

N270. More Circumferential Cracking Indications Found in Ringhals 2 Upper Head

Circumferential defect indications were recently found at nearly every upper vessel head penetration of the Ringhals 2 PWR. By using a new type of miniature ultrasonic probe, the new type of circumferential indications have been found between the penetrations and the welds which join them to the head. They are probably small fabrication defects arising from localized lack of fusion. They are thought unlikely to be large enough to pose major integrity problems. Analysis is still underway.

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