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SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS (Continued)

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 - b) The suction is automatically transferred from the condensate storage tank to the suppression chamber on a condensate storage tank water level - low signal and on a suppression chamber water level - high signal.
 3. Performing a CHANNEL CALIBRATION of the CSS, LPCI, and HPCI system discharge line "keep filled" alarm instrumentation.
 4. Performing a CHANNEL CALIBRATION of the CSS header ΔP instrumentation and verifying the setpoint to be \leq the allowable value of 4.4 psid.
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- d. For the ADS:
1. At least once per 31 days, verify ADS accumulator gas supply header pressure is ≥ 90 psig.
 2. At least once per 24 months:
 - a) Performing a system functional test which includes simulated automatic actuation of the system throughout its emergency operating sequence, but excluding actual valve actuation.
 - b) Verify that when tested pursuant to Specification 4.0.5 that each ADS valve is capable of being opened.
 - c) DELETED

** The provisions of Specification 4.0.4 are not applicable provided the surveillance is performed within 12 hours after reactor steam pressure is adequate to perform the test. If HPCI OPERABILITY is not successfully demonstrated within the 12-hour period, reduce reactor steam dome pressure to less than 200 psig within the following 72 hours.

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BASES

ECCS - OPERATING and SHUTDOWN (Continued)

With the HPCI system inoperable, adequate core cooling is assured by the OPERABILITY of the redundant and diversified automatic depressurization system and both the CS and LPCI systems. In addition, the reactor core isolation cooling (RCIC) system, a system for which no credit is taken in the safety analysis, will automatically provide makeup at reactor operating pressures on a reactor low water level condition. The HPCI out-of-service period of 14 days is based on the demonstrated OPERABILITY of redundant and diversified low pressure core cooling systems and the RCIC system. The HPCI system, and one LPCI subsystem, and/or one CSS subsystem out-of-service period of 8 hours ensures that sufficient ECCS, comprised of a minimum of one CSS subsystem, three LPCI subsystems, and all of the ADS will be available to 1) provide for safe shutdown of the facility, and 2) mitigate and control accident conditions within the facility.

The surveillance requirements provide adequate assurance that the HPCI system will be OPERABLE when required. Although all active components are testable and full flow can be demonstrated by recirculation through a test loop during reactor operation, a complete functional test with reactor vessel injection requires reactor shutdown. The pump discharge piping is maintained full to prevent water hammer damage and to provide cooling at the earliest moment.

Upon failure of the HPCI system to function properly after a small break loss-of-coolant accident, the automatic depressurization system (ADS) automatically causes selected safety/relief valves to open, depressurizing the reactor so that flow from the low pressure core cooling systems can enter the core in time to limit fuel cladding temperature to less than 2200°F. ADS is conservatively required to be OPERABLE whenever reactor vessel pressure exceeds 100 psig. This pressure is substantially below that for which the low pressure core cooling systems can provide adequate core cooling for events requiring ADS.

ADS automatically controls five selected safety-relief valves. The safety analysis assumes all five are operable. The allowed out-of-service time for one valve for up to fourteen days is determined in a similar manner to other ECCS sub-system out-of-service time allowances.

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3/4.5.3 SUPPRESSION CHAMBER

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