

# NRC INSPECTION MANUAL

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PART 9900: TECHNICAL GUIDANCE

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STANDARD TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS  
SECTION 4.7.9.1(a)  
HYDRAULIC SNUBBER INSPECTION SCHEDULE

A. PURPOSE

To provide guidance to the inspector regarding interpretation of the Standard Technical Specification Section 4.7.9.1(a) and Table 4.7-4 regarding lengthening intervals for inspecting hydraulic snubbers.

B. DISCUSSION

Section 4.7.9.1(a) of the Standard Technical Specification (STS) applies to all plants in which hydraulic snubbers have been installed. It states that the initiation of Table 4.7-4 inspection schedule shall be made assuming the unit was previously at the six-month inspection interval. Table 4.7-4 then states that the inspection interval shall not be lengthened more than one step at a time. These statements would mean that, if no snubber were found to be inoperable in the initial inspection, the next required inspection interval shall be 12 months  $\pm$  25%. The same requirement also applies if one snubber was found in the initial inspection.

For example, the intent of the NRC Safety Evaluation supporting Amendment No. 15 to the Brunswick Unit No. 1 plant, dated September 13, 1978, is that if no snubbers were found to be inoperable in the second inspection, the Licensee would have been permitted to go to a reduced inspection frequency; that is, the next inspection would not have been required until 18 months  $\pm$  25%. This is consistent with the technical specification.

C. REFERENCE

Memorandum B. K. Grimes to J. H. Sniezek, dated December 6, 1978.

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