

# Curtiss Wright EST Group recommends replacing old elastomer condenser plugs with Pop-A-Plugs®

*Minimize Downtime and Unplanned Outages!*

HATFIELD , PA, USA, January 26, 2015 /EINPresswire.com/ -- In a generating station, any unplanned outage is costly, especially at the peak of the generating season. All plants that support the base load of energy need to do everything possible to maximize uptime.

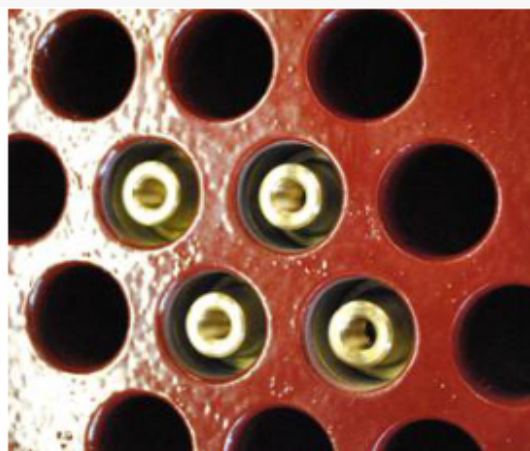
As an example of the costs associated with unplanned outages, a Coal-Fired Generation Plant incurred almost \$10.9 million in losses due to almost 1369 hours (over 8 weeks) of downtime due to process water contamination. Causes for the outages were varied but one of the single largest failures (34%) was due to the failure of previously installed rubber condenser plugs!

To avoid these types unscheduled outages, the Curtiss Wright EST-Group recommends the pro-active change out of old rubber/elastomer tube plugs to the [Pop-A-Plug®](#) System for reliable, permanent and easy sealing of leaking and degraded tube plugs.

[Pop-A-Plug® CPI/Perma plugs](#) are rated at 1000 psig (69Barg) for safe consistent plugging. The Pop-A-Plug's® unique

patented pin/ring seal design is constructed of the same material as the tube metal to prevent thermally induced leaks and provides a reliable helium leak-tight seal.

Installation is always a precisely controlled and repeatable process. Also important, Pop-A-Plugs are acceptable for use in coated tubes and coated tubesheets with no damage to the tubes or the sheets after installation. The Pop-A-Plug® is proven to provide the lowest lifecycle cost for all types of plug systems used in heat exchanger maintenance.



Pop-A-Plug® installed



Installing a Pop-A-Plug®

In addition, Curtiss Wright EST Group provides 24/7 emergency service available for any unplanned outage that may arise – around the globe. EST Group also offers outage job box kits for large plants needing a variety of plugs for their condenser systems. Pop-A-Plug® has been the industry standard, in use by 85% of all Nuclear Power plants in the USA.

The Pop-A-Plug® system is recognized by:

ISO 9001

NUPIC – ANSI 10CFR50 Appendix B;

NOA-1

TUV

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ASME PCC-2

US Navy

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For more information or to receive information on how Pop-A-Plugs® provide the best return on your repair investment contact us. We'll send you the facts you need to know!

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