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Lungmen Quality Assurance Review Completed

Quality assurance checks have confirmed that a reactor pressure vessel pedestal, planned for unit one of Taiwan's Lungmen nuclear power plant, does comply with design requirements.

The Atomic Energy Council (AEC) in Taipei told NucNet that a six-month "review and appraisal" was conducted into the suitability of welding of all six layers of steel plates that comprise the pedestal, after "questions" about welding quality were raised earlier this year concerning the first layer [see News No. 217, 19th June]. Construction of the first layer had been halted until the results of the review were known.

The AEC says that "all problems related to the first layer of the pedestal have been clarified or rectification approved (and) the quality of the first layer of the pedestal is considered to meet design requirements". The AEC said that permission to resume construction of the first layer of the pedestal at Lungmen was given by the AEC on 25th November.

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