

EPA SF₆ Emissions & Reduction Conference

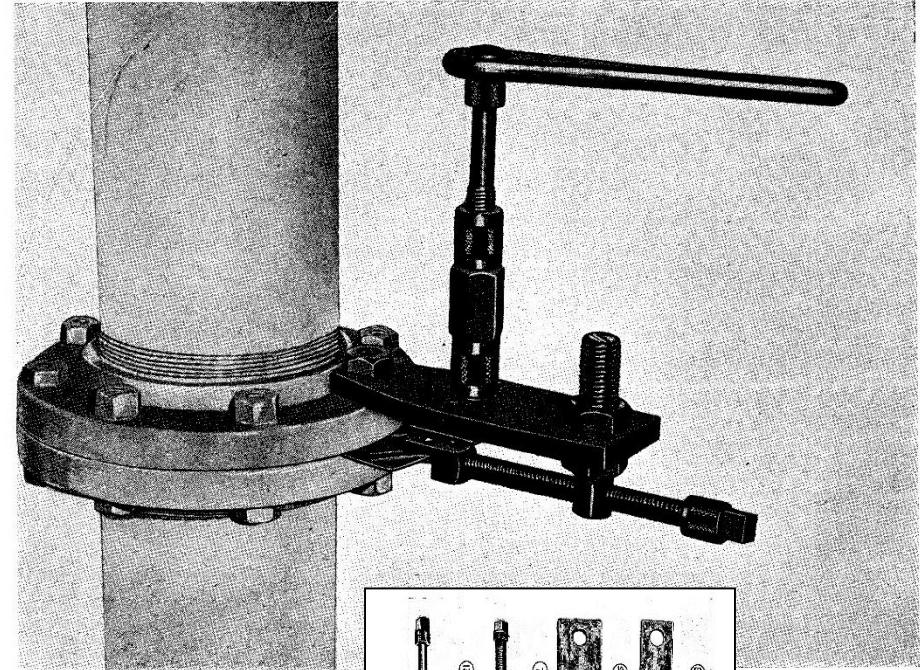
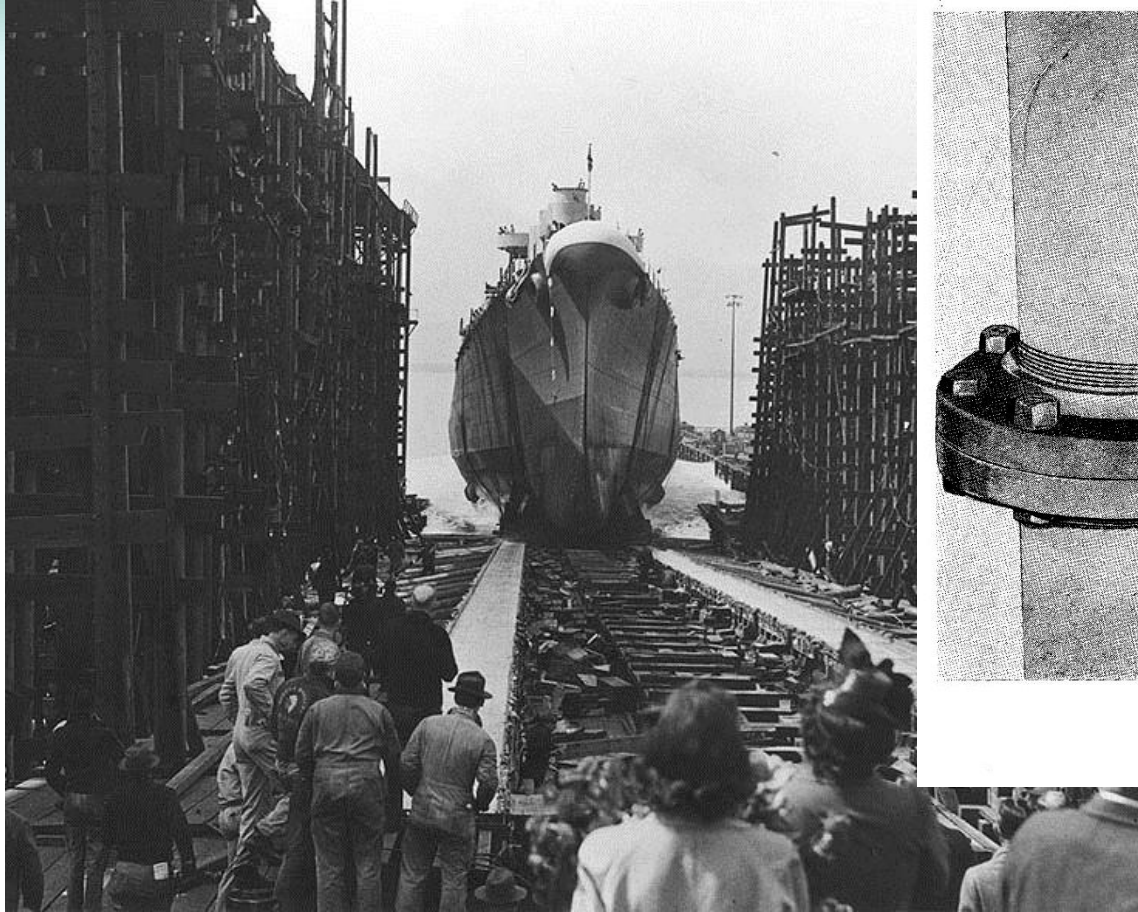
**SF₆ Leak Reduction
Using Online Leak Sealing**

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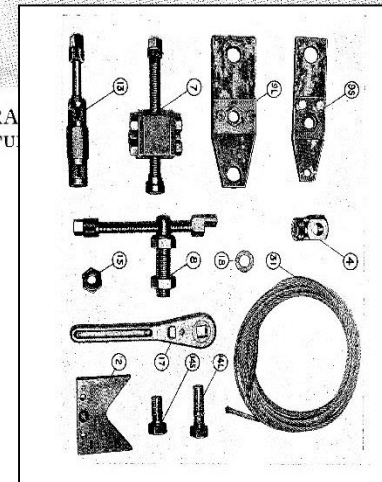
Benefits of Online Leak Repair for HV App

- No need to remove the gas or pull a vacuum
- Many repairs can be made in service
- If an outage is required, it will be minimal
- The sealant is not an epoxy – it's flexible and easily removed

The History of Online Leak Repair



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A Proven Process

15,323 jobs completed since 2002

6,286 Flanges

5,691 Valve packings

1,045 Custom clamps & enclosures

875 Drain plugs

287 Cover plates

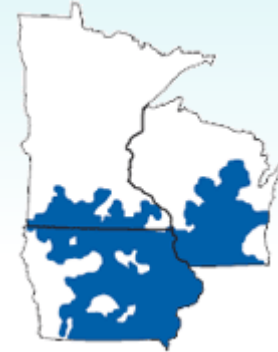
91 Miscellaneous

38 Tap changer flanges

24 CTs

987 re-pumps over twelve years or 6.4%. A 93.6 success rate

SF₆ Leak Repair Case Study



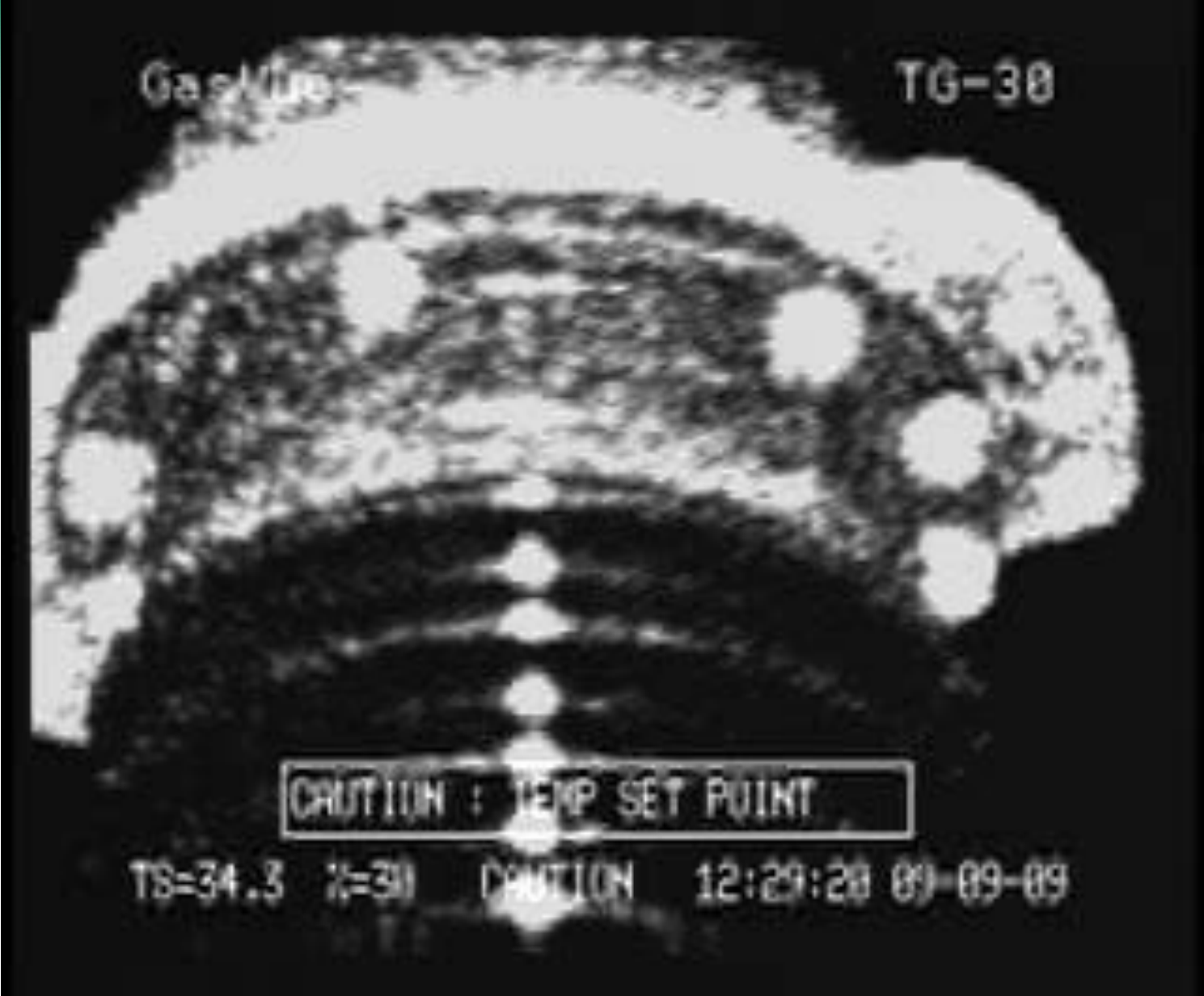
Alliant Energy
Eddyville Substation 69 kv SF6 Breaker
Eddyville, Iowa





Gas Micro

TG-38



CAUTION : TEMP SET POINT

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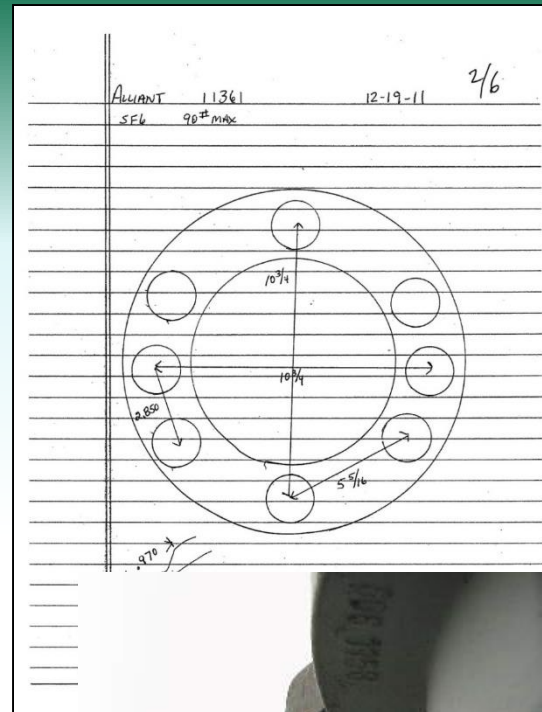
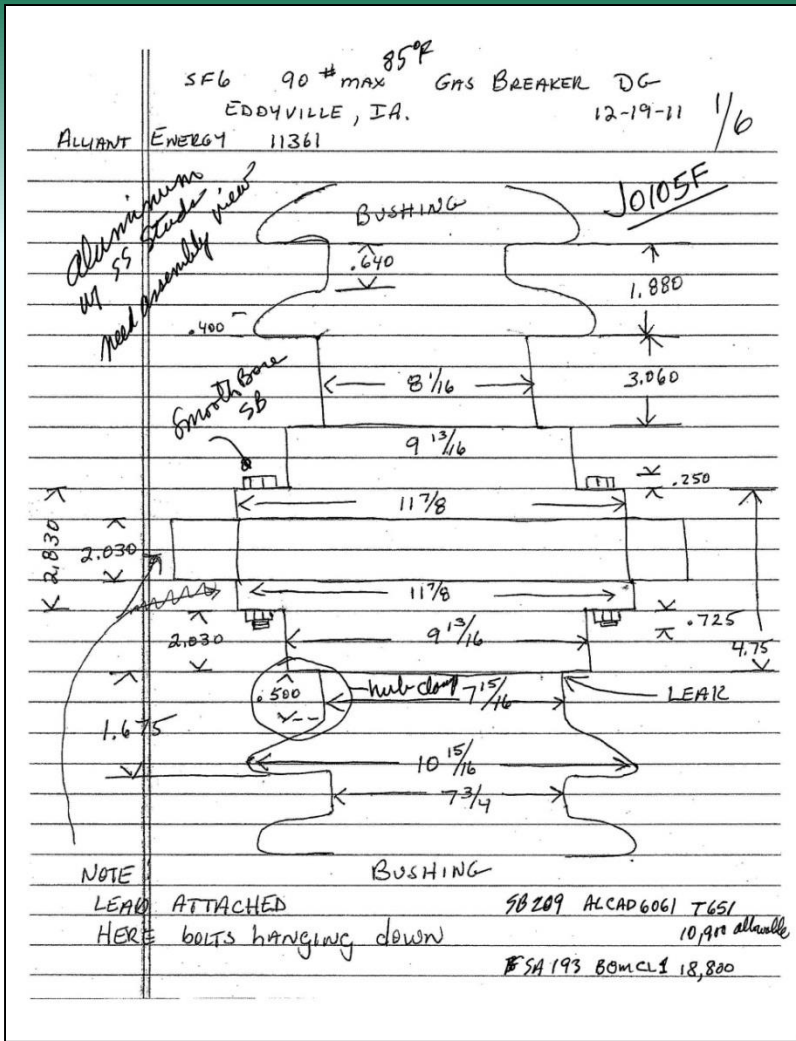
Alliant options

1. Let it leak. Not an option, environmental concern
2. Re-gasket. Time to take the breaker out of service was the primary issue.
Would require 5 days of down time, loss of transmission and \$20,000.00 in costs
3. **Leak Repair – Installing custom enclosure and injecting sealant. Determined as the optimal solution**

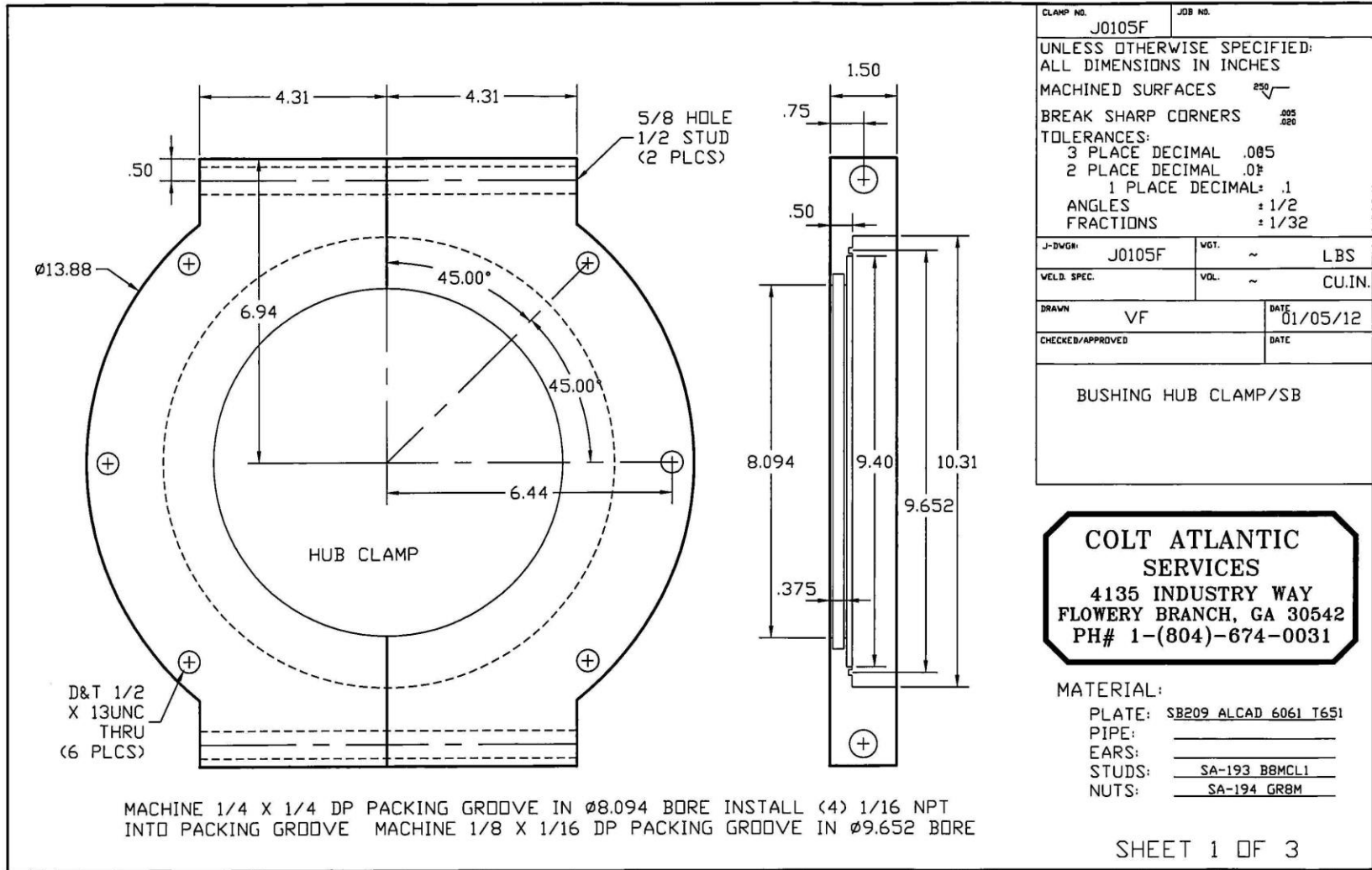
Justification: Reduced downtime for critical apparatus.

Just 1 day of down time and \$20,860.00 to fix all leaking components

Savings = 4 days of transmission



Technician takes precise measurements for custom clamp



Engineering package is developed and reviewed







Installation in progress, waiting for sealant to cure

Case Study: ConEd West 49th Street GIS



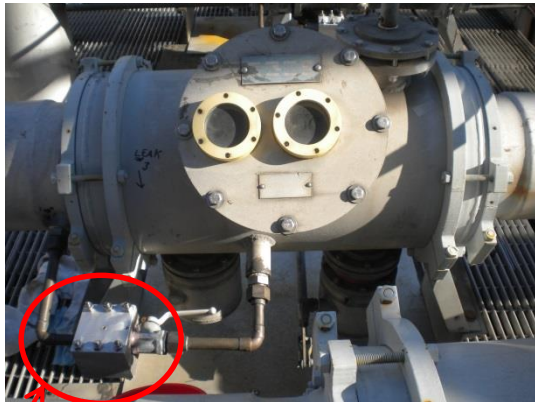
Station Overview

- West 49th Street Substation reduces voltage from 345 kV to 138 kV
- Five 345 kV feeders
 - Two from Sprain Brook Substation
 - Two from East 13th Street Substation
 - One inter-utility feeder from Public Service Electric and Gas Company
- Eleven 138 kV feeders from the station supply W 42nd St., W 50th St., W 65th St. and Astor Substations
- Gas Insulated Switchgear (GIS) at the station was put into service in 1978
 - No design requirements to control leakage were in place in 1978
 - Fifteen SF₆ insulated 345 kV and 138 kV bus sections
 - Five autotransformers
 - Ten 345 kV circuit breakers

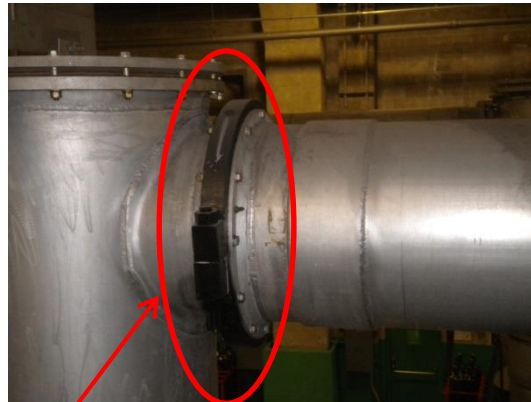
SF6 Leak Repair Status

49th Street Substation SF₆ Repair Summary

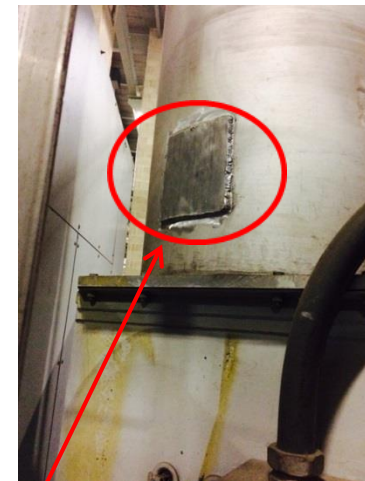
Total clamps installed (including on bypasses)	Total bypasses	Total patches	Total Active leaks
94	100	35	0



Clamp on leaking bypass in Transformer 3 Secondary Bus



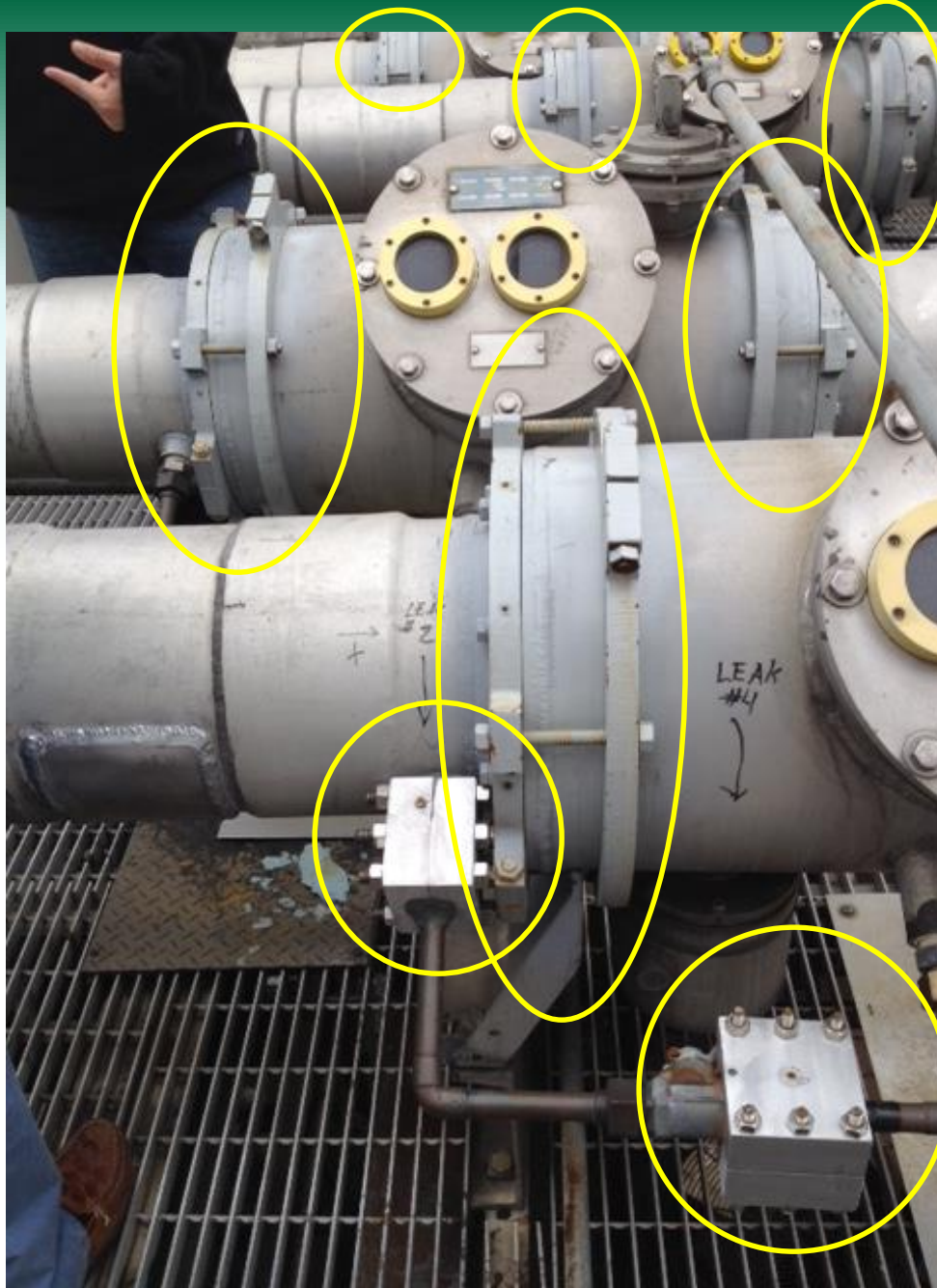
Clamp on leaking flange in Bus Section 7



Welded patch on secondary CCPD

Issues

- Lack of O&M funding
- No long range plans to replace equipment and no plan for added capacity
- Limited availability for outages



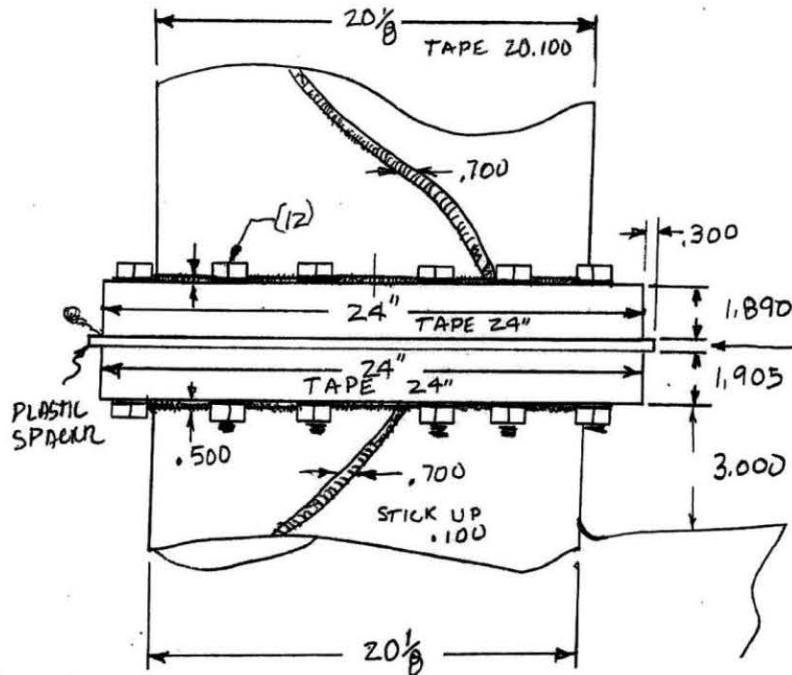
Southern California Edison SF6 Repair



Before



After



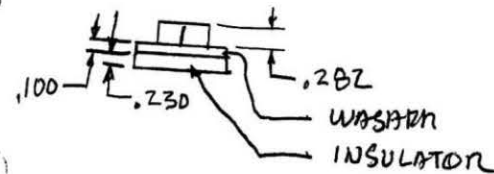
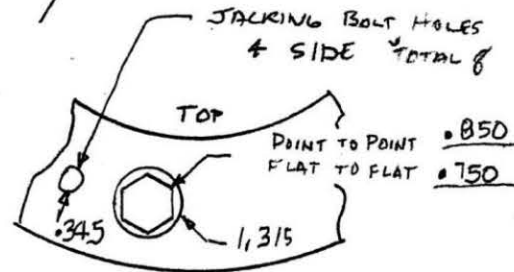
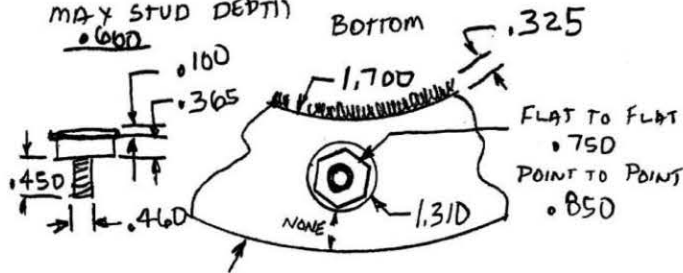
SCE, 26125 MENIFEE RD.
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 DESIGN 100 LBS
 OPERATING 72 SERVICE SFG GAS
 DESIGN 80°
 OPERATING AMBIENT

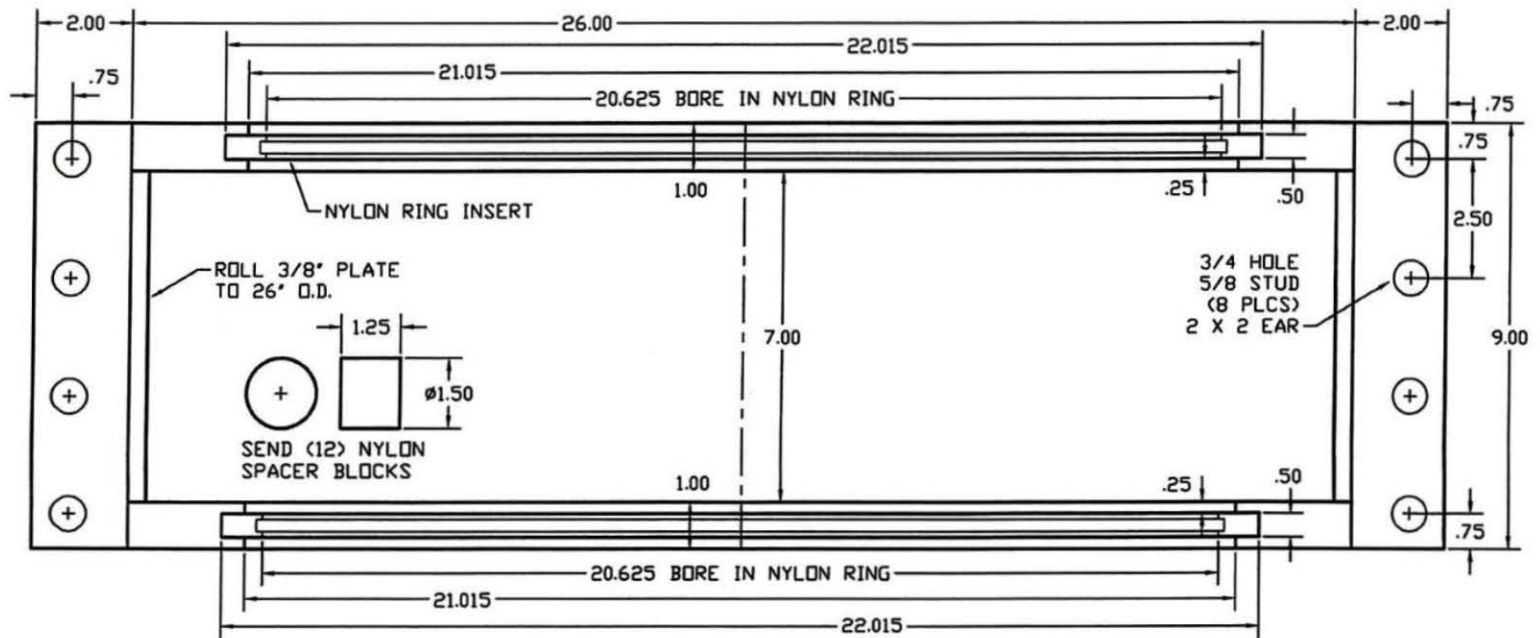
.500 JOB# 12A124 -

TECH: AARON TREU

MIN STUD DEPTH TAPE 20.100
.525

MAX STUD DEPTH
.660





MACHINE 1/2 X 1/2 DP GRV IN EACH 1" ENDPLATE FOR 1/2 X Ø22.015 NYLON INSERT
 MACHINE 1/4 X 1/8 DP PKG GRV IN CENTER OF NYLON RING INSERT IN EACH BORE AND INST 1/4" PKG IN EACH GRV
 INST (12) 1/16 NPT HLF CPL INJ PTS INTO CAVITY FOR VENT/VOID FILL

P-DWG# J0717F	WGT. ~215 LBS	UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED: ALL DIMENSIONS IN INCHES MACHINED SURFACES $\sqrt{\text{R}}$ BREAK SHARP CORNERS $\begin{matrix} .005 \\ .020 \end{matrix}$	TOLERANCES: 3 PLACE DECIMAL : .005 2 PLACE DECIMAL : .01 1 PLACE DECIMAL : .1 ANGLES : 1/2 FRACTIONS : 1/32	20" LINE TO LINE OVER FLANGE ENCLOSURE REV. 2	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> COLT ATLANTIC SERVICES 4135 INDUSTRY WAY FLOWERY BRANCH, GA 30542 PH# 1-(804)-674-0031 </div>
PLS SPEC.	VOL. ~690 CU.IN.	MATERIAL:	PLATE: SB209 ALCLAD 6061 T651 STUDS: SA-193 88MCL1 PIPE: _____ NUTS: SA-194 GR8M EARS: _____		
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Page from final Engineering package



Nylon insulating rings



Installation of enclosure



The completed repair is tested and successful



Example - Casting Leak

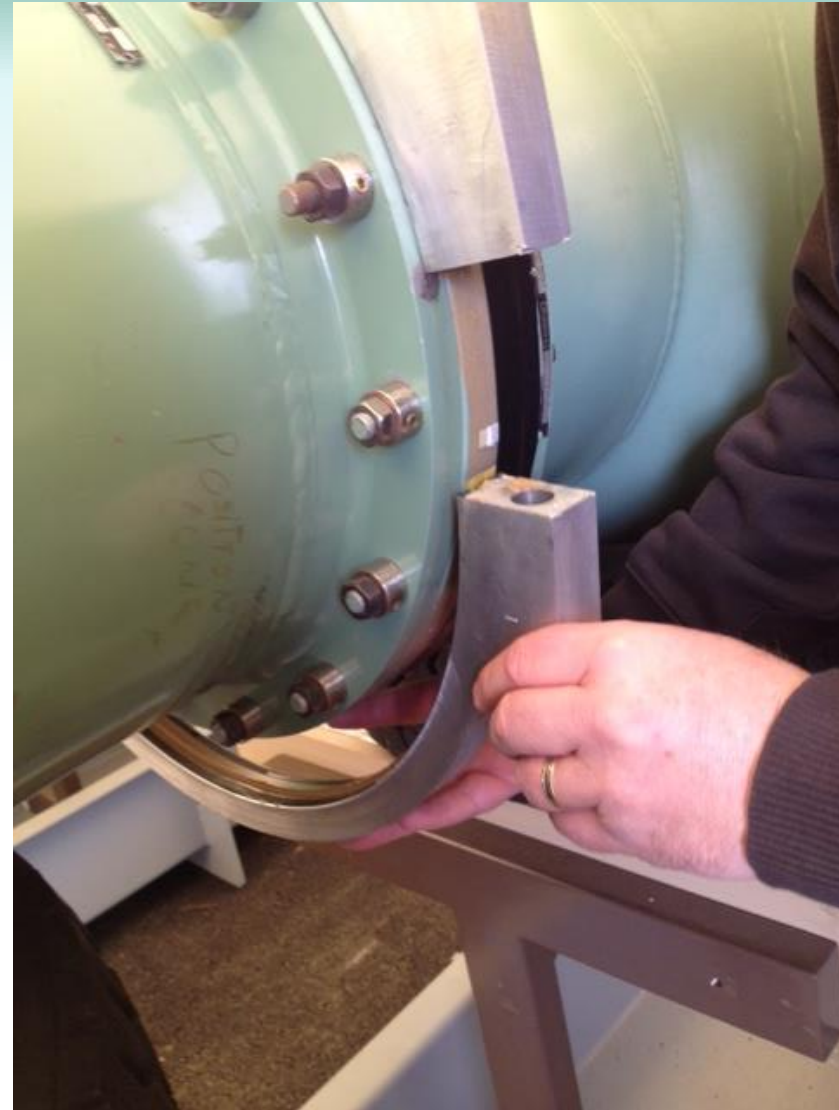
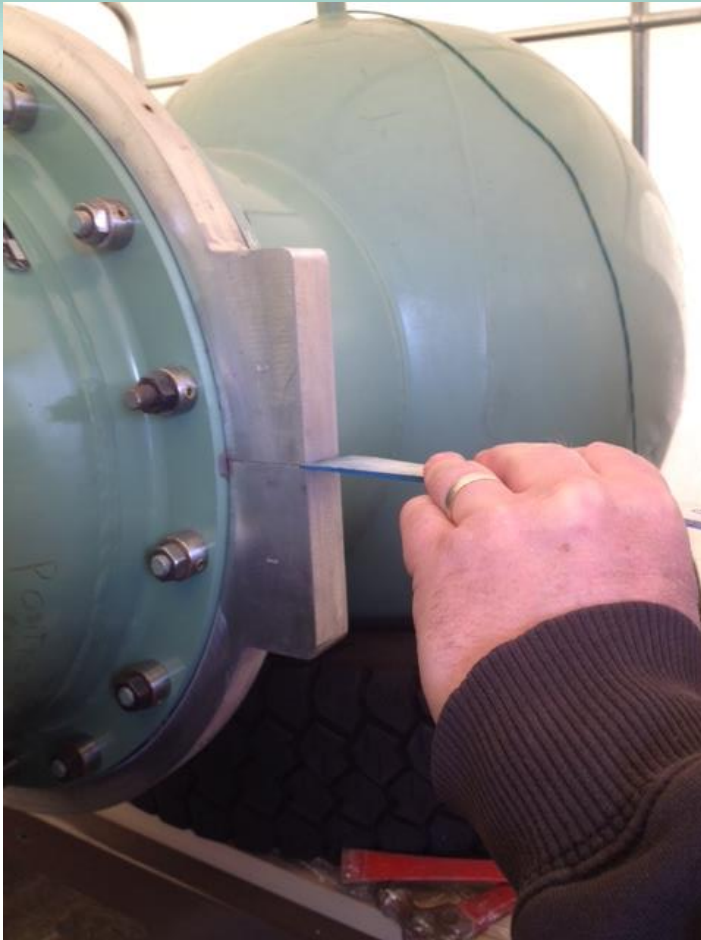




Small repair with supporting arms to hold in place



Clamp Removal is easy



Sealant Removal is easy also



Note that sealant injected remained within designated area

Thank you!

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