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WHERE Brickhouse Brewery, Patchogue, NY

Topic: "To Lift Or Not To Lift? That Is The Question..."

Speaker: Dr. Carl Czajkowski Energy Sciences and Technology Department Brookhaven National Laboratory

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THE TOPIC

The High-Flux Beam Reactor (HFBR) began operation at Brookhaven National Laboratory in 1965 and shut down in the 1996. The design of the HFBR includes both an upper (UTS) and a lower thermal shield (LTS) surrounding the vessel. The LTS has been an integral part of the HFBR since start-up. It is a welded structure that has been exposed to both neutron and gamma irradiation for over 30 years. The shield is 11 ft. high, and has an outside diameter of 9 ft. and an inside diameter of 7.5 ft. The wall is 9 inches thick and is composed of 3 inches of steel plate, 1½ inches of cooling water, and 4¾ inches of lead. The LTS weighs 110,000 lbs., of which the lead contributes 70,230 lbs.

It has been suggested that the LTS be removed as a complete, coherent structure in a single crane lift. The task at hand has been then to ascertain if sufficient radiation embrittlement had occurred to the LTS to preclude its removal from the HFBR in this manner. This has a bearing on the future methods of decommissioning and dismantling of the HFBR.

This talk will discuss the fracture mechanics (don't let this scare you, they will be really simple) involved in making the "lift or not to lift" determination, in addition to some discussions on the more interesting radiation embrittlement mechanisms that were occurring in the HFBR.

OUR SPEAKER

Dr. Czajkowski is a Metallurgist in the Energy Sciences and Technology Department, Brookhaven National Laboratory. He has a BS in Metallurgical Engineering from the University of Missouri/Rolla, a MS from the Polytechnic Institute of New York, and a PhD in Materials Science and Engineering from SUNY/Stony Brook. He began his career in 1971 as a Quality Control Materials Engineer at United Nuclear Inc. then, in 1973, moved to EBASCO Services Inc. as a Quality Assurance Engineer. 1975 saw him join LILCO as a Lead Mechanical QA Engineer, moving up to become Chief Welding Supervisor at the Shoreham Nuclear Power Station. Carl joined Brookhaven in 1980 and has held positions (Group Leader, Associate Division Head, and Division Head) since then in the Departments of Nuclear Energy, Advanced Technology, and, currently, Energy Sciences & Technology. He is an established expert in the field of failure analysis and nuclear materials. Carl is a long-time member of ASM International, and served as Chairman in 1992-1993 and 1994-1996. He is also an active member of the American Nuclear Society (serving as an elected member of the Nuclear Materials Committee), and The Metallurgical Society. He is an Adjunct Professor at Stony Brook University. His current work is focused on the problems facing Homeland Security.

WELCOME TO THE CHAPTER!

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ASM Materials Camp

As mentioned in the last issue METALLAGRAM, Henry White is putting together an ASM Teachers' Materials Camp to be held on Long Island. The camp is provisionally scheduled for August 2-8, 2004, to be held at Stony Brook University. Anyone wishing more details should contact Henry at (631) 632-3234. Offers of assistance, either in helping to staff the camp or providing sponsorship, would be most appreciated

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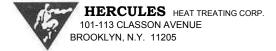


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2/18/04 Past Chairs Night; speaker Atul
 3/17/04 Sustaining Members Night; speaker Andrew Nicoll
 4/21/04 Annual General Meeting/Plant tour of Sulzer Metco/speaker Jason Trelewicz

Metro NY-NJ Chapter (contact Rich Lynch @ 201-891-8399) 2/11/04 L'Affaire Restaurant, Springfield, NJ. Speaker Sheldon Cytron Topic: How Materials Technology has changed Military Weaponry San Carlo Restaurant, Lyndhurst, NJ. 3/17/04 Speaker Toni Bailey (Structural Testing Systems) and Ed Dukich (Level III Resources) 4/21/04 L'Affaire Restaurant, Springfield, NJ. Speaker: Stuart Nichols Topic: Stealth Technology

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