

3.9 Mechanical Systems and Components

3.9.1 Special Topics for Mechanical Components

3.9.1.1 Design Transients

To provide a high degree of integrity for the equipment in the reactor coolant system (RCS), components designed and constructed to the requirements for Class 1 in ASME Code, Section III are evaluated for design, service, and test conditions.

The design conditions include those pressure, temperature, and mechanical loadings selected as the basis for the design. Service conditions cover those normal operating conditions, anticipated transients, and postulated accident conditions expected or postulated to occur during operation. The evaluation of the service and testing conditions includes an evaluation of fatigue due to cyclic stresses.

The following five operating conditions, as defined in ASME Code, Section III, are considered in the design of the reactor coolant system Class 1 components, auxiliary Class 1 components, reactor coolant system component supports, and reactor internals.

Level A Service Conditions - (Normal Conditions) These conditions include any condition in the course of system startup, operation in the design power range, hot standby, and system shutdown other than Level B, Level C, or Level D service conditions or testing conditions. Tests not requiring a pressure greater than the component design pressure are considered to be normal condition design transients.

Level B Service Conditions - (Upset Conditions, Incidents of Moderate Frequency) These conditions include any deviations from Level A service conditions anticipated to occur often enough that the design includes a capability to withstand the conditions without operational impairment. The Level B service conditions include those transients resulting from any single operator error or control malfunction, transients caused by a fault in a system component requiring its isolation from the system, and transients due to loss of load or power. Level B service conditions include any abnormal incidents not resulting in a forced outage and also forced outages for which the corrective action does not include any repair of mechanical damage. The estimated duration of Level B service condition is included in the design specifications.

Level C Service Conditions - (Emergency Conditions, Infrequent Incidents) These conditions include those deviations from Level A service conditions that require shutdown for correction of the conditions or repair of damage in the system. The conditions have a low probability of occurrence but are included to establish that no gross loss of structural integrity will result as a concomitant effect of any damage developed in the system. The

postulated occurrences for such events which result in more than 25 strong stress cycles are evaluated for cyclic fatigue using Level B service limits. Strong stress cycles are those having an alternating stress intensity value greater than that for 10^6 cycles from the applicable fatigue design curves.

Level D Service Conditions - (Faulted Conditions, Limiting Faults) These conditions include those combinations of conditions associated with extremely low-probability postulated events whose consequences are such that the integrity and operability of the nuclear energy system may be impaired to the extent that consideration of public health and safety is involved. Such considerations require compliance with safety criteria as may be specified by regulatory authorities.

Testing Conditions - Testing conditions are those pressure overload tests that include primary and secondary hydrostatic tests and steam generator tube leak tests specified. Other types of tests are classified under one of the other service condition categories.

In addition to the design transients defined for evaluation of the ASME Code, Section III, Class 1 components, other transients are defined to address the same normal operating conditions, anticipated transients, and postulated accident conditions. These alternate transients are developed for evaluations of other effects. For example, a set of transients is developed for equipment qualification (see Section 3.11) and a set for accident analysis (see Chapter 15). These transients have somewhat different assumptions for the number of transients and sequence of events than do the design transients.

To provide a high degree of integrity for the equipment in the reactor coolant system, the transient conditions selected for equipment fatigue evaluation are based upon a conservative estimate of the magnitude and frequency of the temperature and pressure transients that may occur during plant operation.

To a large extent, the specific transients to be considered for equipment fatigue analyses are based upon engineering judgment and experience. The plant condition (PC) categorization defined in ANS N51.1 (Reference 1), which categorizes transients on the basis of expected frequency, are also part of the process to define transients and which service condition applies for a given transient.

The transients selected are severe enough or frequent enough to be of possible significance to component cyclic behavior. The transients selected are a conservative representation of transients that, used as a basis for component fatigue evaluation, provide confidence that the component is appropriate for its application for the 60-year design objective. These transients are described by pertinent variations in pressure, fluid temperature, and fluid flow. Because of the large number of possible operating transients, design transients are chosen to provide a conservative representation for component cyclic analysis. The frequency in some cases is greater than the maximum frequency that defines the plant condition in ANS N51.1 (Reference 1).

The design transients and the number of events of each that are normally used for fatigue evaluations of components are presented in Table 3.9-1. A limited number of events affecting only the core makeup tank or passive residual heat removal heat exchanger are not included in the design transients. Subsections 5.4.13 and 5.4.14 describe these events.

The effects of each transient vary in consequence for each of the analyzed components. For example, the reactor vessel is subject to the pressure and temperature variations in the reactor coolant loop flow, but, the core makeup tank and passive residual heat removal heat exchangers are subject only to the pressure changes for many of the reactor coolant system transients. Additionally, the steam generator is subject to changes in the feedwater and steam system parameters that may have little or no effect on the other Class 1 components.

The individual component fatigue evaluations are based on component specific analyses of the stress levels and cycles of applied stress of the design transients. In many cases, the fatigue evaluations for the individual components combine two or more of the design transients into one bounding condition for that component.

In some cases the use of the total number of the design transients in a component fatigue analysis may indicate the requirement for a significant redesign of a portion of a component. In such cases, the number of one or more of the transients evaluated in the analysis may be reduced. In each case, the number of transients to be included in the analysis is specified in the component design specification.

In accordance with ASME Code, Section III, Level D service conditions and up to 25 stress cycles for Level C service conditions may be excluded from cyclic fatigue analysis. Any Level C service condition in excess of the 25-cycle limit is evaluated for the effect on cyclic fatigue, using Level B criteria. The determination of which transients and seismic events are included in the 25-cycle exclusion is made separately for each component and piping line.

Levels C and D events are included in the design transients to provide the basis for pressure and temperatures used in the component stress analyses of these events. The number of events is given in the description of the transients and in Table 3.9-1 to support the determination that the fatigue evaluations do not have to consider these events.

The stress analysis, including analysis of fatigue, of the piping, applicable component nozzles, and piping and component supports includes the effect of thermal stratification and thermal cycling. Thermal stratification may occur in piping when fluid rates are low and do not result in adequate mixing. Thermal cycling due to stratification may occur because of leaking valves or operational practices.

The design of piping and component nozzles in the AP600 includes provisions to minimize the potential for and the effects of thermal stratification and cycling. Piping and component supports are designed and evaluated for the thermal expansion of the piping resulting from

potential stratification modes. The evaluation includes consideration of the information on thermal cycling and thermal stratification included in NRC Bulletins 88-08 and 88-11 and other applicable design standards.

The effects of earthquakes are not considered directly in the analyses leading to the fluid systems design transients. The presence or absence of seismic activity has no effect on the input data used for the analyses nor on the resulting pressure, temperature, and flow transients. Therefore, where applicable, in addition to the effects produced by the transients, earthquake loadings must be considered. See subsection 3.9.3 for a description of the seismic loads and other mechanical loads and loading combinations evaluated.

3.9.1.1.1 Level A Service Conditions (Normal Conditions)

The following reactor coolant system transients are considered normal operating transients (plant condition PC-1 per ANS N51.1) and are analyzed using Level A service limits:

- Reactor coolant pump startup and shutdown
- Plant heatup and cooldown
- Unit loading and unloading between 0 and 15 percent of full power
- Unit loading and unloading at 5 percent of full power per minute
- Step load increase and decrease of 10 percent of full power
- Large step load decrease with steam dump
- Steady-state fluctuations and load regulation
- Boron concentration equalization
- Feedwater cycling
- Core lifetime extension
- Feedwater heaters out of service
- Refueling
- Turbine roll test
- Primary leakage test
- Secondary leakage test
- Core makeup tank high-pressure injection test
- Passive residual heat removal test
- Reactor coolant system makeup

3.9.1.1.1.1 Reactor Coolant Pump Startup and Shutdown

The reactor coolant pumps are started and stopped during such routine operations as plant heatup and cooldown and in connection with recovery from certain transients, such as loss of power. Other (undefined) circumstances may also require pump starting and stopping.

Of the spectrum of reactor coolant system pressure and temperature conditions under which these operations may occur, three conditions have been selected for defining transients:

- Cold condition: 70°F and 400 psig - The minimum pressure required for reactor coolant pump operation may be as low as 230 psig. A pressure of 400 psig is considered a conservative value for design purposes.
- Pump restart condition: 100°F and 400 psig - These conditions are included to cover situations requiring stopping and restarting the pumps after plant heatup has commenced.
- Hot condition: 545°F and 2235 psig

These pressure and temperature values are defined for use in the design and fatigue evaluation processes. Actual pump starting and stopping conditions may be controlled by other factors such as reactor vessel material ductility considerations.

For reactor coolant pump starting and stopping operations, it is assumed that variations in reactor coolant system primary-side temperature and in-pressurizer pressure and temperature are negligible. Temperature and pressure changes in the steam generator secondary side are also assumed negligible. The only significant variables are the primary system flow and the pressure changes resulting from the pump operations.

The following cases are considered.

Case 1 - First Pump Startup (Last Pump Shutdown)

This case represents the variations in reactor coolant loop flow that accompany startup of the first pump, both in the loop containing the pump being started and in the other loop. (The loop in which both pumps remain idle). This case involves a higher dynamic pressure loss in the loop containing the pump being started, but the magnitude of the flow change is less than in Case 2.

For the last pump shutdown case, the transient is the reverse of the first pump startup transient.

Case 2 - Last Pump Startup (First Pump Shutdown)

This case conservatively represents the variations in reactor coolant loop flow that accompany startup of the fourth pump, as applicable. Initially, flow exists through this pump in the reverse direction as the result of starting the other pumps.

For the first pump shutdown case, the transient is the reverse of the last pump startup transient. Case 1 and Case 2 bound the effects of flow and pressure drop on the second and third pumps started, whether the second pump is started in the loop with the first pump running or in the other loop.

Design values for the pump starting/stopping conditions are given in Table 3.9-2 along with the assumed number of occurrences.

An example of the consequence of a pump startup is that the loop flow change associated with pump startup develops a pressure differential in the normal (forward) direction across the divider plate of the steam generator in that loop. In the loop undergoing reverse flow, the direction of the divider plate differential is reversed. The magnitude of the dynamic pressure drop depends on the volumetric flow rate through the loop and on the density and viscosity of the reactor coolant.

3.9.1.1.1.2 Plant Heatup and Cooldown

For the purpose of designing the major reactor coolant system components, the plant heatup and cooldown operations are conservatively represented by uniform ramp temperature changes of 100°F per hour when the system temperature is above 350°F. (For the pressurizer vessel, the design cooldown rate is 200°F per hour.) This rate bounds both potential nuclear heatup operations and cooldown using the steam dump system when system temperatures are greater than 350°F. Below 350°F, only reactor coolant pump heat and small amounts of decay heat are available to heat the reactor coolant system. Cooldown between 350°F and the shutdown temperature of 120°F is accomplished via the normal residual heat removal system. In this range, a uniform ramp rate of 50°F per hour is considered to bound the temperature changes resulting from these operations.

The number of plant heatup and cooldown operations is defined as 200 each, which corresponds to approximately three occurrences per year for design purposes.

3.9.1.1.1.3 Unit Loading and Unloading Between 0 and 15 Percent of Full Power

The unit loading and unloading cases between the 0 and 15 percent load are represented by continuous and uniform ramp steam load changes, which require 30 minutes for loading and five minutes for unloading. During loading, reactor coolant temperatures are changed from their no-load values to their normal load programmed temperature values at 15 percent load. The reverse temperature change occurs during unloading.

Before loading, it is assumed that the plant is at hot standby, with feedwater cycling from the main or startup feedwater system. Loading commences, and during the first two hours, the feedwater temperature increases to the 15 percent load value, because of steam dump and turbine startup heat input to the feedwater.

After unloading, feedwater heating is reduced, steam dump is reduced to residual heat removal requirements, and feedwater temperature decreases from the 15 percent load value. Reactor coolant system pressure and pressurizer pressure are assumed to remain constant at the normal operating values during these operations.

The number of these loading and unloading transients is assumed to be 500 each for design purposes.

3.9.1.1.1.4 Unit Loading and Unloading at Five Percent of Full Power per Minute

The unit loading and unloading operations are conservatively represented by continuous and uniform ramp power changes of 5 percent per minute between the 15 percent and 100 percent power levels. This load swing is the maximum possible that is consistent with operation under automatic reactor control. The reactor temperature will vary with load prescribed by the reactor control system. The number of loading and unloading operations is defined as 19,800 each, based on one swing per day for the 60-year design objective and on the assumption of a 90 percent availability factor.

The AP600 features a rod control system that provides a load follow capability without requiring a change in the boron concentration in the coolant. Thus, the reactivity gain available from temperature reduction is not required for load follow, and reduced temperature return to power is not applicable to the AP600.

3.9.1.1.1.5 Step Load Increase and Decrease of 10 Percent of Full Power

The 10 percent step change in load demand results from disturbances in the electrical network to which the unit is tied. The reactor control system is designed to restore plant equilibrium without reactor trip following a 10 percent step change in turbine load demand initiated from nuclear plant equilibrium conditions between 15 and 100 percent of full load (the power range for automatic reactor control).

Following a step decrease in turbine load, the secondary-side steam pressure and temperature initially increase. The reactor coolant system average temperature and pressurizer pressure also increase, but this change lags slightly behind the secondary-side change. Because of the coolant temperature increase and the power mismatch between turbine and reactor, the control system automatically inserts the control rods to reduce core power. The reactor coolant temperature then decreases from its peak value to a value below its initial equilibrium value.

Pressurizer pressure also decreases from its peak value and follows the reactor coolant decreasing temperature trend. At some point during the decreasing pressure transient, the saturated water in the pressurizer begins to flash. This reduces the rate of pressure decrease. Subsequently, the pressurizer heaters turn on and restore the pressure to its normal value.

Following a step increase in turbine load, the reverse situation occurs. The secondary-side steam pressure and temperature initially decreases and the reactor coolant average temperature pressure initially decreases. The control system automatically withdraws the control rods to increase core power.

The decreasing pressure transient is reversed by actuation of the pressurizer heaters, and eventually the system pressure is restored to its normal value. The reactor coolant average temperature rises to a value above its initial equilibrium value.

The number of operations is specified as 3000 times each, or 50 times per year, for design purposes.

3.9.1.1.1.6 Large Step Load Decrease With Steam Dump

This transient applies to a step decrease in turbine load from full power. This step decrease in turbine load results in a rapid mismatch between nuclear and turbine power that automatically initiates a secondary-side steam dump and actuates the rapid power reduction system, which prevents both reactor trip and lifting of steam generator safety valves.

After the large step load decrease, reactor power is reduced at a controlled rate, which results in lower flow through the steam dump system.

The AP600 plant is designed to accept a step load change to house load, without a reactor trip, with up to 40 percent of the load reduction provided by the steam dump capability. The balance of the load reduction is provided by the rapid power reduction system. The number of occurrences of this transient is specified at 200 times for design purposes.

3.9.1.1.1.7 Steady-State Fluctuations and Load Regulation

Reactor coolant pressure and temperature can vary around the nominal (steady-state) values during power operation. These variations can occur at many frequencies but for design purposes two cases are considered.

Initial Fluctuations - Initial fluctuations are due to rod cycling during the first 20 full power months of reactor operation. Reactor coolant temperature is assumed to vary by $\pm 3^{\circ}\text{F}$, and pressure by ± 25 psi once during each 2-minute period. The total number of occurrences is specified as 1.5×10^5 . The fluctuations are assumed to occur consecutively, but not simultaneously, with random fluctuations.

Random Fluctuations - Reactor coolant temperature is assumed to vary by $\pm 0.5^{\circ}\text{F}$, and pressure by \pm six psi, once during each six-minute period. The total number of occurrences for design purposes does not exceed 4.6×10^6 .

These small, primary-side fluctuations have no effect on the steam generator secondary side.

The above described steady-state fluctuations and the following load regulation transients are considered to be mutually exclusive. Component evaluations are based on the more limiting of either the steady-state fluctuations or the load regulation transients.

Load Regulation - Load regulation refers to the relatively small, rapid fluctuations in load, regarding some nominal operating condition that is the result of the participation of the plant in some form of grid frequency control. The nominal operating condition is either a constant power level or a very slowly changing power level such as that which occurs because of a daily load follow maneuver.

For design purposes it is assumed that the plant experiences load changes of 10 percent of rated load peak-to-peak at a rate of 2 percent of rated load per minute. It is assumed that up to 35 of these load swings may occur during any given day of plant operation. Frequency control capability is to be provided while performing ramp power changes required for load follow maneuvers. This capability is to be provided within 15 to 95 percent of full power. Load regulation is performed with a continuous spray flow.

Assuming continuous operation of the plant in the load regulation mode for the 60-year design objective and accounting for 90 percent availability, the following component cycling limits will not be exceeded:

- Control rod drive mechanism stepping $\leq 15 \times 10^6$ steps
- Pressurizer spray on-off cycling $\leq 19,809$
- Pressurizer backup heater on-off cycling $\leq 19,000$

This cycling of the components should be considered to occur in addition to the duty cycles imposed on these components due to other modes of plant operation.

3.9.1.1.1.8 Boron Concentration Equalization

Following any large change in boron concentration in the reactor coolant system, the pressurizer spray is operated to equalize the concentration between the loops and the pressurizer. This can be done by manually operating the pressurizer backup heaters, which causes a pressure increase and spray initiation at a pressurizer pressure of approximately 2260 psia. The pressure increases to approximately 2267 psia before being returned to 2250 psia by the proportional spray. The pressure is maintained at 2250 psia by spray operation, matching the heat input from the backup heaters, until the concentration is equalized.

Since reactor coolant system boron concentration changes are not required for daily load follow, it is assumed that this operation is performed about once each week. For design purpose the total number of occurrences is placed at 2900.

The operations cause no significant effects on the steam generator secondary side. The only effects of these operations on the primary system are as follows:

- The reactor coolant pressure varies in step with the pressurizer pressure.

- The pressurizer surge line nozzle at the hot leg will experience the temperature transient associated with outflow from the pressurizer.

3.9.1.1.1.9 Feedwater Cycling

The feedwater cycling transient occurs when the plant is being maintained at hot standby or no-load condition. With the plant in the steam pressure mode of steam dump control, a low steam generation rate occurs because of dissipation of decay and/or pump heat. This low steam generation rate decreases steam generator water level.

To compensate for the decreasing level, the steam generators are fed using the startup feedwater control. Either the main or startup feedwater pumps can continuously provide flow to the steam generators and maintain the desired steam generator level. For this case the reactor coolant system transient is relatively moderate.

If the startup feedwater control system is unavailable, the feedwater is provided intermittently in a slug-feeding mode.

Two modes of slug-feeding the steam generators are considered. In the first mode, it is assumed that the steam generators are slug-fed through the startup feedwater nozzle once every two hours. In the second mode, it is assumed that tighter control of steam generator water level is maintained by slug-feeding once every 24 minutes.

For design purposes, the following numbers of feedwater cycling transients are considered:

- Mode 1: Slug feed every 2 hours – 3000 cycles
- Mode 2: Slug feed every 24 minutes – 15,000 cycles

The component designers consider both modes of slug-feeding. Each component evaluation is based on the more limiting of the two modes.

3.9.1.1.1.10 Core Lifetime Extension

These transients occur at the end of core life when the critical boron concentration required to maintain full thermal power conditions becomes less than achievable (approximately 10 ppm). To extend core lifetime beyond this point, the operator does the following:

- Allows the reactor coolant system average temperature to decrease below the normal programmed temperature, thereby adding reactivity to the core through the negative moderator temperature coefficient.
- Manually controls the turbine to maintain full electrical load until the turbine throttle valves have fully opened.

- Reduces steam flow by an amount that will maintain the plant at full rated electrical load after a feedwater heater has been taken out of service and allow plant conditions to reach a new steady state.
- Takes a feedwater heater out of service.

This process is repeated until the maximum allowable feedwater heaters have been taken out of service and the turbine throttle valves have fully opened.

For design purposes, the number of occurrences of these transients is a total of 40 transients. During this mode of operation, the plant is not capable of daily load follow operation. Thus, this transient is considered separately from unit loading and unloading transients.

3.9.1.1.11 Feedwater Heaters Out of Service

These transients occur when one or more feedwater heaters are taken out of service. During the time that the heaters are out of service, the operator maintains the plant at full rated thermal load. To accomplish this, the operator performs the following:

- Calculates the appropriate steam flow reduction which will maintain the plant at full rated thermal load after the heater has been taken out of service.
- Reduces steam flow by the appropriate amount and allow plant conditions to reach a new steady state (approximately 10 minutes).
- Takes heater (or heaters) out of service.

The transient is based on the maximum allowable number of heaters out of service. For design purposes, the number of occurrences of this transient is a total of 180.

3.9.1.1.12 Refueling

At the beginning of the refueling operation, the reactor coolant system is assumed to have been cooled down to 140°F. The vessel head is removed and the refueling canal is filled. This is done by transferring water from the in-containment refueling water storage tank, which is conservatively assumed to be at 70°F, into the reactor coolant system by means of the spent fuel pit cooling pumps. The refueling water flows directly into the reactor vessel via one of the passive safety injection system connections to the vessel.

This operation is assumed to occur 40 times over the expected plant design. This transient is experienced only by the primary system.

3.9.1.1.1.13 Turbine Roll Test

This transient is imposed upon the plant during the hot functional test for turbine cycle checkout. Reactor coolant pump power is used to heat the reactor coolant to operating temperature (no-load conditions), and the steam generator is used to perform a turbine roll test. However, the plant cooldown during this test exceeds the 100°F per hour design rate.

The number of such test cycles is specified at 20 times, to be performed at the beginning of plant operation before reactor operation. This transient occurs before plant startup, so the number of cycles is independent of other operating transients.

The transient curves and the number of cycles are based on a conservatively high steam flow rate for turning the turbine.

3.9.1.1.1.14 Primary-Side Leakage Test

A leakage test is performed after each opening of the primary system. During this test the primary system pressure is raised (for design purposes) to 2500 psia, with the system temperature above the minimum temperature imposed by reactor vessel material ductility requirements, while the system is checked for leaks.

The secondary side of the steam generator is pressurized so that the pressure differential across the tubesheet does not exceed 1600 psi. This is accomplished with the steam, feedwater, and blowdown lines closed.

For design purposes the number of occurrences is a total of 200 cycles.

3.9.1.1.1.15 Secondary-Side Leakage Test

A secondary side leakage test is performed after each opening of the secondary system to check closures for leakage. For design purposes, it is assumed that the steam generator secondary side is pressurized to just below its design pressure to prevent the safety valves from lifting. So that a secondary-side to primary-side pressure differential of 670 psi is not exceeded, the primary side must also be pressurized. The 670 psi differential is the steam generator design differential pressure for secondary-to-primary pressure. The primary system must be above the minimum temperature imposed by reactor vessel material ductility requirements (that is, between 120°F and 250°F). It is assumed that this test is performed 80 times for design purposes.

3.9.1.1.1.16 Core Makeup Tank High Pressure Injection Test

During hot functional testing with the reactor coolant system in hot standby condition, the core makeup tank injection flow rate is tested. The reactor coolant system temperature is 400°F. The core makeup tank injection lines are opened, and the core makeup tank injects

cold water into the reactor coolant system. When valves are cycled during power, there is no effect on temperature or pressure.

3.9.1.1.1.17 Passive Residual Heat Removal Test

During hot functional testing with the reactor coolant system in hot standby condition, the passive residual heat removal flow and heat transfer rates are tested. Passive residual heat removal flow is initiated by opening the passive residual heat removal isolation valves. The passive residual heat removal cools the reactor coolant system for up to 30 minutes.

3.9.1.1.1.18 Reactor Coolant System Makeup

The chemical and volume control system makeup subsystem is used to accommodate normal minor leakage from the reactor coolant system. On a low programmed pressurizer level signal one of the chemical and volume control system makeup pumps starts automatically in order to provide makeup. The pump automatically stops when the pressurizer level increases to the high programmed setpoint. The addition of the makeup water to the reactor coolant system via the chemical and volume control system purification loop and attendant changes in reactor coolant system parameters constitute the reactor coolant system makeup design transient. The total number of occurrences of the makeup transient is 2820, which corresponds to once per week during the 60-year design life assuming a 90 percent availability factor for the plant.

3.9.1.1.2 Level B Service Conditions (Upset Conditions)

The following paragraphs describes the reactor coolant system upset condition transients, which are considered to be plant condition PC-2 and PC-3 per ANS N51.1. From the standpoint of the use of design transient in the evaluation of cyclic fatigue, there is no difference between PC-2 and PC-3. These transients are analyzed using level B service limits and are as follows:

- Loss of load
- Loss of power
- Reactor trip from reduced power
- Reactor trip from full power
 - Case A - with no inadvertent cooldown
 - Case B - with cooldown and no safeguards actuation
 - Case C - with cooldown and safeguards actuation
- Control rod drop - three cases

- Cold overpressure
- Inadvertent safeguards actuation - three cases
- Partial loss of reactor coolant flow
- Inadvertent reactor coolant system depressurization
- Excessive feedwater flow
- Loss of power with natural circulation cooldown
 - Case A - loss of power with natural circulation cooldown with onsite ac power
 - Case B - loss of power with natural circulation cooldown without onsite ac power

Under the upset condition transients listed, 505 reactor trip cases are assumed. A total of 505 reactor trips for design purposes exceeds the design goal. The design goal for the AP600 is less than one unplanned trip per year. The number of reactor trips in the design transients represents a conservative number for the analysis of cyclic stresses in the components and is not to be considered an estimate of expected plant performance.

For some component or portions of components, the number of reactor trips analyzed for the effects of cyclic loads may be reduced from 505. In each case the number of reactor trips analyzed is greater than the design goal of one per year.

3.9.1.1.2.1 Loss of Load

This transient involves a step decrease in turbine load from full power (turbine trip) without immediate automatic reactor trip or rapid power reduction. These conditions produce the most severe pressure transient on the reactor coolant system under upset conditions. The reactor is assumed to trip as a consequence of a trip initiated by the reactor protection system. Since redundant means for tripping the reactor are provided by the reactor protection system, a transient of this nature is not expected, but is included to confirm conservative component design.

The number of occurrences of this transient is specified at 30 times for design purposes.

3.9.1.1.2.2 Loss of Power

This transient applies to a blackout situation involving the loss of outside electrical power to the station, assumed to be operating initially at 102 percent power, followed by reactor and turbine trips. The reactor coolant pumps are de-energized, as are electrical loads connected to the turbine-generator bus, including the main feedwater and condensate pumps.

As the reactor coolant pumps coast down, reactor coolant system flow reaches an equilibrium value through natural circulation. This condition permits removal of core residual heat through the steam generators, which receive feedwater from the startup feedwater system. For this event reactor coolant temperature stabilizes at hot standby conditions.

The number of occurrences of this transient is specified at 30 times for design purposes.

For one occurrence, a worst case is postulated in which the shell side of a single steam generator is assumed to be emptied after the blackout. The startup feedwater flow is then delivered into the hot, dry shell side. The steam generator tube and secondary shell integrity are evaluated for this condition.

3.9.1.1.2.3 Reactor Trip from Reduced Power

A significant percentage of reactor trips occur at low power as the plant is being brought up from hot standby to power. The low power reactor trip is provided to bound these occurrences without the excessive conservatism associated with the reactor trip from full power. The transient is assumed to start at 25 percent load, which bounds the conditions associated with achieving criticality, turbine roll, and turbine synchronization; establishing automatic rod control; and making the transitions in feedwater control from the startup feedwater nozzle to the main feedwater nozzle.

Reactor coolant system temperature and pressure variations are similar to those of reactor trip from full power, but are smaller. The transients continue until the reactor coolant and steam generator secondary side temperatures are in equilibrium at zero power conditions. Controlled steam dump and startup feedwater remove any core residual heat and prevent steam generator safety valve actuation. For design purposes, 180 reactor trips from reduced power are postulated.

3.9.1.1.2.4 Reactor Trip from Full Power

Reactor trips from full power may occur for a variety of reasons. The reactor coolant temperature and pressure undergo rapid decreases from full power values as the reactor protection system causes the control rods to move into the core. Transients also occur in the secondary side of the steam generator because of continued heat transfer from the reactor coolant through the steam generators.

These transients continue until the reactor coolant and steam generator secondary side temperatures are in equilibrium at zero power conditions. Continuation of feedwater flow and controlled steam dump remove the core residual heat and prevent steam generator safety valve actuation. For design purposes, reactor trip from full power is assumed to occur 120 times.

Three reactor trip cooldown transients are considered.

Case A - Reactor Trip With No Inadvertent Cooldown

Steam and feedwater flow are both controlled to bring the plant back to no-load conditions and maintain it at no load. For design purposes, 50 occurrences of this transient are specified.

It is assumed that for most reactor trip Case A transients, the turbine control system operates as designed. For five of the reactor trip Case A transients, it is conservatively assumed that the control system fails, which results in an emergency turbine overspeed. This situation could be initiated with malfunction of the turbine control system, which results in a turbine speed increase past the overspeed trip setpoint. It is assumed that the reactor then trips and that the turbine speed increases to 120 percent of nominal, with accompanying proportional increases in generator bus frequency, reactor coolant pump speed and reactor coolant flow rate. None of the other reactor coolant system primary side, pressurizer, or steam generator secondary side variables is affected.

For design purposes it is assumed that the emergency turbine overspeed constitutes a special case of the reactor trip with no inadvertent cooldown transient. Thus, for five of the 50 occurrences, the effects of the reactor coolant flow variation are considered in addition to the basic pressure and temperature variations.

Case B - Reactor Trip With Cooldown and No Safeguards Actuation

Following the reactor trip, the steam generator water level falls because of shrinkage in the secondary side. This is assumed to cause startup feedwater flow to actuate on low steam generator water level. For this case, it is assumed that the startup feedwater is actuated within five seconds of the reactor trip. Both main and startup feedwater flow continue for approximately one minute after the reactor trip. This maintains a high heat transfer rate through the steam generator, which continues to drive the primary side pressure and temperature down. The reactor coolant system pressure decreases to just above the safety injection setpoint. The flow through the main feedwater nozzle is then terminated, and flow through the startup feedwater nozzle is continued. The plant is then brought back to the no-load condition.

For design purposes, 50 occurrences of this transient are specified.

Case C - Reactor Trip with Cooldown and Passive Residual Heat Removal Actuation

This transient is similar to Case B, but it is assumed that the steam generator secondary side shrinkage is sufficient to actuate the passive residual heat removal heat exchanger of the passive core cooling system on low level.

For design purposes, 20 occurrences of this transient are specified.

3.9.1.1.2.5 Control Rod Drop

This transient occurs when one or more rod cluster control assemblies inadvertently drop into the core because of equipment failure or operator error. If this rod drop occurs while the plant is at power, pressure and temperature transients will occur in the reactor coolant system and on the secondary side of the steam generators. The severity of the rod drop accident depends on a number of factors, such as the number and worth of rod cluster control assemblies that drop, and the value of the moderator temperature coefficient of reactivity. The control rod drop cases assume the control banks to be fully withdrawn.

The following three types of control rod drop transients are postulated for design purposes.

Control Rod Drop - Case A

This transient occurs when the worth of the dropped control rods is high. When the rods drop, reactor power quickly decreases, but plant load is maintained at its initial value.

The steam load-reactor power mismatch causes the plant to cool down, eventually leading to a reactor trip on low pressurizer pressure. Following the reactor trip, the steam generator water level falls because of shrinkage in the secondary side. This is assumed to cause startup feedwater flow to actuate on low steam generator level, thus continuing to drive the primary system temperature and pressure down. The transient is terminated just above the safeguards actuation setpoint.

The responses of the various plant parameters during this transient are identical to those of reactor trip from full power - Case B. For design purposes, 30 occurrences of this transient are specified in addition to the 50 occurrences of reactor trip from full power.

Control Rod Drop - Case B

This transient occurs when the worth of the dropped control rods is relatively low and when the moderator temperature coefficient of reactivity is zero. When the rod drops, reactor power is reduced. However, plant steam load is maintained at its initial value.

The steam load-reactor power mismatch causes the plant to cool down. With a zero moderator temperature coefficient of reactivity, no reactor power recovery occurs. Plant cooldown continues, causing a reactor trip due to low pressurizer pressure, which is then followed by turbine trip. The resultant shrinkage of the steam generator water mass actuates startup feedwater flow. Introduction of the startup feedwater into the steam generators continues to cool the plant. Pressure drops to just below the safeguards actuation setpoint and the passive safety injection system is actuated.

The response of the various plant parameters during this transient are very similar to those of reactor trip from full power - Case C.

The control rod drop - Case B transient is bounded by the reactor trip from full power - Case C transient. The specified number of occurrences of full power reactor trip - Case C transients incorporates the control rod drop - Case B transient frequency of occurrence.

Control Rod Drop - Case C

As in Case B, this transient occurs when the worth of the dropped rod is relatively low. For this case, however, the rod drop is considered to occur when the moderator temperature coefficient of reactivity is negative. When the rod drops, reactor power is reduced but no trip occurs.

However, plant steam load is maintained at the initial value through the transient.

The steam load-reactor power mismatch causes the plant to cool down. With a negative moderator temperature coefficient of reactivity, reactor power returns to its initial value. The plant eventually stabilizes, with reactor power, plant steam flow, reactor coolant system pressure, and pressurizer pressure equal to their initial values, but the reactor coolant system temperature and steam generator secondary-side temperature and pressure are lower.

The magnitude of the reactor coolant system temperature reduction is proportional to the relative worth of the dropped control rod and the negative moderator temperature coefficient of reactivity. For design purposes, 30 occurrences of this transient are specified. The Case B transients are included in the 30 transients.

At the end of the control rod drop - Case C transient, plant parameters stabilize at their final values. After plant parameters achieve their final values, the plant remains at these conditions indefinitely. Subsequently, plant parameters are returned to their initial values.

Following initiation of recovery, hot and cold leg temperatures and steam generator steam temperature and pressure return to their initial values, consistent with normal plant heatup rates. Pressurizer water volume returns to its initial value in about the same amount of time as the return of hot and cold leg temperatures to their initial values. Pressurizer surge rate variation is consistent with the increase in pressurizer water level.

3.9.1.1.2.6 Cold Overpressure

The safety valve located in the residual heat removal pump suction piping provides the capability for additional reactor coolant system inventory letdown in order to maintain the reactor coolant system pressure consistent with the reactor vessel pressure temperature limits, as required by Appendix G of 10 CFR Part 50. Reactor coolant system cold overpressurization occurs at low temperature (below 350°F) during plant heatup or

cooldown, and can occur with or without a steam bubble in the pressurizer. A cold overpressurization is especially severe when the reactor coolant system is water solid. The event is inadvertent, and can be generated by an equipment malfunction or an operator error.

Cold overpressure events are initiated by either a mass addition that exceeds normal letdown capabilities, or a heat addition that attempts to expand the reactor coolant system water volume.

Under water-solid conditions, a worst-case scenario, the mass addition causes an increase in system pressure until the relief valve set pressure, plus accumulation, is reached. The relief valve remains open, with the system pressure stabilizing at the set pressure plus accumulation, until the mass injection is terminated by the operator. Heat addition, also under water-solid conditions, results in a system pressure increase that eventually is terminated by the relief valve.

Once thermal equilibrium is established between the heat source and the reactor coolant system, and the volume expansion has been let down through the relief valve, system pressure stabilizes at the relief valve set pressure.

Fifteen reactor coolant system cold overpressure events, as described above, are specified for design purposes.

3.9.1.1.2.7 Inadvertent Safeguards Actuation

A spurious system-level actuation of the passive core cooling system results in an immediate reactor trip followed by actuation of the various components of the passive core cooling system. The resulting transient is bounded by the reactor trip Case C. The number of reactor trip transients is sufficient to cover a system-level inadvertent safeguards actuation.

A spurious actuation of the passive residual heat removal heat exchanger isolation valves or the core makeup tank valves causes cold reactor coolant to flow into the reactor coolant system. Rapid changes in the temperature of the core makeup tank or passive residual heat removal heat exchanger and associated piping occur. Ten events of this limited transient are postulated.

3.9.1.1.2.8 Partial Loss of Reactor Coolant Flow

This transient applies to a partial loss of flow from full power in which a reactor coolant pump is tripped out of service as a result of loss of power to that pump. The consequences of such an accident are a reactor trip on low reactor coolant flow, followed by a turbine trip; actuation of startup feed control; and automatic opening of the steam dump system. Flow reversal occurs in the associated cold leg. The normal flow direction is maintained in the hot leg of the affected loop but at a reduced rate. Flow through the operating pump in this loop increases.

Operation of the steam dump system tends to bring the plant toward no-load conditions. Cold feedwater from the startup feedwater system then enters the steam generators, causing the plant to cool down. This cooldown continues until termination of startup feed water. The plant is then returned to no-load conditions.

The number of occurrences of this transient is specified as 60 times for design purposes.

3.9.1.1.2.9 Inadvertent Reactor Coolant System Depressurization - Umbrella Case

Several events can be postulated as occurring during normal plant operation that cause rapid depressurization of the reactor coolant system. These include the following:

- Actuation of a single pressurizer safety valve with failure of the valve to reclose
- Inadvertent opening of two 4-inch or 8-inch motor-operated automatic depressurization system valves connected to the pressurizer. Inadvertent opening of the larger valves connected to the reactor coolant system hot legs is not possible at normal operating pressure
- Inadvertent automatic depressurization system actuation due to a spurious system level signal
- Malfunction of a single pressurizer pressure controller causing two pressurizer spray valves to open
- Inadvertent opening of one pressurizer spray valve
- Inadvertent opening of the auxiliary spray valve

Umbrella Case - Of these events, inadvertent automatic depressurization system actuation causes the most severe reactor coolant system pressure and temperature transients. It is used as an umbrella case to conservatively represent the reactor coolant pressure and temperature variations arising from any of them.

Although inadvertent actuation of the pressurizer spray is included among the transient events covered by the umbrella case, the inadvertent automatic depressurization system actuation case selected to represent the depressurization transients does not involve spray operation. Therefore, for the umbrella case, it is assumed that pressurizer spray is not actuated and that no temperature transients due to flow occur at the spray nozzle.

Inadvertent Pressurizer Spray - The inadvertent pressurizer spray transient represents the depressurization transient, with the most significant temperature variations on portions of the pressurizer, spray nozzle, and spray piping. Should auxiliary spray flow be inadvertently initiated, it could cause a rapid temperature change at the pressurizer spray nozzle and on

the pressurizer vessel. Therefore, to provide a conservative design for these components, an inadvertent pressurizer spray transient is defined.

An inadvertent pressurizer spray occurs if the normal spray valve is opened during normal plant operation because of either failure of a control component or operator error. This introduces water at reactor coolant system cold leg temperature into the pressurizer. The flowrate is assumed to be the maximum design spray flowrate. This transient results in a pressure decrease and, eventually, in a low-pressure reactor trip.

An inadvertent auxiliary spray occurs if the auxiliary spray valve is opened during normal plant operation because of either failure of a control component or operator error. The opening of the auxiliary spray valve causes an inadvertent spray transient only during the limited time that the makeup pump in the chemical volume and control system is operating. The inadvertent auxiliary spray introduces cold water into the pressurizer, which results in a sharp pressure decrease and, eventually, in a low-pressure reactor trip.

The temperature of the auxiliary spray flow is dependent upon the performance of the regenerative heat exchanger. The most conservative case assumes that the letdown stream is shut off and that unheated charging fluid enters the 653°F pressurizer. It is assumed that the temperature of the spray water is 70°F and that the spray flow rate is equal to the normal charging rate.

For both cases, it is also assumed that the spray flow continues for five minutes before it is shut off and that the temperature changes at the pressurizer and spray nozzle occur as steps. For design purposes, it is assumed that no reactor coolant temperature changes occur as the result of inadvertent spray.

For design purposes, 15 occurrences of the inadvertent reactor coolant system depressurization transient are specified. Component evaluations are based on the more limiting of either the umbrella case or the inadvertent spray case. For those components for which the limiting transient is caused by the inadvertent pressurizer spray transient, 10 occurrences of inadvertent normal spray and five occurrences of inadvertent auxiliary spray are postulated.

3.9.1.1.2.10 Excessive Feedwater Flow

An excessive feedwater flow transient is conservatively defined as an umbrella case to cover the occurrence of several events of the same general nature. The postulated transient results from inadvertent opening of a feedwater control valve while the plant is at the hot standby or no-load condition, with the feedwater, condensate, and heater drain systems in operation.

It is assumed that the stem of a feedwater control valve fails and the valve immediately reaches the full open position. In the steam generator directly affected by the malfunctioning valve (failed loop), the feedwater flow step increases from essentially zero

flow to the value determined by the system resistance and the developed head of the operating feedwater pumps. Steam flow is assumed to remain at zero.

The passive safety injection system is actuated on a low pressurizer pressure signal. Main feedwater flow is effectively isolated on the safety injection signal.

This transient is assumed to occur 30 times for design purposes.

3.9.1.1.2.11 Loss of Power with Natural Circulation Cooldown

This event is the same as a loss of power transient, except that the reactor coolant system temperature is reduced by natural circulation through the operation of either the startup feedwater pumps and steam dump through the power-operated relief valves if onsite power is available or the passive residual heat removal system transferring heat to the in-containment refueling water storage tank if onsite power is not available. For design purposes 30 natural circulation cooldown occurrences, are assumed. These two cases are discussed below.

Case A - Loss of Power with Natural Circulation Cooldown with Onsite ac Power

For this case, natural circulation cooldown is performed with onsite ac power available. This permits operation of the startup feedwater pumps which enables steam dump through the steam generator power-operated relief valves. This transient is analyzed assuming at least one onsite diesel is operable. For this case the startup feedwater pumps operate and the control rod drive mechanism fan coolers operate to maintain the temperature of the reactor vessel head close to the temperature of the remainder of the reactor vessel. For design purposes, 20 occurrences of this transient are assumed.

Case B - Loss of Power with Natural Circulation Cooldown without Onsite ac Power

For this case, the reactor coolant is cooled by natural circulation with the passive residual heat removal heat exchangers. For this case, no credit is taken for nonsafety-related equipment including the diesel generators. For design purposes, 10 occurrences of this transient are assumed.

3.9.1.1.3 Level C Service Conditions (Emergency Conditions)

The following paragraphs describe the reactor coolant system emergency condition transients considered to be plant condition PC-4 per ANS N51.1. A list of these transients follows. The effect of these events are analyzed using Service Level C limits. As noted previously, up to 25 strong stress cycles due to these transients are not analyzed for cyclic fatigue. Any cycles exceeding the 25 excluded are analyzed for cyclic fatigue using Service Level B limits. The mechanical loads due to pipe rupture are analyzed using Service Level D limits.

See subsection 3.6.2 for a discussion of the analysis of mechanical loads due to pipe break.

- Small loss of coolant accident
- Small steam line break
- Complete loss of flow
- Small feedwater line break
- Steam generator tube rupture

3.9.1.1.3.1 Small Loss-of-Coolant Accident

For design transient purposes, the small loss of coolant accident is a break equivalent to the severance of a 2-inch ID branch connection on the common passive core cooling system line connected to the reactor vessel. It is assumed that the passive core cooling is actuated immediately after the break occurs and delivers water at a minimum temperature of 70°F to the reactor vessel.

It is assumed that this transient occurs five times for design purposes.

3.9.1.1.3.2 Small Steam Line Break

For design purposes, a small steam line break is a break equivalent to a steam generator safety valve opening and remaining open.

For design purposes, it is assumed that this transient occurs five times.

3.9.1.1.3.3 Complete Loss of Flow

This accident involves a complete loss of flow from full power resulting from the simultaneous loss of power to all reactor coolant pumps. The consequences are a reactor trip on low pump speed, followed by an automatic turbine trip.

This event is considered to be bounded by the loss of power transient. The frequency of occurrence of loss of power transients incorporates the frequency of occurrence of complete loss of flow accidents.

3.9.1.1.3.4 Small Feedwater Line Break

This transient is postulated as a small break in the piping between the steam generator and the main feedwater isolation valve. The main feedwater control system is assumed to malfunction. The malfunction of the main feedwater flow in the affected loop is equivalent to the fluid spilling through the break. No main feedwater is supplied to either steam generator.

After reactor trip, the main feedwater control system is assumed to be lost and reverse flow is assumed to be initiated from the pipe with the break. During the course of the transient, reactor trip, turbine trip, the passive core cooling system and the startup feedwater system are actuated because of low level in the steam generator.

For design purposes, this transient is assumed to occur five times.

3.9.1.1.3.5 Steam Generator Tube Rupture

This transient is postulated as the double-ended rupture of a single steam generator tube, which results in decreases in pressurizer level and reactor coolant pressure. Assuming no operator action, the reactor eventually trips on overtemperature ΔT or low pressurizer pressure. Reactor trip initiates a turbine trip. Reactor coolant system pressure continues to decrease after the trip because of energy transfer from the primary system to the secondary side and continued primary to secondary leakage through the ruptured steam generator tube. Continued reactor coolant system leakage results in an actuation of the passive core cooling system because of low pressurizer level or pressure.

For design purposes this transient is assumed to occur five times.

3.9.1.1.4 Level D Service Condition (Faulted Conditions)

The following paragraphs discuss the reactor coolant system faulted condition transients considered to be plant condition PC-5 per ANS/ANSI N51.1. A list of these transients follows. These transients are analyzed using level D service limits and are not analyzed for fatigue due to cyclic loads. See subsection 3.6.2 for a discussion of the analysis of mechanical loads due to pipe break.

The components are not evaluated for the dynamic effects of pipe rupture for the pipe break events when the requirements for mechanistic pipe break have been satisfied for the connecting piping. See subsection 3.6.3 for a discussion of the leak-before-break requirements for mechanistic pipe break. The maximum fluid pressure on components is evaluated for these events when leak-before-break requirements are satisfied.

- Reactor coolant pipe break (large loss-of-coolant accident)
- Large steam line break
- Large feedwater line break
- Reactor coolant pump locked rotor
- Control rod ejection

Each of these accidents is evaluated for one occurrence only.

3.9.1.1.4.1 Reactor Coolant Pipe Break (Large Loss-of-Coolant Accident)

Following a rupture of a reactor coolant pipe or connecting branch line that results in a large loss of coolant, the primary system pressure decreases rapidly. This rapid decrease causes the primary system temperature to decrease. Because of the rapid blowdown of coolant from the system and the comparatively large heat capacity of the metal sections of the components, it is likely that the metal will remain at or near operating temperature during blowdown. The passive safety injection system is actuated to introduce water, at an assumed minimum temperature of 70°F, into the reactor coolant system (reactor vessel). The safety injection signal also trips the reactor and the turbine.

3.9.1.1.4.2 Large Steam Line Break

This transient is based on a double-ended rupture of a main steam line. The analyses performed are based on the following conservative assumptions:

- The plant is initially at no-load condition.
- The steam line break results in an immediate reactor trip.
- Main steam line isolation valves are initially open.
- The passive core cooling system operates as designed, and no single failures are assumed. This maximizes the extent and rate of plant cooldown.
- Reactor coolant pumps continue to operate until tripped on core makeup tank actuation coincident with low pressurizer water level.

An alternate definition of large steam break if postulated for evaluation of steam generator pressure boundary components, with respect to stress levels in the steam generator tubes and tubesheet, may represent a more severe transient. The alternate definition is as follows: If the break should occur while the plant is operating at full power instead of no load, and the break is located outside of containment, the affected steam generator will quickly blow down to atmospheric pressure. Flow through the startup feedwater nozzle is then delivered to the hot, dry shell side of the affected steam generator. The primary side pressurizes to 2600 psia (set pressure of pressurizer safety valves plus one percent set pressure error plus 3 percent accumulation). This results in a large differential pressure across the tubes and tubesheet. The combination of parameters giving the most conservative results is used.

The simultaneous, complete severance of both a main steam line and a feedwater line is not a credible event in the AP600. In addition to the application of criteria to demonstrate leak-before-break on these lines, layout and support requirements are imposed to prevent extensive steam line or feedwater line displacement following rupture.

3.9.1.1.4.3 Large Feedwater Line Break

This postulated accident involves the double-ended rupture of a main feedwater line, which results in rapid blowdown of the affected steam generator and termination of feedwater flow to the other. The plant is assumed to be operating at an initial power level of 102 percent of design rating, with temperatures 4°F higher than nominal, full power values when the break occurs. The feedwater line break results in immediate reactor and turbine trips. The passive core cooling system is actuated, the passive residual heat removal heat exchanger operates, and the reactor coolant pumps are tripped.

In the analysis, no credit is taken for operation of pressure control systems, steam dump, or steam generator power-operated relief valves. The intact steam generator feeds the break through the main steam header after the faulted steam generator discharges its liquid inventory. Steam flow continues until the main steam lines are isolated on low steam line pressure.

3.9.1.1.4.4 Reactor Coolant Pump Locked Rotor

This accident is based on the seizure of the rotating assembly of a reactor coolant pump rotor, with the plant operating at full power. Reactor trip occurs rapidly, as the result of low coolant flow in the affected cold leg. Assumptions made in the analysis include the following:

- Initially the plant is operating at 102 percent of design rating.
- T_{avg} is initially 4°F above the program value.
- No return to criticality occurs in the core.
- No credit is taken for reactor coolant system pressure control.

For the determination of the increase in pressure and response of the reactor core to the reduction in flow, the seizure is assumed to occur instantaneously. For the evaluation of dynamic effects imposed on the pump casing, steam generator, and connecting piping, the rotating assembly is assumed to come to a stop rapidly but not instantaneously. See subsection 5.4.1 for a discussion of the time for a locked rotor to occur.

Level D pressure limits are applied to the affected reactor coolant pump, steam generator channel head and piping, and level B pressure limits are applied to the rest of the reactor coolant system. The system effects and the maximum fluid pressure are evaluated for this condition on components not affected by the dynamic effects.

3.9.1.1.4.5 Control Rod Ejection

This accident is based on the single most reactive control rod being instantaneously ejected from the core. This reactivity insertion in a particular region of the core causes a severe pressure increase in the reactor coolant system in such a way that the pressurizer safety

valves will lift. It also causes a more severe temperature transient in the loop associated with the affected region (the hot loop) than in the other loop.

Since the pressure boundary of the control rod drive mechanism is constructed using the requirements of the ASME Code, Section III, the ejection of the control rod is postulated as a nonmechanistic event and not as the result of a rupture of the control rod drive housing. The analysis of the system response is based on the reactivity insertion without any mitigating effects (on the pressure transient) of coolant blowdown through the hole in the vessel head above the rod. The maximum fluid pressure on the components is evaluated for this condition.

3.9.1.1.5 Test Conditions Transients

The following paragraphs describe the following reactor coolant system test conditions transients:

- Primary-side hydrostatic test
- Secondary-side hydrostatic test
- Tube leakage test

3.9.1.1.5.1 Primary-Side Hydrostatic Test

The pressure tests covered by this subsection include both shop and field hydrostatic tests that occur as a result of component or system testing. This hydrostatic test is performed at a water temperature compatible with reactor material ductility requirements and a test pressure of 3107 psig (1.25 times design pressure). In this test, the reactor coolant system is pressurized to 3107 psig coincident with steam generator secondary-side pressure of zero psig. The reactor coolant system is designed for 10 cycles of these hydrostatic tests. The number of cycles is independent of other operating transients.

Additional, lower-pressure hydrostatic tests may be performed to meet the inservice inspection requirements of ASME Code, Section XI, Subarticle IWB-5200. Four such tests are expected. The increase in the fatigue usage factor caused by these tests is covered by the primary-side leakage tests that are considered for design. No additional specification is required.

3.9.1.1.5.2 Secondary-Side Hydrostatic Test

The secondary side of the steam generator is pressurized to 1.25 design pressure, with a minimum water temperature of 120°F coincident with the primary side at 0 psig. Pressure is maintained on the primary side to avoid overstressing the tubesheet. For design purposes it is assumed that the steam generator will experience 10 cycles of this test. These hydrostatic test cycles are considered in the stress and fatigue analyses.

These tests may be performed either before plant startup or after major repairs or both. The number of cycles is independent of other operating transients.

3.9.1.1.5.3 Tube Leakage Test

It may be necessary to check the steam generator for tube leakage and tube-to-tubesheet leakage. This is done by inspecting the underside (channel-head side) of the tubesheet for water leakage, with the secondary side pressurized. Tube leakage tests are performed during plant cold shutdown.

For these tests, the secondary side of the steam generator is pressurized with water, initially at a relatively low pressure, and the primary system remains depressurized. The underside of the tubesheet is examined for leaks. If any are observed, the secondary side is depressurized and the leaking tube is plugged. The secondary side is then repressurized (to a higher pressure), and the underside of the tubesheet is again checked for leaks. This process is repeated until the leaks are repaired. The maximum (final) secondary-side test pressure reached is 840 psig.

The total number of tube leakage test cycles is defined as 800 for design purposes. The following is a breakdown of the anticipated number of occurrences at each secondary side test pressure:

Test Pressure (psig)	Number of Occurrences
200	400
400	200
600	120
840	80

During these tests, both the primary and the secondary sides of the steam generators are at ambient temperatures. Neither the primary-side nor secondary-side design pressure is exceeded. The expected secondary-to-primary pressure differential exceeds the design value of 670 psi for some of the test cycles.

3.9.1.2 Computer Programs Used in Analyses

A number of computer programs that are used in the dynamic and static analyses of mechanical loads, stresses, and deformations, and in the hydraulic transient load analyses, of seismic Category I components and supports are listed in Table 3.9-15. A complete list of programs will be included in the ASME Code Design Reports. The Combined License applicant will implement the NRC benchmark program using AP600 specific problems if a piping analysis computer program other than those used for design certification (PS+CAEPIPE, GAPPIPE, and WECAN) is used.

The development process, verification, validation, configuration control and error reporting and resolution for computer programs used in these analyses for the AP600 are completed in compliance with an established quality assurance program. The quality assurance program is described in Chapter 17. The verification conforms to at least one of the following methods:

- Hand calculations
- Alternate verified calculational methods
- Results of other verified programs
- Results obtained from experiments and tests
- Known solutions for similar or standard problems
- Measured and documented plant data
- Confirmed published data and correlations
- Results of standard programs and benchmarks
- Parametric sensitivity analysis
- Reference to a verification and validation that has been reviewed and accepted by an independent third party

3.9.1.3 Experimental Stress Analysis

For the reactor internals, measured results from prototype plants and various scale model tests are used to validate the analysis of vibrations of reactor vessel internals as discussed in subsection 3.9.2. No other experimental stress analysis is used for the AP600.

3.9.1.4 Considerations for the Evaluation of the Faulted Conditions

Subsection 3.9.3 describes the analytical methods used to evaluate ASME Code, Section III, Class 1 components for Service Level D Conditions (faulted conditions).

3.9.1.5 Module Interaction, Coupling, and Other Issues

Many portions of the systems for the AP600 are assembled as modules and shipped to the plant as completed or partially completed units. The following provides a discussion of influence of modularization on the structural analysis, inservice inspection, and maintenance in the AP600.

The modules are constructed using a structural steel framework to support the equipment, pipe, and pipe supports in the module. Piping in the modules is routed and analyzed in the same manner as in a plant built by traditional methods. See subsection 3.7.3 for additional discussion of the structural analysis of modules.

The modules are designed and engineered to provide access for inservice inspection and maintenance activities. Field run pipes and equipment supports do not hinder access for maintenance and inspection.

The quality assurance requirements for the installation and welding of components, piping, supports, and structural elements are the same as in a plant built by traditional methods. The improved access to the parts of the module during fabrication enhances inspection.

3.9.2 Dynamic Testing and Analysis

3.9.2.1 Piping Vibration, Thermal Expansion, and Dynamic Effects

A pre-operational test program as described in Section 14.2 is implemented as required by NB-3622.3, NC-3622, and ND-3611 of the ASME Code, Section III to verify that the piping and piping restraints will withstand dynamic effects due to transients, such as pump trips and valve trips, and that piping vibrations are within acceptable levels. The piping systems to be tested include ASME Code, Section III, Class 1, 2, and 3 systems, high energy systems inside seismic Category I structures, high energy portions of systems whose failure could reduce the functioning of seismic Category I features to an unacceptable level, and the seismic Category I portions of moderate-energy piping systems located outside containment. This includes ASME instrumentation lines up to the first support in each of three orthogonal directions from the process pipe or equipment connection point.

The pre-operational test program for the ASME Code, Section III, Class 1, 2, and 3, and other high-energy or seismic Category I piping systems simulates actual operating modes to demonstrate that the components comprising these systems meet functional design requirements and that piping vibrations are within acceptable levels. The pre-operational testing programs are outlined in subsection 14.2.8. Piping systems are checked in three sequential steps or series of tests and inspections.

Construction acceptance, the first step, entails inspection of components for correct installation. During this phase, pipe and equipment supports are checked for correct assembly and setting. The cold locations of reactor coolant system components, such as steam generators and reactor coolant pumps, are recorded.

During the second step of testing, plant heatup, the plant is heated to normal operating temperatures. During the heatup, systems are observed periodically to verify proper expansion. Expansion data is recorded at the end of heatup.

During the third step of testing, performance testing, systems are operated to check the performance of critical pumps, valves, controls, and auxiliary equipment. This phase of testing includes transient tests performed as outlined in Chapter 14. During this phase of testing, the piping and piping restraints are observed for vibration and expansion response. Automatic safety devices, control devices, and other major equipment are observed for indications of overstress, excess vibration, overheating, and noise. Each system test includes critical valve operation during transient system modes.

The locations in the piping system selected for observation during the testing, and the respective acceptance standards, are provided in the preoperational vibration, thermal expansion, and dynamic effects test program plan.

Provisions are made to verify the operability of essential snubbers by recording hot and cold positions. If vibration during testing exceeds the acceptance standard, corrective measures are taken and the test is performed again to demonstrate adequacy.

3.9.2.1.1 Piping Vibration Details

Piping vibration loadings can be placed in two categories: transient-induced vibrations and steady-state vibrations. The first is a dynamic system response to a transient, time-dependent forcing function, such as fast valve closure. The second is a constant vibration, usually flow-induced. Piping vibration testing and assessment is performed in accordance with ANSI/ASME OM, (Reference 2) Part 3.

Transient Response

Dynamic events falling in this category are anticipated operational occurrences. The systems and the transients included in the preoperational test program are outlined in Section 14.2.

For those types of transients where a time-dependent dynamic analysis is performed on the system, the stresses obtained are combined with system stresses resulting from other operating conditions in according to the criteria identified in subsection 3.9.3.

Details of the program and the pipe monitoring displacement transducers or scratch plates and strain gage or load cells locations, including the criteria for evaluation of data gained, are provided in the test procedures.

Steady-State Vibration

System vibrations resulting from flow disturbances are considered steady-state vibration. Since the exact nature of the flow disturbance is not known prior to pump operation, no analysis is performed. If system vibration is evident during initial operation, the maximum

amplitudes are measured and related to alternating stress intensity levels based on the guidance of ANSI/ASME OM (Reference 2) Part 3.

The AP600 preoperational vibration monitoring program includes appropriate safety-related instrument lines up to the first support in each of three orthogonal directions from the process pipe or equipment connection point. The acceptance standard is that the maximum alternating stress intensity, S_{alt} , calculated from the measured amplitudes, shall be limited as defined in the following:

A. For ASME Class 1 piping systems:

$$S_{alt} = \frac{C_2 K_2}{Z} M \leq \frac{S_{el}}{\infty}$$

where:

C_2 = secondary stress index as defined in the ASME Code

∞ = allowable stress reduction factor: 1.3 for materials covered by Figure I-9.1; or 1.0 for materials covered by Figure I-9.2.1 or I-9.2.2 of the ASME Code, Section III, Appendices

K_2 = local stress index as defined in the ASME Code

M = maximum zero to peak dynamic moment loading due to vibration only, or in combination with other loads as required by the system design specification

S_{el} = $0.8 S_A$, where S_A is the alternating stress at 10^6 cycles from Figure I-9.1; or S_A at 10^{11} cycles from Figure I-9.2.2 of the ASME Code. The influence of temperature on the modulus of elasticity is considered.

Z = section modulus of the pipe

B. For ASME Class 2 and 3 or ANSI B31.1 piping:

$$S_{alt} = \frac{C_2 K_2}{Z} M \leq \frac{S_{el}}{\infty}$$

where:

$C_2 K_2 = 2i$

- i = stress intensification factor, as defined in subsection NC and ND of the ASME Code or in ANSI B31.1.

If significant vibration levels are detected during the test program that have not been previously considered in the piping system analysis, consideration is given to modifying the design specification to re-verify applicable code conformance using the measured vibration as input.

If required, additional restraints are provided to reduce stresses to below the acceptance levels.

3.9.2.1.2 Piping Thermal Expansion Program

The piping thermal expansion testing program verifies that the piping systems expand within acceptable limits during heatup and cooldown. Also, this program verifies that the standard component supports (including spring hangers, snubbers, and struts) can accommodate the expansion of the piping within an acceptable range for required modes of operation. Test specifications for thermal expansion testing of piping systems during preoperational and start-up testing will be in accordance with ASME OM Standard, Part 7.

3.9.2.2 Seismic Qualification Testing of Safety-Related Mechanical Equipment

Safety-related mechanical equipment and supports are tested or analyzed to demonstrate functional integrity during and following a postulated safe shutdown earthquake. Equipment that must be active to shut down the plant or mitigate the effects of postulated accidents is analyzed or tested to verify operability. The operability requirements for active valves are discussed more fully in subsection 3.9.3.2.

Section 3.2 lists the equipment classification and seismic category for components and equipment in the AP600. Table 3.9-12 lists the active valves. The AP600 has no safety-related active pumps or turbines.

Seismic Category I safety-related equipment is shown to have structural integrity by analysis satisfying the stress criteria applicable to the particular piece of equipment or by tests showing that the equipment retains its structural integrity under the simulated test environment.

Analyses used to verify functional integrity demonstrate that stresses do not exceed the allowables specified for the appropriate loading combinations listed in subsection 3.9.3. Deformations do not exceed those that permit the component to perform its required safety function.

Subsection 3.7.3 describes the methods for seismic subsystem analysis.

Tests used to verify operability demonstrate that the component is not prevented from performing its required safety function during and after the test.

The testing procedures used in the seismic qualification of instrumentation and electrical equipment are discussed in Section 3.10. The operability of active valves includes the operability of the valve operator. Valves and operators are tested for operability as an assembly. Section 3.10 includes a description of operability testing for ASME Code Classes 1, 2, and 3 valves and respective drives, operators, and vital auxiliary equipment. That section includes a description of the seismic operability criteria.

Dynamic testing, analysis, or a combination of the two may be used to qualify safety-related seismic Category I mechanical equipment for a postulated safe shutdown earthquake. The criteria used to decide whether dynamic testing or analysis is used are as follows:

Analysis without Testing

Structural analysis without testing is used if structural integrity alone can verify the intended design function. Equipment which falls into this category includes:

- Piping
- Ductwork
- Tanks and vessels
- Heat exchangers
- Filters
- Passive valves

Dynamic analysis without testing is used to qualify heavy machinery too large to be tested. For active equipment, it is verified that deformations due to seismic loadings do not cause binding of moving parts to the extent that the component cannot perform its required safety function.

Dynamic Testing

Dynamic testing is used for components with mechanisms that must change position in order to perform the required safety function. Section 3.10 discusses the seismic qualification of electrical equipment and combinations of valves and valve operators. Such components include the following:

- Electric motor valve operators
- Valve position sensors
- Similar appurtenances for other active valves

Combinations of Analysis with Testing

Combinations of analysis, static testing, and dynamic testing are used for seismic qualification of complex valves. Section 3.10 discusses the requirements for these combinations for equipment, which includes the following:

- Main steam and main feedwater isolation valves
- Other active valves

3.9.2.3 Dynamic Response Analysis of Reactor Internals under Operational Flow Transients and Steady-State Conditions

The vibration characteristics and behavior due to flow-induced excitation are complex and not readily ascertained by analytical means alone. Assessment of vibrational response is done using a combination of analysis and testing. Comparisons of results obtained from reference plant vibration measurement programs have been used to confirm the validity of scale model tests and other prediction methods as well to confirm the adequacy of reference plant internals regarding flow induced vibration. The flow-induced vibration assessment is documented in WCAP-14761 (Reference 18).

Reactor components are excited by flowing coolant, which causes oscillatory pressures on the surfaces. The integration of these pressures over the applied area provides the forcing functions to be used in the dynamic analysis of the structures. In view of the complexities of the geometries and the random character of the pressure oscillations, a closed form solution of the vibration problem by the integration of the differential equations is not always practical and realistic.

The determination of forcing functions as a direct correlation of pressure oscillations cannot be practically performed independently of the dynamic characteristics of the reactor vessel internals structure. The main objective is to establish the characteristics of the forcing functions that determine the response of the structures.

By studying the dynamic properties of the structure from previous analytical and experimental work, the characteristics of the forcing function are deduced. These studies indicate that the most important forcing functions are flow turbulence and pump-related excitation. The relevance of such excitation depends on factors that include the type and location of components and flow conditions.

The effects of these forcing functions have been studied in tests performed on models and reference plants. These effects are factored into the analysis models used to evaluate flow-induced vibrations in the AP600 reactor internals.

The analysis portion of the vibration assessment program for the AP600 reactor internals substantiates, prior to testing of the first AP600, that the internals are not expected to be

subject to unacceptable flow-induced vibrations. The analysis is consistent with the guidelines of Regulatory Guide 1.20. Conformance with Regulatory Guide 1.20 is summarized in Section 1.9.1.

The reactor vessel internals in the AP600 are similar in size and overall configurations to the reactor vessel internals in previous Westinghouse-designed three-loop nuclear power plants.

The original reference plant for Westinghouse three-loop plant reactor internals flow-induced vibration is H. B. Robinson. The results of vibrations testing at H. B. Robinson are reported in WCAP-7765-AR (Reference 3).

Successive design changes that have been incorporated into the AP600 design since the reference plant tests have also been tested in preoperational plant vibration measurement programs, including the following:

- Inverted hat upper internals and 17x17 guide tubes at DOEL 3 and Sequoyah 1
- XL lower core support structure at DOEL 4
- Elimination of reactor vessel shielding outside the core barrel at PALUEL 1

These tests confirmed that the internals behaved as expected and that the vibration levels were within allowable values. The vibration testing for 17x17 fuel internals and inverted hat upper internals is reported in WCAP-8766 (Reference 4) and WCAP-8516-P (Reference 5). The vibration testing of three-loop XL type lower core support structure in DOEL 4 is reported in WCAP 10846 (Reference 6). The vibration evaluations of upper and lower internals assemblies for a four-loop XL plant, including reference to the test results in Paluel 1 (four-loop XL type without neutron pads), are reported in WCAP-10865 (Reference 7).

The results of the Doel 3, Doel 4, and Paluel 1 reactor internals vibration test programs are utilized to perform the vibration assessment of the AP600 reactor internals. The measured responses from Doel 3 and Doel 4 are adjusted to the lower AP600 flow rate to determine the expected upper internals and lower internals vibration levels respectively. The AP600 flow velocities are 85 percent or less of the Doel 4 values at various locations in the reactor internals which results in lower responses in the AP600.

Subsequent operation of numerous plants has further demonstrated the adequacy of the reactor vessel internals regarding flow-induced vibration.

AP600 includes design features that differ from the design in plants in which the reactor internals have been tested as outlined previously. These design differences include the following:

- The design has four inlet nozzles and two outlet nozzles in a three-loop size reactor vessel with a three-loop size core barrel.
- The skirt of the internals support structure is 10-inches longer than the skirt of previous three-loop internals designs.
- The upper support plate has sixty-two 9.78 inch diameter holes as compared to sixty-one 9.50 inch diameter holes in the previous three-loop design. The plate thickness is identical at 12 inches in both designs.
- The reflector replaces the baffles and formers of the earlier designs.
- The design has a new in-core instrumentation system.
- The structures below the lower core support plate have been changed.
- The reactor coolant is moved using a canned motor pump instead of a shaft seal pump.

The vibrations of the upper internals components are well characterized by previous plant testing based on the following: The control assembly guide tubes and support column designs are similar to those in a previously tested plant. The outlet nozzle velocity is less than the outlet nozzle velocity of previously tested three-loop plants.

The AP600 upper internals design is substantially the same as that measured in the Doel 3 plant and 3XL scale model tests. The AP600 support column, guide tube and upper support assembly are nearly identical to the components in the 3XL scale model test. There are slight differences in the numbers of guide tubes and support columns, but little effect on the vibrational responses is expected since these components respond as individual beams. The corresponding AP600 responses were calculated to be less than the previous plant responses due to the lower flow velocities in the AP600.

The vibration levels of the AP600 lower internals are expected to be similar to or less than the vibration levels of the previously tested plants based on the following.

The core barrel outside diameter and inside diameter and the reactor vessel inside diameter are the same as the tested three-loop plants. The core barrel length is one foot shorter. The coolant velocity in the downcomer annulus between the core barrel and the reactor vessel wall is lower in the AP600 design than in previous three-loop plants because the AP600 has no thermal shield or neutron pads in the annulus and the total reactor coolant flow rate is lower.

The vibrational response of the core barrel was measured during the Doel 4 reactor internals vibration measurement program. The diameter, length and thickness are nearly identical to the AP600 core barrel and both utilize the single combined lower core support plate. The

cantilever beam mode frequency and amplitude of the AP600 core barrel are calculated to be similar to the measured Doel 4 responses. Comparison of the 4XL scale model to the Paluel plant test results indicate that the removal of the neutron panels has little effect on core barrel vibration.

The reflector is shorter than the core barrel, has a larger cross-sectional area and a smaller diameter than the core barrel, and is more rigidly clamped at its axially supported end, so that its vibration is expected to occur primarily coupled to the core barrel and to have small vibration levels relative to the core barrel.

The replacement of the baffle-former structure with the radial reflector reduces the stiffness of the core barrel. The AP600 shell mode amplitudes are estimated to be higher than the standard three-loop core barrel responses based on scaling the measured responses to the AP600 reduced core barrel stiffness. The AP600 shell mode amplitudes are acceptable.

The AP600 core barrel and reflector will be instrumented during the pre-operational testing of the first plant to determine the shell mode frequencies and amplitudes.

The in-core instrumentation cables are inside the upper internals support columns and are thus shielded from core plenum coolant flows. The instrumentation cables are subjected to fuel assembly outlet nozzle turbulence. This is judged to be not greater than the inlet nozzle turbulence to which in-core instrumentation thimbles in previous plants were subjected.

One of the changes below the lower core support is the addition of a vortex suppressor. The vortex suppressor design is subject to flow-induced vibrations from coolant flows in the core inlet plenum and by motions of the core barrel. The other significant change below the lower core support plate is the removal of bottom mounted instrumentation and associated guide tubes.

The reactor coolant canned motor pumps of the AP600, have the same rotational speed and the same number of impeller blades as in previous plants. Therefore, a significant change in vibration is not expected. The forcing function frequencies are similar to previous plants. For calculation of pump induced pulsations acting on the AP600 reactor internals, the pulsation level at the pumps is taken to be the same as the level previous shaft seal pumps. Since the horsepower of the AP600 pumps is lower than in shaft seal pumps, the shaft seal pulsation is a conservative analysis basis for the AP600

3.9.2.4 Pre-operational Flow-Induced Vibration Testing of Reactor Internals

The pre-operational vibration test program for the reactor internals of the AP600 conducted on the first AP600 is consistent with the guidelines of Regulatory Guide 1.20 for a comprehensive vibration assessment program. Design features that have not previously been

tested in the reference plants or subsequent testing are tested to verify the vibration analysis. Conformance with Regulatory Guide 1.20 is summarized in Section 1.9.1.

The program is directed toward confirming the long-term, steady-state vibration response of the reactor internals for operating conditions. The three aspects of this evaluation are the following: a prediction of the vibrations of the reactor internals, a preoperational vibration test program of the internals of the first plant, and a correlation of the analysis and test results.

With respect to the reactor internals preoperational test program, the first AP600 plant reactor vessel internals are classified as prototype as defined in Regulatory Guide 1.20. The AP600 reactor vessel internals do not represent a first-of-a-kind or unique design based on the arrangement, design, size, or operating conditions. The units referenced in the subsection 3.9.2.3 as supporting the AP600 reactor vessel internals design features and configuration have successfully completed vibration assessment programs including vibration measurement programs. These units have subsequently demonstrated extended satisfactory inservice operation.

The reference plant for the AP600 is H. B. Robinson that has substantially the same size and operating conditions as the AP600. Structural differences include modifications resulting from the use of 17x17 fuel, the removal of the thermal shield and the change to the inverted top hat upper internals support assembly. These design changes were incorporated into the Doel 3 and Doel 4 reactor internals as well as the AP600.

The effects of these design evolutions from the reference plant were shown by instrumented preoperational testing at the Doel 3 (upper internals) and Doel 4 (lower internals) plants. The vibrational responses of the AP600 reactor internals are characterized by the Doel 3 and 4 vibration measurement programs.

The pre-operational test program of the first AP600 plant includes a limited vibration measurement program and a pre- and post-hot functional inspection program. This program satisfies the guidelines for a Regulatory Guide 1.20 Prototype Category plant. The AP600 reactor internals design does not require supplemental testing including component vibration tests, flow tests, or scale model tests. AP600 plants subsequent to the first plant will be subject to the pre- and post-hot functional inspection program. The program for plants subsequent to the first plant satisfies the guidelines for a Non-Prototype Category IV plant.

The acceptance standard for the vibration predictions is established and related to the ASME Code allowables for long term steady-state conditions.

During the hot functional test, the internals are subjected to a total operating time at greater than normal full-flow conditions of at least 240 hours. This provides a cyclic loading of greater than 10^6 cycles on the main structural elements of the internals. In addition, there is some operating time with one, two, or three pumps operating.

Instrumentation is designed and installed to measure the vibration of the internals during hot functional testing. The instrumentation includes devices attached to reactor vessel internals to measure component strains and accelerations and/or deflections.

Since the most notable differences with previously tested designs are in the lower internals, the instrumentation is concentrated on the lower internals. In particular, instrumentation is provided to verify that the incorporation of a reflector does not cause an unacceptable vibration and to confirm that the flow-induced vibration of the vortex suppression plate is acceptable.

Inspection before and after the hot functional test serves to confirm that the internals are functioning correctly. This inspection is performed on AP600 plants subsequent to the first. When no indications of harmful vibrations or signs of abnormal wear are detected and no apparent structural changes take place, the core support structures are considered to be structurally adequate and sound for operation. If such indications are detected, further evaluation is required.

The testing and inspection plan of the first plant includes features with emphasis on the areas outlined below. The visual inspection plan applies to plants subsequent to the first.

General

- Major load-bearing elements of the reactor internals relied upon to retain the core structure in place
- The lateral, vertical, and torsional restraints provided within the vessel
- The locking and bolting devices the failure of which could adversely affect the structural integrity of the internals
- The other locations on the reactor internal components that are similar to those that were examined on the reference plant designs
- The inside of the vessel, inspected before and after the hot functional test with the internals removed, to verify that no loose parts or foreign material is present

Lower Internals

- Major girth welds
- Upper core plate aligning pin - bearing surface examined for shadow marks, burnishing, buffing, or scoring, welds inspected for integrity

- Irradiation specimen guide screw locking devices and dowel pins - checked for lockweld integrity
- Radial support key welds
- Secondary core support assembly screw locking devices checked for lock-weld integrity
- Lower radial support keys and inserts - bearing surfaces examined for shadow marks, burnishing, buffing, or scoring, integrity of the lock-welds checked

Upper Internals

- Guide tubes and support columns
- Upper core plate alignment inserts - bearing surface examined for shadow marks, burnishing, buffing, or scoring - locking devices checked for lock-weld integrity
- Guide tube enclosure and card weld integrity

The reactor internals flow-induced vibration measurement program will be conducted during preoperational tests of the first AP600. Transducers will be installed on the reactor vessel and the internals prior to the cold hydrostatic test. The response of the reactor and the internals due to flow-induced vibration will be measured during the hot functional test. Data will be acquired at several temperatures from cold startup to hot standby conditions. The location of the transducers is outlined in Table 3.9-4. The leads for the internally mounted transducers will be routed through the top mounted instrumentation guide tube conduits through special fittings that will be removed following the test.

The bases used to establish expected and acceptable vibration levels and expected natural frequencies are found in the vibration assessment program. The acceptance standards for the inspection of reactor internals before and after the hot functional testing are the same as required in the shop by the original design drawings and specifications.

3.9.2.5 Dynamic System Analysis of the Reactor Internals Under Faulted Conditions

The reactor internals analysis for Level D Service condition events considers safe shutdown earthquake seismic events and pipe rupture conditions. Subsection 3.9.3 defines the loads and loading combinations considered.

The standard for acceptability in regard to mechanical integrity analyses, are that adequate core cooling and core shutdown must be provided. This implies that the deformation of the reactor internals must be sufficiently small so that the geometry remains substantially intact. Consequently, the limitations established for the internals are concerned with the deflections

and stability of the parts in addition to stress criteria to confirm integrity of the components.

Although the AP600 design loads for LOCA conditions are based on the use of mechanistic pipe break criteria (see subsection 3.6.3), enveloping LOCA loads for 1 square foot hot and cold leg breaks are used in the analysis of the reactor internals.

3.9.2.5.1 Reactor Internals Analysis Methodology

The evaluation of the reactor internals consists of two major steps. The first step is the three-dimensional response of the reactor internals resulting from the seismic and pipe rupture conditions caused by breaks in the pipe that are not qualified by leak-before-break criteria. The breaks evaluated are those which have the greatest dynamic effect on the reactor internals.

The second step of the evaluation is the component stress evaluations. Maximum stresses and displacements under seismic plus pipe rupture conditions are obtained for the reactor internal components and are combined by the square root of the sum of the squares rule. These maximum stresses and displacements are compared to the allowable values for Level D service conditions.

3.9.2.5.1.1 Dynamic Response of Reactor Pressure Vessel System for Postulated Pipe Rupture

The structural analysis of the reactor vessel system for a postulated pipe rupture considers simultaneous application of the time-history loads that could result from the rupture. The mechanical loads are limited to those due to the movement of the fluid through the reactor internals and a small depressurization effect. Because of the application of mechanistic pipe rupture criteria, evaluation of dynamic effects such as cavity pressurization loads, jet impingement loads, and internal hydraulic pressure transients is limited to those pipe breaks which are not excluded by mechanistic pipe break criteria.

The vessel is restrained by reactor vessel supports beneath four of the reactor vessel nozzles and the reactor coolant loop piping. The reactor coolant loop piping is also supported by the steam generator and steam generator supports.

Analysis of the reactor internals for the loads resulting from a postulated pipe rupture is based on the time-history response of the internals to simultaneously applied forcing functions. The forcing functions are defined at points in the system where changes in cross section or direction of flow occur in such a way that differential loads are generated during the transient. The dynamic mechanical analysis can employ the displacement method, lumped parameters, and stiffness matrix formulations. Because of the complexity of the system and the components, finite element stress analysis codes are used to provide information at various points.

A digital computer program modeling the blowdown of coolant out the break (see WCAP-8708-P-A, Reference 8), has been developed to calculate local fluid pressure, flow, and density transients that occur in pressurized water reactor coolant systems during a loss of coolant accident. This program is applied to the subcooled, transition, and saturated two-phase blowdown regimes. The program is based on the method of characteristics wherein the resulting set of ordinary differential equations, obtained from the laws of conservation of mass, momentum, and energy are solved numerically, using a fixed mesh in both space and time.

Although spatially, one-dimensional conservation laws are used, the code can be applied to describe three-dimensional system geometries by use of the equivalent piping networks. Such piping networks may contain any number of channels of various diameters, dead ends, branches (with up to six pipes connected to each branch), contractions, expansions, orifices, pumps, and free surfaces (such as in the pressurizer). System losses such as friction, contraction, and expansion, are considered.

The program evaluates the pressure and velocity transients for a maximum of 2400 locations throughout the system. These pressure and velocity transients are stored as a permanent tape file and are made available to a program that uses a detailed geometric description in evaluating the loadings on the reactor internals.

Each reactor component for which calculations are required is designated as an element and assigned an element number. Forces acting upon each of the elements are calculated summing up the effects of the following:

- Pressure differential across the element
- Flow stagnation on and unrecovered orifice losses across the element
- Friction losses along the element

Input to the code, in addition to the pressure and velocity transients, includes the effective area of each element on which the force acts because of the pressure differential across the element, a coefficient to account for flow stagnation and unrecovered orifice losses, and the total area of the element along which the shear forces act.

The pressure waves generated within the reactor are highly dependent on the location and nature of the postulated pipe failure. In general, the more rapid the severance of the pipe and the larger the pipe, the more severe the imposed loading is on the components. With the application of mechanistic pipe rupture and the determination of leak-before-break characteristics in large diameter pipe, the pressure waves are of small consequence compared with the seismic loads.

3.9.2.5.1.2 Reactor Vessel and Internals Modeling

The mathematical model of the reactor pressure vessel is a three-dimensional, nonlinear, finite element model that represents the dynamic characteristics of the reactor vessel and its

internals in the six geometric degrees of freedom. The model is developed using a general purpose finite element computer code. The model consists of three concentric, structural submodels connected by nonlinear impact elements and stiffness matrices. The first submodel (Figure 3.9-1) represents the reactor vessel shell and associated components.

The reactor vessel is restrained by the four reactor vessel supports and by the attached primary coolant piping. Each reactor vessel support is modeled by a linear horizontal stiffness and a vertical impact element. The attached piping is represented by a stiffness matrix.

The second submodel (Figure 3.9-2) represents the reactor core barrel, lower support plate, and secondary core support components. This submodel is physically located inside the first and is connected to it by a stiffness matrix at the internals support ledge. Core barrel to vessel shell impact is represented by nonlinear elements at the core barrel flange, core barrel nozzle, and lower radial support locations.

The third and innermost submodel (Figure 3.9-3) represents the upper support plate, guide tubes, support columns, upper core plate, and fuel. The third submodel is connected to the first and second by stiffness matrices and nonlinear elements.

3.9.2.5.2 Analytical Methods

The time-history effects of the internals hydraulic loads and loop mechanical loads are combined and applied simultaneously to the appropriate nodes of the mathematical model of the reactor vessel and internals. The analysis is performed by numerically integrating the differential equations of motion to obtain the transient response.

The output of the analysis includes the displacements of the reactor vessel and the loads in the reactor vessel supports that are combined with other applicable Level D Service condition loads and used to calculate the stresses in the supports.

Also, the reactor vessel displacements are applied as input to the pipe rupture blowdown analysis of the primary loop piping. The resulting loads and stresses in the piping components and supports include both pipe rupture blowdown loads and reactor vessel displacements. Thus, the effect of vessel displacements upon loop response and the effect of loop blowdown upon vessel displacements are both evaluated.

For analysis of a simultaneous seismic event with the intensity of the safe shutdown earthquake (SSE) with the pipe rupture transient, the combined effect is determined by considering the maximum stresses for each condition and combining them with square root of the sum of the squares method.

The system seismic analysis of the reactor vessel and its internals is either performed by a response spectrum analysis method or by a time-history integration method. Both of these analysis techniques are consistent with guidelines in the Standard Review Plan.

For certain systems or components, when time dependent seismic response is desired, the nonlinear time history analysis is used. The seismic time-history analysis technique is essentially the same as that for the pipe rupture analysis, except that in seismic analysis time history accelerations are used as the forcing function. The seismic response is combined with the pipe rupture response, as outlined in subsection 3.9.3, in order to obtain the maximum stresses and deflections.

Reactor internals components are within acceptable stress and deflection limits for the postulated pipe rupture combined with the safe shutdown earthquake condition.

3.9.2.5.3 Control Rod Insertion

During full power plant operation, rod cluster control assemblies and the corresponding drive rod assemblies are held at a fully withdrawn position by their respective control rod drive mechanisms. During certain accident conditions, such as small break loss of coolant accident or a safe shutdown earthquake condition or both, control assemblies are assumed to drop to their fully inserted position. The guide tubes are evaluated to demonstrate the function of the control rods for a break size of 144 inches and smaller.

No credit for the function of the control rods is assumed for large breaks in the safety analyses outlined in Chapter 15. However, for break sizes consistent with use of the leak-before-break criteria, the design of the guide tubes permits control rod insertion at each control rod position.

3.9.2.6 Correlation of Reactor Internals Vibration Tests with the Analytical Results

The results of dynamic analysis of reactor internals have been compared to the results of preoperational testing in reference plants. This comparison verifies that the analytical model used provides appropriate results.

The damping for fuel assemblies of 20 percent for the evaluation of the response during a safe shutdown earthquake is for the fundamental mode. This damping value is supported by test results presented in WCAP-8236 (Reference 21).

The preoperational vibration test program for the reactor vessel internals of the AP600 conducted on the first plant, conforms to the intent of the guidelines in Regulatory Guide 1.20 for a comprehensive vibration assessment program. This program includes a correlation of the analysis and test results. This comparison provides additional verification for the analytical model.

3.9.3 ASME Code Classes 1, 2, and 3 Components, Component Supports, and Core Support Structures

Pressure-retaining components, core support structures, and component supports that are safety-related are classified as Class A, B, or C (see subsection 3.2.2) and are constructed according to the rules of the ASME Code, Section III, Division 1. As noted in

subsection 3.2.2, Classes A, B, and C mechanical components meet the requirements of Code Classes 1, 2, and 3 respectively.

This subsection discusses the application of the ASME Code to safety-related components and core support structures, the operability of pumps and valves, the design and installation criteria for overpressure protection devices, automatic depressurization devices and the requirements for component supports.

Section 3.8 addresses the loads, loading combinations, and stress limits for structures, including containment.

The ASME Code, Section III requires that a design specification be prepared for ASME Class 1, 2, and 3 components. The specification conforms to and is certified to the requirements of ASME Code, Section III. The Code also requires a design report for safety-related components, to demonstrate that the as-built component meets the requirements of the relevant ASME Design Specification and the applicable ASME Code. The design specifications and design reports will be completed by the Combined License applicant or his agent. Design specifications for ASME Class 1, 2, and 3 components and piping are prepared utilizing procedures that meet the ASME Code. The design report includes as-built reconciliation.

The as-built reconciliation includes the evaluation of pipe break dynamic loads, changes in support locations, construction deviations, and the completion of the small bore piping analysis. Confirmation of the following is also included in the as-built reconciliation of the safety related piping and components :

- Completion of the ASME Code fatigue analysis for Class 1 pipe for the following systems: Reactor Coolant System (RCS), Passive Core Cooling System (PXS), Chemical and Volume Control System (CVS), Normal Residual Heat Removal System (RNS),
- Completion of the time-history seismic analysis for the reactor coolant loop piping (hot legs, cold legs) that accounts for the ± 15 percent peak broadening as described in Section 3.7.2.5,
- Completion of the seismic analyses utilizing the amplified floor response spectra described in Section 3.7.2 for the following systems: Reactor Coolant System (RCS), Passive Containment Cooling System (PCS), Passive Core Cooling System (PXS), Chemical and Volume Control System (CVS), Steam Generator (SGS).

3.9.3.1 Loading Combinations, Design Transients, and Stress Limits

The integrity of the pressure boundary of safety-related components is provided by the use of the ASME Code. Using the methods and equations in the ASME Code, stress levels in the components and supports are calculated for various load combinations. These load combinations may include the effects of internal pressure, dead weight of the component

and insulation, and fluid, thermal expansion, dynamic loads due to seismic motion, and other loads.

To determine if a design is acceptable for the loading combination, the calculated stress levels are compared to acceptance standards in the ASME Code. The acceptance standards in the ASME Code differ depending on the plant operating modes and loads considered. The ASME Code includes a design limit and four service limits (A, B, C, and D) against which to evaluate design conditions and plant and system operating conditions.

The design transients for the AP600 are defined in subsection 3.9.1. The transients are classified into Level A, B, C, and D Service conditions and test conditions, depending on the expected frequency of occurrence and severity. The description of the transients in subsection 3.9.1 provides the initial plant operating condition and identifies the different component operating conditions. The design transients for Levels A and B are used in the evaluation of cyclic fatigue for the Class 1 components and piping. The effects of seismic events are also included in the evaluation of cyclic fatigue (See subsection 3.9.3.1.2). Level D and up to 25 strong stress cycles of Level C service conditions are not required by the rules of the ASME Code to be included in the fatigue evaluation.

3.9.3.1.1 Seismic Loads and Combinations Including Seismic Loads

Seismic Category I systems and components, including core support structures, are designed for one occurrence of the safe shutdown earthquake which is evaluated as a Service Level D condition for pressure boundary integrity. In addition, systems and components sensitive to fatigue are evaluated for cyclic motion due to earthquakes smaller than the safe shutdown earthquake. These effects are considered by including 20 full cycles of the maximum safe shutdown earthquake stress range or five seismic events, each resulting in 63 full stress cycles with a magnitude equal to one-third of the calculated safe shutdown earthquake response for structures and components using linear elastic methods.

ASME Class 1, 2, 3 and CS systems, components and supports are analyzed for the safe shutdown earthquake with other dynamic events. See Tables 3.9-5 and 3.9-8 for load combinations.

The safe shutdown earthquake is analyzed in combination with those operating modes that occur more than 10 percent of the time. Plant conditions combined with safe shutdown earthquake include the following:

- Normal 100-percent power operation. Material properties are based on those at operating temperatures. Water inventories are based on normal operating levels. The in-containment refueling water storage tank is full, the refueling canal is empty, the spent fuel pool and transfer canal are full, and the passive containment cooling system tank is full.
- The safe shutdown earthquake, which is postulated to occur with the plant at normal 100-percent power operation, is assumed to cause nonsafety-related systems, including

ac power sources, to be unavailable. A single active failure in the safety-related systems is also postulated.

- The timing and causal relationships that exist between the safe shutdown earthquake and transients such as valve discharge are considered and the events combined when the safe shutdown earthquake is the cause of the transient condition. For analysis of piping systems, the timing and causal relationships are not used to exclude load combinations. The safe shutdown earthquake duration is assumed to be 30 seconds. Nonseismically analyzed structures and components are assumed to be unavailable at the beginning of the safe shutdown earthquake. A single active component failure is assumed to occur at the time the component would be expected to function after the failure of the nonseismic components and structures.
- Nonsafety-related systems are evaluated to confirm that their failure in an earthquake does not jeopardize plant safety.
- A water source is provided for limited fire protection after occurrence of the safe shutdown earthquake. See Section 9.5 for additional information on fire protection.

The AP600 is also designed for special combinations of events that are not based on the probability of occurrence but are based on past precedents and regulatory guidelines. These special combinations are treated as load combinations, not event sequences. That is, even though the safe shutdown earthquake event does not occur coincident with another event, the loads were combined to provide additional design margin.

- ASME Code components, supports, and support miscellaneous steel for these components are designed for the safe shutdown earthquake combined by the square root of the sum of the squares method, with short-term dynamic loads due to postulated pipe ruptures. The pipe ruptures included in this combination are those postulated in accordance with subsections 3.6.1 and 3.6.2, but do not include those postulated for evaluation of spray wetting, flooding, and subcompartment pressurization effects, nor those excluded by application of mechanistic pipe rupture criteria. (See subsection 3.6.3.) This combination is used for components and supports that are required to mitigate the effects of the postulated pipe rupture.
- The containment boundary is designed for the safe shutdown earthquake in combination with containment design pressure at containment design temperature.
- The polar crane is designed assuming occurrence of the safe shutdown earthquake during handling of a critical load, such as the reactor vessel head.

3.9.3.1.2 Loads for Class 1 Components, Core Support, and Component Supports

The loads used in the analysis of the Class 1 components, core supports, and component supports are described in the following paragraphs. The loads are listed in Table 3.9-3.

Additional information on the loads, stress limits and analysis methods for piping is described in subsection 3.9.3.1.5.

Pressure loading is identified as either design pressure or operating pressure. The design pressure is used in minimum wall thickness calculations in accordance with the ASME Code. The term "operating pressure" is associated with Service Levels A, B, C, and D conditions.

A dead-weight analysis is performed to meet ASME Code requirements by applying a load equal to the acceleration due to gravity (1.0g) downward on the piping system and components. The piping is assigned a distributed mass or weight as a function of its properties. This method provides a distributed loading to the piping system as a function of the weight of the pipe, insulation, and contained fluid during normal operating conditions.

The analysis of the safe shutdown earthquake loads demonstrates pressure boundary integrity of the Class 1 systems and components. Seismic loads are identified as either seismic inertia loads or seismic anchor motion loads. The seismic inertia loads represent the dynamic portion of the response, and the seismic anchor motion loads represent the static portion. Subsection 3.7.3 describes seismic analysis methods.

Transient dynamic flow and pressure loads resulting from a postulated pipe break are analyzed. Structural consideration of dynamic effects of postulated pipe breaks requires postulation of a finite number of break locations. Section 3.6 defines postulated pipe break locations.

Safety-related piping including the reactor coolant loops, the main steam piping, main feedwater line, and reactor coolant system branch lines equal to or larger than four inches nominal pipe size is evaluated with a leak-before-break analysis to verify that there are no locations subject to a sudden, unanticipated rupture of one of these lines. As a result, the piping and components in these systems do not have to be analyzed for the dynamic effects of a break in the pipe when the leak-before-break criteria are satisfied.

The pipe rupture event considered as a loading is the largest pipe that does not satisfy leak-before-break criteria. The leak-before-break analyses use the acceptance standard of the broad scope rule change to General Design Criterion 4 and NUREG 1061, Volume 3. Subsection 3.6.3 outlines the acceptance standard and approach, including application, methodology, and limits.

Transient dynamic loads are also associated with valve opening and closing. The categories associated with valve operation include automatic depressurization system actuation, fast valve closure, relief valve closed system, relief valve open system, and safety valve discharge. Components and piping are evaluated for the dynamic response to these transient loads. The relief valve open system (sustained) is evaluated as a static load.

In addition to the loads that apply to the ASME Code Class 1 components, additional miscellaneous loads apply to selected components. These loads are evaluated on a case-by-

case basis and are not combined with any other Level C or D Service condition. These miscellaneous loads include the following circumstances.

The reactor coolant pump, steam generator channel head, and connected piping are evaluated for a postulated seized rotor event. For this condition, the rotating mass of the reactor coolant pump is assumed to come to a rapid (but not instantaneous) stop and to transfer the angular momentum through the motor enclosure and pump casing to the steam generator nozzle and reactor coolant piping. The stresses calculated for this event are evaluated using Level D limits for the immediately affected components and supports and using Level B limits for components in the other loop.

For additional information on the specification and analysis of locked rotor loads, see the description in the reactor coolant pump information in subsection 5.4.1.

The passive residual heat removal heat exchanger is evaluated for hydraulic loads from the discharge of steam from the automatic depressurization system valves through the spargers in the in-containment refueling water storage tank. These loads include pressure pulses from the introduction of steam into the tank and collapse of the steam bubbles and the gross movement of water in the tank. The stresses in the passive residual heat removal heat exchanger calculated for this event are evaluated using Level B stress limits.

For additional information on the specification and analysis of hydraulic loads see the description in the passive residual heat removal heat exchanger information in subsection 5.4.14.

Portions of the integrated head package that provide seismic restraint for the control rod drive mechanisms also act as part of the load path for the lifting rig function of the integrated head package. These components are designed and evaluated for heavy load lifting.

For additional information on the design and evaluation of the components of the integrated head package in the load path of the lifting rig, see subsection 3.9.7.

The ASME Code, Section III requires satisfaction of certain requirements relative to design transient conditions for Class 1 components. Subsection 3.9.1.1 summarizes the design transients.

To provide integrity for the reactor coolant system, the transient conditions selected for fatigue evaluation are based on conservative estimates of the magnitude and anticipated frequency of occurrence of the temperature and pressure transients resulting from various plant operation conditions. Generally, only Level A and B service condition design transients are evaluated in the analysis of cyclic fatigue. Up to 25 stress cycles for Level C service conditions may be excluded from cyclic fatigue analysis in conformance with ASME Code, Section III criteria. Any Level C service conditions which are in excess of the 25-cycle limit are evaluated for the effect on cyclic fatigue using Level B criteria. For the evaluation of cyclic fatigue, the cycles included for seismic events are evaluated using

Level B criteria and are not excluded from the fatigue evaluation regardless of the size of the stress range considered. The determination of which transient events are included in the 25-cycle exclusion is made separately for each component and line of piping.

The effects of seismic events on the design of components other than piping are considered in one of the following ways. The effects of seismic events are considered by including 20 full cycles of the maximum safe shutdown earthquake stress range in the fatigue analysis. The seismic contribution to the fatigue evaluation is based on five seismic events with an amplitude of one-third the safe shutdown earthquake and 63 cycles per event. The seismic evaluation of piping components is discussed in subsection 3.9.3.1.5.

Thermal Stratification, Cycling, and Striping

Thermal stratification, cycling and striping (TASCS) are phenomena that have resulted in pipe cracking at nuclear power plants. As a result of these incidents, the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued several bulletins, which are discussed below.

Thermal stratification may occur in piping when flow rates are low and adequate mixing of hot and cold fluid layers does not occur. Thermal cycling due to stratification may occur because of leaking valves or plant operation. Thermal striping is a cyclic mechanism caused by instabilities in the hot-cold fluid interface in stratified fluid during relatively steady flow conditions.

The design of piping and component nozzles in the AP600 includes provisions to minimize the potential for and the effects of thermal stratification and cycling. Piping and component supports are designed and evaluated for the thermal expansion of the piping resulting from potential stratification modes. The evaluation includes consideration of the information on thermal cycling and thermal stratification included in NRC Bulletins 79-13, 88-08, and 88-11, and other applicable design standards.

NRC Bulletin 79-13

Bulletin 79-13 (Reference 16) was issued as a result of a feedwater line cracking incident at Donald C. Cook Unit 2. This bulletin required that inspections of operating plant feedwater lines be performed. This resulted in the discovery of cracks in the feedwater lines of several plants. To provide a uniform approach to address this issue, a Feedwater Line Cracking Owners Group was established. The specific tasks of the Owners Group Program were to evaluate the thermal, hydraulic, structural and environmental conditions which could individually or collectively contribute to feedwater line crack initiation and growth. The Feedwater Line Cracking Owners Group was disbanded in 1981, after the original investigations were completed. The results of this program indicated that the primary cause of the cracking was thermal fatigue loading induced by thermal stratification and high-cycle thermal striping during low flow auxiliary feedwater injection. The mode of failure was concluded to be corrosion fatigue. This information is documented in WCAP-9693 (Reference 17).

The AP600 steam generators are equipped with separate nozzles for the main feedwater and startup feedwater lines. Analyses of the AP600 main feedwater nozzles are performed to demonstrate that the applicable requirements of the ASME Section III Code are met. Thermal stratification is prevented in the main feedwater line based on the flow rate limitations within the main feedwater line and the flow control stability for feedwater control. Low feedwater flow duty is provided by the startup feedwater line while higher feedwater flow rates are provided and controlled via the main feedwater line. The switchover from the startup to the main feedwater line occurs above a minimum flow rate to prevent thermal stratification for limiting temperature deviations. Main feedwater control valve positioning during normal operation is the function of the plant control system. The control scheme enhances steam generator level stability and thus reduces potential feedwater thermal stratification resulting from temporary low flow transients.

NRC Bulletin 88-08

Bulletin 88-08, Supplement 1, Supplement 2, and Supplement 3 (Reference 12) were issued following the discovery of cracks in unisolable piping at several nuclear power plants. These cracks were attributed to unanalyzed thermal stresses resulting from isolation valve leakage. This bulletin required that utilities: 1) review systems connected to the reactor coolant system to determine whether unisolable sections of piping connected to the reactor coolant system can be subjected to stresses from temperature stratification or temperature oscillations that could be induced by leaking valves and that were not evaluated in the design analysis of the piping, 2) nondestructively examine the welds, heat-affected zones and high stress locations, including geometric discontinuities and base metal, as appropriate, to provide assurance that there are no existing flaws, and 3) plan and implement a program to provide continuing assurance of piping integrity. This assurance may be provided by designing the system to withstand the stresses from valve leakage, instrumenting the piping to detect adverse temperature distributions and establishing appropriate limits on these temperature distributions, or providing a means that pressure upstream from isolation valves that might leak into the reactor coolant system is monitored and does not exceed reactor coolant system pressure. In addition to leakage into the reactor coolant system, leakage out of the reactor coolant system may also result in adverse thermal stresses as discussed in Supplement 3 of the bulletin.

For adverse stresses from leakage to occur in unisolable piping, three conditions are necessary:

- 1) A component with the potential for leakage must exist. In most cases, this will be a valve.
- 2) A pressure differential capable of forcing leakage through the pressure-retaining component must exist. Leakage in unisolable piping sections may be directed toward the reactor coolant system ("inleakage"), or from the reactor coolant system ("outleakage").

- 3) A temperature differential between the unisolable piping section and the leakage source sufficient to produce significant stresses in the event of leakage must exist. For cases involving inleakage, this could result from a cold leakage entering hot sections of unisolable piping. For cases involving outleakage, this could result from hot leakage from the reactor coolant system entering cold sections of unisolable piping.

The criteria used in the evaluation of the AP600 systems design for susceptibility to adverse stresses from valve leakage are summarized below:

- Single isolation valves can leak, regardless of design except for explosively actuated valves.
- It is generally assumed that two or more closed valves in series are sufficient to limit the amount of leakage to a magnitude which would have a negligible effect on piping integrity.
- Valves which have external operators may leak through the valve seat and packing. In the case of leaking through the packing, additional in-series closed valves may not be beneficial.
- A positive pressure difference should be considered as a possible leak source.
- Cross-leakage is possible between interconnected lines that are attached to different reactor coolant loop pipes and are isolated by single check valves.
- Sections of piping systems which have a slope of greater than 45 degrees from the horizontal plane are not subject to thermal stratification, cycling and striping thermal loadings.
- Pipe lines, or sections of lines less than or equal to 1-inch nominal size do not require a thermal stratification, cycling and striping evaluation.

The unisolable portions of the following lines connected to the reactor coolant system have been reviewed and are not susceptible to thermal stratification, cycling or striping:

- Direct vessel injection lines from the reactor vessel nozzle up to the accumulator injection valves, core make up injection valves, in-containment refueling water storage tank injection valves, and normal residual heat removal injection valves.
- Core make up lines from the cold legs to the core make up tanks.
- Passive residual heat removal lines from the hot leg to the passive residual heat removal heat exchanger.
- Auxiliary pressurizer spray from the pressurizer spray line to the auxiliary spray check valve.

- Chemical and volume control purification line from the pressurizer spray line to the letdown valve.
- Chemical and volume control purification line from the passive residual heat removal line to the charging valve.
- Pressurizer safety valve lines from the pressurizer to the safety valve.
- Pressurizer spray lines from the cold legs to the pressurizer.
- Automatic depressurization Stage 1, 2, and 3 lines from the pressurizer to the depressurization valves.
- Normal residual heat removal suction lines from the hot legs to the isolation valves.

The unisolable portions of the following lines connected to the reactor coolant system have been reviewed and are determined to be susceptible to thermal stratification, cycling or striping:

- Passive residual heat removal line from the passive residual heat removal heat exchanger to the steam generator channel head.
- Automatic depressurization Stage 4 lines from the hot legs to the Stage 4 depressurization valves.

Analyses of the passive residual heat removal line and the automatic depressurization Stage 4 lines are performed to demonstrate that the applicable requirements of the ASME Section III Code are met. This analysis includes consideration of plant operation and thermal stratification using temperature distributions which are developed from finite element fluid flow and heat transfer analysis.

NRC Bulletin 88-11

Bulletin 88-11 (Reference 14) was issued after Portland General Electric Company experienced difficulties in setting whip restraint gap sizes on the pressurizer surge line at Trojan plant. The cold gaps were adjusted to design settings several times and were found to be out of specification after each operating cycle. The gap changes were caused by plastic deformation in the surge line piping resulting from excessive thermal loadings. The thermal loadings were determined to be caused by thermal stratification based on monitoring and analysis. Several similar incidents were subsequently discovered in other surge lines, and an industry-wide program to evaluate this phenomena was undertaken by the various PWR owners groups.

The purpose of Bulletin 88-11 was a request to address, establish, and implement a program to confirm pressurizer surge line integrity in view of the occurrence of thermal

stratification, and to require addressees to inform the NRC staff of the actions taken to resolve this issue.

The actions requested in the bulletin are discussed below, and the manner in which AP600 addresses the actions, if required, for surge line stratification:

For all licensees of operating PWRs:

Request 1.

The actions included under this heading are not applicable to the AP600.

For all applicants for PWR Operating Licenses:

Request 2. a)

Before issuance of the low power license, applicants are requested to demonstrate that the pressurizer surge line meets the applicable design codes and other FSAR and regulatory commitments for the licensed life of the plant. This may be accomplished by performing a plant specific or generic bounding analysis. The analysis should include consideration of thermal stratification and thermal striping to ensure that fatigue and stresses are in compliance with applicable code limits. The analysis and hot functional testing should verify that piping thermal deflections result in no adverse consequences, such as contacting the pipe whip restraints. If analysis or test results show Code noncompliance, conduct of all actions specified below is requested.

AP600 Conformance

Analysis of the AP600 surge line considers thermal stratification and thermal striping, and demonstrates that the surge line meets applicable code requirements for the licensed life of the plant. Hot functional testing requirements for the AP600 ensure that piping thermal deflections result in no adverse consequences.

Request 2. b)

Applicants are requested to evaluate operational alternatives or piping modifications needed to reduce fatigue and stresses to acceptable levels.

AP600 Conformance

Analysis of the AP600 surge line ensures that stress and fatigue requirements are satisfied, therefore the evaluation of operational alternatives or piping modifications is not required.

Request 2. c)

Applicants are requested to either monitor the surge line for the effects of thermal stratification, beginning with hot functional testing, or obtain data through collective efforts to assess the extent of thermal stratification, thermal striping and piping displacements.

AP600 Conformance

As part of the Westinghouse Owners Group program on surge line thermal stratification, Westinghouse collected surge line physical design and plant operational data for all domestic Westinghouse PWRs. In addition, Westinghouse collected surge line monitoring data from approximately 30 plants. This experience was used in the development of the AP600 thermal stratification loadings. Monitoring of the AP600 surge line is therefore not required.

Request 2. d)

Applicants are requested to update stress and fatigue analyses, as necessary, to ensure Code compliance. The analyses should be completed no later than one year after issuance of the low power license.

AP600 Conformance

Revision of the stress and fatigue analyses is not required for the AP600 surge line, since the design analysis considers thermal stratification and thermal striping.

Request 3)

Addressees are requested to generate records to document the development and implementation of the program requested by Items 1 or 2, as well as any subsequent corrective actions, and maintain these records in accordance with 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B and plant procedures.

AP600 Conformance

AP600 procedures require documentation and maintenance of records in accordance with 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B.

A monitoring program will be implemented by the Combined License holder at the first AP600 to record temperature distributions and thermal displacements of the surge line piping, as well as pertinent plant parameters such as pressurizer temperature and level, hot leg temperature, and reactor coolant pump status. Monitoring will be performed during hot functional testing and during the first fuel cycle. The resulting monitoring data will be evaluated to show that it is within the bounds of the analytical temperature distributions and displacements.

Other Applications

Thermal stratification in the reactor coolant loops resulting from actuation of passive safety features is evaluated as a design transient. Stratification effects due to both Level B and Level D service conditions are considered. The criteria used in the evaluation of the stress in the loop piping due to stratification is the same as that applicable for other Level B and Level D service conditions.

3.9.3.1.3 ASME Code Class 1 Components and Supports and Class CS Core Support Loading Combinations and Stress Limits

Tables 3.9-5 and 3.9-8 list loading combinations for ASME Class 1 components and component supports and Class CS core support structures. Table 3.9-9 lists the stress limits for these components. Table 3.9-3 lists the loads included in the loading combinations.

The stress limits for Service Level D that allow inelastic deformation are supplemented with the requirements of "Rules for Evaluation of Service Loadings with Level D Service Limits," Appendix F of ASME Code, Section III. The limits and rules of Appendix F confirm that pressure boundary integrity and core support structural integrity are maintained but do not confirm operability. The limits and rules of Appendix F do not apply to the portion of the component or support in which the failure has been postulated. Subsection 3.9.1 provides a discussion of design transients used in the analysis of cyclic fatigue.

The structural stress analyses performed on the ASME Code Class 1 components and supports and Class CS core support structures consider the loadings specified, as shown in Table 3.9-3. These loads result from thermal expansion, pressure, weight, earthquake, pipe rupture, and plant operational thermal and pressure transients. Dynamic effects of pipe rupture, including the loss of coolant accident, are not included in loading combinations when the leak-before-break criteria are satisfied. The methods and acceptance standard for leak-before-break analyses are described in subsection 3.6.3.

The combination of safe shutdown earthquake plus pipe rupture (those breaks not excluded by mechanistic pipe break criteria) loads by square-root-sum-of-the-squares is considered. This loading combination is evaluated for ASME Code components and piping that are required to mitigate the effects of the postulated pipe rupture and the supports for those components and piping.

The dynamic effects of pipe rupture that are combined with safe shutdown earthquake in loading combinations are those for lines for which the leak-before-break criteria are not satisfied. When the safe shutdown earthquake event is determined mechanistically to result in concurrent transient loads due to relief valve or safety valve discharge in ASME Code Class 1, 2, or 3 systems, the maximum response due to the safe shutdown earthquake is combined with the maximum response due to the valve opening discharge transient. The responses are combined using the square-root-sum-of-the-squares method. Concurrent

sustained loads due to open system relief valve discharge are combined with safe shutdown earthquake by absolute sum.

3.9.3.1.4 Analysis of Reactor Coolant Loop Piping

The reactor coolant loop and support system model consists of the primary loop piping (hot and cold legs), the connecting components (reactor vessel, steam generator, and reactor coolant pump) and the components supports (steam generator and reactor vessel).

The integrated reactor coolant loop and supports system model is the basic system model used to compute loadings on components, component supports, and piping. The system model includes the stiffness and mass characteristics of the reactor coolant loop piping and components, the stiffness of supports, and the stiffnesses of auxiliary line piping affecting the system. This model is used to determine the static and dynamic loads on the primary loop piping and the component supports and the interfacing loads on the connecting components.

The analysis of the connecting components is based on more detailed models of the steam generator, reactor vessel, and reactor coolant pump. Appendix 3C describes the analytical methods used in evaluating the piping of the reactor coolant loops.

The primary loop analysis for the safe shutdown earthquake uses the time-history integration or response spectra methods for seismic dynamic analysis. Appendix 3C provides a description of the model.

The model used in the static analysis is modified for the dynamic analysis by including the mass characteristics of the piping and equipment. In the time-history seismic analysis, the containment internals structure is included in the system coupled model. The effect of the equipment motion on the reactor coolant loop and supports system is obtained by modeling the mass and the stiffness characteristics of the equipment in the overall system model.

The main loop piping and the surge line satisfy the leak-before-break requirements for the elimination of nonmechanistic pipe breaks. See subsection 3.6.3 for a description of the evaluation of piping for leak-before-break requirements. Reactor coolant system piping of 4-inch nominal pipe size or larger is evaluated for leak-before-break characteristics. The reactor coolant loop piping is evaluated for loads due to a break in the largest connected pipe that does not meet leak-before-break requirements. The primary loop analysis for pipe breaks uses time-history integration or equivalent static analysis to determine the structural response due to jet impingement loads, thrust loads, and subcompartment pressure loads.

Operating transients in a nuclear power plant cause thermal or pressure fluctuations or both in the reactor coolant fluid. The thermal transients cause time-varying temperature distributions across the pipe wall. The transients as summarized in subsection 3.9.1.1 are used to define the fluctuations in plant parameters.

A one-dimensional finite difference heat transfer program is generally used to solve the thermal transient problem. The pipe is represented by many elements through the thickness of the pipe. The convective heat-transfer coefficient used in this program represents the time-varying heat transfer due to free and forced convection. The outer surface is assumed to be adiabatic, while the inner surface boundary experiences the temperature of the coolant fluid.

Fluctuations in the temperature of the coolant fluid produce a temperature distribution through the pipe wall thickness that varies with time. The average through-wall temperature, T_A , is calculated by integrating the temperature distribution across the wall. This integration is performed over each time step so that T_A is determined as a function of time.

A load-set is defined as a set of pressure loads, moment loads, and through-wall thermal effects at a given location and time in each transient. The through-wall thermal effects are functions of time and can be subdivided into four parts:

- Average temperature (T_A), which is the average temperature through-wall of the pipe that contributes to general expansion loads
- Radial linear thermal gradient, which contributes to the through-wall bending moment (ΔT_1)
- Radial nonlinear thermal gradient (ΔT_2), which contributes to a peak stress associated with shearing of the surface
- Discontinuity temperature ($T_A - T_B$) which represents the difference in average temperature at the cross sections on each side of a discontinuity

Each transient is described by at least two load-sets representing the maximum and minimum stress states during each transient. The construction of the load-sets is accomplished by combining the following to yield the maximum (minimum) stress state during each transient.

- ΔT_1
- ΔT_2
- $\alpha_A T_A - \alpha_B T_B$
- Moment loads due to T_A
- Pressure loads

This procedure produces at least twice as many load-sets as transients for each point.

For the possible load-set combinations, the primary-plus-secondary and peak stress intensities, fatigue reduction factors (K_e), and cumulative usage factors (U) are calculated.

The combination of load-sets yielding the highest alternating stress intensity range is first used to calculate the incremental usage factor. The next most severe combination is then determined, and the incremental usage factor is calculated. This procedure is repeated until the combinations having an allowable number of cycles less than 10^{11} are formed. The total cumulative usage factor at a point is the summation of the incremental usage factors.

3.9.3.1.5 ASME Classes 1, 2, and 3 Piping

The loads for ASME Code Classes 1, 2, and 3 piping are included in the loads listed in Tables 3.9-3. Table 3.9-6 lists additional load combinations and stress limits for Class 1 piping. Table 3.9-7 lists the additional loading combinations and stress limits for Class 2 and 3 piping.

Piping systems are designed and analyzed for Levels A, B, and C service conditions, and corresponding service level requirements to the rules of the ASME Code, Section III. The analysis or test methods and associated stress or load allowable limits that are used in evaluation of Level D service conditions are those that are defined in Appendix F of the ASME Code, Section III. Inelastic analysis methods are not used.

Subsection 3.7.3 summarizes seismic analysis methods and criteria. Subsection 3.6.2 summarizes pipe break analysis methods.

The supports are represented by stiffness matrices in the system model for the dynamic analysis. Alternate methods for support stiffnesses representation is provided in subsection 3.9.3.4. Shock suppressors that resist rapid motions and limit stop supports with gaps are also included in the analysis. The solution for the seismic disturbance uses the response spectra method. This method uses the lumped mass technique, linear elastic properties, and the principle of modal superposition. Alternatively, the time-history method may be used for the solution of the seismic disturbance.

The total response obtained from the seismic analysis consists of two parts: the inertia response of the piping system and the response from differential anchor motions (see subsection 3.7.3). The stresses resulting from the anchor motions are considered to be secondary and are evaluated to the limits in Table 3.9-6 and 3.9-7.

The mathematical models used in the seismic analyses of the Class 1, 2, and 3 piping systems lines are also used for pipe rupture effect analysis. To obtain the dynamic solution for auxiliary lines with active valves, the time-history deflections from the analysis of the reactor coolant loop are applied at nozzle connections. For other lines that must maintain structural integrity or that have no active valves, the motion of the reactor coolant loop is applied statically.

The functional capability requirements for ASME piping systems that must maintain an adequate fluid flow path to mitigate a Level C or Level D plant event are shown in Table 3.9-11. These requirements are based on References 19.

Thermal analysis is required to obtain the stresses and loadings above the stress free state of the system. The stress free state of a piping system is defined as a temperature of 70°F. If the piping system operating temperature is 150°F or less, no thermal expansion analysis is required. If the piping system does not contain at least one 90-degree bend, then thermal expansion analysis is required. This type of layout is avoided when practical. The thermal anchor displacements are also considered as negligible if they are 1/16 inches or less. This is consistent with the practice that 1/16-inch of gap is allowed at a pipe support.

A thermal transient heat transfer analysis is performed for each different piping component on the Class 1 branch lines larger than 1-inch nominal diameter. The following discussion on the evaluation of cyclic fatigue is not applicable to Class 2 and 3 pipe.

The Level A and B service condition and test condition transients identified in subsection 3.9.1.1 are included in the fatigue evaluation. For each thermal transient, two load-sets are defined representing the maximum and minimum stress states for that transient. The effects of seismic events on the design of piping are considered in one of the following ways. The effects of seismic events are considered by including 20 full cycles of the maximum safe shutdown earthquake stress range in the fatigue analysis. Alternatively, the seismic contribution to the fatigue evaluation is based on five seismic events with an amplitude of one-third the safe shutdown earthquake and 63 cycles per event.

The primary-plus-secondary and peak stress intensity ranges, fatigue reduction factors, and cumulative usage factors are calculated for the possible load-set combinations. It is conservatively assumed that the transients can occur in any sequence, thus resulting in the most conservative and restrictive combinations of transients.

The combination of load-sets yielding the highest alternating stress intensity range is determined, and the incremental usage factor is calculated. Likewise, the next most severe combination is then determined, and the incremental usage factor is calculated. This procedure is repeated until the combinations having an allowable cycle of less than 10^{11} are formed. The total cumulative usage factor at a point is the summation of the incremental usage factors.

A monitoring program for the feedwater line at the first AP600 is identified in subsection 3.9.3.1.2.

3.9.3.1.6 Analysis of Primary Components and Class 1 Valves and Auxiliary Components

Primary components that serve as part of the pressure boundary in the reactor coolant loop include the steam generators, reactor coolant pumps, pressurizer, and reactor vessel. This equipment is AP600 Equipment Class A. The pressure boundary meets the requirements of ASME Code, Section III. This equipment is evaluated for the loading combinations outlined in Table 3.9-5. The equipment is analyzed for the normal loads of weight, pressure, and temperature; mechanical transients of safe shutdown earthquake and auxiliary line pipe ruptures; and pressure and temperature transients are outlined in subsection 3.9.1.1.

The results of the reactor coolant loop analysis and other ASME Code, Section III, Class 1, 2, and 3 piping analyses are used to determine the seismic loads acting on the equipment nozzles and the support and component interface locations. Subsection 3.7.3 summarizes seismic analysis methods and criteria used for analysis of primary components. The results of the reactor coolant loop analysis, other ASME Code, Section III, Class 1, 2, and 3 piping analyses, and the reactor vessel system analysis are used to determine pipe break loads on the equipment nozzles and the support component interface locations for those lines that do not meet the leak-before-break requirements.

Section 3.6 summarizes the pipe break analysis methods used to determine pipe rupture loads for the ASME Code Class 1 components.

Seismic analyses are performed individually for the reactor coolant pump, pressurizer, and steam generator. Detailed and complex dynamic models are used for the dynamic analyses. Seismic analyses for the steam generator, reactor coolant pump, and pressurizer are performed using 4 percent damping for the safe shutdown earthquake.

The reactor pressure vessel is seismically qualified in accordance with ASME Code, Section III. The loadings used in the analysis are based on loads generated by a dynamic system analysis.

Auxiliary equipment that serves as part of the reactor coolant system pressure boundary includes ASME Code, Section III, Class 1 valves, core makeup tanks, and passive residual heat removal heat exchanger. Components and valves which form part of the reactor coolant system pressure boundary are designed and analyzed according to the appropriate portions of the ASME Code, Section III. This equipment is evaluated for the loading combinations and stress limits in Tables 3.9-5 and 3.9-9. The operability criteria for these valves are described in subsection 3.9.3.2.

Valves in sample and instrument lines connected to the reactor coolant system are not considered to be AP600 Equipment Class A nor ASME Class 1. This is because the nozzles where the lines connect to the primary system piping include an orifice with a 3/8-inch hole. This hole restricts the flow so that loss through a severance of one of these lines can be made up by normal charging flow. These small lines are seismically analyzed as described in subsection 3.7.3.

3.9.3.1.7 ASME Code Class 2 and 3 Components

Table 3.9-3 list the loads for ASME Code Class 2 and 3 components. Table 3.9-5 provides the loading combinations. The loading conditions for ASME Class 2 and 3 piping are presented in Tables 3.9-3. Table 3.9-10 presents the stress limits for the various service levels. No special stress limits are required to provide functional capability. Subsection 3.7.3 summarizes the seismic analysis methods and criteria for these components. The pipe break analysis methods are summarized in subsection 3.6.2. Analysis methods for Class 2 and 3 piping are summarized in subsection 3.9.3.1.5.

The allowable stress limits established for the components are low enough so that breach of the pressure-retaining boundary does not occur. Active valves requirements are further described in subsection 3.9.3.2.

3.9.3.2 Pump and Valve Operability Assurance

The design and service limits specified by the ASME Code, Section III are established to confirm the pressure-retaining or support function of the ASME Code-class component. To assess the functional capability of required components to operate, additional criteria and considerations, including collapse and deflection limits, are developed.

3.9.3.2.1 Pump Operability

There are no active pumps relied upon to perform a safety-related function in the AP600.

3.9.3.2.2 Valve Operability

Active valves are those whose operability is relied upon to perform a safety-related function during transients or events considered in the respective operating condition categories. Inactive components are those whose operability is not relied upon to perform a safety-related function for the various transients and plant conditions. Table 3.9-12 lists the active valves.

Table 3.9-9 provides the stress limits used for active Class 1 valves. Table 3.9-10 provides the stress limits used for active Class 2 and Class 3 valves.

Active valves are subjected to a series of tests and inspections prior to service and during the plant life. These tests and inspections along with controls on maintenance and operation provide appropriate reliability of the valve for the design life objective of the plant.

Prior to installation, the following tests, as appropriate to the function and mission of the valve, are performed: shell hydrostatic test, backseat and main seat leakage tests, disc hydrostatic tests, and operational tests to verify that the valve opens and closes.

Cold hydro tests, hot functional tests, periodic inservice inspections, and periodic inservice operations are performed in situ to verify the functional capability of the valve.

Refer to Section 3.11 for the operability qualification of motor operators for the environmental conditions.

For active valves with extended structures, an analysis of the extended structure is performed for equivalent static seismic safe shutdown earthquake loads applied at the center of gravity of the extended structure.

In addition to these tests and analyses, a representative number of valves of each design type are tested for verification of operability during a simulated Service Level D (safe

shutdown earthquake) condition event by demonstrating operational capabilities within the specified limits. Valve sizes that cover the range of sizes in service are tested.

When seismic qualification is based on dynamic or equivalent static load testing for structures, systems or subsystems that contain mechanisms that must change position in order to function, operability testing is performed for the safe shutdown earthquake preceded by one or more earthquakes. The number of preceding earthquakes is calculated based on IEEE-344-1987 to provide the equivalent fatigue damage of one safe shutdown earthquake event.

The seismic qualification testing procedures for valve operability testing are as follows: The valve is mounted in a manner that will conservatively represent typical valve installations. The valve includes the operator, accessory solenoid valves, and position sensors when attached to the valve in service.

The operability of the valve during a Service Level D condition is demonstrated by satisfying the following criteria:

- A static load or loads equivalent to those resulting from the accelerations due to Service Level D conditions is applied to the extended structure center of gravity so that the resulting deflection is in the nearest direction of the extended structure. The design pressure of the valve is applied to the valve during the static deflection tests.
- The valve is cycled while in the deflected position. The valve must function within the specified operating time limits while subject to design pressure.
- Electrical motor operators, position sensors, and pilot solenoid valves necessary for operation are qualified in accordance with IEEE seismic qualification standards. Section 3.10 describes the methods and criteria used to qualify electrical equipment.

Active valves that do not have an extended structure, such as check valves and safety valves, are considered separately.

Check valves are characteristically simple in design, and their operation is not affected by seismic accelerations or the maximum applied nozzle loads. The check valve design is compact, and there are no extended structures or masses whose motion could cause distortions that could restrict operation of the valve. These valves are designed such that if structural integrity is maintained, the valve operability is maintained. In addition to these design considerations, the check valves also undergo the following: in-shop hydrostatic test, in-shop seat leakage test, and periodic in situ valve testing and inspection.

Pressurizer and main steam safety valves are qualified for operability in the same manner as valves with extended structures. The qualification methods include analysis of the bonnet for equivalent static safe shutdown earthquake loads, in shop hydrostatic and seat leakage tests, and periodic in situ valve inspection.

To verify analysis methods, representative safety valves are tested. This test is described as follows:

- The safety valve is mounted to represent the specified installation.
- The valve body is pressurized to its normal system pressure.
- A static load representing the Service Level D condition load is applied to the top of the valve bonnet in the weakest direction of the extended structure.
- The pressure is increased until the valve actuates.
- Actuation of the valve at its setpoint provides for operability during the Service Level D condition load.

Using these methods, the active valves in the system are qualified for operability during a Service Level D condition event. These methods conservatively simulate the seismic event, and confirm that the active valves perform their safety-related function when necessary.

3.9.3.3 Design and Installation Criteria of Class 1, 2, and 3 Pressure Relieving Devices

The design of pressure relieving valves comply with the requirements of ASME Code, Section III, Appendix O, "Rules for the Design of Safety Valve Installations." When there is more than one valve on the same run of pipe, the sequence of valve openings is based on the anticipated sequence of valve opening. This sequence is determined by the set point pressures or control system logic. The applicable stress limits are satisfied for the components in the piping run and connecting systems including supports. The reaction forces and moments are based on a dynamic load factor of 2.0 unless a dynamic structural analysis is performed to calculate these forces and moments.

3.9.3.3.1 Pressure Relief Devices and Automatic Depressurization Valves Connected to the Pressurizer

The pressurizer safety valves provide overpressure protection for the reactor coolant system. The safety valves connected to the pressurizer are the only ASME Code, Section III, Class 1 pressure relief valves in the AP600. The automatic depressurization system valves that provide a means to reduce reactor coolant system pressure to allow the passive core cooling system to fully function are not designed to provide overpressure protection and are not classified as pressure relief devices.

The safety valves and the first three stages of the automatic depressurization valves are mounted in and supported by the pressurizer safety and relief valve (PSARV) module located above the pressurizer. The valves are connected to two piping manifolds that are connected to two nozzles located in the pressurizer upper head. The spring loaded safety valves are designed to prevent system pressure from exceeding design pressure by more than ten percent.

If the pressure exceeds the setpoint of the safety valve, the valve opens and steam is discharged through a rupture disk to the containment atmosphere. The pressurizer volume is sized so that opening of the safety valve is not required for any Level A or B service condition transient. The connecting pipe between the pressurizer and safety valves does not include a loop seal. The safety valves seal against the steam and any noncondensable gas in the upper portion of the pressurizer.

The valves for the automatic depressurization system open when required for the passive safety injection system. The motor-operated automatic depressurization valves open in sequence to reduce reactor coolant system pressure when required to allow stored water sources to cool the core. The valves open in stages as required by the controls for the automatic depressurization system. The automatic depressurization system valves open more slowly than do the safety valves. The operation of the automatic depressurization system is outlined in subsection 5.4.6 and Section 6.3. For the three stages that are connected to the pressurizer, the valves discharge into the in-containment refueling water storage tank through a sparger. The piping connection of the automatic depressurization system valves to the pressurizer contain loop seals.

The valve opening generates transient thrust forces at each change in flow direction or area. The analysis of the piping system and support considers the transient forces associated with valve opening.

For each pressurizer safety and automatic depressurization system piping system, an analytical hydraulic model is developed. The piping from the pressurizer nozzle to the rupture disk and in-containment refueling water storage tank sparger is modeled as a series of single pipes. The pressurizer is modeled as a reservoir that contains steam at constant pressure and at constant temperature. Fluid acceleration inside the pipe generates reaction forces on the segments of the line that are bounded at either end by an elbow or bend. Reaction forces resulting from fluid pressure and momentum variations are calculated. These forces are defined in terms of the fluid properties for the transient hydraulic analysis.

3.9.3.3.2 Pressure Relief Devices for Class 2 Systems and Components

Pressure relieving devices for ASME Code, Section III, Class 2 systems include the safety valves and power operated relief valves on the steam line and the relief valve on the containment isolation portion of the normal residual heat removal system.

The design and analysis requirements for the safety and relief valves and discharge piping for the steam line are described in subsection 10.3.2.

In addition to providing overpressure protection for the normal residual heat removal system, the relief valve also provides low temperature overpressure protection for the reactor coolant system. The location and connection for the valve on the residual heat removal system are discussed in subsection 5.4.7.

3.9.3.3.3 Design and Analysis Requirements for Pressure Relieving Devices

The design of pressure-relieving devices can be generally grouped in two categories: open discharge and closed discharge.

Open Discharge

An open discharge is characterized by a relief or safety valve discharging to the atmosphere or to a vent stack open to the atmosphere. The design and analysis of open discharge valve stations includes the following considerations:

- Stresses in the valve header, the valve inlet piping, and local stresses in the header-to-valve inlet piping junction due to thermal effects, internal pressure, seismic loads, and thrust loads are considered.
- Thrust forces include both pressure and momentum effects.
- Where more than one safety or relief valve is installed on the same pipe run, valve spacing requirements are as specified in the ASME Code.
- The minimum moments to be used in stress calculations are those specified in the ASME Code.
- The effects of the valve discharge on piping connected to the valve header are considered.
- The reaction forces and moments used in stress calculations include the effects of a dynamic load factor (DLF), or are the maximum instantaneous values obtained from a time-history structural analysis.

Closed Discharge

The closed discharge system is characterized by piping between the valve and a tank or some other terminal end. Under steady-state conditions, there are no net unbalanced forces. The initial transient response and resulting stresses are determined using either a time-history computer solution or a conservative equivalent static solution. In calculating initial transient forces, pressure and momentum terms as well as water slug effects are included.

3.9.3.4 Component and Piping Supports

The supports for ASME Code, Section III, Class 1, 2, and 3 components including pipe supports satisfy the requirements of the ASME Code, Section III, Subsection NF. The welded connections of ASTM A500 Grade B tube steel members satisfy the requirements of the Structural Welding Code, ANSI/AWS D1.1, Section 10. The boundary between the supports and the building structure is based on the rules found in Subsection NF.

Table 3.9-3 presents the loading conditions. Table 3.9-8 summarizes the load combinations. The stress limits are presented in Tables 3.9-9 and 3.9-10 for the various service levels.

The criteria of Appendix F of the ASME Code Section III is used for the evaluation of Level D service conditions. When supports for components not built to ASME Code, Section III criteria are evaluated for the effect of Level D service conditions, the allowable stress levels are based on tests or accepted industry standards comparable to those in Appendix F of ASME Code, Section III.

In order to provide for operability of active equipment, including valves, ASME limits for Service Level C loadings are met for the supports of these items.

Dynamic loads for components loaded in the elastic range are calculated using dynamic load factors, time-history analysis, or any other method that accounts for elastic behavior of the component. A component is assumed to be in the elastic range if yielding across a section does not occur. Local yielding due to stress concentration is assumed not to affect the validity of the assumptions of elastic behavior. The stress allowables of Appendix F for elastically analyzed components are used for Code components. Inelastic stress analysis is not used.

The stiffness of the pipe support miscellaneous steel is controlled by one of the following methods so that component nozzle loads are not adversely affected by support deformation:

Pipe support miscellaneous steel deflections are limited for dynamic loading to 1/8 inch in each restrained direction. The dynamic loading combination considered are those in Table 3.9-8 associated with Level D service limits. These deflections are defined with respect to the structure to which the miscellaneous steel is attached. These deflection limits, provide adequate stiffness for seismic analysis and are small enough so that nozzle loads are not affected by pipe support deformation. In this case, the pipe support and miscellaneous steel are represented by a generic stiffness value in the piping system analysis. Rigid stiffness values are used for fabricated supports, and vendor stiffness values are used for standard supports such as snubbers, and rigid gapped supports. The mass of the pipe support miscellaneous steel is evaluated as a self-weight excitation loading on the steel and the structures supporting the steel.

Alternatively, if the deflections for dynamic loading exceeds 1/8 inches, the pipe support and miscellaneous steel are represented by calculated stiffness values in the piping system analysis.

Use of baseplates with concrete expansion anchors is minimized in the AP600. Concrete expansion anchors may be used for pipe supports. For these pipe support baseplate designs, the baseplate flexibility requirements of IE Bulletin 79-02, Revision 2, dated November 8, 1979 are met by accounting for the baseplate flexibility in the calculation of anchor bolt loads. Supplemental requirements for fastening anchor bolts to concrete are outlined in subsection 3.8.4.5.1.

Friction forces induced by the pipe on the support must be considered in the analysis of sliding type supports, such as guides or box supports, when the resultant unrestrained thermal motion is greater than 1/16 inch. The friction force is equal to the coefficient of friction times the pipe load, and acts in the direction of pipe movement. A coefficient of friction of 0.35 for steel-on-steel sliding surfaces shall be used. If a self-lubricated bearing plate is used, a 0.15 coefficient of friction shall be used. The pipe load from which the friction force is developed includes only deadweight and thermal loads. The friction force can not be greater than the product of the pipe movement and the stiffness of the pipe support in the direction of movement.

Small gaps are provided for frame type supports built around the pipe. These gaps allow for radial thermal expansion of the pipe as well as allowing for pipe rotation. The minimum gap (total of opposing sides) between the pipe and the support is equal to the diametral expansion of the pipe due to temperature and pressure. The maximum gap is equal to the diametral expansion of the pipe due to temperature and pressure plus 1/8 inch.

For standard component pipe supports, the manufacturer's functional limitations for example, travel limits and sway angles, should be followed. This criterion is applicable to limit stops, snubbers, rods, hangers and sway struts. Snubber settings should be chosen such that pipe movement occurs over the mid range of the snubber travel. Some margin should be provided between the expected pipe movement and the maximum or minimum snubber-stroke to accommodate construction tolerance.

3.9.3.4.1 ASME Code Class 1 Component Supports

The load combinations and allowable stresses for ASME Code Class 1 component supports are given in Tables 3.9-8 and 3.9-9.

3.9.3.4.1.1 Class 1 Component Supports Models and Methods

The static and dynamic structural analyses employ the matrix method and normal mode theory for the solution of lumped-parameter, multimass structural models. The equipment support structure models are dual-purpose, since they represent quantitatively the elastic restraints that the supports impose upon the component, and represent the individual support member stresses due to the forces imposed upon the supports by the component.

A description of the supports for the reactor pressure vessel, steam generator, and pressurizer is found in subsection 5.4.10. The supports are modeled using elements such as beams, plates, and springs where applicable.

The reactor vessel supports are located at each of the four inlet nozzles and are modeled using a finite element computer program.

Steam generator supports include a column support below the steam generator, a lateral support attached to the bottom head, and a lateral support attached to the secondary shell

and are normally modeled as linear or nonlinear springs. The reactor coolant pump is supported by the connection to the steam generator and does not have separate supports.

The pressurizer is supported by four columns. Each core makeup tank is supported by eight columns.

The passive residual heat removal heat exchanger is supported by the in-containment refueling water storage tank. The channel heads are outside of the tank and the tubesheets are connected to the tank wall. The tubes are inside the tank, exposed to fluid motion and supported by a structure resting on the floor of the tank and attached to the tank wall.

For each operating condition, the loads (obtained from the reactor coolant loop analysis or the analysis of the component) acting on the reactor pressure vessel, steam generator, and pressurizer supports are appropriately combined. The adequacy of each member of the supports, is verified by solving the stress and interaction equations of ASME Code, Section III, Subsection NF and Appendix F. The adequacy of the reactor pressure vessel support structure is verified using a finite element computer program and comparing the resultant stresses to the criteria given in ASME Code, Section III, Subsection NF and Appendix F.

The test load method given in Appendix F is an acceptable method of qualifying components in lieu of satisfying the stress/load limits established for the component analysis. The test load method is not used in the AP600 to qualify supports of components built to ASME Code, Section III requirements.

3.9.3.4.2 ASME Code Class 2 and 3 Supports

Class 2 and 3 component supports are designed and analyzed for design condition, and Level A, B, C, and D service conditions to the rules and requirements of ASME Section III, Subsection NF, and Appendix F. The analyses or test methods and associated stress or load allowable limits that are used in the evaluation of linear supports for Level D service conditions are those defined in the ASME Code. Plate and shell type supports satisfy the Level D service condition limits provided in Appendix F of the ASME Code, Section III. Tables 3.9-8 and 3.9-10 outline the allowable stresses and loading combinations for ASME Code, Section III, Class 2 and 3 component supports.

3.9.3.4.3 Snubbers Used as Component and Piping Supports

The location and size of the snubbers are determined by stress analysis. Access for the testing, inspection, and maintenance of snubbers is considered in the AP600 layout. The location and line of action of a snubber are selected based on the necessity of limiting seismic stresses in the piping and nozzle loads on equipment. Snubbers are chosen in lieu of rigid supports where restricting thermal growth would induce excessive thermal stresses in the piping or nozzle loads or equipment. Snubbers that are designed to lock up at a given velocity are specified with lock-up velocities sufficiently large to envelope the highest

thermal growth rates of the pipe or equipment for design thermal transients. The snubbers are constructed to ASME Code, Section III, Subsection NF standards.

In the piping system seismic stress analysis, the snubbers are modeled as stiffness elements. The stiffness value is based on vendor stiffness data for the snubber, snubber extension, and pipe clamp assembly. Supports for active valves are included in the overall design and qualification of the valve.

The elimination of the analysis of dynamic effects of pipe breaks due to leak-before-break considerations, as outlined in subsection 3.6.3, permits the use of fewer snubbers than in plants that were designed without considering leak before break. Also, the AP600 uses gapped support devices to minimize the use of snubbers. The evaluation of those snubbers used as supports is outlined below.

Design specifications for snubbers include:

- Seismic requirements
- Normal environmental parameters
- Accident/post-accident environmental parameters
- Full-scale performance test to measure pertinent performance requirements
- Instructions for periodic maintenance (in technical manuals)

Two types of tests will be performed on the snubbers to verify proper operation:

- Production tests, including dynamic testing, on every unit to verify proper operability
- Qualification tests on randomly selected production models to demonstrate the required load performance (load rating)

The production operability tests for large hydraulic snubbers (that is, those with capacities of 50 kips or greater) include 1) a full Level D load test to verify sufficient load capacity, 2) testing at full load to verify proper bleed with the control valve closed, 3) testing to verify the control valve closes within the specified velocity range, and 4) testing to demonstrate that breakaway and drag loads are within the design limits.

The operability of essential snubbers is verified by the Combined License applicant by verifying the proper installation of the snubbers, and performing visual inspections and measurements of the cold and hot positions of the snubbers as required during plant heatup to verify the snubbers are performing as intended.

3.9.3.5 Instrumentation Line Supports

The design loads, load combinations, and acceptance criteria for safety-related instrumentation supports are similar to those of pipe supports. Design loads include deadweight, thermal, and seismic (as appropriate). The acceptance criteria is ASME Subsection NF.

3.9.4 Control Rod Drive System (CRDS)

3.9.4.1 Descriptive Information of CRDS

3.9.4.1.1 Control Rod Drive Mechanism (CRDM)

The AP600 control rod drive mechanism is based on a proven Westinghouse design that has been used in many operating nuclear power plants. Figure 3.9-4 shows the control rod drive mechanism. Figure 4.2-8 shows the configuration of the driveline, including the control rod drive mechanism. Subsection 4.2.2 describes the design of the rod cluster control assemblies and gray rod control assemblies. The material requirements for the control rod drive mechanisms and the control assemblies are discussed in Section 4.5.

Control rod drive mechanisms are located on the head of the reactor vessel. They are coupled to rod cluster control assemblies (RCCAs) that have neutron absorber material over the active length of the control rods. The control rod drive mechanisms are also attached to gray rod control assemblies (GRCAs) that are used for load follow. The gray rod control assemblies are geometrically identical to the rod cluster control assemblies except that most of the rodlets are fabricated of stainless steel instead of containing absorber material.

The control rod drive mechanisms for both the rod cluster control assemblies and the gray rod control assemblies are identical. Although the gray rod control assemblies are expected to drop during a trip insertion, the insertion of these assemblies is not required in order to shut down the reactor.

The primary functions of the control rod drive mechanism is to insert or withdraw, at a designated speed, 45 rod cluster control assemblies and 16 gray rod control assemblies from the core to control average core temperature. During startup and shutdown the control assemblies control changes in reactivity.

Operation of the control rod drive mechanisms is integrated to move groups of assemblies together. Each cluster assembly is in a bank of assemblies which is used for reactivity control, axial power distribution control, or shutdown control. The assemblies of each bank of several rod cluster control assemblies or gray rod control assemblies move at the same time.

The design of the control rod drive mechanisms and the control assemblies permits load follow without the use of chemical shim over most of the life of the core. The design of the control rod drive mechanisms also permits holding the rod cluster control assemblies and the gray rod control assemblies at any step elevation within the range of rod travel during normal operation. The rod cluster control assemblies and gray rod control assemblies have the same mechanical coupling with the control rod drive mechanism.

The control rod drive mechanism is a magnetically operated jack (magjack). A magnetic jack is an arrangement of three electromagnets energized in a controlled sequence by a power cycle to insert or withdraw rod cluster control assemblies and gray rod control

assemblies in the reactor core in discrete steps. The control rod drive mechanism is designed to release the drive rod and rod cluster control assembly during any part of the power cycler sequencing if electrical power to the coils is interrupted. When released from the control rod drive mechanism, the drive rod and rod cluster control assembly or gray rod control assembly falls by gravity into a fully inserted position.

The control rod drive mechanism consists of four separate subassemblies. These are the pressure vessel, coil stack assembly, latch assembly, and drive rod assembly.

The pressure vessel includes a latch housing and a rod travel housing that are connected by a threaded, seal-welded, maintenance joint that facilitates removal of the latch assembly. The closure at the top of the rod travel housing is a solid, one-piece construction providing seismic support by an interface with the integrated head package. The latch housing is the lower portion of the vessel and contains the latch assembly. The latch housing portion of the control rod drive mechanism is attached to the vessel head by a shrink-fit and a partial penetration weld. The rod travel housing is the upper portion of the vessel and provides space for the drive rod during its upward movement as the control rods are withdrawn from the core.

The coil stack assembly includes the coil housings, electrical conduit and connector, and three operating coils: the stationary gripper coil, the movable gripper coil, and the lift coil. The coil stack assembly is a separate unit. It is installed on the drive mechanism by sliding it over the outside of the latch housing. It rests on the base of the latch housing without mechanical attachment. Energizing the operating coils causes movement of the pole pieces and latches in the latch assembly.

The latch assembly includes the guide tube, stationary pole pieces, movable pole pieces, and two sets of latches: the movable gripper latches and the stationary gripper latches. The latches engage grooves in the drive rod assembly. The movable gripper latches are moved up or down in 5/8-inch steps by the lift pole to raise or lower the drive rod. The stationary gripper latches hold the drive rod assembly while the movable gripper latches are repositioned for the next 5/8-inch step.

The drive rod assembly includes a coupling, drive rod, disconnect button, disconnect rod, and locking button. The drive rod has a 5/8-inch pitch from groove to groove that engage the latches during holding or moving of the drive rod. The coupling is attached to the drive rod and provides the means for coupling to the rod cluster control assembly directly below the control rod drive mechanism. The disconnect button, disconnect rod, and locking button provide positive locking of the coupling to the rod cluster control assembly and permit remote disconnection of the drive rod.

The control rod drive mechanism withdraws and inserts a rod cluster control assembly or gray rod control assembly as shaped electrical pulses are received by the operating coils. An on or off sequence, repeated by silicon-controlled rectifiers in the power programmer, causes either withdrawal or insertion of the control rod. Withdrawal of the drive rod and rod cluster control assembly or gray rod control assembly is accomplished by magnetic

forces. Insertion is by gravity. The mechanism is capable of raising or lowering a 360-pound load (which includes the drive rod weight) at a rate of 45 inches per minute.

During plant operation the stationary gripper coil of the drive mechanism holds the rod cluster control assembly in a static position until a stepping sequence is initiated, at which time the movable gripper coil and lift coil are energized sequentially.

The control rod position is measured by 42 discrete coils mounted on the position indicator assembly surrounding the rod travel housing. Each coil magnetically senses the entry and presence of the top of the ferromagnetic drive rod assembly as it moves through the coil center line.

The mechanism internals are designed to operate in 650°F reactor coolant. The pressure vessel is designed to contain reactor coolant at 650°F and 2500 psia. The three operating coils are designed to operate at 392°F, with forced-air cooling required to maintain the coil internal temperature at or below 392°F. The air for cooling is provided by fans and shrouds included as part of the integrated head package. A loss of the air cooling would be expected to result in the release of the drive rod in the worst case. For this reason, the cooling air is not required to be a safety-related system and does not require an emergency power supply.

The design and construction of the control rod drive mechanism includes provisions to establish that gross failure of the housing sufficient to allow a control rod to be ejected from the core is not credible. These provisions include the following:

- Construction of the housing of Type 304 stainless steel, which exhibits excellent notch toughness at the temperatures that will be encountered
- Stress levels in the mechanism are not affected by system thermal transients at power or by thermal movement of the reactor coolant loops.
- The control rod drive mechanisms are hydrotested after manufacture at a minimum of 150 percent of system design pressure.
- The housings are hydrotested at a minimum of 125 percent of system design pressure after installation to the reactor vessel head individually and during the hydro test of the completed reactor coolant system.

The analyses of postulated accidents discussed in Chapter 15 include the evaluation of a nonmechanistic control rod ejection. Section 3.5 does not consider ejected rods to be a credible missile.

3.9.4.1.2 Control Rod Withdrawal

The rod cluster control assembly is withdrawn by repeating the following sequence of events. The sequence, starting with the stationary gripper energized in the hold position, is as follows:

1. Movable Gripper Coil B - ON

The latch-locking plunger rises and swings the movable gripper latches into the drive rod assembly groove. A small axial clearance exists between the latch teeth and the drive rod.

2. Stationary Gripper Coil A - OFF

The force of gravity, acting upon the drive rod assembly and attached control rod, causes the stationary gripper latches and plunger to move downward 1/16 inch, transferring the load of the drive rod assembly and attached control rod to the movable gripper latches. The plunger continues to move downward and swings the stationary gripper latches out of the drive rod assembly groove.

3. Lift Coil C - ON

The 5/8-inch gap between the movable gripper pole and the lift pole closes, and the drive rod assembly rises one step length (5/8 inch).

4. Stationary Gripper Coil A - ON

The plunger rises and closes the gap below the stationary gripper pole. The three links, pinned to the plunger, swing the stationary gripper latches into a drive rod assembly groove. The latches contact the drive rod assembly and lift it (and the attached control rod) a small fraction of an inch. The small vertical drive rod assembly movement transfers the drive rod assembly load from the movable gripper latches to the stationary gripper latches.

5. Movable Gripper Coil B - OFF

The latch-locking plunger separates from the movable gripper pole under the force of a spring and gravity. Three links, pinned to the plunger, swing the three movable gripper latches out of the drive rod assembly groove.

6. Lift Coil C - OFF

The gap between the movable gripper pole and the lift pole opens. The movable gripper latches drop 5/8 inch to a position adjacent to a drive rod assembly groove.

7. Repeat Step

The sequence just described (items 1 through 6) is termed one step or one cycle. The rod cluster control assembly moves $5/8$ inch for each step or cycle. The sequence is repeated at a rate of up to 72 steps per minute, and the drive rod assembly (which has a $5/8$ -inch groove pitch) is raised 72 grooves per minute. The rod cluster control assembly is thus withdrawn at a rate of up to 45 inches per minute. The gray rod control assemblies are withdrawn in an identical manner.

3.9.4.1.3 Control Rod Insertion

The sequence for rod cluster control assembly insertion is similar to that for control rod withdrawal, except that the timing of lift coil C ON and OFF is changed to permit lowering of the control assembly. The sequence, starting with the stationary gripper energized in the hold position, is as follows:

1. Lift Coil C - ON

The $5/8$ -inch gap between the movable gripper and lift the pole closes. The movable gripper latches are raised to a position adjacent to a drive rod assembly groove.

2. Movable Gripper Coil B - ON

The latch-locking plunger rises and swings the movable gripper latches into a drive rod assembly groove. A small axial clearance exists between the latch teeth and the drive rod assembly.

3. Stationary Gripper Coil A - OFF

The force of gravity, acting upon the drive rod assembly and attached rod cluster control assembly, causes the stationary gripper latches and plunger to move downward $1/16$ inch transferring the load of the drive rod assembly and attached rod cluster control assembly to the movable gripper latches. The plunger continues to move downward and swings the stationary gripper latches out of the drive rod assembly groove.

4. Lift Coil C - OFF

The force of gravity and spring force separate the movable gripper pole from the lift pole. The drive rod assembly and attached rod cluster control assembly drop down $5/8$ inch.

5. Stationary Gripper A - ON

The plunger rises and closes the gap below the stationary gripper pole. The three links, pinned to the plunger, swing the three stationary gripper latches into a drive rod

assembly groove. The latches contact the drive rod assembly and lift it (and the attached control rod) a small fraction of an inch. The small, vertical drive rod assembly movement transfers the drive rod assembly load from the movable gripper latches to the stationary gripper latches.

6. Movable Gripper Coil B - OFF

The latch-locking plunger separates from the movable gripper pole under the force of a spring and gravity. Three links, pinned to the plunger, swing the three movable gripper latches out of the drive rod assembly groove.

7. Repeat Step

The sequence is repeated, as for rod cluster control assembly withdrawal, up to 72 times per minute, which gives an insertion rate of 45 inches per minute. The gray rod control assemblies are inserted in an identical manner.

3.9.4.1.4 Holding and Tripping of the Control Rods

During most of the plant operating time, the control rod drive mechanisms hold the rod cluster control assemblies withdrawn from the core in a static position. During most plant operation the gray rod control assemblies are held by the control rod drive mechanisms withdrawn or inserted in the core in a static position as directed by flux shape considerations. In the holding mode, only one coil, stationary gripper coil A, is energized on each mechanism. The drive rod assembly and attached rod cluster control assemblies or gray rod control assemblies hang suspended from the three latches.

When the drive line is positioned in the last few steps, the rod cluster control assemblies and gray rod control assemblies are out of the last portion of the core, although not fully withdrawn from the fuel assemblies. This covers the range of steps from 227 to 230. The control rod drive mechanism may be located at any one or more of these step locations during operation of the plant and be considered fully out without any adverse impact on the control rod drive mechanism or plant operation.

The rod clusters cannot be physically withdrawn from the guide tubes by the control rod drive mechanisms since no additional grooves are machined in the drive rod past the last position.

If power to the stationary gripper coil is cut off, the combined weights of the drive rod assembly and the rod cluster control assembly or gray rod control assembly (plus the stationary gripper return spring) move the latches out of the drive rod assembly groove. The trip occurs as the magnetic field, holding the stationary gripper plunger against the stationary gripper pole, collapses; and the stationary gripper plunger is forced down by the stationary gripper return spring and the weight acting upon the latches.

The control rod falls by gravity into the core. After the driveline is released by the mechanism, it falls freely until the control rods enter the dashpot section of the fuel assembly where the coolant in the guide tubes slows the rate of descent until the rods are fully inserted.

3.9.4.1.5 Testing Program

As noted earlier, the AP600 control rod drive mechanism is based on a proven Westinghouse design that has been used in many operating nuclear power plants. The control rod cluster and fuel assembly thimble tube mechanical design is also based on a proven design. The production tests that each control rod drive mechanism undergoes are outlined in subsection 3.9.4.4.

3.9.4.2 Applicable CRDS Design Specifications

The specifications for the design, fabrication, construction, and operation of the control rod drive system (CRDS) include provisions related to the functional requirements, pressure boundary integrity, strength and durability of the internal components, and electrical requirements for the operating mechanism. The specifications and design requirements are consistent with the safety classification of the various parts of the control rod drive system as defined in Section 3.2.

The materials used in the control rod drive mechanisms are discussed in subsection 4.5.1. The rod position instrumentation is described in Section 7.7.

Since the AP600 control rod drive mechanism is a design previously provided for other nuclear power plants the specifications are well established. The specifications are outlined in the following discussions.

3.9.4.2.1 Control Rod Drive Mechanism Functional Requirements

The suitability of the functional requirements for the step size and rate of withdrawal and insertion during normal operation and the time to drop into the core have been demonstrated during many years of successful operation of similar Westinghouse-designed control rod drive mechanisms. The time required for the control rod drive system to release the rod cluster control assemblies into the core is evaluated to determine that it is sufficient in analyses of postulated accident conditions. For a discussion of the evaluation of the performance of the reactivity control function of the AP600 control rod drive system and specific AP600 accident analyses see Section 4.6 and Chapter 15.

The basic operational requirements for the control rod drive mechanisms follow:

- 5/8-inch step
- 144.255 inch travel, maximum (cold conditions)

- 360-pound maximum load
- Step in or out at 45 inches per minute (72 steps per minute) maximum, 5 inches per minute (8 steps per minute) minimum
- Electrical power interruption initiating release of drive rod assembly
- Trip delay time of less than or equal to 150 millisecond Free fall of drive rod assembly is to begin less than 150 millisecond after power interruption, no matter what holding or stepping action is being executed, with any load and coolant temperature of 100°F to 650°F.
- 60-year design objective with normal refurbishment

Testing and operating experience has validated these requirements and the capability of the AP600 control rod drive mechanism design to meet them.

3.9.4.2.2 Pressure Housing Requirements

The pressure housing portion of the control rod drive mechanism, the latch housing and rod travel housing, comprises a portion of the reactor coolant pressure boundary. The design pressure and temperature for the control rod drive mechanism pressure housing are the same as for the reactor vessel.

As part of the reactor coolant pressure boundary, the pressure housing is constructed in conformance with requirements in 10 CFR 50.55a. The conformance of the reactor coolant pressure boundary with applicable code and standards is discussed in Section 5.2. The pressure housing meets design, material, fabrication, analysis, quality assurance, and other requirements for Class 1 components in ASME Code, Section III. The pressure housing is required to meet stress requirements for design and transient conditions.

3.9.4.2.3 Internal Component Requirements

The internal components of the control rod drive mechanism include the latch assembly, drive rod and the coupling attaches the drive rod to the rod cluster control assemblies and gray rod control assemblies.

The design, fabrication, inspection, and testing of these non-pressure boundary components typically do not come under the jurisdiction of the ASME Code. For those materials which do not have established stress limits the limits are based on the material specification mechanical property requirements.

In addition to dead-weight and operational loads, the design of the driveline is evaluated for loads due to safe shutdown earthquake and flow induced vibration.

Postulated failures of drive rod assemblies and latch mechanisms by fracture or decoupling lead to a decrease in reactivity. A postulated failure leading to the release of a drive rod or portion of a drive rod results in an insertion of control rods guided by the control rod assembly. A control rod drop is indicated by instrumentation that monitors the nuclear reaction and detect a decrease in reactivity.

A postulated failure of a control rod drive mechanism to insert a control assembly due to sticking or galling of the drive rod or latch assembly is accounted for in the safety analyses, which assume that the control assembly at the most reactive core location is inoperable.

In addition to the requirements related to the strength of the internal components, criteria have been developed for clearances in the latch assembly and between the latch arms and drive rod. The latch assembly has parts of austenitic and ferritic stainless steels and other alloys. Differential thermal expansion could eliminate clearances and result in binding or otherwise restrict movement of the latch assembly if not allowed for in the design.

The design requirement is that sufficient clearance exist between the moving parts in the latch assembly at expected operating and design condition temperatures. An evaluation of the thermal expansion, room temperature clearances, and geometry demonstrates that an appropriate clearance is available at design and normal operating conditions.

For the magjack mechanism to work properly to insert or withdraw the control rods, the latch arms contacting the drive rod, (that is the movable and stationary gripper latches) must not be under load at the same time. The effect of the differential thermal expansion on the latch arms, pressure housing, is evaluated to provide that the appropriate clearance between the drive rod and the unloaded latch arm is maintained.

3.9.4.2.4 Coil Stack Assembly Requirements

The coil stack assembly provides the electromotive force to move the latches in the latch assembly. The safety function of rapid insertion of the control rods can be accomplished by removing power from the coils. The separation and redundancy required of the control system and power supplied to the control rod drive system is discussed in Section 4.6.

Postulated electrical or structural failures of the coil assembly do not result in a condition would prevent control rod insertion. As a result, the electrical coils are built using standard industrial quality assurance and are not required to be built to IEEE Class 1E standards.

The coil stack assembly is located outside the pressure housing. The assembly does not come in contact with the reactor coolant and does not have any pressure-retaining function. The operating temperature of the coils is maintained below 392°F.

The coil stack assembly slides over the pressure housing and remains in place without a permanent mechanical or welded attachment. The assembly clearances permit removal of an assembly even when the control rod drive mechanism is at normal operating temperature. Thus, a malfunctioning coil assembly could be replaced without a complete cooldown of

the plant. The clearances between the coil and coil housing are selected to minimize the gap at normal operating temperature to facilitate coil cooling.

3.9.4.3 Design Loads, Stress Limits, and Allowable Deformations

The pressure housing portion of the control rod drive mechanism is a Class 1 component required to meet the requirements of ASME Code, Section III. Subsection 3.9.3 defines the loading combinations considered in the evaluation of ASME Code, Section III, pressure boundary components.

For each loading combination, the appropriate stresses due to pressure, component weight, external loads, hydraulic forces, thermal gradients, and seismic dynamic forces are evaluated and demonstrated to be less than the applicable stress limits. The cyclic stresses are combined with constant stresses to evaluate the fatigue usage due to cyclic loads. The transients used in the evaluation of cyclic loads are described in subsection 3.9.1. The effect of seismic events is addressed by considering a seismic event with an amplitude equal to one-third of the safe shutdown earthquake evaluated as a Level B event. The seismic contribution to the fatigue evaluation is based on five seismic events with an amplitude of one-third the safe shutdown earthquake and with 63 cycles per event. The results of the stress evaluation are documented in a component stress report, as required by the ASME Code.

The control rod drive mechanism is supported by the attachment of the bottom of the assembly to the reactor vessel head and a connection to the integrated head package at the top of the rod travel housing. The integrated head package also provides the support to the cooling air shrouds and control rod drive mechanism electrical supply cables to prevent excessive loading on the control rod drive mechanisms during seismic events.

Hydrostatic tests according to the requirements of the ASME Code verify the pressure boundary integrity of the pressure housing prior to operation. The latch assembly housing is assembled to the reactor vessel head by the vessel supplier and is hydro tested as part of the vessel hydro test. The rod travel housing seal weld is performed prior to final assembly following the assembly of the travel housing to the latch assembly housing. The hydrostatic test of the connection of the rod travel housing to the latch assembly is done as part of the system hydrostatic test.

To assure functional capability of the control rod drive mechanism following a seismic event or a pipe break, the bending moments on the control rod drive mechanisms are limited to those that produce stress levels in the pressure boundary of the control rod drive mechanism less than ASME Code limits during anticipated transient conditions. This limit provides that the rod travel housing does not bend to the extent that the drive rod binds during insertion of the control rods. The analysis evaluates the load combinations that include safe shutdown earthquake and pipe break. The pipe break considered is at least as large as the largest pipe in or connected to the reactor coolant system that is not qualified as leak before break line. See subsection 3.9.7 for information on the control rod drive mechanism deflection limit requirements for the integrated head package

3.9.4.4 Control Rod Drive Mechanism Performance Assurance Program

The capability of the pressure housing components to perform throughout the 60 year design objective is confirmed by the stress analysis report required by the ASME Code, Section III.

To confirm the operational adequacy of the combination of fuel assembly, control rod drive mechanism, and rod cluster control assembly, functional test programs have been conducted. These tests verify that the trip time achieved by the control rod drive mechanisms meets the design requirements.

The units are production tested prior to shipment to confirm the capability of the control rod drive mechanism to meet design specification operation requirements. Each production control rod drive mechanism undergoes a production test as listed in Table 3.9-13.

The trip time requirement is confirmed for each control rod drive mechanism prior to initial reactor operation and at periodic intervals after initial reactor operation, as required by the technical specifications. See Section 14.2 for preoperational and startup testing.

To demonstrate proper operation of the control rod drive mechanism and to provide acceptable core power distributions, rod cluster control assembly partial movement checks are performed as required by the Technical Specifications. In addition, periodic drop tests of the rod cluster control assembly are performed at each refueling shutdown to demonstrate continued capability to meet trip time requirements, consistent with safety analyses in Chapter 15.

3.9.5 Reactor Pressure Vessel Internals

3.9.5.1 Design Arrangements

The AP600 reactor internals consist of two major assemblies - the lower internals and the upper internals. The reactor internals provide the protection, alignment and support for the core, control rods, and gray rods to provide safe and reliable reactor operation. In addition, the reactor internals help to accomplish the following: direct the main coolant flow to and from the fuel assemblies; absorb control rod dynamic loads, fuel assembly loads, and other loads and transmit these loads to the reactor vessel; support instrumentation within the reactor vessel; provide protection for the reactor vessel against excessive radiation exposure from the core; and position and support reactor vessel radiation surveillance specimens.

During reactor operation, the core barrel directs the coolant flow from the reactor vessel inlet nozzles, through the downcomer annulus, and into the lower plenum below the lower core support plate. The flow then turns and passes through the lower support plate and into the core region. After leaving the core, it passes through the upper core plate; then bypasses through and around the control rod guide tubes and the support columns to reach the outlet nozzles. During operation, a small amount of inlet coolant is diverted from the core to cool the reflector and the vessel head area.

3.9.5.1.1 Lower Core Support Assembly

The major containment and support member of the reactor internals is the lower core support assembly, shown in Figure 3.9-5. This assembly consists of the core barrel, lower core support plate, secondary core support, vortex suppression plate, radial reflectors, radial supports, and related attachment hardware. The major material for this structure is 300 series austenitic stainless steel. The lower core support assembly is supported at its upper flange from a ledge in the reactor vessel flange. Its lower end is restrained in its transverse movement by a radial support system attached to the vessel wall. The radial support system consists of keys attached to the lower end of the core barrel subassembly. These keys engage clevis inserts in the reactor vessel. This system restricts the lower end of the core barrel from rotational and/or translational movement, but allows for radial thermal growth and axial displacement.

The neutron reflector assemblies are located inside the core barrel and above the lower core support. These assemblies form the radial periphery of the core. Through the dimensional control of the cavity (the gap between the fuel assemblies and the reflectors) and the reflector flange holes, the reflector assemblies provide directional and metered control of the reactor coolant through the core. The reflector serves to provide a transition from the round core barrel to the square fuel assemblies. The reflectors have longitudinal holes that allow cooling water to flow through, while still providing sufficient material to perform the neutron reflection and radiation shielding functions.

Loads acting vertically downward from weight, fuel assembly preload, control rod dynamic loading, hydraulic loads, and earthquake acceleration are carried by the lower core support plate into the core supports. The loads are then carried through the core barrel shell to the core barrel flange, which is supported by the vessel flange. Transverse loads from earthquake acceleration, coolant cross-flow, and vibration are carried by the core barrel shell and distributed through the lower radial support to the vessel wall and to the vessel flange. Transverse loads from the fuel assemblies are transmitted to the core barrel shell by direct connection of the lower core support plate to the barrel wall, and by upper core plate alignment pins.

The main radial support system of the lower end of the core barrel is accomplished by key and keyway joints to the reactor vessel wall. Clevis blocks are welded to the vessel inner diameter at equally spaced points around the inner circumference of the vessel. Another insert block is bolted to each of these blocks and has a keyway geometry. Opposite each of these is a key attached to the internals. During assembly, as the internals are lowered into the vessel, the keys engage the keyways in the axial direction. Correct positioning of the internals is provided by the installation equipment (lifting rig) guide studs and bushings. In this design, the internals have a support at the furthest extremity, and the core barrel is modeled as a beam, which is supported at the top and bottom.

Radial and axial expansion of the core barrel is accommodated, but transverse movement of the core barrel is restricted by this design. With this system, cyclic stresses in the internal structures are within ASME Code, Section III, Subsection NG limits.

In the event of an abnormal downward vertical displacement of the internals following a hypothetical failure, energy-absorbing devices limit the dynamic force imposed on the reactor vessel. The energy absorbing device is the secondary core support. In addition, the secondary core support also transmits the vertical load of the core uniformly to the reactor vessel, limits the displacement to prevent withdrawal of the control rods from the core, and limits the displacement to prevent loss of alignment of the core with the upper core support to allow the control rods to be inserted into the reactor.

The lower plenum vortex suppressor plate is positioned in the vessel lower plenum to suppress flow vortices formed by the reactor coolant flow reversal in this region. The suppressor plate is supported by columns from the lower core support plate.

3.9.5.1.2 Upper Core Support Assembly

The AP600 upper core support assembly consists of the upper support, the upper core plate, the support columns, and the guide tube assemblies. Figure 3.9-6 shows the upper core support assembly.

The support columns establish the spacing between the upper support and the upper core plate. The support columns are fastened at the top and bottom to these plates. The support columns transmit the mechanical loadings between the two plates and some serve the supplementary function of supporting the tubes that house the fixed in-core detectors.

The instrument columns housing the in-core detector provide a protective path for the detectors during installation, reactor operation, and removal at refueling outages.

The guide tube assemblies sheath and guide the control rod drive shafts and control rods. The guide tubes are fastened to the upper support and are restrained by pins in the upper core plate for proper orientation and support.

The upper core support assembly is positioned in its proper orientation, with respect to the lower core support assembly, by flat-sided pins in the core barrel flange. Four equally spaced flat-sided pins are located at an elevation in the core barrel where the upper core plate is positioned. Four mating sets of inserts are located in the upper core plate at the same positions. As the upper support assembly is lowered into the lower support assembly, the inserts engage the flat-sided pins in the axial direction. Lateral displacement of the plate and of the upper support assembly is restricted by this design.

Fuel assembly locating pins protrude from the bottom of the upper core plate and engage the fuel assemblies as the upper assembly is lowered into place. This system of locating pins and guidance arrangement provides proper alignment of the lower core support assembly, the upper core support assembly, the fuel assemblies, and control rods.

The upper and lower core support assemblies are preloaded by a large circumferential spring, which rests between the upper barrel flange and the upper core support assembly. This spring is compressed by installation of the reactor vessel head.

Vertical loads from weight, earthquake acceleration, hydraulic loads, and fuel assembly preload are transmitted through the upper core plate via the support columns, to the upper support, and then into the reactor vessel head. Transverse loads from coolant cross-flow, earthquake acceleration, and possible vibrations are distributed by the support columns to the upper support and upper core plate. The upper support plate is particularly stiff to minimize deflection.

3.9.5.1.3 Radial Reflector

The radial reflector is between the lower core barrel and core, surrounding the core and forming the core cavity. The reflector is manufactured of solid rings of stainless steel with holes bored vertically for water cooling. The stainless steel reflects fast neutrons back to the core regions. This results in lower neutron loss from the core and decreased fluence on the reactor pressure vessel. Each reflector ring is sized in height so that adjoining sections meet at a fuel grid elevation.

3.9.5.1.4 Reactor Internals Interface Arrangement

Figure 3.9-8 shows the arrangement of reactor internals components shown in Figures 3.9-5 and 3.9-6 and their relative position in the reactor vessel. As shown in the figure, the lower reactor internal (Figure 3.9-5) rests on the vessel ledge. The upper core support structure (Figure 3.9-6) also rests at the same location on the top of a large compression spring (hold down spring). The hold down spring is between the upper support plate flange and the core barrel flange as shown in the figure. Both the assemblies are held together by reactor vessel closure studs, which clamp the upper head to upper shell of reactor vessel. The lower reactor internals are also supported by four support lugs welded to the bottom head of reactor vessel. The lower core support plate rests on these lugs.

3.9.5.2 Design Loading Conditions

3.9.5.2.1 Level A and B Service Conditions

The level A and B service conditions that provide the basis for the design of the reactor internals are:

- Fuel assembly and reactor internals weight
- Fuel assembly and core component spring forces, including spring preloading forces
- Differential pressure and coolant flow forces
- Temperature gradients
- Operational thermal transients listed in Table 3.9-14

- Differences in thermal expansion, due to temperature differences and differential expansion of materials
- Loss of load/pump overspeed
- Earthquake

3.9.5.2.2 Level C Service Conditions

The Level C service conditions that are the basis for the design of the reactor internals are small break loss of coolant accident, and small steam line break.

3.9.5.2.3 Level D Service Conditions

The Level D service conditions that are the basis for the design of the reactor internals are safe shutdown earthquake (SSE), and pipe rupture. The pipe ruptures are evaluated for lines for which dynamic effect can not be excluded based on mechanistic pipe break criteria. See subsection 3.6.3 for a description of mechanistic pipe break criteria. The breaks considered are those inside containment, in systems that carry reactor coolant, steam and feedwater. These breaks have the greatest effect on the reactor internals response.

3.9.5.2.4 Design Loading Categories

The combination of design loadings fit into either the service level A, B, C, or D conditions shown on Figures NG-3221-1 and NG-3224-1, NG-3232-1, and by Appendix F of the ASME Code, Section III.

3.9.5.3 Design Bases

The scope of the stress analysis requires many different techniques and methods, both static and dynamic. The analysis performed depends on the mode of operation.

3.9.5.3.1 Mechanical Design Basis

The design bases for the mechanical design of the AP600 reactor vessel internals components are as follows:

- The reactor internals, in conjunction with the fuel assemblies, direct reactor coolant through the core to achieve an acceptable flow distribution and to restrict bypass flow so that the heat transfer performance requirements are met for the varying modes of operation. In addition, required cooling for the reactor pressure vessel head is provided so that the temperature differences between the vessel flange and head do not result in leakage from the flange during reactor operation.
- The radial reflector is placed around the core to reflect neutrons back into the core and reduce neutron fluence on the reactor vessel.

- Provisions are made for installing in-core instrumentation useful for plant operation, and vessel material test specimens required for a pressure vessel irradiation surveillance program.
- The core internals are designed to withstand mechanical loads arising from the safe shutdown earthquake and to meet the requirements of the following item.
- The reactor has mechanical provisions which are sufficient to adequately support the core and internals and to maintain the core intact with acceptable heat transfer geometry following transients arising from abnormal operating conditions.
- Following a design basis accident, the plant is capable of being shut down and cooled in an orderly fashion, so that the fuel cladding temperature is kept within specified limits. Therefore, the deformation of certain critical reactor internals is kept sufficiently small to allow continued core cooling.

The functional limitations for the core structures and internal structures during the design basis accident are shown in Table 3.9-14.

Details of the dynamic analyses, input forcing functions, and response loadings are presented in subsection 3.9.2.

3.9.5.3.2 Allowable Deflections

Loads and deflections imposed on components, as a result of shock and vibration, are determined analytically and/or experimentally in both scaled models and operating reactors. The cyclic stresses resulting from these dynamic loads and deflections are combined with the stresses imposed by loads from component weights, hydraulic forces, and thermal gradients for the determination of the total stresses of the internals.

The reactor internals are designed to withstand stresses originating from various operating conditions, as summarized in Table 3.9-1.

For normal operating conditions, downward vertical deflection of the lower core support plate is negligible.

For normal operating and accident conditions, the deflection criteria of internal structures are the limiting values given in Table 3.9-14. The upper barrel radial inward deflection limit is based on preventing contact between the barrel and the peripheral upper guide tubes during a LOCA event. The rod cluster control assembly can be dropped during the LOCA event if the guide tubes are not contacted by the barrel. The radial outward (uniform) deflection is based on maintaining flow in the downcomer annulus between the core barrel and pressure vessel wall. A peak deflection greater than the uniform allowable is acceptable provided that the annulus blockage from the deflected core barrel is less than the non-uniform radial outward deflection limit. The upper package allowable deflection is based on the clearance between the upper core plate and guide tube support pin shoulder.

Exceeding this value could result in potential buckling of the guide tube and potential loss of function during operating or accident conditions. The rod cluster guide tube allowable lateral deflection is based on test data that indicates the rod cluster control assembly drop time will not be impaired.

The criteria for the postulated core drop accident are based on analyses that determine the total downward displacement of the internal structures, following a hypothetical core drop resulting from loss of the normal core barrel supports. The initial clearance between the secondary core support structures and the reactor vessel lower head in the hot condition is approximately 0.9 inch. An additional displacement of approximately 0.6 inch would occur from the strain of the energy-absorbing devices of the secondary core support. Therefore, the total drop distance is about 1.5 inches. That distance is less than the distance that permits the tips of the rod cluster control assembly to come out of the guide thimble in the fuel assemblies.

The secondary core support is only required to function during an accident involving the hypothetical catastrophic failure of core support (such as core barrel or barrel flange). There are four supports in each reactor. This structure limits the fall of the core and absorbs much of the energy of the fall which otherwise would be imparted to the vessel.

The energy of the fall is calculated assuming a complete and instantaneous failure of the primary core support. The energy is absorbed during the plastic deformation of the controlled volume of stainless steel loaded in tension. The maximum deformation of this austenitic stainless piece is limited to approximately 18 percent, after which a positive stop is provided. The maximum deformation of the secondary core support allows for the maintenance of flow paths through the lower portion of the vessel and lower core support to provide cooling of the fuel under forced and natural circulation conditions.

3.9.6 Inservice Testing of Pumps and Valves

Inservice testing of ASME Code, Section III, Class 1, 2, and 3 pumps and valves is performed in accordance with Section XI of the ASME Code and applicable addenda, as required by 10 CFR 50.55a(f), except where specific relief has been granted by the NRC in accordance with 10 CFR 50.55a(f). The Code includes requirements for leak tests and functional tests for active components.

The requirements for system pressure tests are defined in the ASME Code, Section XI, IWA-5000. These tests verify the pressure boundary integrity and are part of the inservice inspection program, not part of the inservice test program.

Testing requirements for components constructed to the ASME Code are in several parts of the ASME OM Code (Reference 2). The ASME OM Code used to develop the inservice testing plan for the AP600 Design Certification is the 1990 Edition. The edition and addenda to be used for the inservice testing program are administratively controlled by the Combined License applicant. A limited number of valves not constructed to the ASME

Code are also included in the inservice testing plan using the requirements of the ASME OM Code. These valves are relied on in some safety analyses.

The specific ASME Code requirements for functional testing of pumps are found in the ASME OM Code, Subsection ISTB. The specific ASME Code requirements for functional testing of valves are found in the ASME OM Code, Subsection ISTC. The functional tests are required for pumps and valves that have an active safety-related function.

The AP600 inservice test plan does not include testing of pumps and valves in nonsafety-related systems unless they perform safety-related missions, such as containment isolation. This is based on the AP600 implementation of the regulatory treatment of nonsafety-related systems (RTNSS) process (WCAP-13856, Reference 15). Fluid systems with RTNSS important missions are shown to be available by operation of the system.

The AP600 inservice test plan includes periodic systems level tests and inspections that demonstrate the capability of safety-related features to perform their safety-related functions such as passing flow or transferring heat. The test and inspection frequency is once every 10 years. Staggering of the tests of redundant components is not required. These tests may be performed in conjunction with inservice tests conducted to exercise check valves or to perform power-operated valve operability tests. Alternate means of performing these tests and inspections that provide equivalent demonstration may be developed by the Combined License applicant in the inservice test program. Table 3.9-172 identifies the system inservice tests.

A preservice test program, which identifies the required functional testing, is to be submitted to the NRC by the Combined License applicant prior to performing the tests and following the start of construction. The inservice test program, which identifies requirements for functional testing, is to be submitted to the NRC prior to the anticipated date of commercial operation by Combined License applicant. Table 3.9-16 identifies the components subject to the preservice and the inservice test program. This table also identifies the method, extent, and frequency of preservice and inservice testing.

3.9.6.1 Inservice Testing of Pumps

Safety-related pumps are subject to operational readiness testing. The only safety-related mission performed by an AP600 pump is the coast down of the reactor coolant pumps. As a result, the AP600 inservice test plan does not include any pumps.

The AP600 inservice test plan does not include testing of pumps in nonsafety-related systems unless they perform safety-related missions. Systems containing pumps with RTNSS important missions have the capability during operation to measure the flow rate, the pump head, and pump vibration to confirm availability of the pumps. These measurements may be made with temporary instruments or test devices. The AP600 inservice test plan does not include testing of nonsafety-related pumps (including RTNSS important pumps) because they do not perform safety-related missions.

3.9.6.2 Inservice Testing of Valves

Safety-related valves and other selected valves are subject to operational readiness testing. Inservice testing of valves assesses operational readiness including actuating and position indicating systems. The valves that are subject to inservice testing include those valves that perform a specific function in shutting down the reactor to a safe shutdown condition, in maintaining a safe shutdown condition, or in mitigating the consequences of an accident. The AP600 safe shutdown condition includes conditions other than the cold shutdown mode. Safe shutdown conditions are discussed in subsection 7.4.1. In addition, pressure relief devices used for protecting systems or portions of systems that perform a function in shutting down the reactor to a safe shutdown condition, in maintaining a safe shutdown condition, or in mitigating the consequences of an accident, are subject to inservice testing.

The AP600 inservice test plan does not include testing of nonsafety-related valves (including RTNSS important valves) except where they perform safety-related missions. Valves that are identified as having RTNSS important missions have provisions to allow testing but are not included in the inservice test plan unless inservice testing is identified as part of the regulatory oversight required for RTNSS. This testing may use temporary instruments or test devices.

The valve test program is controlled administratively by the Combined License holder and is based on the plan outlined in this subsection. Valves (including relief valves) subject to inservice testing in accordance with the ASME Code are indicated in Table 3.9-16. This table includes the type of testing to be performed and the frequency at which the testing should be performed. The test program conforms to the requirements of ASME OM, Subsection ISTC, to the extent practical. The guidance in NRC Generic Letters, AEOD reports, and industry and utility guidelines (including NRC Generic Letter 89-04) is also considered in developing the test program. Inservice testing incorporates the use of nonintrusive techniques to periodically assess degradation and performance of selected valves.

Safety-related check valves with an active function are exercised in response to flow. Safety-related power-operated valves with an active function are subject to an exercise test and an operability test. The operability test may be either a static or a dynamic (flow and differential pressure) test. Refer to subsection 3.9.6.2.1 for additional information.

Relief from the requirements for testing, if required, and the alternative to the tests are justified and documented in DCD Table 3.9-16.

3.9.6.2.1 Valve Functions Tested

The AP600 inservice testing program plan identifies the safety-related missions for safety-related valves for the AP600 systems. The following safety-related valve missions have been identified in Table 3.9-16.

- Maintain closed
- Maintain open
- Transfer closed (active function)
- Transfer open (active function)
- Throttle flow (active function)

Based on the safety-related missions identified for each valve, the inservice tests to confirm the capability of the valve to perform these missions are identified. Active valves include valves that transfer open, transfer closed, and/or have throttling missions. Active valves, as defined in the ASME Code, include valves that change obturator (the part of the valve that blocks the flow stream) position to accomplish the safety-related function(s). Valve missions to maintain closed and maintain open are designated as passive and do not include valve exercise inservice testing.

If upon removal of the actuation power (electrical power, air or fluid for actuation) an active valve fails to the position associated with performing its safety-related function, it is identified as "active-to-fail" in Table 3.9-16.

Valve functions are used in determining the type of inservice testing for the valve. These valve functions include:

- Active or active-to-fail for fulfillment of the safety-related mission(s)
- Reactor coolant system pressure boundary isolation function
- Containment isolation function
- Seat leakage (in the closed position), is limited to a specific maximum amount when important for fulfillment of the safety-related mission(s)
- Actuators that fail to a specific position (open/closed) upon loss of actuating power for fulfillment of the safety-related mission(s)
- Safety-related remote position indication

The ASME inservice testing categories are assigned based on the safety-related valve functions and the valve characteristics. The following criteria are used in assigning the ASME inservice testing categories to the AP600 valves.

Category A - safety-related valves with safety-related seat leakage requirements

Category B - safety-related valves requiring inservice testing, but without safety-related seat leakage requirements

Category C - safety-related, self-actuated valves (such as check valves and pressure relief valves)

Category D - safety-related, explosively actuated valves and nonreclosing pressure relief devices

3.9.6.2.2 Valve Testing

Four basic groups of inservice tests have been identified for the AP600. These testing groups are described below.

Remote Valve Position Indication Inservice Tests

Valves that are included in the inservice testing program that have position indication will be observed locally during valve exercising to verify proper operation of the position indication. The frequency for this position indication test is once every two years. Where local observation is not practicable, other methods will be used for verification of valve position indicator operation. The alternate method and justification are provided in Table 3.9-16.

Valve Leakage Inservice Tests

Valves with safety-related seat leakage limits will be tested to verify their seat leakage. These valves include:

- Containment Isolation - valves that provide isolation of piping/lines that penetrate the containment.

Containment isolation valves are tested in accordance with 10 CFR 50, Appendix J. Depending on the function and configuration, some valves are tested during the integrated leak rate testing (Type A) or individually as a part of the Type C testing or both. The leak rate test frequency for containment isolation valves is defined in subsection 6.2.5. The provisions in 10 CFR 50.55a (b) 2. that require leakage limits and corrective actions for individual containment isolation valves by reference to ASME/ANSI OM, Part 10 apply to the AP600 containment isolation valves. The Combined License applicant will address changes to these provisions.

The ASME Code specifies a test frequency of at least once every 2 years. The ASME Code does not require additional leak testing for valves that demonstrate operability during the course of plant operation. In such cases, the acceptability of the valve performance is recorded during plant operation to satisfy inservice testing requirements. Therefore, a specific inservice test need not be performed on valves that meet this criteria.

The AP600 maximum leakage requirement for pressure isolation valves that provide isolation between high and low pressure systems is included in the surveillance requirements for Technical Specification 3.4.16. The pressure isolation valves that require leakage testing are tabulated in Table 3.9-18

The AP600 has no temperature isolation valves whose leakage may cause unacceptable thermal loading to piping or supports.

Manual/Power-Operated Valve Tests

Manual/Power-Operated Valve Exercise Tests - Safety-related active valves and other selected active valves, both manual- and power-operated (motor-operated, air-operated, hydraulically operated, solenoid-operated) will be exercised periodically. The ASME code specifies a quarterly valve exercise frequency. The AP600 test frequencies are identified in Table 3.9-16.

In some cases, the valves are tested on a less frequent basis because it is not practicable to exercise the valve during plant operation. If an exception is taken to performing quarterly full-stroke exercise testing of a valve, then full-stroke testing will be performed during cold shutdowns on a frequency not more often than quarterly. If this is not practicable, then the full-stroke testing will be performed each refueling cycle.

The inservice testing requirement for measuring stroke time for valves in the AP600 will be completed in conjunction with a valve exercise inservice test. The stroke time test is not identified as a separate inservice test.

Valves that operate during the course of normal plant operation at a frequency that satisfies the exercising requirement need not be additionally exercised, provided that the observations required of inservice testing are made and recorded at intervals no greater than that specified in this section.

Safety-related valves that fail to the safety-related actuation position to perform the safety-related missions, are subject to a valve exercise inservice test. The test verifies that the valve repositions to the safety-related position on loss of actuator power. The valve exercise test satisfies this test as long as the test removes actuator power for the valve. The fail-safe test is not identified as a separate test.

Power-Operated Valve Operability Tests - The inservice operability testing of power-operated valves rely on non-intrusive diagnostic techniques to permit periodic assessment of valve operability at design basis conditions. Table 3.9-16 identifies valves that may require valve operability testing. The specified frequency for operability testing is a maximum of once every 10 years. The initial test frequency is the longer of every 3 refueling cycles or 5 years until sufficient data exists to determine a longer test frequency is appropriate in accordance with Generic Letter 96-05. The Combined License applicant is responsible for developing the inservice test program. Evaluation of the factors below by the Combined License applicant will determine which of the valves identified for operability testing in Table 3.9-16 will require operability testing and whether the operability testing will be static with diagnostic measurements or dynamic (flow and differential pressure).

- AP600 PRA importance measures

- Design reliability assurance program contained in DCD Section 16.2
- Historical performance of power-operated valves (identify valve types which experience operating problems related to flow and differential pressure during opening and closing)
- Basic design of power-operated valves (identify valve types where flow affects the capability of power-operated valves to achieve their safety-related valve operation)
- Power-operated valves that operate under low differential pressures to perform their safety-related missions and incorporate adequate margin. Low differential pressure valves are identified in Table 3.9-16 with a note that indicates that the Combined License applicant will provide an evaluation based on test data to show that these valves have adequate margin and operability testing is not needed.
- Analysis of trends of valve test parameters during diagnostic static valve operability tests

Check Valve Tests

Check Valve Flow Tests - Safety-related check valves identified with specific safety-related missions to transfer open or transfer closed are tested periodically. Exercising a check valve confirms the valve capability to move to the position(s) to fulfill the safety-related mission(s). The exercise test shows that the check valve opens in response to flow and closes when the flow is stopped. Sufficient flow is provided to fully open the check valve unless the maximum accident flows are not sufficient to fully open the check valve. Either permanently or temporarily installed nonintrusive check valve indication is used for this test.

Valves that normally operate at a frequency that satisfies the exercising requirement need not be additionally exercised, provided that the observations required of inservice testing are made and recorded at intervals no greater than that specified in this section.

The ASME Code specifies a quarterly valve exercise frequency. The AP600 test frequencies are identified in Table 3.9-16. In some cases, check valves are tested on a less frequent basis because it is not practical to exercise the valve during plant operation. If an exception is taken to performing quarterly exercise testing, then exercise testing is performed during cold shutdown on a frequency not more often than quarterly. If this is not practical, the exercise testing is performed during each refueling outage. If exercise testing during a refueling outage is not practical, then an alternative means is provided. Alternative means include nonintrusive diagnostic techniques or valve disassembly and inspection. Nonintrusive methods may include monitoring an upstream pressure indicator, monitoring tank level, performing a leak test, a system hydrostatic, or pressure test, or radiography.

Check Valve Low Differential Pressure Tests - Safety-related check valves that perform a safety-related mission to transfer open under low differential pressure conditions have periodic inservice testing to verify the capability of the valve to initiate flow.

The intent of this inservice test is to determine the pressure required to initiate flow. This differential pressure will verify that the valve will initiate flow at low differential pressure. This low pressure differential inservice test is performed in addition to exercise inservice tests.

The specified frequency for this inservice test is once each refueling cycle.

Other Valve Inservice Tests

Explosively Actuated Valves - Explosively actuated valves are subject to periodic test firing of the explosive actuator charges. The inservice tests for these valves is specified in the ASME code. At least 20 percent of the charges installed in the plant in explosively actuated valves are fired and replaced at least once every 2 years. If a charge fails to fire, all charges with the same batch number are removed, discarded, and replaced with charges from a different batch. The firing of the explosive charge may be performed inside of the valve or outside of the valve in a test fixture. The maintenance and review of the service life for charges in explosively actuated valves follow the requirements in the ASME OM Code.

Pressure/Vacuum Relief Devices - Pressure relief devices that provide safety-related functions or that protect equipment in systems that perform AP600 safety-related missions are specified by ASME to have periodic inservice testing. The inservice tests for these valves are identified in ASME IST, Appendix I.

The periodic inservice testing include visual inspection, seat tightness determination, set pressure determination, and operational determination of balancing devices, alarms, and position indication as appropriate. The frequencies for this inservice test is every 5 years for ASME Class 1 and main steam line safety valve or every 10 years for ASME Classes 2 and 3 devices. Nonreclosing pressure relief devices are inspected when installed and replaced every 5 years unless historical data indicate a requirement for more frequent replacement.

3.9.6.2.3 Valve Disassembly and Inspection

The Combined License applicant is responsible for developing a program for periodic valve disassembly and inspection. Evaluation of the factors below by the Combined License applicant will determine which of the valves identified in the inservice testing program in Table 3.9-16 will require disassembly and inspection and the frequency of the inspection.

- AP600 PRA importance measures
- Design reliability assurance program contained in DCD Section 16.2

- Historical performance of power-operated valves (identify valve types which experience unacceptable degradation in service.
- Basic design of valves including the use of components subject to aging and requiring periodic replacement.
- Analysis of trends of valve test parameters during valve inservice tests
- Results of nonintrusive techniques. Disassembly and inspection may not be needed if nonintrusive techniques are sufficient to detect unacceptable valve degradation.

3.9.6.3 Relief Requests

Considerable experience has been used in designing and locating systems and valves to permit preservice and inservice testing required by Section XI of the ASME Code. Deferral of testing to cold shutdown or refueling outages in conformance with the rules of the ASME OM Code when testing during power operation is not practical is not considered a relief request. Relief from the testing requirements of the ASME OM Code will be requested when full compliance with requirements of the ASME OM Code of the Code is not practical. In such cases, specific information will be provided which identifies the applicable code requirements, justification for the relief request, and the testing method to be used as an alternative.

3.9.7 Integrated Head Package

The integrated head package (IHP) combines several components in one assembly to simplify refueling the reactor. Figure 3.9-7, illustrates the integrated head package. The integrated head package includes a lifting rig, seismic restraints for control rod drive mechanisms, support for reactor head vent piping, power cables, cables and conduit for in-core instrumentation, cable supports (including messenger tray and cable bridge), shroud, and cooling system.

The integrated head package provides the ability to rapidly disconnect the power and instrument cables from the components, including the control rod drive mechanism and the reactor head vent system. It also provides the ability to move these components as an assembly to permit the lifting and removal of the reactor vessel head. In addition, the integrated head package provides support for the vessel head multi-stud tensioner/detensioner during refueling.

The lifting rig function is discussed in subsection 9.1.5. The control rod drive mechanisms are discussed in subsection 3.9.4. The control rod drive mechanism support and cooling function is discussed in Section 4.6. The reactor vessel head vent function is discussed in subsection 5.4.12. The function and requirements of the in-core instrumentation are discussed in Chapter 7.

3.9.7.1 Design Bases

Components, including the shroud and control rod drive mechanism seismic support plate, required to provide seismic restraint for the control rod drive mechanisms and the valves and piping of the reactor head vent are AP600 equipment Class C, seismic Category I. The shroud and seismic support plate are designed in accordance with the ASME Code, Section III, Subsection NF requirements.

The loads and loading combinations due to seismic loads for these components are developed using the appropriate seismic spectra.

The structural design of the integrated head package is based on a design temperature consistent with the heat loads from the vessel head, the control rod drive mechanisms, and electrical power cables. The design also considers changes in temperature resulting from plant design transients and loss of power to the cooling fans.

Components required to provide cooling to the control rod drive mechanisms are nonnuclear safety-related AP600 equipment Class E. Section 4.6 offers a discussion of the effect of failure of cooling of the control rod drive mechanisms.

Those components that function as part of the lifting rig are required to be capable of lifting and carrying the total assembled load of the package. This includes the vessel head, control rod drive mechanisms, control rod drive mechanism seismic supports, cooling shroud, instrumentation support, cooling ducts and fans, stud tensioners, vessel studs, nuts, washers, instrumentation support structure, and insulation. The lifting rig components are required to meet the guidance for special lifting rigs, in NUREG-0612, (Reference 10). The lifting rig components are nonsafety-related, AP600 equipment Class E.

The components of the in-core instruments support system (IISS) are required to remove and support the in-core instrumentation thimbles during refueling and maintenance. The routing of the tubing for the in-core instrumentation system is required to permit the installation of the instrumentation without binding and to prevent radiation shine through the tubing. The in-core instrumentation support system is AP600 equipment Class E and is non-seismic.

The shroud assembly is required to provide radiation shielding of the control rod drive mechanism and the conduit for in-core instrumentation when the instrumentation is withdrawn into the conduit. The radiation level at the exterior surface of the cooling shroud during refueling with the in-core instrument thimble withdrawn is included in the radiation levels discussed in Section 12.2.

The shroud also minimizes the effects of external events such as jets from through-wall cracks in high- and moderate-energy pipes. The control rod drive mechanisms and small diameter piping, tubing and conduit within the shroud do not represent credible sources of missiles or jets due to breaks or cracks. Therefore, the shroud is not required to act as a

missile shield to contain missiles generated within the integrated head package. It is also not required to deflect any jets originating within the integrated head package.

The cables and connectors, within the integrated head package, for the in-core instrumentation system are AP600 equipment Class C, Class 1E. These cables are required to be physically and electrically independent of other cables including control rod drive mechanism power cables. Section 7.1 describes separation requirements. The cables and connector must be environmentally qualified, as discussed in Section 3.11. The cables are required to terminate at a connector plate located so that the cables can be readily connected or disconnected. The other cables within the integrated head package, including power cables and cables for the digital rod position indicator system, are not Class 1E.

The messenger tray provides seismic support and maintains separation for instrumentation and power cables when it is in the normal position spanning the space over the cavity from operating deck to the integrated head package.

3.9.7.2 Design Description

The integrated head package combines several separate components in one assembly to simplify refueling of the reactor. The purpose of the integrated head package is to reduce the outage time and personnel radiation exposure by combining operations associated with movement of the reactor vessel head during the refueling outage. In addition, the integrated head concept reduces the laydown space required in the containment. With the integrated head package, disconnections from and connections to the control rod drive mechanisms and rod position indicators (RPI) and other components within the cooling shroud assembly are not made at the individual component.

The integrated head package consists of the following main elements:

- Shroud assembly and cooling system
- Lifting system
- Mechanism seismic support structure
- Messenger tray and cable support structure
- Cables
- In-core instrumentation support structure

Brief descriptions of the principal elements of the integrated head package are provided in the following paragraphs.

Shroud assembly and cooling system - The cooling shroud is a carbon steel structure that encloses the control rod drive mechanisms above the reactor vessel head. During normal operation, it provides for the flow of cooling air to the control rod drive mechanism coil stacks. The rod position indicators are also cooled by this air flow. The air cooling fans and the duct work are integral with, and supported by, the shroud assembly. Structurally, the shroud is integrated with the head lifting system and the mechanism seismic support structure. The shroud also provides shielding at the vessel flange region.

The shroud structure is bolted to attachment lugs on the reactor vessel head, which also serve as the lifting attachment to the reactor vessel head. The shroud transfers the head load during a head lift to the control rod drive mechanism seismic support and into the lift rig.

Cabling, conduit and their supports and attachment hardware for the control rod drive mechanisms, control rod drive mechanism coil, cooling fans, in-core instrumentation is routed around the messenger tray attached to the shroud.

Lifting system - This apparatus lifts the reactor vessel head and integrated head package as a unit. The lifting system attaches to the mechanism seismic support structure. It consists of lift legs, sling block, clevises, and sling rods required to interface with the crane hook.

Mechanism seismic support structure - This structure provides seismic restraint for the mechanisms. It is located near the top of the control rod drive mechanism rod travel housings. The spike on the top of the control rod drive mechanism rod travel housing interfaces with this support. This support interfaces with the cooling shroud assembly to transfer seismic loads from the mechanisms to the reactor vessel head. In addition to this function, the mechanism seismic support structure acts as a spreader for the lift system and transfers the reactor vessel head loads to the lift system. The in-core instrument support structure is also supported from the mechanism seismic support structure.

Messenger tray and cable support structure - The messenger tray is located at an elevation above the top of the rod travel housings. It provides permanent support and routing for the control rod drive mechanism power cables, rod position indication cables, and in-core instrumentation cables which remain with the integrated head package and are normally not disturbed. These cables terminate at the connector plate, which constitutes the interface with the mating cables. Cable disconnects are made at the connector plate.

Cables - The integrated head package cables include those portions of the control rod drive mechanism power cables, in-core instrumentation, and rod position indication instrumentation cables extending from the connector plate, through the messenger tray and cooling shroud assembly to the user devices. These cables remain with the integrated head package and are normally not disturbed. The individual cables length are sized to provide an orderly arrangement in the messenger tray and inside the cooling shroud. For a refueling or other operation requiring movement of the integrated head package, the cables connected to the cables on the messenger tray are disconnected at a connector plate. The cables are then moved away from the integrated head package.

In-core instrumentation support structure (IISS) - The in-core instrumentation support structure is used during refueling operations. This support structure is used for withdrawing the in-core instrumentation thimble assemblies into the integrated head package. It protects and supports the thimble assemblies when they are in the fully withdrawn position. The in-core instrumentation system consists of thermocouples to measure fuel assembly coolant outlet temperature, and in-core flux thimbles containing fixed detectors for measurement of the neutron flux distribution within the reactor core. The incore thimble tubes have

enhanced resistance to fluid-induced vibration and wear. The thimble is stiffer than the design in previous operating plants and the gap between the thimble tube and the tubes used to guide and protect the thimble inside the reactor vessel is smaller to minimize vibration. The potential for wear is also addressed by the material selection for the tube. The design of the thimble tube assembly also precludes an non-isoable leak of reactor coolant. The thermocouples and neutron detectors are routed through the integrated head package. These are inserted into the core through the reactor vessel head and upper internals assembly. Also, the in-core instrumentation support structure includes a platform which provides access to the in-core instrumentation during maintenance and refueling and to attach the lifting system to the crane hook.

3.9.7.3 Design Evaluation

The components of the integrated head package, which provide seismic support including the control rod drive mechanism seismic support and the shroud, are designed using the ASME Code, Section III, Subsection NF. Because of the application of mechanistic pipe break evaluations, the supporting elements do not have to be designed for loads due to a postulated break in a reactor coolant loop pipe. Pipes down to 4-inch nominal diameter are evaluated using mechanistic pipe break criteria and the integrated head package is analyzed for movement of the reactor vessel due to a break of any pipe not qualified for leak-before-break. See subsection 3.6.3 for a discussion of the mechanistic pipe break requirements.

The integrated head package satisfies the limit on deflection of the top of the control rod drive mechanism rod travel housing. This limit restricts the bending moments on the control rod drive mechanisms to less than those that produce stress levels in the pressure boundary of the control rod drive mechanism greater than ASME Code limits during anticipated transient or postulated accident conditions. This deflection limit provides that the rod travel housing does not bend to the extent that the drive rod binds during insertion of the control rods. This limit is based on the results of drive line drop testing with control rod drives travel housings in deflected positions.

The components of the integrated head package included in the load path of the lifting rig are designed to satisfy the requirements for lifting of heavy loads in NUREG-0612 (Reference 10). The criteria of ANSI N14.6, (Reference 11) is used to evaluate the loads and stresses during a lift. See subsection 9.1.5 for discussion of special lifting rigs for heavy loads. Components which are part of the lifting load path are evaluated for the load due to the proof test required per ANSI N14.6.

Those cables and connectors for the in-core instrumentation system that are required to meet Class 1E requirements are evaluated for environmental conditions including normal operation and postulated accident conditions.

3.9.7.4 Inspection and Testing Requirements

The components in the lifting load path are proof tested to 150 percent of the rated load per the requirements of ANSI N14.6. The components load tested are surface examined by appropriate examination methods before and after the proof test.

3.9.8 Combined License Information

3.9.8.1 Reactor Internals Vibration Response

Information including predicted vibration response and allowable response will be provided prior to the preoperational vibration testing of the first AP600 consistent with the guidance of Regulatory Guide 1.20.

3.9.8.2 Design Specifications and Reports

Combined License applicants referencing the AP600 design will have available for NRC audit the design specifications and design reports prepared for ASME Section III components. The design report for the ASME Class 1, 2, and 3 piping will include the reconciliation of the as-built piping as outlined in subsection 3.9.3.

3.9.8.3 Snubber Operability Testing

Combined License applicants referencing the AP600 design will develop a program to verify operability of essential snubbers as outline in subsection 3.9.3.4.3.

3.9.8.4 Valve Inservice Testing

Combined License applicants referencing the AP600 design will develop an inservice test program in conformance with the valve inservice test requirements outlined in subsection 3.9.6 and Table 3.9-16. This program will include provisions for nonintrusive check valve testing methods and the program for valve disassembly and inspection outlined in subsection 3.9.6.2.3. The Combined License applicant will complete an evaluation as identified in subsection 3.9.6.2.2 to demonstrate that power-operated valves with low differential pressure have adequate margin and operability testing of these valves is not required.

3.9.8.5 Surge Line Thermal Monitoring

A monitoring program will be implemented by the Combined License holder at the first AP600 to record temperature distributions and thermal displacements of the surge line piping as outlined in subsection 3.9.3.1.2.

3.9.8.6 Piping Benchmark Program

The Combined License applicant will implement a benchmark program as described in subsection 3.9.1.2 if a piping analysis computer program other than one of those used for design certification is used.

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REACTOR COOLANT SYSTEM DESIGN TRANSIENTS

Event	Cycles
Level A Service Conditions	
Reactor coolant pump startup and shutdown (cycles of start and stop)	3000
Heatup at 100°F per hour	200
Cooldown at 100°F per hour	200
Unit loading between 0 and 15 percent of full power	500
Unit unloading between 0 and 15 percent of full power	500
Unit loading at 5 percent of full power per minute	19,800
Unit unloading at 5 percent of full power per minute	19,800
Step load increase of 10 percent of full power	3000
Step load decrease of 10 percent of full power	3000
Large step load decrease with steam dump	200
Steady-state fluctuation and load regulation	
Initial	1.5 x 10 ⁵
Random	4.6 x 10 ⁶
Load regulation	750,000
Boron concentration equalization	2900
Feedwater cycling at hot shutdown	
Mode 1	3000
Mode 2	15,000
Core lifetime extension	40
Feedwater heaters out of service	180
Refueling	40
Turbine roll test	20
Primary-side leakage test	200
Secondary-side leakage test	80
Core makeup tank high-pressure injection test	5
Passive residual heat removal tests	5
Reactor coolant system makeup	2820
Level B Service Conditions	
Loss of load (without reactor trip)	30
Loss of offsite power	30
Reactor trip from reduced power	180
Reactor trip from full power	
With no inadvertent cooldown	50
With cooldown and no safeguards actuation	50
With cooldown and PRHR actuation	20
Control rod drop	
Case A	30
Cases B and C	30

Table 3.9-1 (Sheet 2 of 2)

REACTOR COOLANT SYSTEM DESIGN TRANSIENTS

Event	Cycles
Level B Service Conditions	
Cold overpressure	15
Inadvertent safeguards actuation	10
Partial loss of reactor coolant flow	60
Inadvertent RCS depressurization	15
Excessive feedwater flow	30
Loss of offsite power - with natural circulation cooldown	
Case A - loss of power with natural circulation cooldown with onsite ac power	20
Case B - loss of power with natural circulation cooldown without onsite ac power	10
Level C Service Conditions	
Small loss of coolant accident	5
Small steam line break	5
Small feedwater line break	5
Steam generator tube rupture	5
Level D Service Conditions	
Reactor coolant pipe break (large loss-of-coolant accident)	1
Large steamline break	1
Large feedwater line break	1
Reactor coolant pump locked rotor	1
Control rod ejection	1
Primary side hydrotest	10
Secondary side hydrotest	10
Steam generator tube leakage test	
Secondary-side pressure, psig	
200	400
400	200
600	120
840	80

Table 3.9-2

PUMP STARTING/STOPPING CONDITIONS

Plant Condition	RCS (°F)/(psig)	SG Secondary (°F)/(psig)	Number of Starts/Stops	Operation
Cold	70/400	70/0	200	Cold Startup Transients
Cold	70/400	70/0	200	RCS heatup, cooldown
Restart	100/400	100/0	400	Hot functional RCP stops, starts
Hot ⁽¹⁾	545/2235	545/989	1100	Transients and miscellaneous
Hot ⁽²⁾	545/2235	545/989	1100	Transients and miscellaneous

Notes:

1. First pump startup, last pump shutdown
2. Last pump startup, first pump shutdown

Table 3.9-3 (Sheet 1 of 2)

LOADINGS FOR ASME CLASS 1, 2, 3, CS AND SUPPORTS

Load	Description
P	Internal design pressure
PMAX	Peak pressure
DW	Dead weight
DML	Design Mechanical Loads (other than DW). This includes Service Level A loads and RVOS loads that are Service Level B.
XL	External mechanical loads, such as the nozzle reactions associated with piping systems, shall be combined with other loads in the loading combination expressions.
SSE	Safe shutdown earthquake (inertia portion)
E	Earthquake smaller than SSE (inertia portion)
FV	Fast valve closure
RVC	Relief/safety valve - closed system (transient)
RVOS	Relief/safety valve - open system (sustained)
RVOT	Relief/safety valve - open system (transient)
DY	Dynamic load associated with various service conditions including FV, RVC, and RVOT as applicable (transient)
DN	Dynamic load associated with Level A (Normal) service conditions including FV, RVC, and RVOT as applicable (transient)
DU	Dynamic load associated with Level B (Upset) service conditions including FV, RVC, and RVOT as applicable (transient)
DE	Dynamic load associated with Level C (Emergency) service conditions including FV, RVC, and RVOT as applicable (transient)
DF	Dynamic load associated with Level D (Faulted) service conditions during which, or following which, the piping system being evaluated must remain intact including FV, RVC, and RVOT as applicable. This includes postulated pipe rupture events (transient)
DYS	Dynamic load associated with various service conditions (sustained)

Table 3.9-3 (Sheet 2 of 2)

LOADINGS FOR ASME CLASS 1, 2, 3, CS AND SUPPORTS

Load	Description
SSES	Seismic anchor motion portion of SSE
ES	Seismic anchor motion of earthquake smaller than SSE
TH	Thermal loads for the various service conditions
TNU	Service Level A and B (normal and upset) plant condition thermal loads; including thermal stratification and thermal cycling
TN	Service Level A (normal) plant condition thermal loads
TU	Service Level B (upset) plant condition thermal loads
TE	Service Level C (emergency) plant condition thermal loads
TF	Service Level D (faulted) plant condition thermal loads
SCVNU	Static displacement of steel containment vessel - normal and upset conditions
SCVE	Static displacement of steel containment vessel - emergency condition
SCVF	Static displacement of steel containment vessel - faulted condition
HTDW	Hydrostatic test dead weight
DBPB	Design basis pipe break, includes LOCA and non-LOCA (transient)
LOCA	Loss-of-coolant accident
HYDSP	Building structure motions due to automatic depressurization system sparger discharge
DBPBS	Design basis pipe break, includes LOCA and non-LOCA (sustained)

Table 3.9-4

**FIRST PLANT AP600 REACTOR INTERNALS
VIBRATION MEASUREMENT PROGRAM TRANSDUCER LOCATIONS**

Instrumented Component	Number and Type of Transducers	Approximate Transducer Locations	Direction of Sensitivity
Radial Reflector (Inner Wall)	4 accelerometers	0°, 180°, 225°, 270°	Radial
Core Barrel Flange (Outer Wall)	4 strain gages	0°, 90, 180°, 270°	Axial
Core Barrel Flange (Inner Wall)	2 strain gages	180°, 270°	Axial
Core Barrel Mid-elevation	4 accelerometers	0°, 180°, 225°, 270°	Radial
Upper Support Skirt (Inside and Outside)	2 strain gages	180°	Axial
Lower Support Plate Weld (Inside and Outside)	4 strain gages	0°, 90°	Vertical
Vortex Suppression Plate Support Columns (2)	4 strain gages or	On column near lower core support plate	Axial
	4 accelerometers	or on vortex suppression ring	Horizontal
Reactor Vessel (Head Studs)	4 accelerometers	0°, 90°, 180°, 270°	Vertical
	2 accelerometers	0°, 90°	Horizontal
Support Column Extension	2 strain gages	0°, 90°	Axial
Guide Tube A-7	2 strain gages	90° apart	Axial
Guide Tube N-7	2 strain gages	90° apart	Axial

Table 3.9-5

**MINIMUM DESIGN LOADING COMBINATIONS FOR
ASME CLASS 1, 2, 3 AND CS SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS**

Condition	Design Loading Combinations ⁽³⁾⁽⁶⁾
Design	$P + DW + DML + XL$
Level A Service	$PMAX^{(1)} + DW + XL^{(4)}$ $PMAX + DW + DN + XL^{(8)}$
Level B Service	$PMAX + DW + DU + XL^{(8)}$
Level C Service	$PMAX + DW + DE^{(5)} + XL^{(8)}$ $PMAX + DW + DY + HYDSP + XL^{(9)}$
Level D Service	$PMAX + DW + DF + XL^{(8)}$ $PMAX + DW + SRSS^{(2)} ((SSE + SSES) + DBPB)^{(7)} + XL^{(4)}$ $PMAX + DW + RVOS + SRSS (SSE + SSES)^{(7)} + XL^{(11)}$ $PMAX + DW + DYS + DBPBS + SRSS ((SSE + SSES)^{(7)} + DY + HYDSP) + XL^{(9)(10)}$

Notes:

1. The values of PMAX in the load combinations may be different for different levels of service conditions as provided in the design transients. For earthquake loadings PMAX is equal to normal operating pressure at 100% power.
2. SRSS equals the square root of the sum of the squares.
3. Appropriate loads due to static displacements of the steel containment vessel and building settlement should be added to the loading combinations expressions for ASME Code, Section III, Class 2 and 3 systems.
4. In combining loads, the timing and causal relationships that exist between PMAX, and XL, are considered for determination of the appropriate load combinations.
5. The pressurizer safety valve discharge is a Level C service condition.
6. See Table 3.9-3 for description of loads.
7. For components that behave as anchors to the piping system, such as equipment nozzles, SSE and SSES are combined by absolute sum. For other components, such as straight pipe, tees, and valves, SSE and SSES are combined by SRSS method.
8. In combining loads, the timing and causal relationships that exist between PMAX, DN, DU, DE, DF, and XL, are considered for determination of the appropriate load combinations.

9. In combining loads, the timing and causal relationships that exist between PMAX, DY, HYDSP, and XL, are considered for determination of the appropriate load combinations.
10. In combining loads, the timing and causal relationships that exist between PMAX, DY, and XL, are considered for determination of the appropriate load combinations.
11. In combining loads, the timing and causal relationships that exist between PMAX, RVOS, and XL, are considered for determination of the appropriate load combinations.

Table 3.9-6

**ADDITIONAL LOAD COMBINATIONS AND STRESS LIMITS FOR
ASME CLASS 1 PIPING**

Condition	Loads ⁽⁷⁾	Equation (NB3650)	Stress Limit
Level A/B	PMAX ⁽¹⁾ , TNU, E, ES, RVC, DN, DU, SCVNU ⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾ RVOS ⁽²⁾	10 11, 14	3.0 S _m CUF = 1.0
	TNU	12	3.0 S _m
	PMAX + DW + DU	13	3.0 S _m
	PMAX + DW + RVOS ⁽²⁾	13	3.0 S _m
Level C	TE + SCVE	Note 3	Note 3
Level D ⁽⁸⁾	SSES	F _{AM} /A _M ⁽⁶⁾	1.0 S _m
	TF + SCVF	Note 3	Note 3
	TNU + SSES	C ₂ D ₀ (M1 + M2)/2I ⁽⁸⁾	6.0 S _m

Notes:

1. The values of PMAX in the load combinations may be different for different levels of service conditions. For earthquake loading, PMAX is equal to normal operating pressure at 100% power.
2. Pressurizer safety valve discharge is classified as a Level C event.
3. See Table 3.9-11 for functional capability requirements.
4. The earthquake loads are assumed to occur at normal 100 percent power operation for the purposes of determining the total moment ranges.
5. Square root sum of the squares (SRSS) combination is used for ES, E, and other transient loads.
6. F_{AM} is amplitude of axial force for SSES; A_M is nominal pipe metal area.
7. See Table 3.9-3 for description of loads.
8. Where: M1 is range of moments for TNU, M2 is one half the range of SSES moments, M1 + M2 is larger of M1 plus one half the range of SSES, or full range of SSES C₂, D₀, I based on ASME III

Table 3.9-7

**ADDITIONAL LOAD COMBINATIONS AND STRESS LIMITS FOR
ASME CLASS 2, 3 PIPING**

Condition	Loads ⁽³⁾	Equation (NC/ND3650)	Stress Limit
Level A/B	PMAX ⁽¹⁾ + DW + TNU + SCVNU ⁽⁴⁾	11	S _h + S _A
	Building Settlement	10a	3.0 S _C
Level C	TE + SCVE ⁽⁴⁾	Note 6	Note 6
Level D	TNU + SSES	i (M1 + M2)/Z ⁽²⁾	3.0 S _h
	SSES	F _{AM} /A _M ⁽⁵⁾	1.0 S _h
	TF + SCVF ⁽⁴⁾	Note 6	Note 6

Notes:

- The values of PMAX in the load combinations may be different for different levels of service conditions. For earthquake loading PMAX is equal to normal operating pressure at 100% power.
- Where: M1 is range of moments for TNU, M2 is one half the range of SSES moments, M1 + M2 is larger of M1 plus one half the range of SSES, or full range of SSES
- See Table 3.9-3 for description of loads.
- The timing and causal relationships among TNU, TE, TF, SCVNU, SCVE, and SCVF are considered to determine appropriate load combinations.
- F_{AM} is amplitude of axial force for SSES; A_M is nominal pipe metal area.
- See Table 3.9-11 for functional capability requirements.

Table 3.9-8

**MINIMUM DESIGN LOADING COMBINATIONS FOR
SUPPORTS FOR ASME CLASS 1, 2, 3 PIPING AND COMPONENTS⁽²⁾**

Condition	Design Loading Combinations ⁽³⁾
Design	DW + DML
Level A Service	DW + TH + DN ⁽⁴⁾
Level B Service	DW + TH + DU ⁽⁴⁾
Level C Service	DW + TH + DE ⁽⁵⁾⁽⁴⁾ DW + TH + DY + HYDSP ⁽⁷⁾
Level D Service	DW + TH + RVOS + SSE + SSES + SWE ⁽⁶⁾⁽⁸⁾ DW + TH + DF ⁽⁴⁾ DW + TH + SRSS (DBPB + (SSE + SSES + SWE)) ⁽⁶⁾ DW + TH + DYS + DBPBS + SRSS ((SSE + SSES + SWE) ⁽⁶⁾ + DY + HYDSP) ⁽⁷⁾⁽⁹⁾
Hydrostatic Test	HTDW

Notes:

1. SRSS - square root of the sum of the squares
2. Appropriate loads due to static displacement of the steel containment vessel and building settlement should be added to the loading combinations expressions for Class 2 and 3 systems.
3. See Table 3.9-3 for description of loads.
4. The timing and causal relationships between TH and DY are considered to determine appropriate load combinations.
5. The pressurizer safety valve discharge is a Level C Service condition.
6. Combine SSE, SSES, and SWE by absolute sum method. SWE is self weight excitation, the effect of the acceleration of the support mass caused by building filtered loads such as SSE)
7. In combining loads, the timing and causal relationships that exist among TH, DY, and HYDSP are considered for determination of the appropriate load combinations.
8. In combining loads, the timing and causal relationships that exist among TH and RVOS are considered for determination of the appropriate load combinations.
9. In combining loads, the timing and causal relationships that exist among TH and DY are considered for determination of the appropriate load combinations.

Table 3.9-9

**STRESS CRITERIA FOR ASME CODE SECTION III
CLASS 1 COMPONENTS(a) AND SUPPORTS AND CLASS CS CORE SUPPORTS**

Design/ Service Level	Vessels/Tanks Pumps	Piping (h)	Core Supports	Valves, Disks & Seats	Components Supports(c,d)
Design and Service Level A	ASME Code, Section III NB-3221, 3222	ASME Code, Section III NB-3652, Equation 9	ASME Code, Section III NG-3221, 3222, 3231, 3232	ASME Code, Section III NB-3520, 3525	ASME Code, Section III Subsection NF (e)
Service Level B (Upset)	ASME Code, Section III NB-3223	ASME Code, Section III NB-3654, Equation 9	ASME Code, Section III NG-3223, 3233	ASME Code, Section III NB-3525	ASME Code, Section III Subsection NF (e)
Service Level C (Emergency)	ASME Code, Section III NB-3224	ASME Code, Section III NB-3655, Equation 9	ASME Code, Section III NG-3224, 3324	ASME Code, Section III NB-3526	ASME Code, Section III Subsection NF (e)
Service Level D (Faulted)	ASME Code, Section III (see § 3.9.1.4) NB-3225 (No active Class 1 pumps used)	ASME Code, Section III NB-3656, Equation 9	ASME Code, Section III (see § 3.9.1) NG-3225, 3335	(b) (g)	ASME Code, Section III Subsection NF, (e) (see § 3.9.1) (f)

See following page for notes.

Notes:

- a. A test of the components may be performed in lieu of analysis.
- b. Class 1 valve service Level D criteria for inactive valves is based on the criteria in ASME III, Appendix F, F-1420 for verification of pressure boundary integrity.
- c. Including pipe supports.
- d. In instances where the determination of allowable stress values utilizes S_u (ultimate tensile stress) at temperatures not included in ASME Code Section III, S_u shall be calculated using one of the methods provided in Regulatory Guide 1.124, Revision 1.
- e. ASME Table 3131(a)-1.
- f. See subsection 3.9.3.4 for supports for active equipment, valves, and piping with active valves.
- g. For active valves, pressure integrity verification will be based on using the ASME Code allowables one level less than the service loading condition. For example, for the evaluation of Level D loading, Level C allowables will be used. Valve operability is demonstrated by testing or analysis. Check valve operability may be shown by analysis. See subsection 3.9.3.2.2 for an outline of test requirements.
- h. Table 3.9-6 includes additional stress limits for Class 1 piping.

Table 3.9-10

**STRESS CRITERIA FOR ASME CODE SECTION III
CLASS 2 AND 3 COMPONENTS AND SUPPORTS**

Design/ Service Level	Vessels/Tanks	Piping (f)	Pumps	Valves, Disks, Seats	Component Supports (a) (b)
Design and Service Level A	ASME Code Section III NC-3217 NC/ND- 3310, 3320	ASME Code, Section III NC/ND-3652, Equation 8	ASME Code Section III NC/ND-3400	ASME Code Section III NC/ND-3510	ASME Code Section III (c)
Service Level B (Upset)	ASME Code Section III NC/ND-3310, 3320	ASME Code, Section III NC/ND-3653, Equation 9	ASME Code Section III NC/ND-3400	ASME Code Section III NC/ND-3520	ASME Code Section III (c)
Service Level C (Emergency)	ASME Code Section III NC/ND-3310, 3320	ASME Code, Section III NC/ND-3654, Equation 9	ASME Code Section III NC/ND-3400	ASME Code Section III NC/ND-3520	ASME Code Section III (c)
Service Level D (Faulted)	ASME Code Section III NC/ND-3310, 3320	ASME Code, Section III NC/ND-3655, Equation 9	ASME Code Section III NC/ND-3400	ASME Code Section III NC/ND-3520 (e)	ASME Code Section III (c) (d)

See following page for notes.

Notes:

- a. Including pipe supports.
- b. In instances where the determination of allowable stress values utilizes S_u (ultimate tensile stress) at temperatures not included in ASME Code Section III, S_u shall be calculated using one of the methods provided in Regulatory Guide 1.124, Revision 1.
- c. ASME Table 3131(a)-1.
- d. See subsection 3.9.3.4 for supports for active equipment, valves, and piping with active valves
- e. For active valves, pressure integrity verification will be based on using the ASME Code allowables one level less than the service loading condition. For example, for the evaluation of Level D loading, Level C allowables will be used. Valve operability is demonstrated by testing or analysis. Check valve operability may be shown by analysis. See subsection 3.9.3.2.2 for an outline of test requirements.
- f. Table 3.9-7 includes additional stress limits for Class 2 and 3 piping.

Table 3.9-11

**PIPING FUNCTIONAL CAPABILITY - ASME
CLASS 1, 2, AND 3⁽¹⁾**

Wall Thickness:	$Do/t \leq 50$, where Do , t are per ASME III
Service Level D Conditions	Equation 9 \leq smaller of $2.0 S_y$ and $3.0 S_m^{(2, 4, 5)}$ Equation 9 \leq smaller of $2.0 S_y$ and $3.0 S_h^{(3, 4, 6)}$
External Pressure:	$P_{\text{external}} \leq P_{\text{internal}}$
TE + SCVE	$C2 * M * D_o / 2I \leq 6.0 S_m^{(2)}$ (NB-3650) Equation 10a (NC3653.2) $\leq 3.0 S_c^{(3)}$
TF + SCVF	$C2 * M * D_o / 2I \leq 6.0 S_m^{(2)}$ (NB-3650) Equation 10a (NC 3653.2) $\leq 3.0 S_c^{(3)}$

Notes:

1. Applicable to Level C or Level D plant events for which the piping system must maintain an adequate fluid flow path
2. Applicable to ASME Code Class 1 piping
3. Applicable to ASME Code Class 2 and 3 piping
4. Applicable to ASME Code Class 1, 2 and 3 piping when the following limitations are met:
 - 4.1
Dynamic loads are reversing (slug-flow water hammer loads are non-reversing)
 - 4.2
Slug-flow water-hammer loads are combined with other design basis loads (for example: SSE; pipe break loads).
 - 4.3
Steady-state bending stress from deadweight loads does not exceed:

$$\frac{B2 * M}{Z} \leq 0.25 S_y$$
 - 4.4
When elastic response spectrum analysis is used, dynamic moments are calculated using 15 % peak broadening and not more than 5 % damping
5. For Class 1 piping, when slug-flow water hammer loads are only combined with pressure, weight and other sustained mechanical loads, the Equation 9 stress does not exceed the smaller of $1.8 S_y$ and $2.25 S_m$.
6. For Class 2 and 3 piping, when slug-flow water hammer loads are only combined with pressure, weight and other sustained mechanical loads, the Equation 9 stress does not exceed the smaller of $1.8 S_y$ and $2.25 S_h$.

Table 3.9-12 (Sheet 1 of 7)

LIST OF ASME CLASS 1, 2, AND 3 ACTIVE VALVES

Valve No.	Description	Function ^(a)
Compressed Air System		
CAS-PL-V014	Instrument Air Supply Outside Containment Isolation	2
CAS-PL-V015	Instrument Air Supply Inside Containment Isolation Check Valve	2
Component Cooling Water System		
CCS-PL-V200	Containment Isolation Valve - Inlet Line Isolation	2
CCS-PL-V201	Containment Isolation Valve - Inlet Line Check Valve	2
CCS-PL-V207	Containment Isolation Valve - Outlet Line Isolation	2
CCS-PL-V208	Containment Isolation Valve - Outlet Line Isolation	2
Chemical and Volume Control System		
CVS-PL-V001	Reactor Coolant System Purification Stop	1
CVS-PL-V002	Reactor Coolant System Purification Stop	1
CVS-PL-V003	Reactor Coolant System Purification Stop	1
CVS-PL-V042	Flush Line Containment Isolation Relief	2
CVS-PL-V045	Letdown Containment Isolation IRC	2
CVS-PL-V047	Letdown Containment Isolation ORC	2
CVS-PL-V080	Reactor Coolant System Purification Return Line Check Valve	1
CVS-PL-V081	Reactor Coolant System Purification Return Line Stop Valve	1
CVS-PL-V082	Reactor Coolant System Purification Return Line Check Valve	1
CVS-PL-V084	Auxiliary Pressurizer Spray Line Isolation	1
CVS-PL-V085	Auxiliary Pressurizer Spray Line Check Valve	1
CVS-PL-V090	Makeup Line Containment Isolation	2
CVS-PL-V091	Makeup Line Containment Isolation	2
CVS-PL-V092	Hydrogen Add Containment Isolation	2
CVS-PL-V094	Hydrogen Add IRC Isolation Check Valve	2
CVS-PL-V100	Makeup Line Containment Isolation Thermal Relief Check Valve	2
CVS-PL-V136A	Demineralized Water System Isolation	3
CVS-PL-V136B	Demineralized Water System Isolation	3
Fuel Handling System		
FHS-PL-V001	Fuel Transfer Tube Isolation Valve	3
Passive Containment Cooling System		
PCS-PL-V001A	Passive Containment Cooling Water Storage Tank Isolation	3,4
PCS-PL-V001B	Passive Containment Cooling Water Storage Tank Isolation	3,4
PCS-PL-V002A	Passive Containment Cooling Water Storage Tank Series Isolation	3,4
PCS-PL-V002B	Passive Containment Cooling Water Storage Tank Series Isolation	3,4
PCS-PL-V005	Passive Containment Cooling Water Storage Tank Supply to Fire Protection System Isolation Manual Stop-Check Valve	3,4
PCS-PL-V009	Spent Fuel Pool Emergency Makeup Isolation	3

Table 3.9-12 (Sheet 2 of 7)

LIST OF ASME CLASS 1, 2, AND 3 ACTIVE VALVES

Valve No.	Description	Function ^(a)
Passive Containment Cooling System (Cont)		
PCS-PL-V015	Water Bucket Makeup Line Drain Valve	3,4
PCS-PL-V020	Water Bucket Makeup Line Isolation Valve	3,4
PCS-PL-V023	PCS Recirculation Return Isolation Manual Stop Check Valve	3,4
PCS-PL-V039	PCCWST Long-Term Makeup Check Valve	3,4
PCS-PL-V042	PCCWST Long Term Makeup Isolation Drain Valve	3,4
PCS-PL-V044	PCCWST Long Term Makeup Isolation Valve	3,4
PCS-PL-V045	Emergency Makeup to the Spent Fuel Pool Isolation Valve	3
PCS-PL-V046	PCCWST Recirculation Return Isolation Valve	3,4
PCS-PL-V049	Emergency Makeup to the Spent Fuel Pool Drain Isolation Valve	3
PCS-PL-V050	Spent Fuel Pool Long Term Makeup Isolation Valve	3
PCS-PL-V051	Spent Fuel Pool Emergency Makeup Lower Isolation Valve	3
Primary Sampling System		
PSS-PL-V008	Containment Isolation - Containment Air Sample Isolation	2
PSS-PL-V010A	Containment Isolation - Liquid Sample Line	2
PSS-PL-V010B	Containment Isolation - Liquid Sample Line	2
PSS-PL-V011	Containment Isolation - Liquid Sample Line	2
PSS-PL-V023	Containment Isolation - Sample Return Line	2
PSS-PL-V024	Containment Isolation - Sample Return Check	2
PSS-PL-V046	Containment Isolation - Air Sample Line	2
Passive Core Cooling System		
PXS-PL-V014A	Core Makeup Tank A Discharge Isolation	3,4
PXS-PL-V014B	Core Makeup Tank B Discharge Isolation	3,4
PXS-PL-V015A	Core Makeup Tank A Discharge Isolation	3,4
PXS-PL-V015B	Core Makeup Tank B Discharge Isolation	3,4
PXS-PL-V016A	Core Makeup Tank A Discharge Check	3,4
PXS-PL-V016B	Core Makeup Tank Discharge Check	3,4
PXS-PL-V017A	Core Makeup Tank A Discharge Check	3,4
PXS-PL-V017B	Core Makeup Tank B Discharge Check	3,4
PXS-PL-V022A	Accumulator A Pressure Relief	3
PXS-PL-V022B	Accumulator B Pressure Relief	3
PXS-PL-V028A	Accumulator A Discharge Check	1,3,4
PXS-PL-V028B	Accumulator B Discharge Check	1,3,4
PXS-PL-V029A	Accumulator A Discharge Check	1,3,4
PXS-PL-V029B	Accumulator B Discharge Check	1,3,4
PXS-PL-V042	Nitrogen Supply Containment Isolation ORC Isolation Valve	2
PXS-PL-V043	Nitrogen Supply Containment Isolation IRC Check Valve	2

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LIST OF ASME CLASS 1, 2, AND 3 ACTIVE VALVES

Valve No.	Description	Function ^(a)
Passive Core Cooling System (Cont)		
PXS-PL-V108A	Passive Residual Heat Removal Heat Exchanger Control	3,4
PXS-PL-V108B	Passive Residual Heat Removal Heat Exchanger Control	3,4
PXS-PL-V117A	Recirculation Sump A Isolation	3,4
PXS-PL-V117B	Recirculation Sump B Isolation	3,4
PXS-PL-V118A	Recirculation Sump A Isolation	3,4
PXS-PL-V118B	Recirculation Sump B Isolation	3,4
PXS-PL-V119A	Recirculation Sump A Check	3,4
PXS-PL-V119B	Recirculation Sump B Check	3,4
PXS-PL-V120A	Recirculation Sump A Isolation	3,4
PXS-PL-V120B	Recirculation Sump B Isolation	3,4
PXS-PL-V122A	In-Containment Refueling Water Storage Tank Injection A Check	1,3,4
PXS-PL-V122B	In-Containment Refueling Water Storage Tank Injection B Check	1,3,4
PXS-PL-V123A	In-Containment Refueling Water Storage Tank Injection A Isolation	1,3,4
PXS-PL-V123B	In-Containment Refueling Water Storage Tank Injection B Isolation	1,3,4
PXS-PL-V124A	In-Containment Refueling Water Storage Tank Injection A Check	1,3,4
PXS-PL-V124B	In-Containment Refueling Water Storage Tank Injection B Check	1,3,4
PXS-PL-V125A	In-Containment Refueling Water Storage Tank Injection A Isolation	1,3,4
PXS-PL-V125B	In-Containment Refueling Water Storage Tank Injection B Isolation	1,3,4
PXS-PL-130A	In-Containment Refueling Water Storage Tank Gutter Isolation	3,4
PXS-PL-130B	In-Containment Refueling Water Storage Tank Gutter Isolation	3,4
Reactor Coolant System		
RCS-PL-V001A	First Stage Automatic Depressurization System	1,3,4
RCS-PL-V001B	First Stage Automatic Depressurization System	1,3,4
RCS-PL-V002A	Second Stage Automatic Depressurization System	1,3,4
RCS-PL-V002B	Second Stage Automatic Depressurization System	1,3,4
RCS-PL-V003A	Third Stage Automatic Depressurization System	1,3,4
RCS-PL-V003B	Third Stage Automatic Depressurization System	1,3,4
RCS-PL-V004A	Fourth Stage Automatic Depressurization System	1,3,4
RCS-PL-V004B	Fourth Stage Automatic Depressurization System	1,3,4
RCS-PL-V004C	Fourth Stage Automatic Depressurization System	1,3,4
RCS-PL-V004D	Fourth Stage Automatic Depressurization System	1,3,4
RCS-PL-V005A	Pressurizer Safety Valve	1,3
RCS-PL-V005B	Pressurizer Safety Valve	1,3
RCS-PL-V010A	Automatic Depressurization System Discharge Header A Vacuum Relief	3
RCS-PL-V010B	Automatic Depressurization System Discharge Header B Vacuum Relief	3

Valve No.	Description	Function ^(a)
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LIST OF ASME CLASS 1, 2, AND 3 ACTIVE VALVES

Valve No.	Description	Function ^(a)
Reactor Coolant System (Cont)		
RCS-PL-V011A	First Stage Automatic Depressurization System Isolation	1,3,4
RCS-PL-V011B	First Stage Automatic Depressurization System Isolation	1,3,4
RCS-PL-V012A	Second Stage Automatic Depressurization System Isolation	1,3,4
RCS-PL-V012B	Second Stage Automatic Depressurization System Isolation	1,3,4
RCS-PL-V013A	Third Stage Automatic Depressurization System Isolation	1,3,4
RCS-PL-V013B	Third Stage Automatic Depressurization System Isolation	1,3,4
RCS-PL-V150A	Reactor Vessel Head Vent	1,3
RCS-PL-V150B	Reactor Vessel Head Vent	1,3
RCS-PL-V150C	Reactor Vessel Head Vent	1,3
RCS-PL-V150D	Reactor Vessel Head Vent	1,3
Normal Residual Heat Removal System		
RNS-PL-V001A	Reactor Coolant System Inner HL Suction Isolation	1
RNS-PL-V001B	Reactor Coolant System Inner HL Suction Isolation	1
RNS-PL-V002A	Reactor Coolant System Outer HL Suction Isolation	1,2
RNS-PL-V002B	Reactor Coolant System Outer HL Suction Isolation	1,2
RNS-PL-V003A	Reactor Coolant System Pressure Boundary Valve Thermal Relief Check Valve	1
RNS-PL-V003B	Reactor Coolant System Pressure Boundary Valve Thermal Relief Check Valve	1
RNS-PL-V011	RNS Discharge Containment Isolation Valve	2
RNS-PL-V013	RNS Discharge Containment Isolation Check Valve	2
RNS-PL-V015A	RNS Discharge Reactor Coolant System Pressure Boundary	1
RNS-PL-V015B	RNS Discharge Reactor Coolant System Pressure Boundary	1
RNS-PL-V017A	RNS Discharge Reactor Coolant System Pressure Boundary	1
RNS-PL-V017B	RNS Discharge Reactor Coolant System Pressure Boundary	1
RNS-PL-V021	RNS HL Suction Pressure Relief	2
RNS-PL-V022	RNS Suction Header Containment Isolation	2
RNS-PL-V023	RNS Suction from In-Containment Refueling Water Storage Tank Isolation	2
RNS-PL-V046	RNS Heat Exchanger A Channel Head Drain Manual Isolation Valve	3,4
RNS-PL-V045	RNS Pump Discharge Pressure Relief	1
RNS-PL-V061	RNS - Chemical Volume Control System Containment Isolation	2

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LIST OF ASME CLASS 1, 2, AND 3 ACTIVE VALVES

Valve No.	Description	Function ^(a)
Spent Fuel Pool Cooling System		
SFS-PL-V034	Spent Fuel Pool Cooling System Suction Line Containment Isolation	2
SFS-PL-V035	Spent Fuel Pool Cooling System Suction Line Containment Isolation	2
SFS-PL-V037	Spent Fuel Pool Cooling System Discharge Line Containment Isolation	2
SFS-PL-V038	Spent Fuel Pool Cooling System Discharge Line Containment Isolation	2
SFS-PL-V066	Spent Fuel Pool to Cask Washdown Pit Isolation	3
SFS-PL-V068	Cask Washdown Pit Drain Isolation	3
Steam Generator System		
SGS-PL-V027A	Power Operated Relief Valve Block Valve Steam Generator 01	2,3,4
SGS-PL-V027B	Power Operated Relief Valve Block Valve Steam Generator 02	2,3,4
SGS-PL-V030A	Main Steam Safety Valve Steam Generator 01	2,3,4
SGS-PL-V030B	Main Steam Safety Valve Steam Generator 02	2,3,4
SGS-PL-V031A	Main Steam Safety Valve Steam Generator 01	2,3,4
SGS-PL-V031B	Main Steam Safety Valve Steam Generator 02	2,3,4
SGS-PL-V032A	Main Steam Safety Valve Steam Generator 01	2,3,4
SGS-PL-V032B	Main Steam Safety Valve Steam Generator 02	2,3,4
SGS-PL-V036A	Steam Line Condensate Drain Isolation	2,3,4
SGS-PL-V036B	Steam Line Condensate Drain Isolation	2,3,4
SGS-PL-V040A	Main Steam Line Isolation	2,3,4
SGS-PL-V040B	Main Steam Line Isolation	2,3,4
SGS-PL-V057A	Main Feedwater Isolation	2,3,4
SGS-PL-V057B	Main Feedwater Isolation	2,3,4
SGS-PL-V067A	Startup Feedwater Isolation	2,3,4
SGS-PL-V067B	Startup Feedwater Isolation	2,3,4
SGS-PL-V074A	Steam Generator Blowdown Isolation	2,3,4
SGS-PL-V074B	Steam Generator Blowdown Isolation	2,3,4
SGS-PL-V075A	Steam Generator Series Blowdown Isolation	3,4
SGS-PL-V075B	Steam Generator Series Blowdown Isolation	3,4
SGS-PL-V086A	Steam Line Condensate Drain Control	3,4
SGS-PL-V086B	Steam Line Condensate Drain Control	3,4
SGS-PL-V233A	Power Operated Relief Valve	3,4
SGS-PL-V233B	Power Operated Relief Valve	3,4
SGS-PL-V240A	Main Steam Isolation Valve Bypass Isolation	2,3,4
SGS-PL-V240B	Main Steam Isolation Valve Bypass Isolation	2,3,4
SGS-PL-V250A	Main Feedwater Control	3,4
SGS-PL-V250B	Main Feedwater Control	3,4
SGS-PL-V255A	Startup Feedwater Control	3,4
SGS-PL-V255B	Startup Feedwater Control	3,4

Valve No.	Description	Function ^(a)
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LIST OF ASME CLASS 1, 2, AND 3 ACTIVE VALVES

Valve No.	Description	Function ^(a)
Nuclear Island Nonradioactive Ventilation System		
VBS-PL-V186	MCR Supply Air Isolation Valve	3
VBS-PL-V187	MCR Supply Air Isolation Valve	3
VBS-PL-V188	MCR Return Air Isolation Valve	3
VBS-PL-V189	MCR Return Air Isolation Valve	3
VBS-PL-V190	MCR Exhaust Air Isolation Valve	3
VBS-PL-V191	MCR Exhaust Air Isolation Valve	3
Main Control Room Habitability System		
VES-PL-V002A	Pressure Regulating Valve A	3
VES-PL-V002B	Pressure Regulating Valve B	3
VES-PL-V005A	Air Delivery Isolation Valve A	3
VES-PL-V005B	Air Delivery Isolation Valve B	3
VES-PL-V008A	Refill Check Valve A	3
VES-PL-V008B	Refill Check Valve B	3
VES-PL-V022A	Pressure Relief Isolation Valve A	3
VES-PL-V022B	Pressure Relief Isolation Valve B	3

Table 3.9-12 (Sheet 7 of 7)

LIST OF ASME CLASS 1, 2, AND 3 ACTIVE VALVES

Valve No.	Description	Function ^(a)
Main Control Room Habitability System (Cont)		
VES-PL-V040A	Air Tank Safety Relief Valve A	3
VES-PL-V040B	Air Tank Safety Relief Valve B	3
VES-PL-V041A	Air Tank Safety Relief Valve A	3
VES-PL-V041B	Air Tank Safety Relief Valve B	3
VES-PL-V042	Refill Header Manual Vent Valve	3
Containment Air Filtration System		
VFS-PL-V003	Containment Purge Inlet Containment Isolation Valve	2
VFS-PL-V004	Containment Purge Inlet Containment Isolation Valve	2
VFS-PL-V009	Containment Purge Discharge Containment Isolation Valve	2
VFS-PL-V010	Containment Purge Discharge Containment Isolation Valve	2
Central Chilled Water System		
VWS-PL-V058	Fan Coolers Supply Containment Isolation	2
VWS-PL-V062	Fan Coolers Supply Containment Isolation Check Valve	2
VWS-PL-V082	Fan Coolers Return Containment Isolation	2
VWS-PL-V086	Fan Coolers Return Containment Isolation	2
Liquid Radwaste System		
WLS-PL-V055	Sump Containment Isolation IRC	2
WLS-PL-V057	Sump Containment Isolation ORC	2
WLS-PL-V067	Reactor Coolant Drain Tank Gas Containment Isolation IRC	2
WLS-PL-V068	Reactor Coolant Drain Tank Gas Containment Isolation ORC	2
WLS-PL-V071A	Chemical and Volume Control System Compartment to Sump	3
WLS-PL-V071B	Passive Core Cooling System A Compartment to Sump	3
WLS-PL-V071C	Passive Core Cooling System B Compartment to Sump	3
WLS-PL-V072A	Chemical and Volume Control System Compartment to Sump	3
WLS-PL-V072B	Passive Core Cooling System A Compartment to Sump	3
WLS-PL-V072C	Passive Core Cooling System B Compartment to Sump	3

Note:

- a. Function: 1 - Reactor coolant system pressure boundary
 2 - Containment isolation
 3 - Accident mitigation
 4 - Safe shutdown

Table 3.9-13

CONTROL ROD DRIVE MECHANISM PRODUCTION TESTS

Test	Acceptance Standard
Cold (ambient) hydrostatic	ASME Code, Section III
Confirm step length and load transfer (stationary gripper to movable gripper or movable gripper to stationary gripper)	Step length: 0.625+0.015 inch axial movement Load transfer: 0.055 inch nominal axial movement
Cold (ambient) performance test at design load - five full travel excursions	Operating speed: 45 inches/minute Trip delay: Free fall of drive rod to begin within 150 milliseconds

Table 3.9-14

**MAXIMUM DEFLECTIONS ALLOWED FOR
REACTOR INTERNAL SUPPORT STRUCTURES**

Component	Allowable Deflections (in.)
Upper barrel	
Radial inward	4.1
Radial outward (uniform)	1.0
Radial outward (non-uniform)	< 10 % of annulus area
Upper package	0.20
Rod cluster guide tubes	1.00

Table 3.9-15

COMPUTER PROGRAMS FOR SEISMIC CATEGORY 1 COMPONENTS

Program	Application
ABAQUS	Finite element structural analysis
ANSYS	Finite element structural analysis
CAEPIPE	Static analysis of piping analysis
FATCON	ASME fatigue analysis of piping components
GAPPIPE	Static and dynamic analysis of piping systems
MAXTRAN	Transient stress evaluation of piping components
PIPSAN	Structural and ASME stress analysis of component supports
PS+CAEPIPE	Static and dynamic analysis of piping systems
STAAD-III	Static and dynamic analysis of structural frames
THERST	Transient heat transfer analysis of piping components
WECAN	Finite element structural analysis
WEGAP	Dynamic structural response of the reactor core
WECEVAL	ASME stress evaluation of mechanical components
ITCH	Transient hydraulic analysis
FORFUN	Computes unbalanced hydraulic forces between piping elbows
RELAP-5	Transient dynamic analysis
THRUST	Computes time-history hydraulic forcing functions
MULTIFLEX	Thermal-hydraulic-structural system analysis
MULTIFLEX-SG	Transient dynamic analysis
GEC2	Computes time-history hydraulic forcing functions
FATSTR	ASME stress evaluation of piping components
HSTA	Hydraulic system transient analysis
E0781	Axisymmetric containment shell analysis
FLOW 3D	Finite element fluid flow and heat transfer

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