

# NRC INSPECTION MANUAL

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## PART 9900: TECHNICAL GUIDANCE

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### STANDARD TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS SECTION 3.0 VOLUNTARY ENTRY INTO ACTION STATEMENT

#### A. PURPOSE

To provide the NRC position concerning Voluntary Entry into TS Action Statement Conditions.

#### B. DISCUSSION

10 CFR 50.36(c)(2) describes the limiting conditions for operation as the lowest functional capability or performance level of equipment that is required for the safe operation of the facility. Paragraph 50.36(c)(2) also states that the licensee shall shutdown the reactor or follow any remedial action permitted by the TS whenever a limiting condition for operation cannot be met.

The NRC endorses Voluntary Entry into the Action Statement Conditions and has structured the TS to permit the licensee to exercise judgment within the latitude permitted by the Action Statement language in the TS. The TS also restricts facility operation in the specified degraded mode of operation to the limited period of time designated in the related TS. In addition, Item 3.0.4 of the STS prohibits entry into an operational mode unless the conditions for the limiting condition for operation are met without reliance on provisions contained in the action requirements. This latter item provides assurance that all operability requirements are satisfied prior to the most recent startup.

#### C. REFERENCE

Memorandum, B. K. Grimes to S. E. Bryan; dated June 13, 1979.

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