

**N3397. Inspection Tool**

GE Nuclear Energy's latest inspection tool, an ultrasonic testing (UT) scanner mounted on a unique, remotely operated vehicle - an "underwater submarine" - inspects core spray piping welds inside a nuclear plant's reactor vessel. Use of the tool enables users to conduct a major in-vessel inspection activity completely independent of the refueling bridge. The Vermont Yankee nuclear power station has ordered the new inspection service for use at a scheduled plant refueling outage.