were again performed as described in 3.1.1* All specimens passed the voltage withstand test. The insulation resistance values are given in Table 1.

3.4 Loss of Coolant Accident and Main Steamline Break (LOCA/MSLB) Environmental Exposure

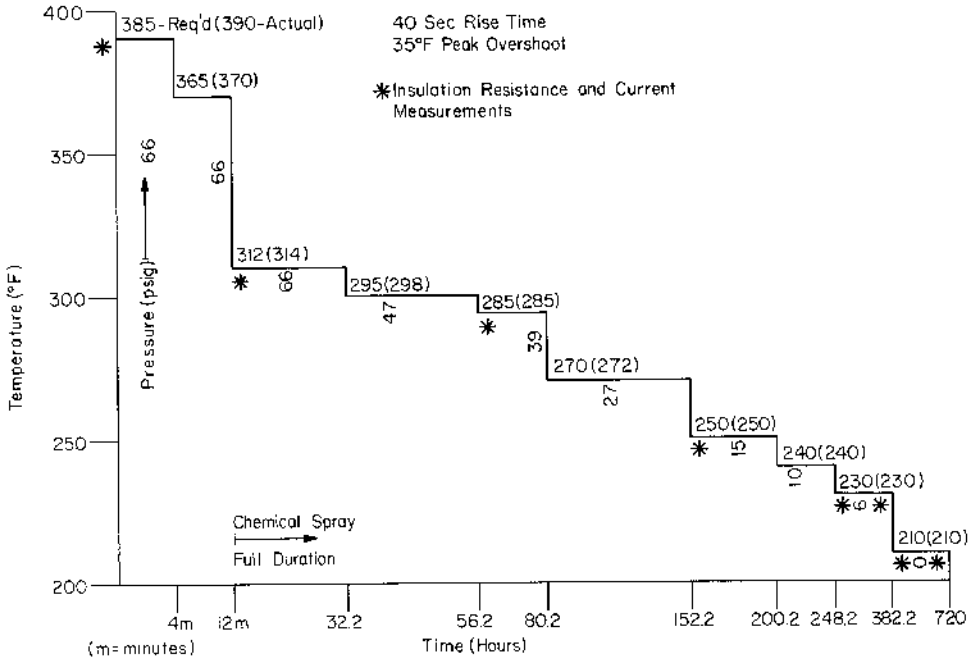


Figure 4. Temperature/Pressure Profile For Simulation of LOCA/MSLB Environment

3.4 Loss of Coolant Accident and Main Steamline Break {LOCA/MSLB) Environmental Exposure (continued)

The specimens on the mandrel were placed in a test chamber capable of exposing the specimens to the steam and chemical spray environment shown in Figure 4.

The extension leads were brought out through penetrations in the vessel to allow the specimens to be energized during the exposure. The specimens were energized at 1.0kV a-c to ground and carried a current of 25 amperes at 25°C ambient at the start of the simulated accident. The current was allowed to drop as the resistance in the conductors increased at elevated temperatures. Current values during the test are recorded in Table 2 on page 14.

Fuses were installed in each specimen circuit so that during the exposure a breakdown in the insulation of one specimen would not affect the voltage applied to the others. Schematics of the test chamber and energizing circuit are given in Figures 5 and 6 respectively. All data acquisition instruments used in the test program are listed in Appendix 2.

The chemical spray consisted of 6200 ppm of boron, 50 ppm of hydrazine buffered to a ph of 10.5 with trisodium phosphate. The

spray was applied at the top of the vessel through a horizontal spray header at a rate in excess of 0.15 gpm/ft^2 (actual flow varied from .26 to .81 gpm/ft^2).

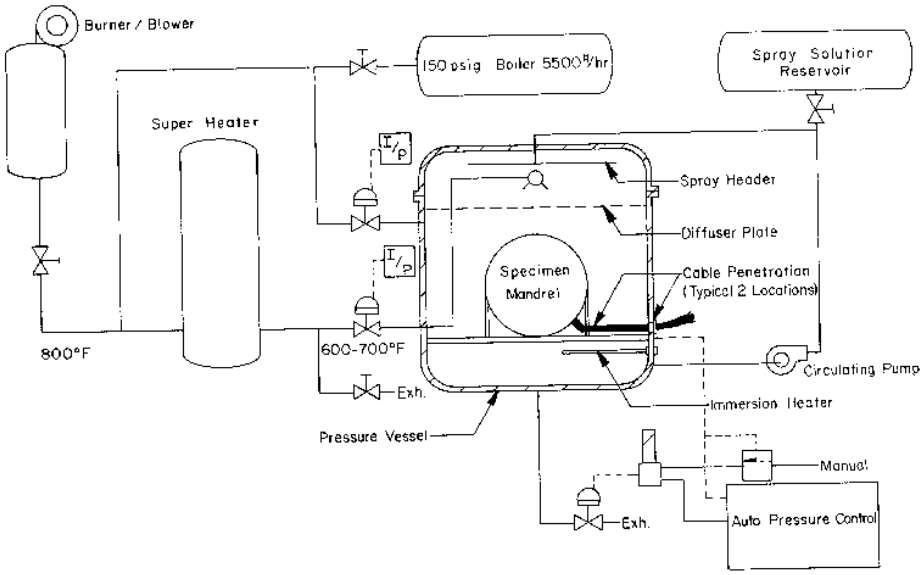


FIGURE 5. LOCA/MSLB PRESSURE VESSEL AND AUXILIARY EQUIPMENT

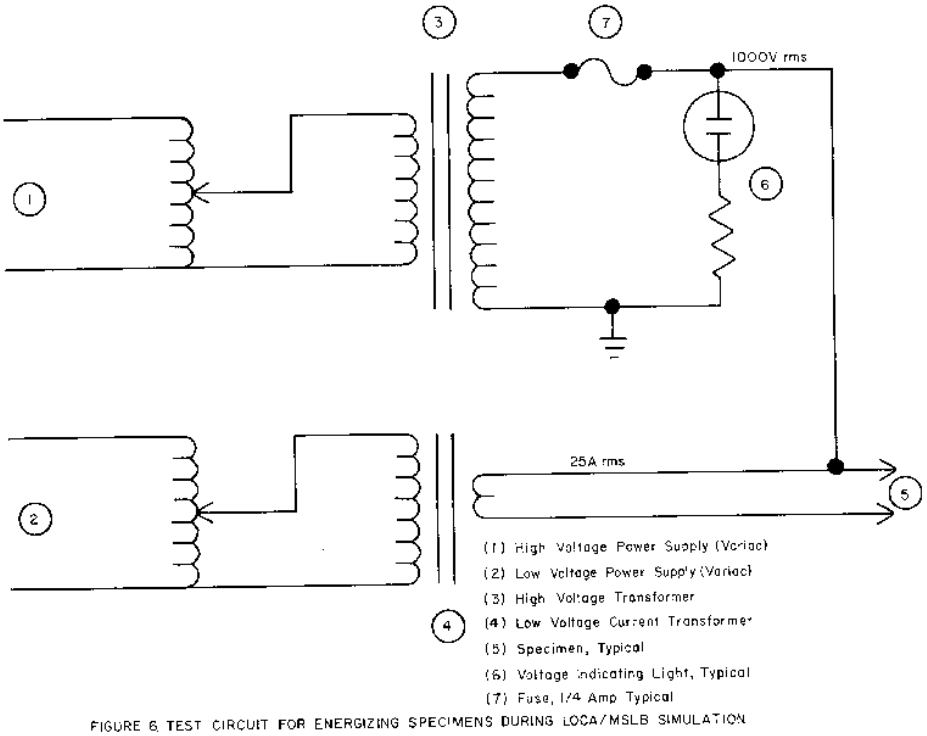


FIGURE 6. TEST CIRCUIT FOR ENERGIZING SPECIMENS DURING LOCA/MSLB SIMULATION

3.4.1 Test Results

During the course of the LOCA/MSLB environment exposure, all specimens held the rated current. The capability to supply voltage continuously throughout the test was impaired due to insulation failures in the test loop other than at the splice specimens themselves. The 1.0kV a-c was necessarily terminated on these specimens when the fuse opened. A complete discussion of the anomalies associated with the loss of voltage is given in 3.4.2.

Insulation resistance values measured at selected times during the LOCA/MSLB exposure are given in Table 1 on page 13.

3.4.2 Post LOCA/MSLB Inspection

At the conclusion of the test profile (Figure 4), the test vessel was flooded with tap water. The specimens were then given a voltage withstand test and the insulation resistances measured. The results of the insulation resistance tests are given in Table 1. The vessel was then opened and the cause for some of the specimens being unable to hold rated voltage investigated. The test vessel with the specimens in place is shown in Figures 7 and 8.

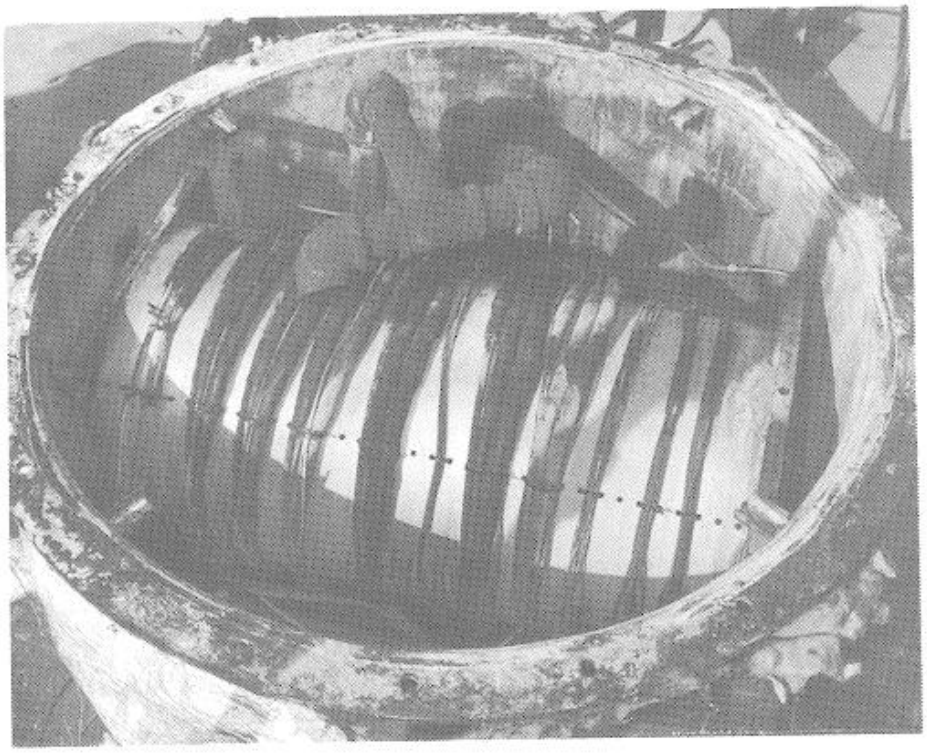


FIGURE 7. Test Chamber and Samples

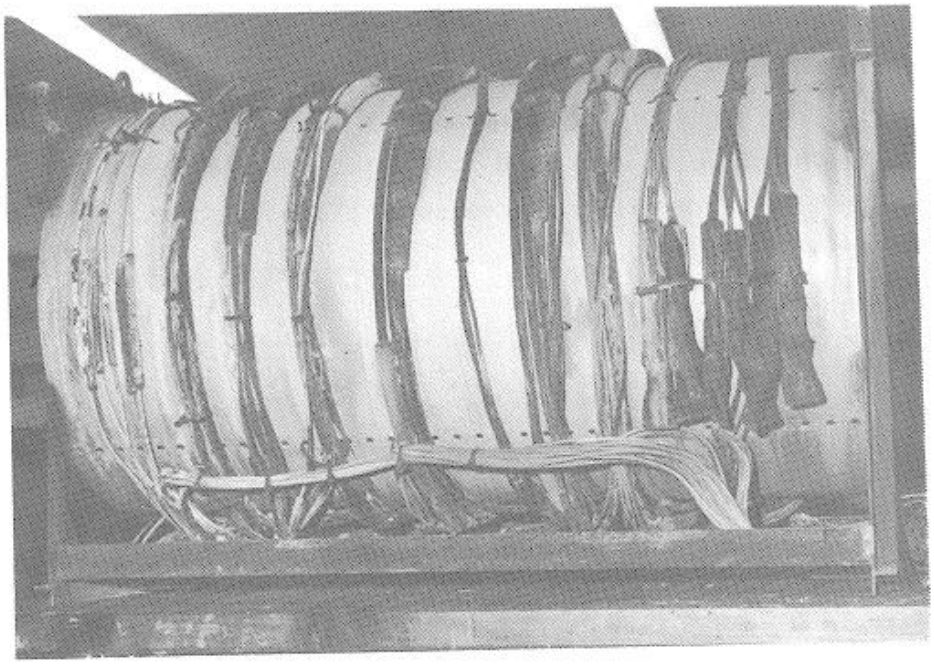


FIGURE 8. Mandrel After Removal from Vessel

3.4.2 Post LOCA/MSLB Inspection (continued)

The extension wires were cut inside the vessel so that the mandrel could be removed. This also allowed the penetrations to be inspected. It was found that some of the wires in the penetration had a low insulation resistance and would not pass the 3.6kV a-c voltage withstand test. The specimens associated with the penetration wires having a low insulation resistance were retested. The retest of specimens 1-3 and 1-4 showed high values of insulation resistance and both specimens passed the voltage withstand test. The low values previously measured on these specimens can therefore be attributed to the penetrations and not the specimens.

Specimens 1-1 and 1-2 had cracked wire insulation near the splice sleeves and could not be immersed in water for the testing. In these cases, a metal foil ground plane was wrapped around the outside of the still wet splice sleeve and the insulation resistance and voltage withstand tests conducted. All six splices passed both tests after the sources of insulation failure elsewhere in the test loops were isolated.

Visual examination of the splice sleeves showed surface degradation and some crazing. This was most apparent in specimens 1-5 and 1-6.

A summary of the findings is given in Table 3 on page 15.

4.0 CONCLUSIONS

Six test specimen loops, each containing three splices, were subjected to an extensive test program including thermal aging, radiation exposure, and simulated LOCA/MSLB environmental exposure. During the LOCA/MSLB exposure, the specimens were energized at rated current and voltage.

All specimens demonstrated satisfactory electrical performance at the conclusion of the test program. Wire insulation cracks and low resistance of some wires in the test vessel penetrations caused apparent low values in some of the specimens but subsequent testing substantiates the ability of these splices to maintain electrical integrity throughout the test program. All specimens had high insulation resistance values and passed the voltage withstand test at the conclusion of the program.

The results of this comprehensive test program confirm, by type testing, the adequacy and suitability of the Raychem WCSF-N splice sleeves for use on Class IE systems within the containment of a nuclear power generating station.

REFERENCES

(1) IEEE Standard 323-1974, "IEEE Standard for Qualifying IE Equipment for Nuclear Power Generating Stations".

(2) IEEE Standard 383-1974, "IEEE Standard for Type Test of Class IE Electric Cables, Field Splices, and Connections for Nuclear Power Generation Stations".

TABLE 1
INSULATION RESISTANCE (OHMS)

Test Conditions	Temperature (°F)	Temperature (°C)	Pressure (psig)	Specimen Number 1-1	1-2	1-3	1-4	1-5	1-6
Initial (Baseline) (1)	Ambient	-	-	$5.0x10^{10}$	$5.0x10^{10}$	$>5.0x10^{10}$	$>5.0x10^{10}$	$>5.0x10^{10}$	$>5.0x10^{10}$
After Aging (2)	Ambient	-	-	$>1.0x10^{8}$	$>1.0x10^{8}$	$>1.0x10^{8}$	$>1.0x10^{8}$	$>1.0x10^{8}$	$>1.0x10^{8}$
After Irradiation (1)	Ambient	-	-	$>5.0x10^{10}$	$>5.0x10^{10}$	$>5.0x10^{10}$	$>5.0x10^{10}$	$>5.0x10^{10}$	$>5.0x10^{10}$
In Test Vessel (1)	Ambient	-	-	$>5.0x10^{10}$	$>5.0x10^{10}$	$>5.0x10^{10}$	$>5.0x10^{10}$	$5.0x10^{10}$	$5.0x10^{10}$
During Simulated LOCA/MSLB Test (See Figure 4)									
After 12 minutes	314	157	66	$1.2x10^{7}$	$1.3x10^{7}$	$1.8x10^{7}$	$1.8x10^{7}$	$3.6x10^{7}$	$3.4x10^{7}$
After 56.2 hours	285	141	39	(3)	(3)	$2.2x10^{7}$	$2.2x10^{7}$	$3.0x10^{7}$	$3.0x10^{7}$
After 152.2 hours	250	121	15			$8.5x10^{7}$	$8.0x10^{7}$	$9.5x10^{7}$	$9.0x10^{7}$
After 248.2 hours	230	110	6			$1.9x10^{8}$	$1.9x10^{8}$	$2.0x10^{8}$	$2.2x10^{8}$
After 381 hours	230	110	6			$1.9x10^{8}$	$1.6x10^{8}$	$1.9x10^{8}$	$2.0x10^{8}$
After 383 hours	210	99	-			(4)	$4.6x10^{8}$	$5.7x10^{8}$	$6.2x10^{8}$
After 720 hours	210	99					$4.9x10^{8}$	$6.2x10^{8}$	$6.0x10^{8}$
Test Vessel Filled with Water	-	-	-				$5.0x10^{10}$	$4.5x10^{10}$	$5.0x10^{10}$
Mandrel Removed from Vessel and Immersed in Water	-	-	-			$3.0x10^{10}$			
Wet Splice Area Wrapped with Foil for Ground Plane									
Splice 1				$2.4x10^{8}$	$2.5x10^{8}$				
Splice 2				$6.0x10^{7}$	$1.4x10^{8}$				
Splice 3				$1.1x10^{8}$	$1.0x10^{8}$				

(1) 5.0×10^{10} is the maximum insulation resistance readable at 500V DC with the specific test equipment.
(2) 1.0×10^{8} is the maximum insulation resistance readable at 500V DC with the specific test equipment.
(3) Subsequent test showed low value due to cracks in wire insulation.
(4) Subsequent test showed low value due to penetration in vessel.

Note: All specimens passed a voltage withstand test of 3.6kV AC for 5 minutes at each test point excluding post aging and during the simulated event.

TABLE 2
CURRENT MONITORING OF SPECIMENS
DURING SIMULATED LOCA/MSLB ENVIRONMENT

Test Conditions	Temperature (°F)	Temperature (°C)	Pressure (psig)	Current (Amperes) 1-1	1-2	1-3	1-4	1-5	1-6
Before Start of Test	Ambient	-	-	25.0	25.0	25.2	25.9	25.5	25.4
During Test (see Figure 4)									
12 minutes	314	157	66	22.1	22.1	22.3	22.7	22.4	22.4
56.2 hours	285	141	39	23.1	23.1	23.4	23.6	23.4	23.5
152.2 hours	250	121	15	24.2	24.2	24.5	24.7	24.5	24.4
248.2 hours	230	110	6	24.4	24.4	24.7	25.2	25.0	24.9
381 hours	230	110	6	24.0	24.1	24.2	24.6	24.4	24.4
383 hours	210	99	-	24.2	24.0	24.3	24.8	24.5	24.5
720 hours	210	99	-	24.0	23.9	24.1	24.6	24.4	24.4

TABLE 3

POST LOCA/MSLE INVESTIGATION SUMMARY

Specimen Loop No.	Aging Time at 150°C	Time Voltage Was Applied	Results
1-1	1500 Hours	3 Days	Cracks in wire insulation. Splices passed subsequent VWT*.
1-2	1500 Hours	3 Days	Cracks in wire insulation. Splices passed subsequent VWT*.
1-3	1000 Hours	18 Days	Penetration failure. Splices passed subsequent immersion and VWT.
1-4	1000 Hours	22 Days	No evidence of failure at end of test. Passed immersion and VWT. Failure attributed to external wiring.
1-5	Unaged	Completed Test	
1-6	Unaged	Completed Test	

*VWT - Voltage Withstand Test

APPENDIX 1

CERTIFICATION OF RADIATION DOSE

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Rockwell International

CERTIFICATE OF GAMMA RADIATION DOSE

CUSTOMER Wyle Laboratories

PURCHASE ORDER NO. 8057
Wyle Job No. NDQ 58442

DATE IN October 26, 1979

TIME IN 11:00 AM

DATE OUT November 21, 1979

TIME OUT 8:00 AM

MINIMUM DOSE 2.0×10^8 RADS

MAXIMUM DOSE 2.9×10^8 RADS

Signature RKPaschall

APPENDIX 2

LIST OF ACQUISITION INSTRUMENTS

SPECIMEN SPLICES

CUSTOMER RAYCHEM CORPORATION

PART NO. SEE RECEIVING INSP.

S/N SEE RECEIVING INSP.

JOB NO. 58442

DATE 7/31/79

TEST BY T. Knight

WITNESS -

WYLE LABORATORIES

TEST: BASELINE FUNCTIONAL

EQUIPMENT	MANUFACTURER	MODEL NO.	RANGE	WYLE NO.	CALIBRATION		ACCY.
					LAST	DUE	
A. C. Hipot	Associated Research	5/33	0-6kV	5086	06-27-79	01-13-80	±3%
Insulation Tester	Arizona Inst.	N/A	3MΩ - 50KMΩ 0-500 VDC	51027	03-01-79	09-02-79	±4%
Digital Voltmeter	Fluke	8000A	0-2 Ohms	7317	07-10-79	07-13-80	Mfg. Spec.

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Q.C. Approval

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SPECIMEN: SPLICES
CUSTOMER: RAYCHEM CORPORATION
PART NO.: SEE REC. INSP.
S/N: SEE REC. INSP.
TEST: FUNCTIONAL

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DATE: 10/25/79
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EQUIPMENT	MANUFACTURER	MODEL NO.	RANGE	WYLE NO.	CALIBRATION LAST	CALIBRATION DUE	ACCY.
Megohmmeter	Freed Trans. Co.	1620	1MΩ to >200KMΩ	2248	12-10-79	06-15-80	±5%
Digital V.O.M.	Fluke	8000A	0-1200 VAC 0- 200 mA-AC	7684	05-03-79	05-04-80	Mfg. Spec.
Amp Probe	Fluke	N/A	1000:1 Ratio	7691	06-25-79	06-29-80	±3%
A. C. Hipot	Associated Research	5133	0-6kV AC	5086	06-27-79	01-13-80	±3%
A. C. Hipot	Associated Research	5133	0-6kV AC	5086	01-17-80	07-20-80	±3%

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TEST: ACCIDENT SIMULATION

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EQUIPMENT	MANUFACTURER	MODEL NO.	RANGE	WYLE NO.	CALIBRATION		ACCY.
					LAST	DUE	
Electrostatic Voltmeter	Electrical Instrum. Ser.	University	0-1000 Volt	8416	11-30-79	03-20-80	±1.0%
Powerstat	Superior Elect. Co.	1258C	0- 28 Amp 0-280 VAC	N/A	SYSTEM CALIBRATION		
Transformer	Westinghouse	6C9B-071	240/480 VAC 12KVA 12KVOut	N/A	SYSTEM CALIBRATION		
Digital Multimeter	Fluke	8010A	0- 200 mA 0-2000 VAC	8188	11-12-79	11-12-80	±0.5%
Amp Probe	Fluke	N/A	1000:1 Ratio	7691	06-25-79	06-29-80	±3.0%
Shunt	Weston	0041218	50Amp/50mV	8183	01-15-79	01-20-80	±0.5%
Shunt	Weston	0041218	50Amp/50mV	8184	01-15-79	01-20-80	±0.5%
Shunt	Weston	0041218	50Amp/50mV	8185	01-15-79	01-20-80	±0.5%
Powerstat (Typ. 3)	Superior Elect. Co.	1258C	0- 28 Amp 0-280 VAC	N/A	SYSTEM CALIBRATION		
Transformer (Typ. 3)	UNK.	N/A	1000:6 Ratio	N/A	SYSTEM CALIBRATION		
Venturi	Barco	550	1-300 gpm	8166	12-16-79	12-16-80	±1%
Pressure Transducer	Validyne	DP15	0-100 psi	7460	SYSTEM CALIBRATION		±.25%
Recorder	H.P.	7132A	0-500 mV	7613	SYSTEM CALIBRATION		±0.2%
Recorder	H.P.	7132A	0-500 mV	7612	SYSTEM CALIBRATION		±0.2%
Delta Press. Gauge	Barton	D4-49053-1	0-80 in W.C.	7784	09-03-79	01-03-80	±.25%
Dig. Thermometer	Fluke	2160A	-328 to +750°F	8290	09-04-80	09-07-80	±2°F
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