

3.7 PLANT SYSTEMS

3.7.9 Ultimate Heat Sink (UHS)

LCO 3.7.9 The UHS shall be OPERABLE.

APPLICABILITY: MODES 1, 2, 3, and 4.

ACTIONS

CONDITION	REQUIRED ACTION	COMPLETION TIME
A. UHS inoperable.	A.1 Be in MODE 3.	6 hours
	<u>AND</u> A.2 Be in MODE 5.	36 hours

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

SURVEILLANCE	FREQUENCY
SR 3.7.9.1 Verify water level of UHS is $\geq$ 568.25 ft above mean sea level.	24 hours
SR 3.7.9.2 Verify water temperature of UHS is $\leq$ 85°F.	24 hours

BASES

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APPLICABLE  
SAFETY ANALYSES  
(continued)

The minimum water level of the UHS is based on the NPSH requirements for the SWS pumps. The NPSH calculation assumes a minimum water level of 4 feet above the bottom of the pump suction bell which corresponds to an elevation of 557.25 ft. Violation of the SWS pump submergence requirement should never become a factor unless the Lake Michigan water level falls below the top of the sluice gate opening which is at elevation 568.25 ft. Early warning of a falling intake water level is provided by the intake structure level alarm. The nominal lake level is approximately 580 ft mean sea level. The minimum water temperature of the UHS is based on conservative heat transfer analyses for the worst case LOCA. FSAR, Section 14.18 (Ref. 2) and Design Basis Document (DBD) 1.02 (Ref. 3) provide the details of the analysis which forms the basis for these operating limits. The assumptions include: worst expected meteorological conditions, conservative uncertainties when calculating decay heat, and the worst case single active failure.

The UHS satisfies Criterion 3 of 10 CFR 50.36(c)(2).

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LCO

The UHS is required to be OPERABLE. The UHS is considered OPERABLE if it contains a sufficient volume of water at or below the maximum temperature that would allow the SWS to operate without the loss of NPSH, and without exceeding the maximum design temperature of the equipment served by the SWS. To meet this condition, the UHS temperature shall not exceed 85°F and the level shall not fall below 568.25 ft above mean sea level during normal plant operation.

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APPLICABILITY

In MODES 1, 2, 3, and 4, the UHS is a normally operating system that is required to support the OPERABILITY of the equipment serviced by the UHS and required to be OPERABLE in these MODES.

In MODES 5 and 6, the OPERABILITY requirements of the UHS are determined by the systems it supports.

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BASES

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ACTIONS

A.1 and A.2

If the UHS is inoperable, the plant must be placed in a MODE in which the LCO does not apply. To achieve this status, the plant must be placed in at least MODE 3 within 6 hours and in MODE 5 within 36 hours. The allowed Completion Times are reasonable, based on operating experience, to reach the required plant conditions from full power conditions in an orderly manner and without challenging plant systems.

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SURVEILLANCE  
REQUIREMENTS

SR 3.7.9.1

This SR verifies adequate cooling can be maintained. The level specified also ensures sufficient NPSH is available for operating the SWS pumps. The 24 hour Frequency is based on operating experience related to the trending of the parameter variations during the applicable MODES. This SR verifies that the UHS water level is  $\geq 568.25$  ft above mean sea level as measured within the boundaries of the intake structure.

SR 3.7.9.2

This SR verifies that the SWS is available to provide adequate cooling for the maximum accident or normal design heat loads following a DBA. The 24 hour Frequency is based on operating experience related to the trending of the parameter variations during the applicable MODES. This SR verifies that the water temperature from the UHS is  $\leq 85^{\circ}\text{F}$ .

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REFERENCES

1. FSAR, Section 9.1
  2. FSAR, Section 14.18
  3. Design Basis Document (DBD) 1.02, "Service Water System"
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