

# OPAL Engineering Early Modifications Relating to AOC: Loss of Offsite Power (LOOP)

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# SAR Requirements Specification



- **SAR: Loss of Offsite Power Anticipated Operational Occurrence**
- **DBA: Total Blackout for 30 Minutes. Start of 1/2 Standby Diesel Generators at 30 Minutes**

# Motivation

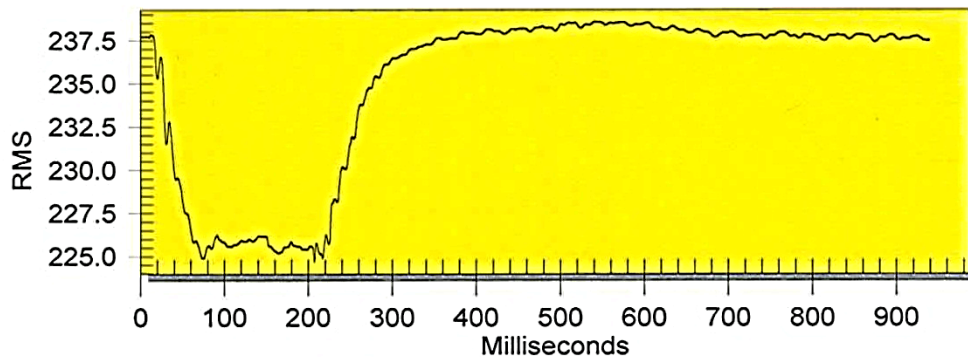


- **Improve Safety by ensuring full compliance with Safety Analysis Report**
- **Improve Plant Performance and Reliability WRT Voltage Dips**

# Voltage Dip (IEC)

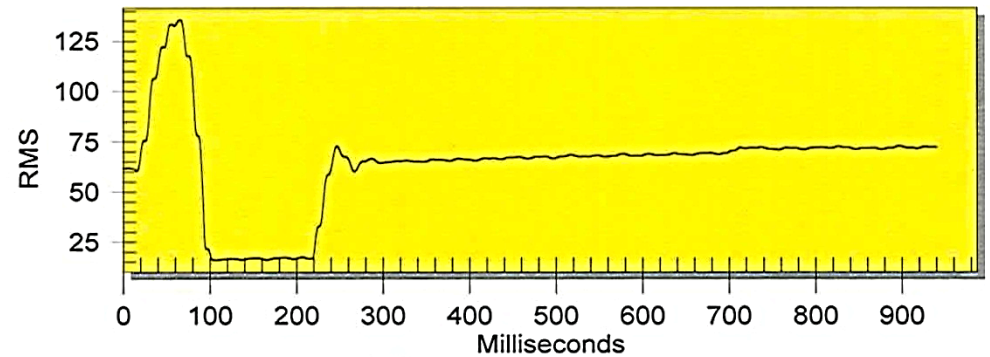
- **A sudden reduction of the voltage at a point in the system, followed by voltage recovery after a short period of time, from a few cycles to a few seconds**

Phase B-N Voltage  
RMS Analysis



Phase C-N Voltage  
RMS Analysis

Phase B Current  
RMS Analysis



Phase C Current  
RMS Analysis

# OPAL Voltage Dip Factoids

- **Most generated offsite (supplier)**
- **Approximately one detected per month**
- **Approximately 3 poison-outs per year**
- **Estimated Annual Cost: \$500k USD**



# Voltage Dip Classification

<b>Classification</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Alarms</b>
<b>Level 0</b>	<b>No Plant Affected</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Minor Plant Affected</b>	<b>Some Alarms</b>
<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Some Main Reactor Plant Affected</b>	<b>Many Alarms</b>
<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Reactor SCRAM (Indirect SCRAM)</b>	<b>Many Alarms</b>
<b>Level 4</b>	<b>RPS SCRAM (Direct SCRAM)</b>	<b>Alarm Flood</b>
<b>Level 5</b>	<b>SPS-DG Connection</b>	<b>Alarm Flood</b>

# LOOP Related Projects

- **Past (Safety Category 1)**  
**E0051 / E0092: CERS Logic Modifications**
- **Present (Safety Category 2)**  
**E0118: CAS Upgrade**
- **Future (Safety Category 3)**  
**E0193: Replacement of CNS Variable Speed Drive**  
**E0162: Relocation of SCS Variable Speed Drives**



# E0051 / E0092: CERS Logic Modifications

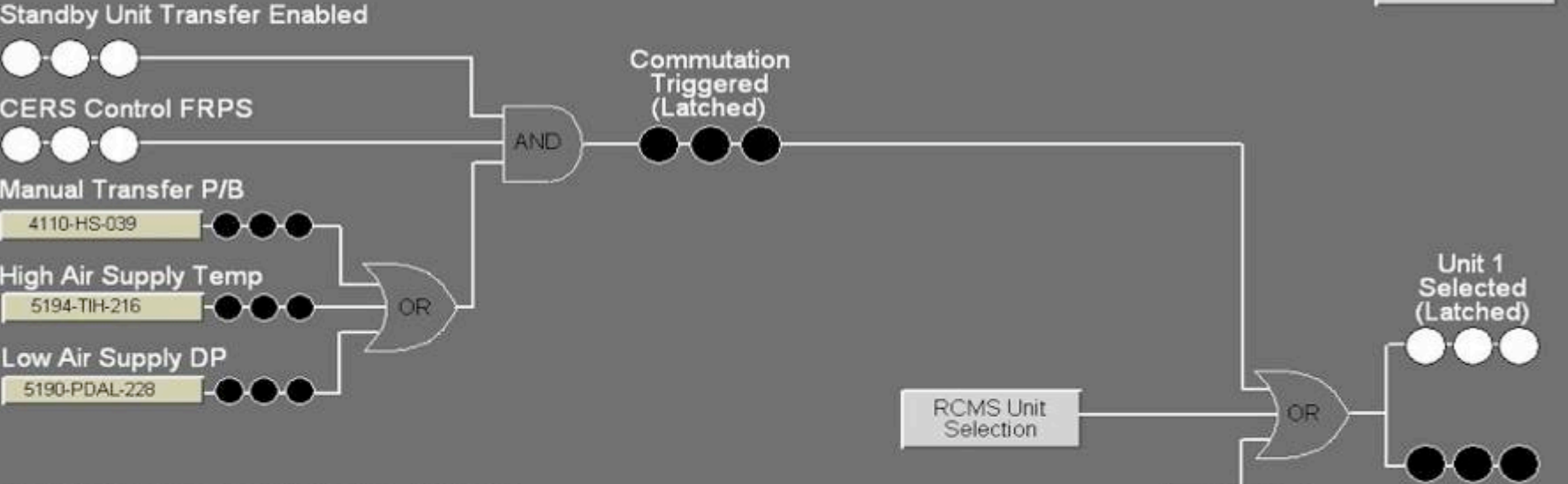


- **Removed CHILLER AHU Trip on LOOP**
- **Added Manual Override Logic Path**

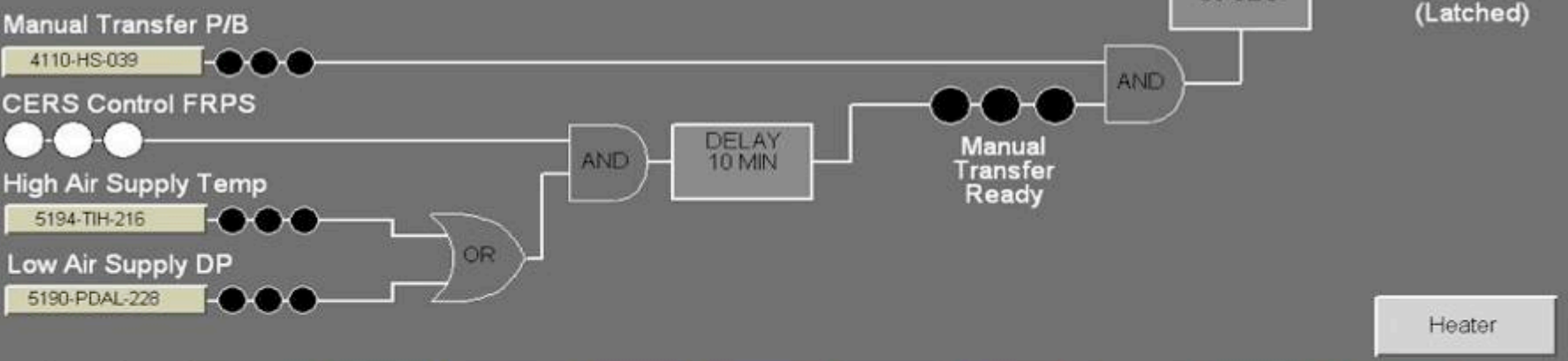
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CERS: FRPS Commutation Logic HELP POWER ARPCS

CERS: Normal Transfer Logic Mode



CERS Failure Detection: Manual Override Logic



Heater

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Heat Removal

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# E0118: CAS Upgrade Project

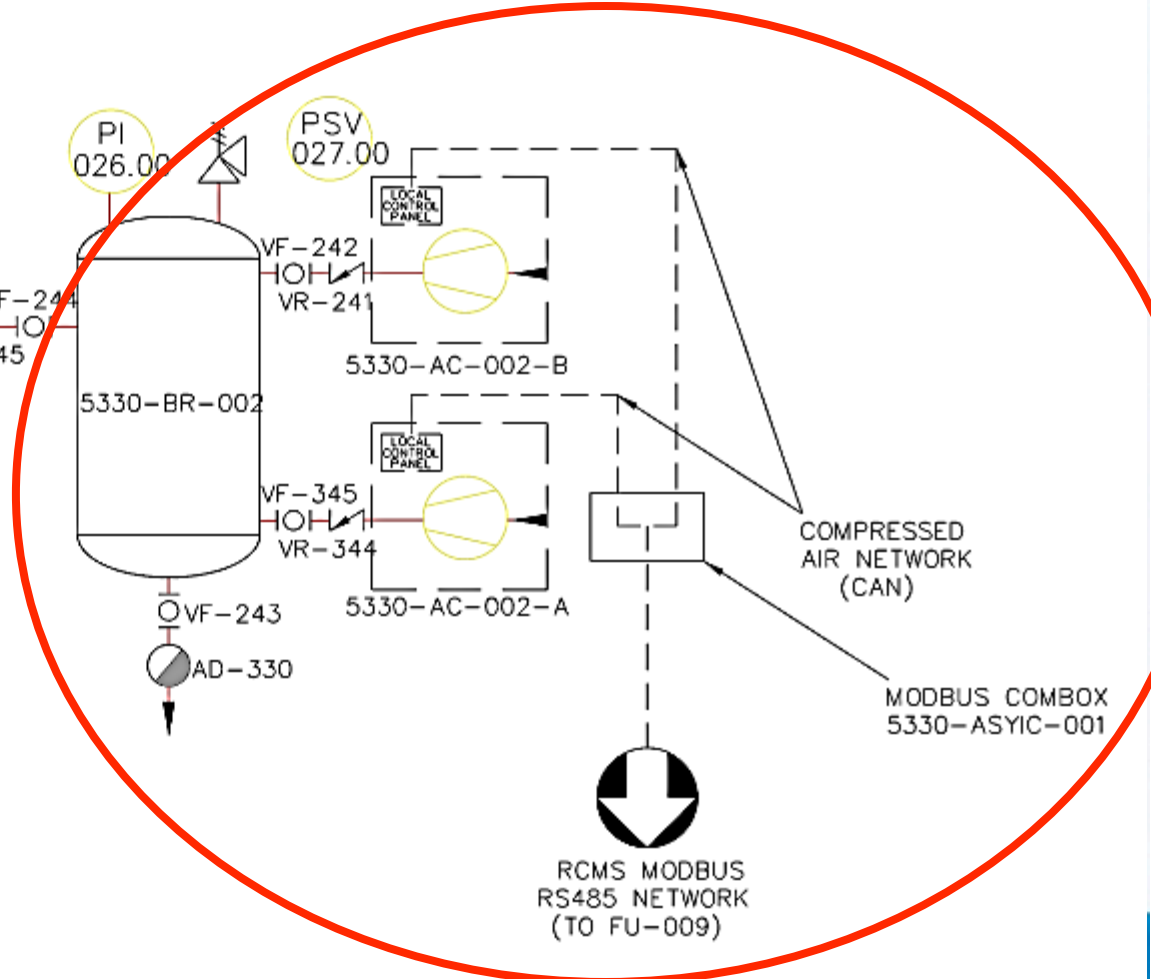
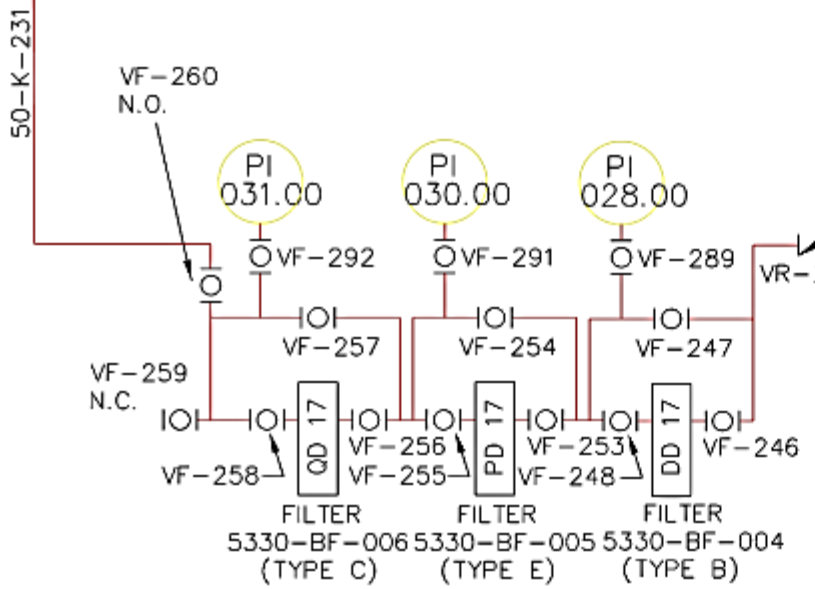
- **Priority:** Raised after 27 March 2009 – 2 hr loss of power to ANSTO
- **Problem:** During LOOP – Grp1 CIV close, [5330-AC-002] is powered from NPS
- **Effects:**
  1. **Rapid loss of plant air – due to FSS bleed**
  2. **Inoperability of CIV Grp 2 valves – fail as is design**
  3. **Fail open of RCPS helium relief valve – vents tritiated helium into room (Note: also solved by Project E0112 – PSV Replacement in Dec 2009)**
  4. **Spurious actuation of SSS - @ 5.5 bar**
  5. **Failure of Hot Cells Ventilation – OLC 3.5.4 entry**
  6. **Inoperability of Control Rod Room Door – LOCA Barrier**
  7. **Heavy Water Ventilation System Failure**
  8. **Inoperability of RSPCS in LTPC Mode – SC2 core heat removal**

# E0118: CAS Upgrade Project Outcomes

1. **Reclassify internal compressed air from SC3 to SC 2-P (ECA-DG)**
2. **Install redundant air compressor inside containment [5330-AC-002-A / B]**
3. **Move power for compressors to SPS (Diesel Generator)**
4. **Modbus communication link from compressors to RCMS**
5. **Auto close of FSS valve [0290-NV-603] after LOOP**
6. **Instrument upgrades: 5390-PT-024, LHC pressure indication, PSV replacement**

SUPPLY TO  
ECA-DG  
(CONTAINMENT)

- NECA: NON-ESSENTIAL COMPRESSED AIR
- ECA: ESSENTIAL COMPRESSED AIR
- ECA-DG: DIESEL BACKED ESSENTIAL COMPRESSED AIR





**Installation**

**Modbus  
COMBOX**

**Original  
Compressor**

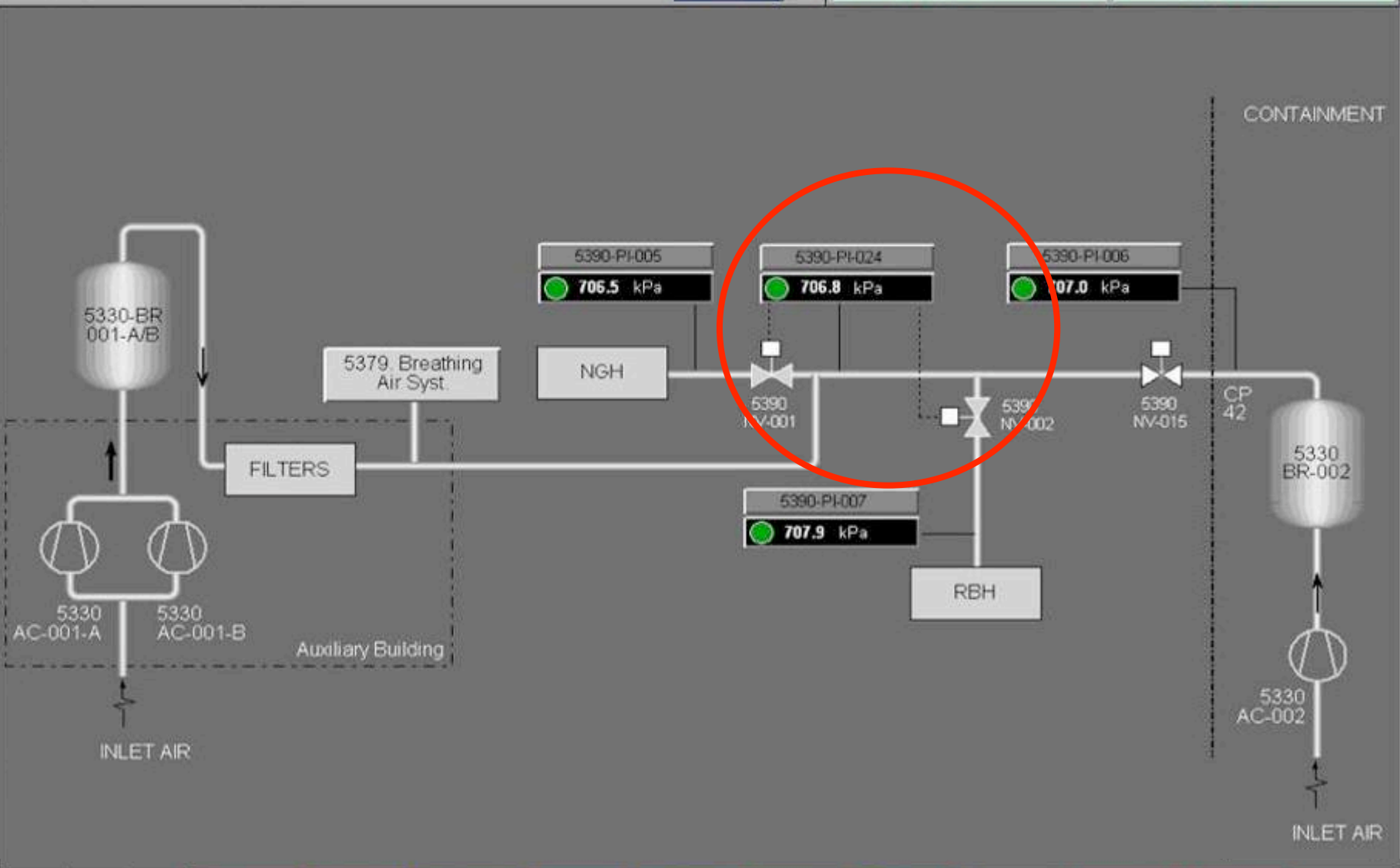
**New  
Compressor**



**Completion**

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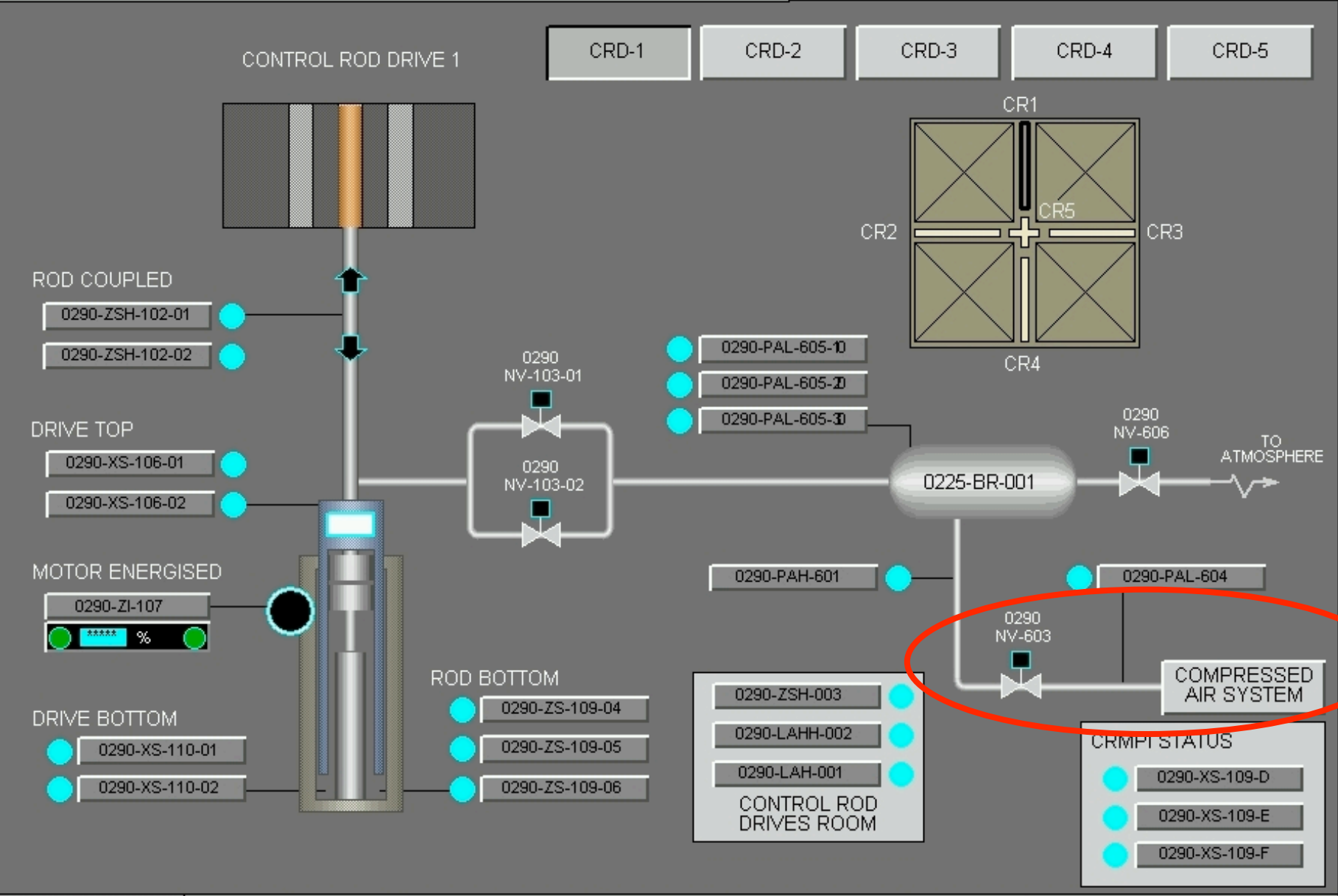
5330. Compressed Air System HELP POWER ARPCS



Navigation and status bar: ▲ ◀ ▶ Heat Removal Safety RMS RVS Water Sup.&Trt. WMS Reactor Services Electrical CNS NBF IF

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- ELECTRIC
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- Heat Removal
- Reactor Ctrl
- SAFETY
- Radioprotection
- Ventilation
- Water Supply
- Waste
- Services
- CNS
- NBF
- IF

**Control Rod Drive-1** HELP \*\*\*\*\*



Navigation and function buttons: Heat Removal, Safety, RMS, RVS, Water Sup.&Trt., WMS, Reactor Services, Electrical, CNS, NBF, IF



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ECA-DG Compressors HELP

	5330-AC-002-A	5330-AC-002-B
Mode:	AUTO	MANUAL
Duty/Standby:	DUTY	STANDBY
Compressor Status:	Compressor is Starting	Shutdown
Dryer Status:	Dryer Running	Dryer off
Pressure:	7.04 bar	7.04 bar
Temperature:	85.5 °C	85.5 °C
Vibration:	.01µm	.01µm
Level:	0.1mm	0.1mm
Conductivity:	1 µS/cm	1 µS/cm
Peak SPM:	2 dB	2 dB
Current:	36A	0.1A
Speed:	1000rpm	1rpm
Running Hours:	300 hrs	12 hrs
Motor Starts Comp 1:	47	3
Motor Starts Comp 2:	37	12
Loading Pressure 1:	6.50 bar	6.30 bar
Unloading Pressure 1:	7.00 bar	7.00 bar
Loading Pressure 2:	6.40 bar	6.00 bar
Unloading Pressure 2:	7.00 bar	7.00 bar
General Alarm:	HEALTHY	HEALTHY
E-STOP:	NO	NO

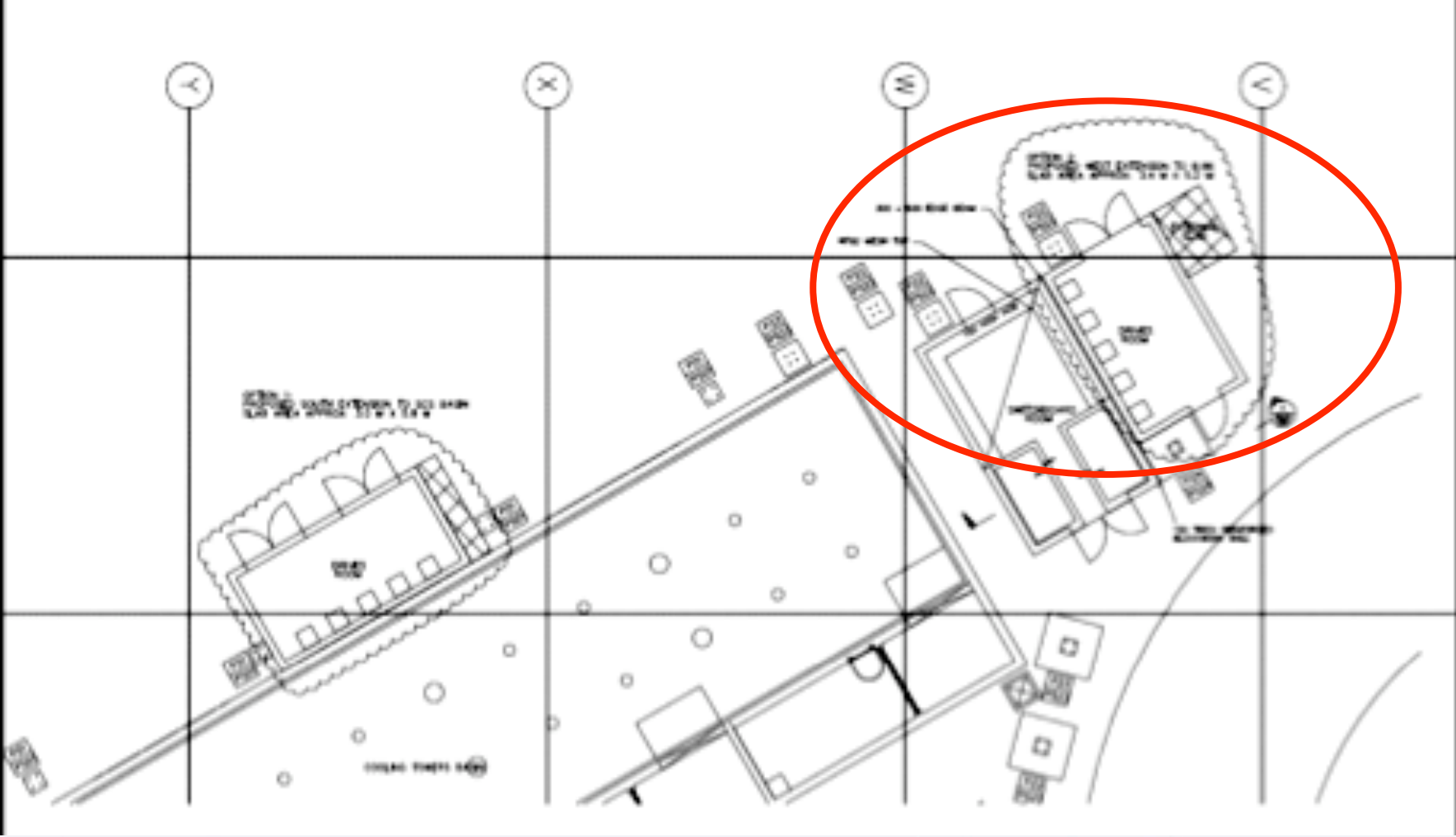
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# E0193: Replacement of CNS-VSD



- **250kW Drive For Helium Compressor**
- **CNS-VSD + Active Front End (AFE)**

# E0162: Relocation / Upgrade of SCS-VSD



# Results / Conclusions

- **OPAL Electrical System Compliant with SAR**
- **Estimated Total Cost @ Project Completion ~ \$500k USD**
- **Recovery Period On Investment: 1 Year**
- **Project Duration: 4 Years**

# Further Work

- **Complete Drive Replacement Projects**
- **Perform LOOP Emergency Exercise**



# Questions

Questions taken now or by email:  
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