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ACCP	ASNT Central Certification Program
AFCEE	Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence
API	American Petroleum Institute
ASME	American Society of Mechanical Engineers
ASNT	American Society for Non-Destructive Testing
ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials
BFET	Balance Field Electromagnetic Technique
BPVC	Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code
DESC	Defense Energy Support Center
FISC	Fleet and Industrial Supply Center
LFET	Low Frequency Electromagnetic Technique
MT	Magnetic Particle (testing)
NDE	Non-Destructive Examination
PT	Liquid Penetrant (testing)
TO	Task Order
UT	Ultrasonic Thickness (testing)
VB	Vacuum Box (testing)
VT	Visual Inspection
WPS	Welding Procedure Specifications

Executive Summary

Under contract agreement (Contract No. FA8903-04-D-8681/0176) with the Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence (AFCEE), Weston Solutions, Inc. has prepared this Final API 653 Inspection Report for the Defense Energy Support Center's (DESC) Project PRL 03-12, Internal Inspection of Tank 6 in Red Hill. The facility is part of the Fleet Industrial Supply Center (FISC) Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Tank 6 was built in 1942 (completed 1943). Its nominal capacity is 302,000 barrels. The tank, like the others in Red Hill, is an underground concrete tank with a steel liner. The configuration is a vertical cylinder measuring 100 feet in diameter and 250 feet in height. The tank is domed on the lower and upper ends.

This inspection task consisted of an out-of-service, modified API 653 inspection of Tank 6 in Red Hill. The work included nondestructive examination (NDE) and evaluation of data for the upper dome (courses A, B, C, D, E, and F), the extension, the area under the catwalk, the barrel, the lower dome (courses 1, 2, 3, and 4), and the bottom. Eighty percent of the entire tank area underwent NDE, including 100% of the barrel and extension.

Hand held electromagnetic scanners were used for NDE of the steel liner plates of the tank. When defects/flaws were found, then ultrasonic thickness (UT) measurements were taken to establish actual thicknesses in these areas. Welds were inspected with eddy current probes. When defects/flaws were found, then shear wave (angle beam) ultrasonic testing was performed to establish the remaining thickness at the weld flaw locations.

Based on the information gathered during the inspection of Tank Nos. 15 and 16 the corrosion rate has been calculated to be 0.0045 inches per year. Applying this repair threshold to the 684 defects/flaws detected in Tank 6 results in a requirement / recommendation that approximately 476 defects/flaws be repaired for a twenty year re-inspection cycle. An abbreviated summary of the required/recommended repairs of the tank shell/liner is as follows:

Weld Repairs – 268 Patch Plates - 193 (200 flaws) Coating Repair Only - 8

Upon successful completion of the recommended repairs, the next internal and UT inspection of Tank 6 should be performed no later than 3 May 2026. The overall effectiveness of the Dunkin & Bush, Inc. repairs appeared to have satisfactorily addressed flaws detected in Tank 6. Repairs were performed in accordance with the recommendations.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Under contract agreement (Contract No. FA8903-04-D-8681/0176) with the Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence (AFCEE), Weston Solutions, Inc. has prepared this Final API 653 Inspection Report for the Defense Energy Support Center's (DESC) Project PRL 03-12, Internal Inspection of Tank 6 in Red Hill. The facility is part of the Fleet Industrial Supply Center (FISC) Pearl Harbor. Weston Solutions, Inc. is/was under contract to perform a modified API 653 Inspection, develop new calibration tables, and install a datum plate.

The Red Hill Fuel Facility is located on the island of Oahu, Hawaii and is used to store fuel in support of military operations on Oahu, in the mid-Pacific area, and other areas as required. The site is located within the ridgeline between South Halawa Valley and Moanalua Valley. The site is built into the ridgeline, encasing a network of 20 subterranean tanks. Access to the facility is through secure Navy property, and access to the fuel tanks and piping is by elevator and the upper and lower tunnels.

Tank 6 was built in 1942 (completed in 1943). Its nominal capacity is 302,000 barrels (listed as 302,286 barrels). The tank, like other tanks in Red Hill, is a concrete tank with a steel liner. The configuration is a vertical cylinder measuring 100 feet in diameter and 250 feet in height. The tank is domed on the lower and upper ends. The primary access point to the tank is from the upper tunnel which is at the 200 foot level of the tank. The tank has a center tower extending from the top to the bottom that is connected to the access point by a catwalk. Cleaning, inspection, and repair of the shell liner (including the domes) are made possible by boom suspended scaffolding that is operated from the center tower and the suspended baskets.

This API 653 Inspection Report outlines the inspection approach, the evaluation methodology, and the findings/recommendations.

Inspection Approach

This inspection task consisted of an out-of-service modified API 653 inspection of Tank 6 in Red Hill. The work included evaluation of Courses A, B, C, D, E, and F of the upper dome, the extension, the area under the catwalk, 100% of the barrel, courses 1, 2, 3, and 4 the lower dome, and the bottom.

Electromagnetic inspection/testing was followed by Ultrasonic Thickness (UT) measurement prove-ups. The electromagnetic inspections utilized hand scanners capable of low frequency electromagnetic technique (LFET) for the shell liner and balance field electromagnetic technique (BFET) on the welds.

Hand held electromagnetic scanners were used to test the steel liner plates of the tank. When defects/flaws were found, then UT measurements were taken to establish actual thicknesses in these areas. Welds were inspected with BFET eddy current probes. When defects/flaws were

found, then shear wave ultrasonic testing was performed to establish the remaining thickness at the weld flaw locations. Furthermore, the cover plates covering the joints and backing bars throughout the extension and upper dome were UT measurement tested every foot. Existing patch plates located throughout the tank were UT measurement tested.

Evaluation Methodology

API 653 can be implemented when the tank design/construction is in accordance with API 650 or API 12C and the tank is aboveground. Tank 16 is an underground concrete tank with an internal steel liner. Due the design / construction of the tank all of the principles and checklists provided in API 653 cannot be used for this tank inspection. For example, the steel liner which is interlocked or embedded to the concrete acts as a barrier between the product and the concrete 'shell'. Since Tank 6 is not a free-standing aboveground storage tank, the API 653 calculations evaluating the minimum shell thickness is not applicable to evaluate the steel liner. However it is feasible to implement the API 653 calculations for minimum bottom plate thickness to evaluate the steel liner located throughout the barrel, expansion joint, extension, domes, and bottom. Therefore, for this inspection the applicable portions of API 653 have been utilized, resulting in a modified API 653 inspection.

A review of available historical information was performed. Visual inspection/evaluation of existing conditions throughout the tank was also conducted. Inspection of the 32" inlet/outlet line and visual inspection of the tank bottom were also performed.

Recommendations

The findings (defects/flaws) are listed in table format, depicted in photographs when applicable, and discussed as necessary. The recommendations are based on the evaluation of the data and the principles of API 653. In areas where the principles of API 653 do not apply, decisions were made based on sound engineering judgment.

Recommendations of required repairs were submitted for government review and approval on 18 May 2007. Dunkin & Busch performed the repairs.

2.0 PRELIMINARY API 653 INSPECTION

2.1 LFET SHELL AND BFET WELD SCANNING AND UT MEASUREMENTS

The scanning and testing effort, beginning on March 27, 2006 and completing on May 2, 2006, consisted of scanning by TesTex, Inc. under contract to Weston Solutions, Inc. This scanning was performed on Courses A, B, C, D, E, F (upper dome), the extension, the area under the catwalk, 100% of the barrel, courses 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the lower dome, the bottom, and UT measurements on the 32" and 18" inlet/outlet lines.

The scanning was performed using the TesTex developed *TS-2000 NDT Multichannel System* for plate scanning and the principles of the LFET. The *Hawkeye Digital Inspection System* was used for weld scanning. Shear wave ultrasonic thickness measurement equipment was used to further evaluate weld flaws. A total of 684 defects/flaws were located during this inspection/testing effort.

The TesTex, Inc. report for the inspection/testing effort is provided in Appendix A. Photographs depicting conditions of certain features in the tank as well as the scanning task are provided in Appendix B.

2.2 API 653 EVALUATION

History

Tank 6 was built in 1942 (completed in 1943). Its nominal capacity is 302,000 barrels. The tank is a concrete tank with a steel liner. The configuration is a vertical cylinder measuring 100 feet in diameter and 250 feet in height (internal). The tank is domed on the lower and upper ends. The primary access point to the tank is from the upper tunnel which is at the 200 foot level of the tank. The nominal plate thickness is ¼-inch throughout the upper dome, extension, barrel, and lower dome the nominal plate thickness on the bottom is ½-inch. The tank was coated in the early 1980s with a thin film polyurethane coating.

The tank history information (Appendix C) indicates that the tank developed its first potential leak from a location on the collector ring. This potential leak was discovered and repaired on July 23, 1952.

In 1963 suspect leaks in the telltale system were addressed by smoke tracer testing, pressure testing, and physical repairs. The telltale systems in the Red Hill tanks were actually problematic and created releases from the tank into the telltale system. The telltale system in Tank 6 was removed and the openings created by the removal were closed with lap patch plates.

The interior of the tank was coated during a contract repair cycle in 1981 and 1982. No specific details regarding other potential repairs performed at that time are available.

Along with the patch plates used to close the telltale system, interspersed patch plates were also found adjacent to and on welds of the shell liner. These patch plates located near or on welds do not indicate backside corrosion so much as they were likely repairs to the welds themselves. There is no documented information that would indicate that back side corrosion has resulted in a through hole in the tank. However, there is a possibility that backside corrosion resulted in a through hole that was subsequently repaired during the 1998 repair cycle.

Repair Threshold for Plate and Weld Flaws

While this inspection revealed no definitive evidence of a backside corrosion resulting in a through hole, as a conservative measure the corrosion rate/repair threshold that was used for Tanks 15 and 16 has been applied to this tank. This results in a calculated corrosion rate of 0.0045 inches per year based on a suspected backside corrosion through hole in 1998 (0.25 in / (1998-1943)). This rate establishes a 20 year internal inspection interval resulting in a minimum remaining plate thickness of 0.1 inches with a ***repair threshold of 0.190 inches since an internal coating system is in-place to eliminate internal corrosion.***

The following information was used to determine the corrosion rate and repair threshold:

Nominal Shell (steel liner) Thickness		0.25 inches
Minimum Remaining Thickness at Or	MRT	0.1 inches
In-service Interval of Operation	Or	20 years
Year of Construction		1943 year
Year of Inspection (underside corrosion extends through full thickness)		1998 year
Maximum Corrosion Rate (underside)	UPr	0.0045 inches/year
Minimum Remaining Thickness (after repairs)		0.190 inches

Applying this repair threshold to the 684 defects/flaws detected, results in a requirement / recommendation that approximately 476 defects/flaws be repaired. Of the 476 flaws, 200 will require repair by the installation of 193 patch plates. Several patch plates will be used to repair multiple flaws. Another 268 flaws will require weld repair. The remaining eight flaws require coating repair only. An additional 57 flaws detected could not be tested by straight or angle beam UT to determine the remaining thickness due to their locations. These flaws should be tested by vacuum box. There are two locations that will require magnetic particle (MT) testing. The Patch Plate and Weld Repair Summary is provided as Table 2-1. Repair sketches are provided in Appendix D.