

U.S. NRC and Industry Public Meeting

Buried/Underground Piping

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ASME SCXI Buried Component Activities

Committee Groups Relevant to Buried Components

- TG Buried Component Inspection & Testing
- TG Evaluation Procedures for Degraded Buried Piping
- WG Pressure Testing
- Special WG Nuclear Plant Aging Management
- SG Water Cooled Systems
- SG Nondestructive Examination
- SG Industry Experience for New Plants

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Current Section XI Rules

- IWA-5244, Buried Component Leakage Tests
 - Visual of Annulus
 - Pressure Decay or Change in Flow
 - Unimpaired Flow
- Code Case N-776, Ground Surface Examination Program (Approved April 2010)
- Code Case N-806 (Approved June 2012)
 - Evaluation of Metal Loss for Cl. 2&3 Buried Metallic Pipe with Back-Fill
 - Revision -1 Near Completion for Standards Committee Approval

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TG BCIT – Recent History

- November 2010 (TG Approved by Executive Committee)
- 2012 (4 Meetings)
 - Identification of Code Areas for Inclusion/Update
 - Code Case Alternatives to IWA-5244
 - Code Action for BP Risk Ranking and Inspections
- 2013 (4 Meetings)
 - Action Items (Definitions, Methods, Fukushima, Inspection)
 - Letter Ballots (Leakage Testing & Risk Ranking & Acceptance)
- 2014 (4 Meetings)
 - Passed TG and on to WG (Definitions, Risk Ranking)
 - Passed TG on Hold for Full Action (Scope, Acceptance)
- 2015 (4 Meetings Planned)
 - Next Meeting in Houston on January 26, 2015

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TG BCIT – Goals

- Consider All Stakeholders
- Evaluate the Safety and Functional Impact of Recent Operating Experience
- Consider Industry Group Activities and Guides
- Assess and Support Inspection Technique Development
- Codify Best Practices

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TG BCIT – Scope

- Buried and Underground Piping & Components
- Commission Activities
- Industry Groups (NEI, EPRI, INPO, NACE, BPIG)
- TG Charter
 - Programmatic
 - Inspection & Testing
 - Mitigation, Repair, Replacement
 - Design and New Plants

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TG BCIT – Scope, Phased Approach

- Component Classifications

Safety Related

- ¹ • Classed 1, 2, and 3
- Non-Classed

Non-Safety Related

- Many Considerations
 - Function
 - Impact
 - Jurisdiction
 - Owner

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TG BCIT – Action Item Status

AI #1	Liaisons – NACE and Section V	Initial Complete
AI #2	Develop Historical White Paper	Closed
AI #3	Define Scope	Initial Complete
AI #4	Compile Industry Papers	Initial Complete
AI #5	BP Inspection Methods	Open
AI #6	EPIX Operating Experience	Initial Complete
AI #7	BPI Initiative Timeline	Closed
AI #8	Codify New IWA-5244 Rules	Closed
AI #9	Risk Ranking Methodology	Open
AI #10	Non Mandatory App - IWA-5244 Guide	Closed
AI #11	Fukushima Lessons Learned	Closed
AI #12	IWA-9000 Buried Comp Definition(s)	Open
AI #13	Examination Requirements Tables	Open

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TG BCIT – AI #5, List of BP Inspection Methods

- First Compilation, No Screening Criteria

Direct

- Visual Inspection
- Liquid Penetrant Testing
- Magnetic Particle Testing
- Guided Wave
- Lamb Wave
- Remote Field Testing
- Magnetic Flux Leakage
- UT & Inspection Vehicles
- Radiography
- Electromagnetic Technology

Indirect

- Pipe-to-Soil Potential
- Direct Current Voltage Gradient
- Pearson Survey / Alternate Current Voltage Gradient
- Close Internal Potential Survey
- Area Potential Earth Current
- Soil Analysis

- Next : Industry Survey Results – Bin what Plants are currently doing, Lessons Learned

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TG BCIT – AI #9, Risk Ranking Methodology

- Based on Current Industry Methods
- Challenges – Level of Detail, Risk Metrics
- Consequence/Failure Potential Matrix
- Passed TG BCIT
- Introduced at WGPT in November 2014

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TG BCIT – AI #12, IWA-9000 Buried Component Definition(s)

- One Definition for Buried Components
- One Definition for Underground Components
- Passed TG BCIT
- Package and Record for WGPT January 2015

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TG BCIT – AI #13, Examination Requirements Tables

- Consider New Tables
 - IWC-2500-1 Category C- & IWD-2500-1 Category D-
- Inspect for Degradation, Not Leakage
- Reference New Mandatory Appendix for Rules
- Sponsors Assigned to Appendix Sections
 - Z-1100, Scope (Draft Complete)
 - Z-1200, Components Subject To Examination, Risk Ranking
 - Z-2000, Examination Methods
 - Z-3000, Acceptance Standards (Passed TG BCIT)
 - Z-4000, Repair / Replacement (Current IWA-4000 Sufficient)
 - Z-6000, Records and Reports

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Summary

- Strengthening ASME Standards relative to Buried Component Inspection
- Consideration of Ongoing Industry Activities
- Phased Approach to Scope
- Enabling Clear Requirements and Consistent Fleet Implementation