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## Boiler Feed Water Pumps Performance Loss

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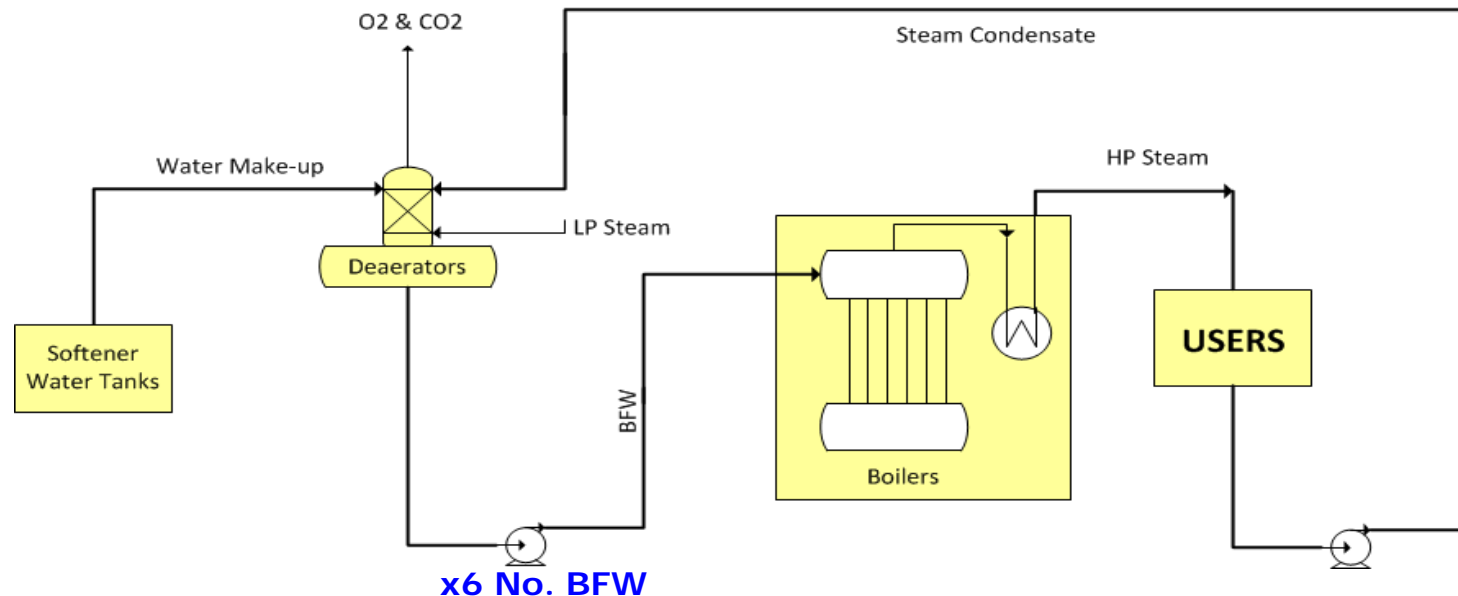
# RGX2 Steam Condensate System

## Steam condensate system set up at RGX2

- Total of x6 Boiler Feed Water Pumps (x4 steam driven pumps and x2 motor driven pumps).

## Operating philosophy N+2:

- x4 in service and x2 Stand by operation.



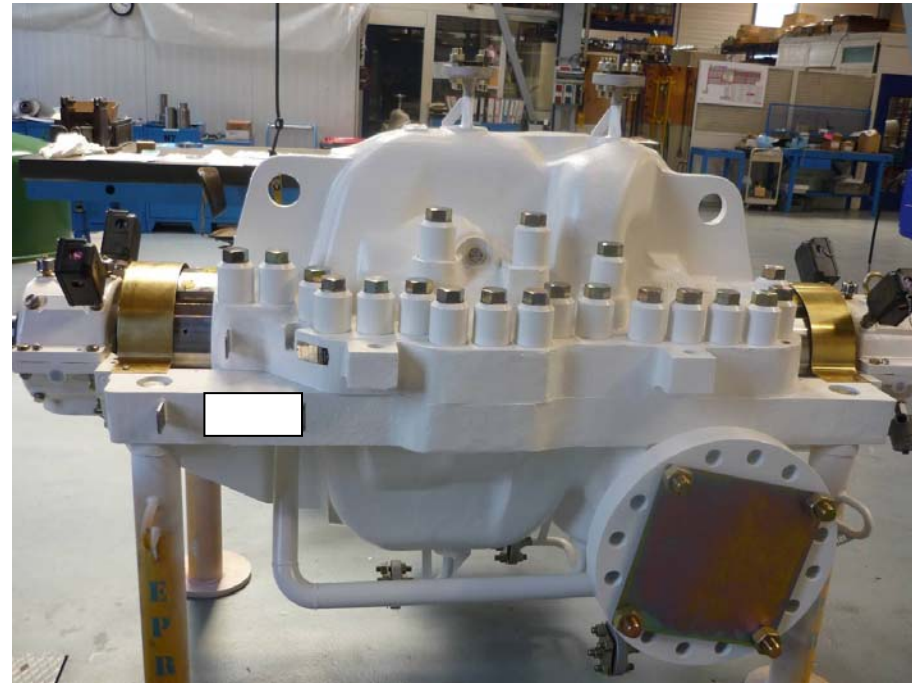
# RGX2 Steam Condensate System

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## Pump specifications:

- Rated capacity 750 M<sup>3</sup>/hr
- Rated power 1.7 MW
- Differential head 680m
- Horizontally split casing
- 4 stage with double inlet impeller

# RGX2 Steam Condensate System



New pump before installation



Old pump at skid in RGX2

# Problem Summary

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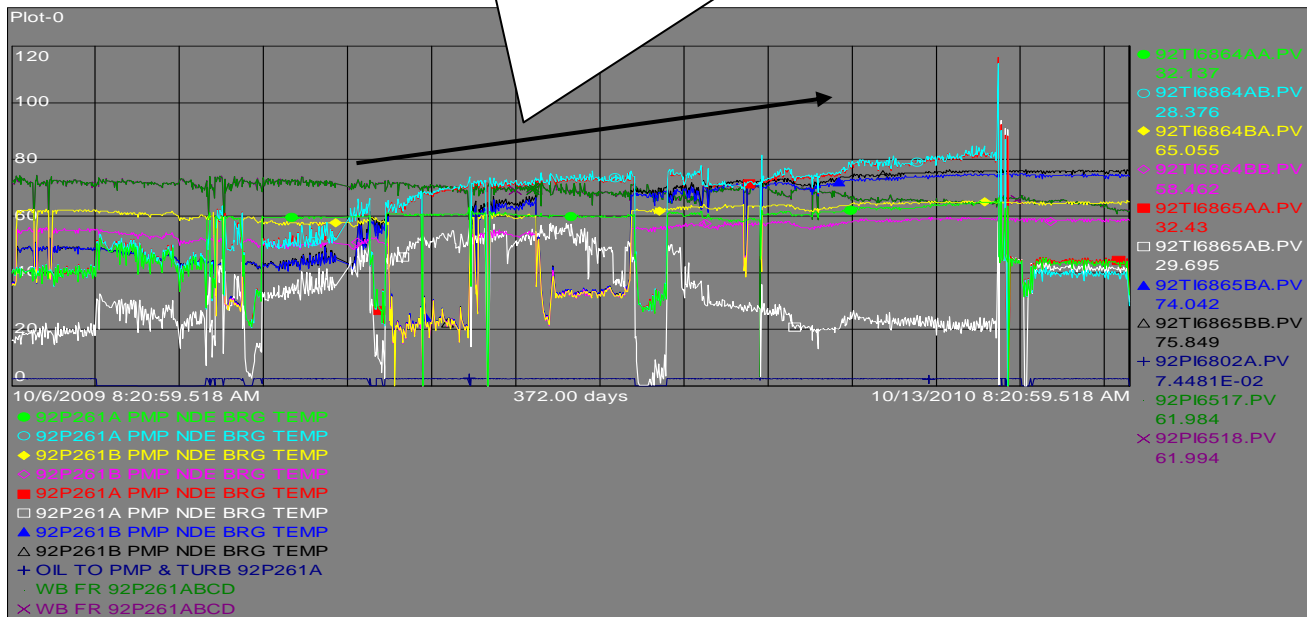
- One pump experienced high thrust bearing temperature alarm after 16 months of operation
- The thrust bearing was replaced twice during the following 6 months without identifying the root cause
- System operation indicated low pump performance (flow rate and head rise)
- During the 25 months of operation, thrust bearing temperature again reached high alarm level and pump was found seized upon inspection

# Troubleshooting History

## Historical Records

Unit 92-P261A historical events shown on a timeline

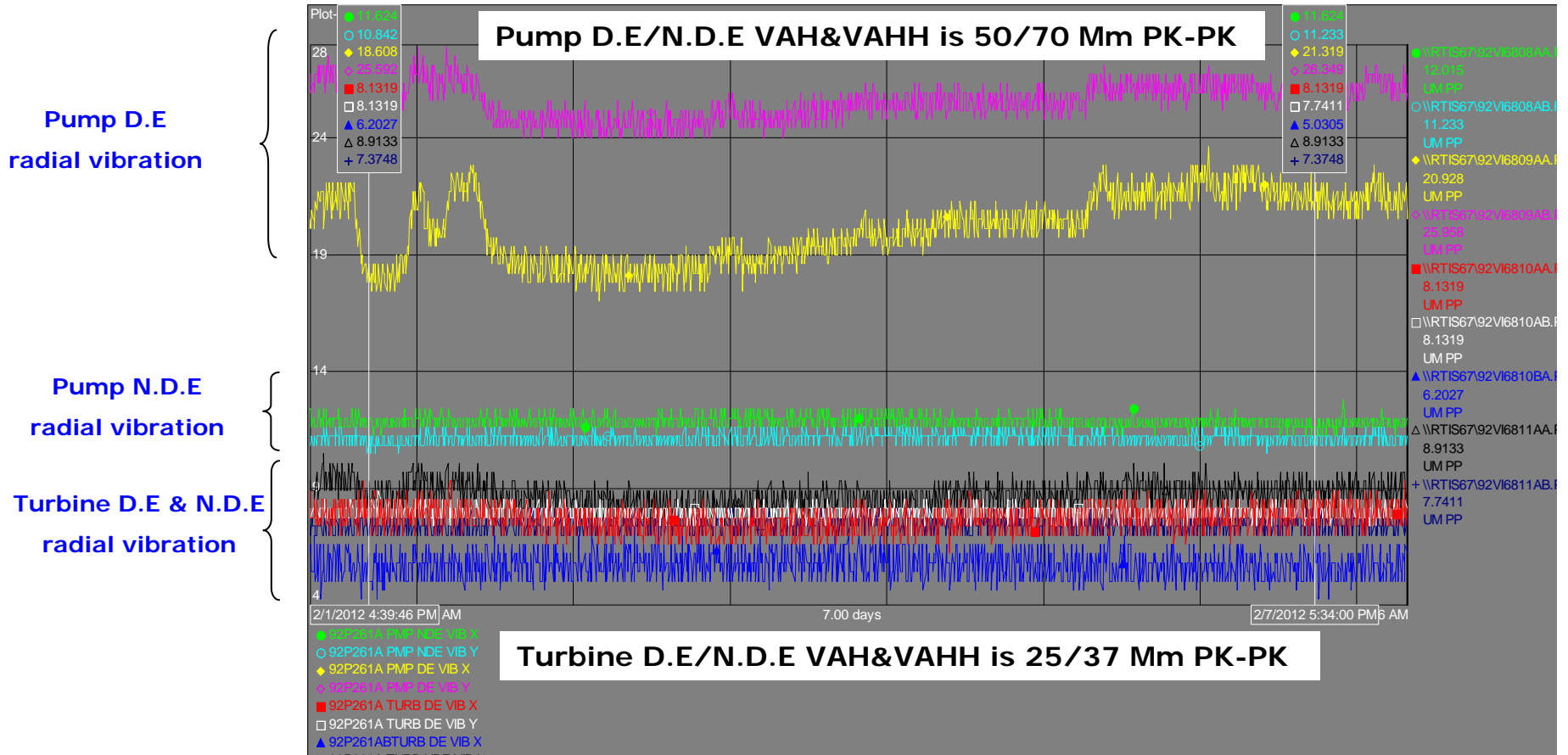
pump's thrust bearing temperature increase due to bearing degradation over one year – alarm level reach xx deg C





# Troubleshooting History

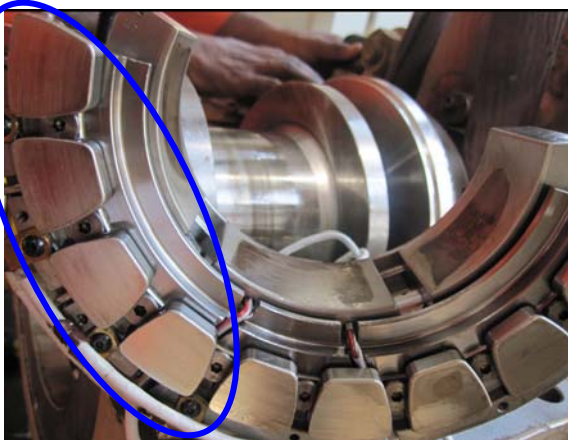
## Unit 92-P261A -Vibration readings



# Unit 92-A261A –Failure

Thrust Bearing failure signs:

Scoring and smear on thrust pads



Smearred Journal pads



# Unit 92-A261A –Failure



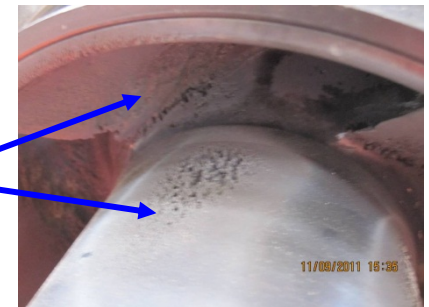
Casing erosion



Cavitation damage on 1<sup>st</sup> stage

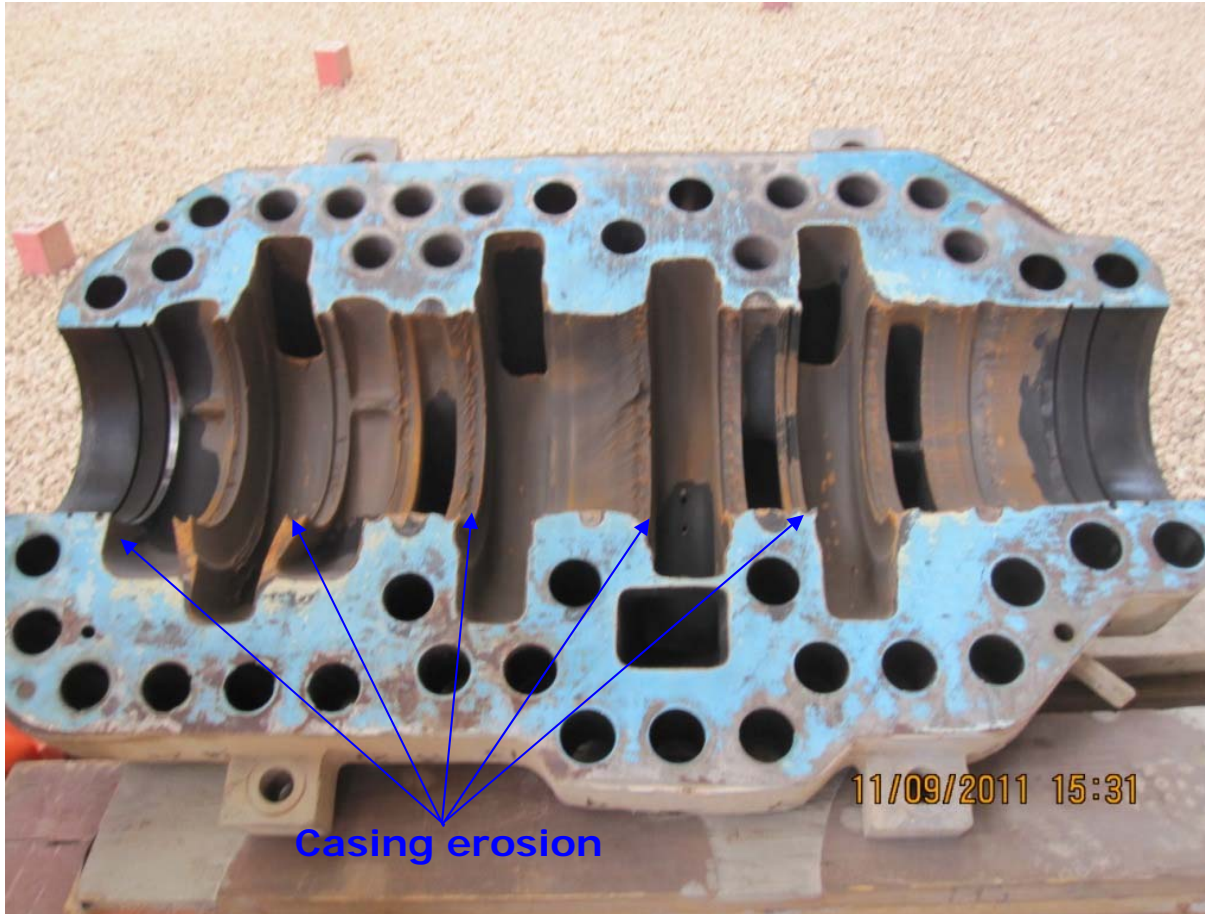


Cavitation damage



# Unit 92-A261A –Failure

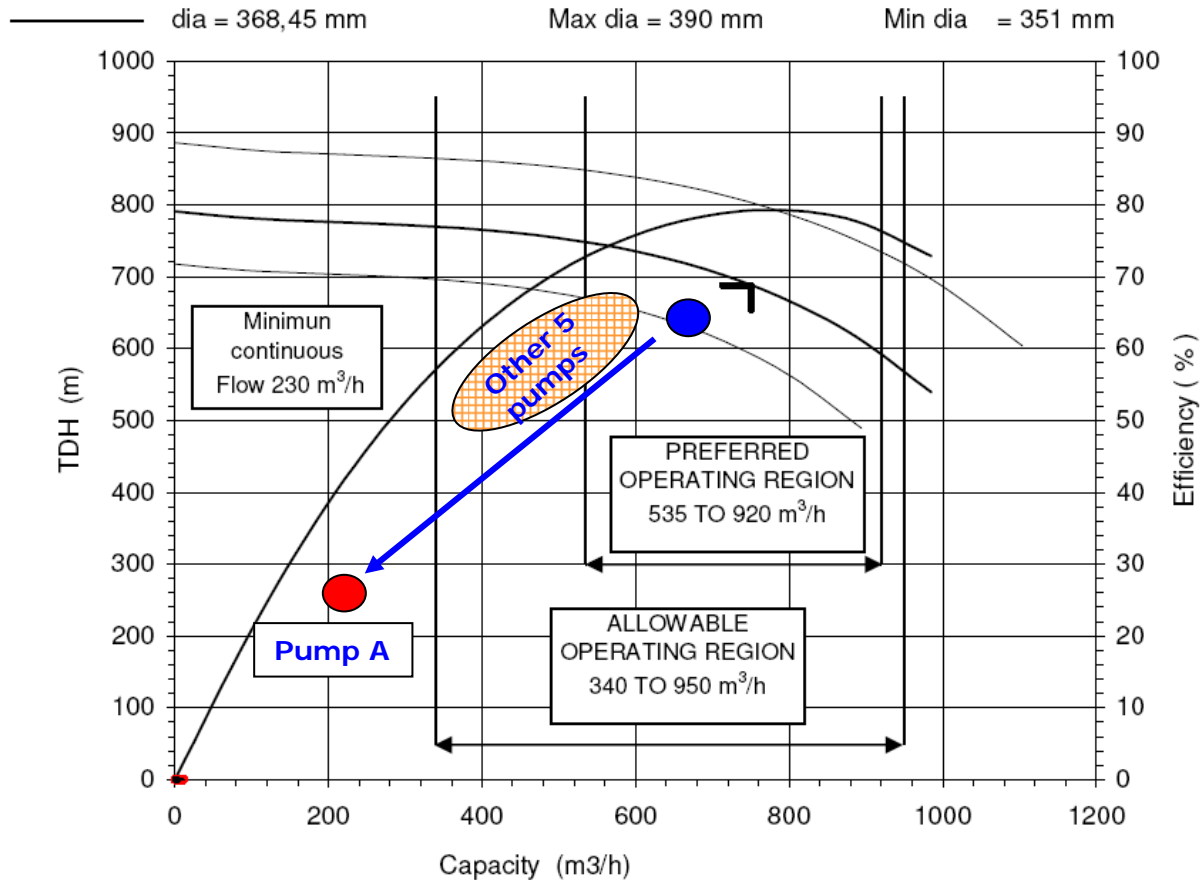
RCFA initiated August 2011 and completed October 2011



Casing erosion

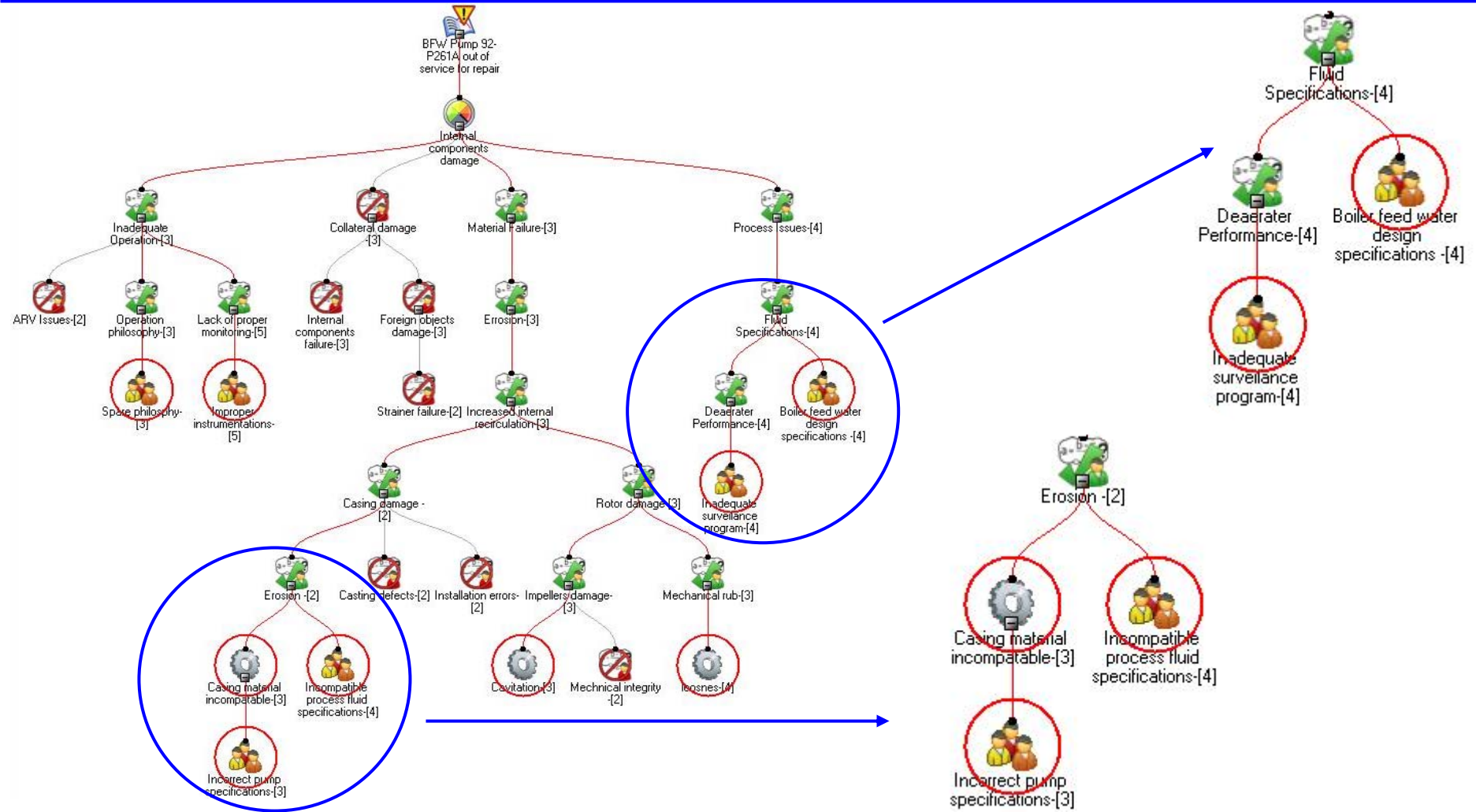
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# Performance Deterioration



Optimum performance ● Deteriorated performance ● Other pumps performance ●

# RCFA-Unit 92-P261A



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## RCFA – Findings

- Root Cause (Human) - Incorrect material specification of the pump casing for boiler feed water service led to major damage of casing inner walls and rotor parts
- Contributing Factor 1 (Latent) – Insufficient online monitoring of pump performance due to inadequate instrumentation prevented effective pump health monitoring
- Contributing Factor 2 (Latent) – Inadequate surveillance program for boiler feed water conditions led to a possible corrosive environment within pump flow path

# RCFA-Unit 92-P261A

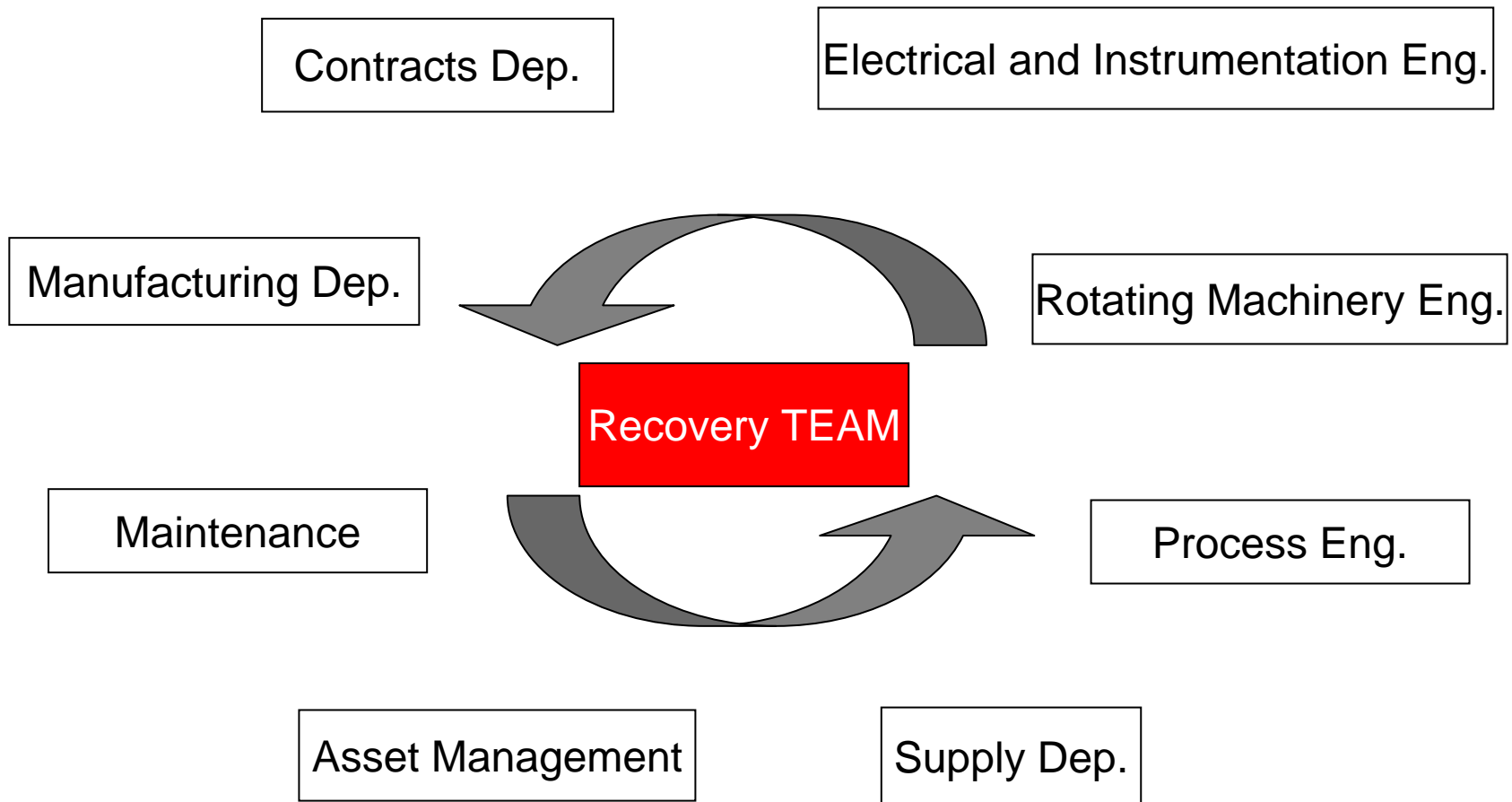
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## RCFA – Recommendations

- Immediate action: Purchase x6 new BFWPs with 12%Cr Stainless Steel casings and replace the existing pumps with carbon steel casing
- Medium action: Revise the Equipment Strategy to perform a bi-monthly online performance monitoring task including steam condensate dissolved oxygen and pH levels to ensure they remain within specification
- Long term action: Improve online monitoring by installation of the following:
  - Digital discharge pressure transmitter
  - Install flow measurement devices on the discharge and recirculation line



# Operational Risk Mitigation



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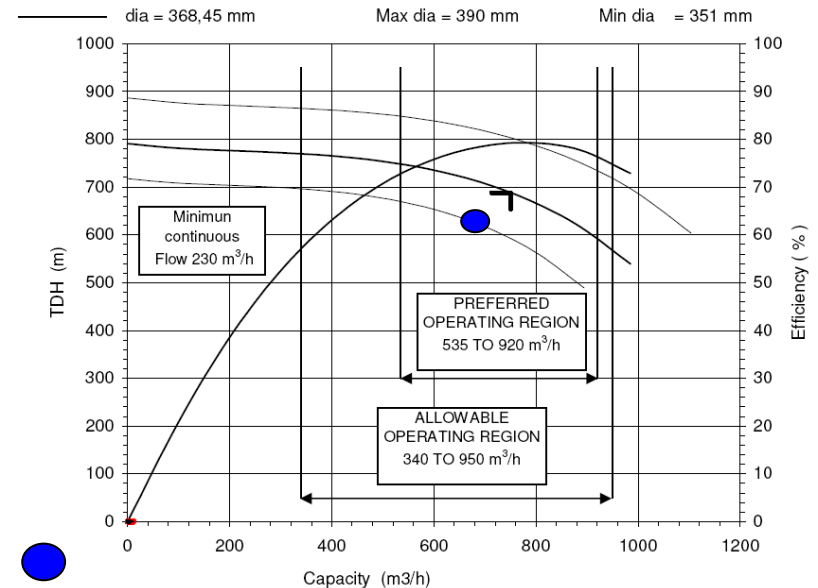
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## Integrated Repair plan

- x3 pumps repaired between October 2011 and March 2012
- x2 pumps were repaired used spare parts manufactured by third party as fast track repair to save time
- System reviewed for equipment reliability (Turbines, Automatic Recycle Valves, Instruments etc.) and corrective actions taken as appropriate
- Close monitoring and measurement of discharge and recycle flow using clamp flow meter to assess pump performance
- Long term - Installation of x6 new BFW pumps with stainless steel casing (procurement and installation during 14 months)

# Recommendations Results

- Performance for the repaired 3 units as interim solution was similar to OEM design.
- Ultimate replacement of all pumps by new stainless steel casing's units results in operating the BFW system with reliable units as per OEM design.



Optimum performance



# Lessons Learned

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- Follow API610 guidelines during equipment procurement (material specifications versus fluid service)
- Improve datasheet and specification review during project FEED and procurement
- Improve online monitoring instruments required during plant design

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# Questions?

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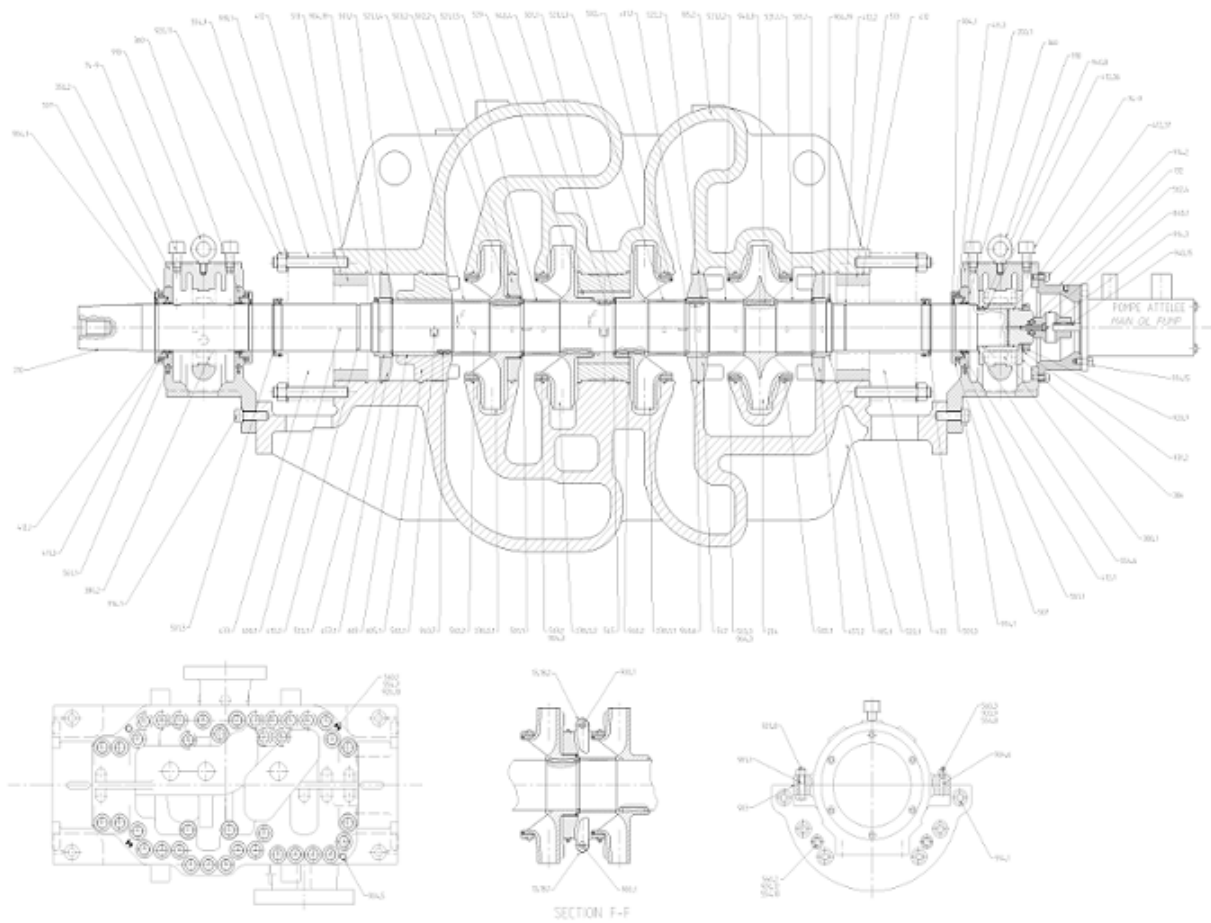
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# Backup



0	1	APPLICABLE TO:	<input type="radio"/> PROPOSALS	<input checked="" type="radio"/> PURCHASE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AS BUILT	
	2	FOR	Ras Laffan Liquefied Natural Gas Company Limited (3) UNIT 92 Steam and Condensate System			
	3	SITE	RAS LAFFAN, QATAR SERVICE Boiler Feed Water Pump			
1	4	NO. REQ	5	PUMP SIZE	8x10x14.5 H/Y	
1	5	MANUFACTURER	UNION PUMP S.A.S.	MODEL	DVMX SERIAL NO. P350 to P354	
	6	NOTES:	INFORMATION BELOW TO BE COMPLETED: <input type="radio"/> BY PURCHASER <input type="checkbox"/> BY MANUFACTURER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BY MANUFACTURER OR PURCHASER			
	7		<input type="radio"/> GENERAL (3.1.1)			
0	8	PUMPS TO OPERATE IN (PARALLEL)	NO. MOTOR DRIVEN	2	NO. TURBINE DRIVEN 3 (2+1)	
1	9	SERIES WITH	92-P261A/B/C/D	PUMP ITEM NO.	92-P261C/D PUMP ITEM NO. 92-P261A/B, 92-P271A	
1	10	GEAR ITEM NO.		MOTOR ITEM NO.	92-PM261C/D TURBINE ITEM NO. 92-PT261A/B, 92-PT271A	
	11	GEAR PROVIDED BY		MOTOR PROVIDED BY	Pump Vendor TURBINE PROVIDED BY Pump Vendor	
	12	GEAR MOUNTED BY		MOTOR MOUNTED BY	Pump Vendor TURBINE MOUNTED BY Pump Vendor	
	13	GEAR DATA SHT. NO.		MOTOR DATA SHT. NO.	TURBINE DATA SHT. NO.	
	14	OPERATING CONDITIONS		SITE AND UTILITY DATA (CONT'D)		
E	15	CAPACITY, NORMAL	630.0 (m3/h)	RATED	750.0 (m3/h)	
	16	OTHER				
E	17	SUCTION PRESSURE MAX./RATED	5.10 / 2.30 (BARG)			
0	18	DISCHARGE PRESSURE	65.20	*1.7 (BARG)		
0	19	DIFFERENTIAL PRESSURE	62.90	*1.7 (BAR)		
0	20	DIFF. HEAD	*1.8 680.4 (m)	NPSHA	13.6 (m) *1.1	
E	21	PROCESS VARIATIONS	(3.1.2)			
	22	STARTING CONDITIONS	Auto Start/Stop *1.5 (3.1.3)			
	23	SERVICE:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> CONT. <input type="radio"/> INTERMITTENT (STARTS/DAY)			
	24	PARALLEL OPERATION REQ'D (2.1.11)	*1.8			
	25	<input type="radio"/> SITE AND UTILITY DATA *1.2				
	26	LOCATION: (2.1.29)				
	27	<input type="radio"/> INDOOR <input type="radio"/> HEATED <input type="radio"/> UNDER ROOF				
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	29	<input checked="" type="radio"/> GRADE <input type="radio"/> MEZZANINE <input type="radio"/>				
	30	<input type="radio"/> ELECTRIC AREA CLASSIFICATION (2.1.22 / 3.1.5)				
	31	*1.4				
	32	<input type="radio"/> WINTERIZATION REQ'D <input checked="" type="radio"/> TROPICALIZATION REQ'D.				
	33	SITE DATA (2.1.29)				
0	34	ALTITUDE (m) BAROMETER	1.013 (BAR abs)			
0	35	RANGE OF AMBIENT TEMPS: MIN/MAX.	4 / 49 (°C)			
0	36	RELATIVE HUMIDITY: MIN / MAX	35 / 80 (%)			
0	37	UNUSUAL CONDITIONS: (2.1.23)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> DUST <input type="radio"/> FUMES			
0	38	OTHER	Salty and dusty (Sand Storm)			
0	39	UTILITY CONDITIONS:				
0	40	STEAM:	DRIVERS	HEATING		
0	41	MIN	39.5 (BARG)	366 (°C)	(BARG) (°C)	
0	42	MAX	41.3 (BARG)	376 (°C)	(BARG) (°C)	
0	43	ELECTRICITY	DRIVERS	HEATING	CONTROL SHUTDOWN	
0	44	VOLTAGE	6800	240	120 24	
0	45	HERTZ	50	50	50	
0	46	PHASE	3	1	1	
		WATER SOURCE Fresh Water				
		CHLORIDE CONCENTRATION (PPM) (3.5.2.6)				
		INSTRUMENT AIR: MAX/MIN PRESS 7 / 4.5 (BARG)				
		LIQUID				
		<input checked="" type="radio"/> TYPE OR NAME OF LIQUID Boiler Feed Water *1.3				
		<input checked="" type="radio"/> PUMPING TEMPERATURE:				
		NORMAL 120 (°C) MAX. 150 (°C) MIN. 43 (°C)				
		<input checked="" type="radio"/> VAPOR PRESSURE 2 (BAR abs) @ 120 (°C)				
		<input checked="" type="radio"/> RELATIVE DENSITY (SPECIFIC GRAVITY):				
		NORMAL 0.943 MAX MIN				
		<input type="radio"/> SPECIFIC HEAT, Cp (kJ/kg °C)				
		<input checked="" type="radio"/> VISCOSITY 0.232 (cP) @ 120 (°C)				
		<input type="radio"/> MAX. VISCOSITY (cP)				
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		LIQUID (2.1.3) <input type="radio"/> HAZARDOUS <input type="radio"/> FLAMMABLE				
		<input type="radio"/> OTHER				
		PERFORMANCE				
		PROPOASAL CURVE NO.	620319A/B/C/D	RPM	2980	
		IMPELLER DIA. RATED	368.45	MAX. 390	MIN. 351 (mm)	
		RATED POWER	1673.2	(BHP) EFFICIENCY	79.2 (%)	
		MINIMUM CONTINUOUS FLOW:				
		THERMAL	(m3/h)	STABLE	230 (m3/h)	
		PREFERRED OPERATING REGION	535 TO	920	(m3/h)	
		ALLOWABLE OPERATING REGION	340 TO	950	(m3/h)	
		MAX HEAD @ RATED IMPELLER *1.3	792	*1.9	(m)	
		MAX POWER @ RATED IMPELLER	1900	(kW)		
		NPSHR AT RATED CAPACITY	7.4	(m) (2.1.8)		
		SUCTION SPECIFIC SPEED	11820	(m <sup>3</sup> /hr - m) (2.1.9)		
		MAX. SOUND PRESS. LEVEL REQ'D	<85	(dBA) (2.1.14)		
		EST MAX SOUND PRESS. LEVEL	84	(dBA) (2.1.14)		



# Operational Risk Mitigation

## Integrated Repair plan

Task Name	Duration	Start	Finish	Resource Names	December		January		February			March		April		May		June		July
					11/27	12/11	12/25	1/8	1/22	2/5	2/19	3/4	3/18	4/1	4/15	4/29	5/13	5/27	6/10	6/24
1 Mitigation Plan for exposure without healthy spare BFWP	16 days	10/26/11	11/16/11	Team 1																
2 Procurement of x6 new BFWPs	53 days	10/26/11	1/5/12	Team 1																
3 Procurement of consumable spares (x1 set) from CU	120 days	11/7/11	4/12/12	Team 1																
4 Procurement for consumable spares (x2 sets) from WG	64 days	11/1/11	1/22/12	Team 1																
5 eMWO for CU Service Engineer	1 day	11/3/11	11/4/11	Team 1																
6 Write QA/QC check list for vendor BFWP repairs	3 days	11/13/11	11/15/11	Team 1	1															
7 Award CU contract for repair services	13 days?	12/2/11	12/19/11	Team 1																
8 Locally manufacture replacement ST guide rod assembly	7 days	12/21/11	12/29/11	Team 1																
9 Procure spare ST guide rod assembly (x2 sets) from DR (USA)	29 days	12/19/11	1/22/12	Team 1																
10 Procure spare ST guide rod assembly (x1 set) from DR (UAE)	18 days	12/22/11	1/14/12																	
11 92-P261A repair and installation	50 days	11/4/11	1/11/12	CU/Team 1																
12 Repair of original 92-P261A rotor	116 days	12/13/11	5/14/12	CU/Team 1																
13 92-P261B repair and installation	35 days	11/3/11	12/20/11	WG/Team 1																
14 92-P271 repair and installation	49 days	12/21/11	2/20/12	WG/Team 1																
15 92-P261C repair and installation	37 days	2/21/12	4/11/12	WG/Other/Team 1																
16 92-P261D repair and installation	37 days	4/12/12	6/1/12	WG/Other/Team 1																
17 ARV replacement and surveillance	76 days?	8/1/11	11/15/11	Team 2																
18 Troubleshooting Instrumentation & Controls	5 days	10/30/11	11/4/11	Team 3																
19 Enhanced monitoring program	21 days	10/26/11	11/23/11	Team 1/ Team 2																
20 Failure Analysis for ARV's	177 days	3/2/11	11/4/11	Team 2																
21 Failure Analysis for Pumps	23 days	11/3/11	12/5/11	Team 1																
22 Failure Analysis for Instrumentation & Controls	24 days	10/30/11	12/1/11	Team 3																
23 Manufacture of x 6 BFWPs at CU	141 days	1/2/12	7/6/12	CU/Team 1																