

USERS GROUP CONTINUES FOCUS ON BOLTED FLANGE RELIABILITY

The *Pressure Vessel Research Council –Sealing Reliability Council (PVRC-SRC)* met in July in Toronto in conjunction with the *ASME PVP* Conference. The initial part of the agenda included an update on *International Research and Standards* activity by associates from Japan and Europe. Progress on the various tasks directed to improvement in the reliability of bolted flange connections was reviewed with draft guideline documents updated and/or approved for revision. These included gasket construction and quality control and oxidation resistance guidelines for flexible graphite sealing elements in spiral wound & *Kammprofile* gaskets.