

## 2.2 MITIGATING SYSTEMS CORNERSTONE

The objective of this cornerstone is to monitor the availability, reliability, and capability of systems that mitigate the effects of initiating events to prevent core damage. Licensees reduce the likelihood of reactor accidents by maintaining the availability and reliability of mitigating systems. Mitigating systems include those systems associated with safety injection, decay heat removal, and their support systems, such as emergency ac power. This cornerstone includes mitigating systems that respond to both operating and shutdown events.

Some aspects of mitigating system performance cannot be adequately reflected or are specifically excluded from the performance indicators in this cornerstone. These aspects include performance of structures, systems, and components (SSCs) specifically excluded from the performance indicators, the effect of common cause failure, and the performance of certain plant specific systems. These aspects of licensee performance will be addressed through the NRC inspection program.

There are two sets of indicators in this cornerstone:

- Mitigating System Performance Index
- Safety System Functional Failures

### MITIGATING SYSTEM PERFORMANCE INDEX

#### Purpose

The purpose of the mitigating system performance index is to monitor the risk impact of changes in performance of selected systems. It is comprised of two elements - system unavailability and system unreliability. *For single demand failures and accumulated unavailability, the index is used to determine the significance of performance issues. Due to the limitations of the index, the following conditions will rely upon the inspection process for evaluating performance issues:*

1. *Multiple concurrent failures of components within a monitored system*
2. *Common cause failures*
3. *Conditions not capable of being discovered during normal surveillance tests*
4. *Failures of non-active components*

#### Indicator Definition

*Mitigating System Performance Index (MSPI)* is the sum of changes in a simplified core damage frequency evaluation resulting from changes in unavailability and unreliability relative to baseline values.

*Train unavailability* is the ratio of the hours the train was unavailable to perform its risk-significant functions due to planned and unplanned maintenance or test *on active and non-active components* during the previous 12 quarters while critical to the number of critical hours during the previous 12 quarters. (Fault exposure hours are not included; unavailable hours are counted only for the time required to recover the train's risk-significant functions.)

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2 *Train unreliability* is the probability that the train would not perform its risk-significant  
3 functions when called upon during the previous 12 quarters.

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5 *Baseline values* are the values for unavailability and unreliability against which current changes  
6 in unavailability and unreliability are measured. See Appendix F for further details.

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8 The MSPI is calculated separately for each of the following five systems for each reactor type.

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10 **BWRs**

- 11 • emergency AC power system
- 12 • high pressure injection systems (high pressure coolant injection, high pressure core spray, or  
13 feedwater coolant injection)
- 14 • heat removal systems (reactor core isolation cooling)
- 15 • residual heat removal system
- 16 • cooling water support system (includes risk significant direct cooling functions provided by  
17 service water and component cooling water or their cooling water equivalents for the above  
18 four monitored systems)

19  
20 **PWRs**

- 21 • emergency AC power system
- 22 • high pressure safety injection system
- 23 • auxiliary feedwater system
- 24 • residual heat removal system
- 25 • cooling water support system (includes risk significant direct cooling functions provided by  
26 service water and component cooling water or their cooling water equivalents for the above  
27 four monitored systems)

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29 **Data Reporting Elements**

30 The following data elements are reported for each system

- 31
- 32 • Unavailability Index (UAI) due to unavailability for each monitored system
- 33 • Unreliability Index (URI) due to unreliability for each monitored system

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35 During the pilot, the additional data elements necessary to calculate UAI and URI will be  
36 reported monthly for each system on an Excel spreadsheet. See Appendix F.

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39 **Calculation**

40 The MSPI for each system is the sum of the UAI due to unavailability for the system plus URI  
41 due to unreliability for the system during the previous twelve quarters.

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43 MSPI = UAI + URI.

1 See Appendix F for the calculational methodology for UAI due to system unavailability and URI  
2 due to system unreliability.

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4 **Definition of Terms**

5 *A train* consists of a group of components that together provide the risk significant functions of  
6 the system as explained in the additional guidance for specific mitigating systems. Fulfilling the  
7 risk-significant function of the system may require one or more trains of a system to operate  
8 simultaneously. The number of trains in a system is determined as follows:

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- 10 • for systems that provide cooling of fluids, the number of trains is determined by the number  
11 of parallel heat exchangers, or the number of parallel pumps, or the minimum number of  
12 parallel flow paths, whichever is fewer.
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  - 14 • for emergency AC power systems the number of trains is the number of class 1E emergency  
15 (diesel, gas turbine, or hydroelectric) generators at the station that are installed to power  
16 shutdown loads in the event of a loss of off-site power. (This does not include the diesel  
17 generator dedicated to the BWR HPCS system, which is included in the scope of the HPCS  
18 system.)

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20 *Risk Significant Functions:* those at power functions of risk-significant SSCs as modeled in the  
21 plant-specific PRA. *Risk metrics for identifying risk-significant functions are:*

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23 *Risk Achievement Worth > 2.0*

24 *Risk Reduction Worth > 0.005*

25 *90% of core damage frequency accounted for defined in NUMARC 93-01 (revision 3),*  
26 *Section 9.3, as endorsed by the NRC in Regulatory Guide 1.160 for meeting the*  
27 *requirements of the maintenance rule.*

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29 *Success criteria* are the plant specific values of parameters the train/system is required to achieve  
30 to perform its risk-significant function. Default values of those parameters are the plant's design  
31 bases values unless other values are modeled in the PRA.

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33 **Clarifying Notes**

34 **Documentation**

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36 Each licensee will have the system boundaries, active components, risk-significant functions and  
37 success criteria readily available for NRC inspection on site. Additionally, plant-specific  
38 information used in Appendix F should also be readily available for inspection.

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40 **Success Criteria**

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42 *The success criteria are based on train/system mission times, not on component mission times.*  
43 *Individual component capability must be evaluated against train/system level success criteria.*  
44 Important plant specific performance factors that can be used to identify the required capability  
45 of the train/system to meet the risk-significant functions include, but are not limited to:

- 1 • Actuation
- 2   ○ Time
- 3   ○ Auto/manual
- 4   ○ Multiple or sequential
- 5 • Success requirements
- 6   ○ Numbers of components or trains
- 7   ○ Flows
- 8   ○ Pressures
- 9   ○ Heat exchange rates
- 10   ○ Temperatures
- 11   ○ *Tank water level*
- 12 • Other mission requirements
- 13   ○ Run time
- 14   ○ State/configuration changes during mission
- 15 • Accident environment from internal events
- 16   ○ Pressure, temperature, humidity
- 17 • Operational factors
- 18   ○ Procedures
- 19   ○ Human actions
- 20   ○ Training
- 21   ○ Available externalities (e.g., power supplies, special equipment, etc.)

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25 System/Component Interface Boundaries

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27 *For active components that are supported by other components from both monitored and*  
28 *unmonitored systems, the following general rules apply:*

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- 30 • *For control and motive power, only the last relay, breaker or contactor necessary to*
- 31 *power or control the component is included in the active component boundary. For*
- 32 *example, if an ESFAS signal actuates a MOV, only the relay that receives the ESFAS*
- 33 *signal in the control circuitry for the MOV is in the MOV boundary. No other portions*
- 34 *of the ESFAS are included.*
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- 36 • *For water connections from systems that provide cooling water to an active component,*
- 37 *only the final active connecting valve is included in the boundary. For example, for*
- 38 *service water that provides cooling to support an AFW pump, only the final active valve*
- 39 *in the service water system that supplies the cooling water to the AFW system is included*
- 40 *in the AFW system scope. This same valve is not included in the cooling water support*
- 41 *system scope.*

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43 Water Sources and Inventory

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45 *Water tanks are not considered to be active components. As such, they do not contribute to URI.*  
46 *However, periods of insufficient water inventory contribute to UAI if they result in loss of the*

1 *risk-significant train function for the required mission time. Water inventory can include*  
2 *operator recovery actions for water make-up provided the actions can be taken in time to meet*  
3 *the mission times and are modeled in the PRA. If alternate water sources are required to*  
4 *provide make-up to satisfy train mission times, only the connecting active valve from the*  
5 *alternate system is considered as an active component for calculating URI.*

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7 Monitored Systems

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9 Systems have been generically selected for this indicator based on their importance in preventing  
10 reactor core damage. The systems include the principal systems needed for maintaining reactor  
11 coolant inventory following a loss of coolant accident, for decay heat removal following a  
12 reactor trip or loss of main feedwater, and for providing emergency AC power following a loss  
13 of plant off-site power. One risk-significant support function (cooling water support system) is  
14 also monitored. The cooling water support system monitors the risk significant cooling functions  
15 provided by service water and component cooling water, or their direct cooling water  
16 equivalents, for the four front-line monitored systems. No support systems are to be cascaded  
17 onto the monitored systems, e.g., HVAC room coolers, DC power, instrument air, etc.

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19 Diverse Systems

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21 Except as specifically stated in the indicator definition and reporting guidance, no credit is given  
22 for the achievement of a risk-significant function by an unmonitored system in determining  
23 unavailability or unreliability of the monitored systems.

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25 Common Components

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27 Some components in a system may be common to more than one train *or system*, in which case  
28 the ~~effect of the performance (unavailable hoursunavailability)~~ of a common component is  
29 included in all affected trains *or systems*.

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33 Short Duration Unavailability

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35 Trains are generally considered to be available during periodic system or equipment  
36 realignments to swap components or flow paths as part of normal operations. Evolutions or  
37 surveillance tests that result in less than 15 minutes of unavailable hours per train at a time need  
38 not be counted as unavailable hours. ~~In addition, equipment misalignment or mispositioning~~  
39 ~~which is corrected in less than 15 minutes need not be counted as unavailable hours. The intent is~~  
40 ~~to minimize unnecessary burden of data collection, documentation, and verification. Licensees~~  
41 ~~should compile a list of surveillances/evolutions that meet this criterion and have it available for~~  
42 ~~inspector review. In addition, equipment misalignment or mispositioning which is corrected in~~  
43 ~~less than 15 minutes need not be counted as unavailable hours. The intent is to minimize~~  
44 ~~unnecessary burden of data collection, documentation, and verification.~~

1 If a licensee is required to take a component out of service for evaluation and corrective actions  
2 for greater than 15 minutes (for example, related to a Part 21 Notification), the unavailable hours  
3 must be included.

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5 Treatment of Degraded Conditions

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7 If a degraded condition results in the failure to meet an established success criterion, unavailable  
8 hours must be included for the time required to recover the train's risk-significant function(s). If  
9 an active component, as defined in Appendix F, is degraded such that it cannot meet its risk-  
10 significant function, a demand and a demand failure are also counted. If subsequent analysis  
11 identifies additional margin for the success criterion, future unavailable hours for degraded  
12 conditions may be determined based on the new criterion. However, unavailability must be  
13 based on the success criteria of record at the time the degraded condition is discovered. If the  
14 degraded condition is not addressed by any of the pre-defined success criteria, an engineering  
15 evaluation to determine the impact of the degraded condition on the risk-significant function(s)  
16 should be completed and documented. The use of component failure analysis, circuit analysis, or  
17 event investigations is acceptable. Engineering judgment may be used in conjunction with  
18 analytical techniques to determine the impact of the degraded condition on the risk-significant  
19 function. The engineering evaluation should be completed as soon as practicable. If it cannot be  
20 completed in time to support submission of the PI report for the current quarter, the comment  
21 field shall note that an evaluation is pending. The evaluation must be completed in time to  
22 accurately account for unavailability/unreliability in the next quarterly report. Exceptions to this  
23 guidance are expected to be rare and will be treated on a case-by-case basis. Licensees should  
24 identify these situations to the resident inspector.

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26 Failures on Demand

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28 Failures of active components (see Appendix F) on demand, either actual or test, while critical,  
29 are included in unreliability. Failures on demand while non-critical must be evaluated to  
30 determine if the failure would have resulted in the train not being able to perform its risk-  
31 significant at power functions, and must therefore be included in unreliability. Unavailable hours  
32 are included only for the time required to recover the train's risk-significant functions and only  
33 when the reactor is critical.

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35 Discovered Conditions that are capable of being discovered by normal surveillance tests

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37 *Normal surveillance tests are those tests that are performed at a frequency of a refueling*  
38 *cycle quarterly or more frequently.* Discovered conditions that render an active component  
39 incapable of performing its risk-significant functions are included in unreliability as a demand  
40 and a failure (*unless corrected in less than 15 minutes*). Unavailable hours are counted only for  
41 the time required to recover the train's risk-significant functions and only when the reactor is  
42 critical. The ROP inspection process would be used to determine the significance of discovered  
43 conditions that rendered a train incapable of performing its risk-significant function, but were not  
44 active component conditions (for example, a shut manual suction valve).  
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1 Demand failures or discovered conditions that are not capable of being discovered during normal  
2 surveillance tests

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4 These failures or conditions are usually of longer exposure time. Since these failure modes have  
5 not been tested on a regular basis, it is inappropriate to include them in the performance index  
6 statistics. These failures or conditions are subject to evaluation through the inspection process.  
7 Examples of this type are failures due to pressure locking/thermal binding of isolation valves,  
8 blockages in lines not regularly tested, or inadequate component sizing/settings under accident  
9 conditions (not under normal test conditions). While not included in the calculation of the index,  
10 they should be reported in the comment field of the PI data submittal.

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13 Credit for Operator Recovery Actions to Restore the Risk-Significant Function

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15 1. *During testing or operational alignment:*

16 Unavailability of a risk-significant function during testing or operational alignment need not  
17 be included if the test configuration is automatically overridden by a valid starting signal, or  
18 the function can be promptly restored in time to meet the PRA risk success criteria either by  
19 an operator in the control room or by a designated operator<sup>1</sup> stationed locally for that  
20 purpose. Restoration actions must be contained in a written procedure<sup>2</sup>, must be  
21 uncomplicated (*a single action or a few simple actions*), and must not require diagnosis or  
22 repair. Credit for a designated local operator can be taken only if (s)he is positioned at the  
23 proper location throughout the duration of the test for the purpose of restoration of the train  
24 should a valid demand occur. The intent of this paragraph is to allow licensees to take credit  
25 for restoration actions that are virtually certain to be successful (i.e., probability nearly equal  
26 to 1) during accident conditions.

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28 The individual performing the restoration function can be the person conducting the test and  
29 must be in communication with the control room. Credit can also be taken for an operator in  
30 the main control room provided (s)he is in close proximity to restore the equipment when  
31 needed. Normal staffing for the test may satisfy the requirement for a dedicated operator,  
32 depending on work assignments. In all cases, the staffing must be considered in advance and  
33 an operator identified to perform the restoration actions independent of other control room  
34 actions that may be required.

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36 Under stressful, chaotic conditions, otherwise simple multiple actions may not be  
37 accomplished with the virtual certainty called for by the guidance (e.g., lifting test leads and  
38 landing wires; or clearing tags). In addition, some manual operations of systems designed to  
39 operate automatically, such as manually controlling HPCI turbine to establish and control  
40 injection flow, are not virtually certain to be successful. These situations should be resolved  
41 on a case-by-case basis through the FAQ process.

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<sup>1</sup> Operator in this circumstance refers to any plant personnel qualified and designated to perform the restoration function.

<sup>2</sup> Including restoration steps in an approved test procedure.

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2 2. *During Maintenance*

3 Unavailability of a risk-significant function during maintenance need not be included if the  
4 risk-significant function can be promptly restored in time to meet the PRA success criteria  
5 either by an operator in the control room or by a designated operator<sup>3</sup> stationed locally for  
6 that purpose. Restoration actions must be contained in a written procedure<sup>4</sup>, must be  
7 uncomplicated (*a single action or a few simple actions*), and must not require diagnosis or  
8 repair. Credit for a designated local operator can be taken only if (s)he is positioned at a  
9 proper location throughout the duration of the maintenance activity for the purpose of  
10 restoration of the train should a valid demand occur. The intent of this paragraph is to allow  
11 licensees to take credit for restoration of risk-significant functions that are virtually certain to  
12 be successful (i.e., probability nearly equal to 1). The individual performing the restoration  
13 function can be the person performing the maintenance and must be in communication with  
14 the control room. Credit can also be taken for an operator in the main control room provided  
15 (s)he is in close proximity to restore the equipment when needed. Under stressful chaotic  
16 conditions otherwise simple multiple actions may not be accomplished with the virtual  
17 certainty called for by the guidance (e.g., lifting test leads and landing wires, or clearing  
18 tags). These situations should be resolved on a case-by-case basis through the FAQ process.

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20 3. *Satisfying Mission Times*

21 *Risk significant operator actions to satisfy pre-determined train/system mission times can*  
22 *only be credited if they are modeled in the PRA.*

23  
24 Swing trains and components shared between units

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26 Swing trains/components are trains/components that can be aligned to any unit. To be credited  
27 as such, their swing capability should be modeled in the PRA to provide an appropriate Fussel-  
28 Vessely value.

29  
30 Unit Cross Tie Capability

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32 *Components that cross tie monitored systems between units should be considered active*  
33 *components if they are modeled in the PRA and meet the active component criteria in Appendix*  
34 *F. Such active components are counted in each unit's performance indicators.*

35  
36 Maintenance Trains and Installed Spares

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38 Some power plants have systems with extra trains to allow preventive maintenance to be carried  
39 out with the unit at power without impacting the risk-significant function of the system. That is,  
40 one of the remaining trains may fail, but the system can still perform its risk significant function.

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<sup>3</sup> Operator in this circumstance refers to any plant personnel qualified and designated to perform the restoration function.

<sup>4</sup> Including restoration steps in an approved test procedure.



1 To be a maintenance train, a train must not be needed to perform the system's risk significant  
2 function.

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4 An "installed spare" is a component (or set of components) that is used as a replacement for other  
5 equipment to allow for the removal of equipment from service for preventive or corrective  
6 maintenance without impacting the risk-significant function of the system. To be an "installed  
7 spare," a component must not be needed for the system to perform the risk significant function.

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9 ~~Unavailability and unreliability are monitored for an installed spare or maintenance train if it is~~  
10 ~~modeled in the plant PRA. If they are substituted for a primary train/component, the primary~~  
11 ~~becomes the spare.~~

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13 *For unreliability, spare active components are included if they are modeled in the PRA.*  
14 *Unavailability of the spare component/train is only counted in the index if the spare is*  
15 *substituted for a primary train/component. ~~If a maintenance train or installed spare are not~~*  
16 ~~modeled in the plant PRA, unavailability and unreliability are monitored only when they are~~  
17 ~~substituted for a primary train/component. Unavailability and unreliability are~~ not monitored  
18 for a component/train when that component/train has been replaced by an installed spare or  
19 maintenance train that is not modeled in the plant PRA.

#### 20 21 Use of Plant-Specific PRA and SPAR Models

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23 The MSPI is an approximation using some information from a plant's actual PRA and is  
24 intended as an indicator of system performance. Plant-specific PRAs and SPAR models cannot  
25 be used to question the outcome of the PIs computed in accordance with this guideline.

#### 26 27 Maintenance Rule Performance Monitoring

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29 It is the intent that NUMARC 93-01 be revised to require consistent unavailability and  
30 unreliability data gathering as required by this guideline.

#### 31 32 **ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE FOR SPECIFIC SYSTEMS**

33 *This guidance provides typical system scopes. Individual plants should apply specific risk*  
34 *significant functions reflected in their PRAs.*

#### 35 **Emergency AC Power Systems**

##### 36 Scope

37 *The function monitored for the emergency AC power system is the ability of the emergency*  
38 *generators to provide AC power to the class 1E buses upon a loss of off-site power while the*  
39 *reactor is critical, including post-accident conditions. The emergency AC power system is*  
40 *typically comprised of two or more independent emergency generators that provide AC power to*  
41 *class 1E buses following a loss of off-site power. The emergency generator dedicated to*  
42 *providing AC power to the high pressure core spray system in BWRs is not within the scope of*  
43 *emergency AC power.*

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2 The electrical circuit breaker(s) that connect(s) an emergency generator to the class 1E buses that  
3 are normally served by that emergency generator are considered to be part of the emergency  
4 generator train.

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6 Emergency generators that are not safety grade, or that serve a backup role only (e.g., an  
7 alternate AC power source), are not included in the performance reporting.

### 8 9 **Train Determination**

10 The number of emergency AC power system trains for a unit is equal to the number of class 1E  
11 emergency generators that are available to power safe-shutdown loads in the event of a loss of  
12 off-site power for that unit. There are three typical configurations for EDGs at a multi-unit  
13 station:

- 14  
15 1. EDGs dedicated to only one unit.  
16 2. One or more EDGs are available to “swing” to either unit  
17 3. All EDGs can supply all units

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19 For configuration 1, the number of trains for a unit is equal to the number of EDGs dedicated to  
20 the unit. For configuration 2, the number of trains for a unit is equal to the number of dedicated  
21 EDGs for that unit plus the number of “swing” EDGs available to that unit (i.e., The “swing”  
22 EDGs are included in the train count for each unit). For configuration 3, the number of trains is  
23 equal to the number of EDGs.

### 24 25 **Clarifying Notes**

26 The emergency diesel generators are not considered to be available during the following portions  
27 of periodic surveillance tests unless recovery from the test configuration during accident  
28 conditions is virtually certain, as described in “Credit for operator recovery actions during  
29 testing,” can be satisfied; or the duration of the condition is less than fifteen minutes per train at  
30 one time:

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32 • Load-run testing  
33 • Barring

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35 An EDG is not considered to have failed due to any of the following events:

- 36  
37 • spurious operation of a trip that would be bypassed in a loss of offsite power event  
38 • malfunction of equipment that is not required to operate during a loss of offsite power event  
39 (e.g., circuitry used to synchronize the EDG with off-site power sources)

- failure to start because a redundant portion of the starting system was intentionally disabled for test purposes, if followed by a successful start with the starting system in its normal alignment

*Air compressors are not part of the EDG boundary. However, air receivers that provide starting air for the diesel are included in the EDG boundary.*

*If an EDG has a dedicated battery independent of the station's normal DC distribution system, the dedicated battery is included in the EDG system boundary.*

*If the EDG day tank is not sufficient to meet the EDG mission time, the fuel transfer function should be modeled in the PRA. However, the fuel transfer pumps are not considered to be an active component in the EDG system because they are considered to be a support system.*

## **BWR High Pressure Injection Systems**

### **(High Pressure Coolant Injection, High Pressure Core Spray, and Feedwater Coolant Injection)**

#### **Scope**

*These systems function at high pressure to maintain reactor coolant inventory and to remove decay heat following a small-break Loss of Coolant Accident (LOCA) event or a loss of main feedwater event.*

*The function monitored for the indicator is the ability of the monitored system to take suction from the suppression pool (and from the condensate storage tank, if credited in the plant's accident analysis) and inject into the reactor vessel.*

Plants should monitor either the high-pressure coolant injection (HPCI), the high-pressure core spray (HPCS), or the feedwater coolant injection (FWCI) system, whichever is installed. The turbine and governor (or motor-driven FWCI pumps), and associated piping and valves for turbine steam supply and exhaust are within the scope of these systems. Valves in the feedwater line are not considered within the scope of these systems. The emergency generator dedicated to providing AC power to the high-pressure core spray system is included in the scope of the HPCS. The HPCS system typically includes a "water leg" pump to prevent water hammer in the HPCS piping to the reactor vessel. The "water leg" pump and valves in the "water leg" pump flow path are ancillary components and are not included in the scope of the HPCS system.

*Unavailability is not included while critical but below steam pressure specified in technical specifications at which the system can be operated.*

#### **Train Determination**

The HPCI and HPCS systems are considered single-train systems. The booster pump and other small pumps are ancillary components not used in determining the number of trains. The effect

1 of these pumps on system performance is included in the system indicator to the extent their  
2 failure detracts from the ability of the system to perform its risk-significant function. For the  
3 FWCI system, the number of trains is determined by the number of feedwater pumps. The  
4 number of condensate and feedwater booster pumps are not used to determine the number of  
5 trains.

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7 **BWR Heat Removal Systems**  
8 **(Reactor Core Isolation Cooling or check:Isolation Condenser)**

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10 **Scope**

11 *This system functions at high pressure to remove decay heat following a loss of main feedwater*  
12 *event. The RCIC system also functions to maintain reactor coolant inventory following a very*  
13 *small LOCA event.*

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15 *The function monitored for the indicator is the ability of the RCIC system to cool the reactor*  
16 *vessel core and provide makeup water by taking a suction from either the condensate storage*  
17 *tank or the suppression pool and injecting at rated pressure and flow into the reactor vessel.*

18  
19 The Reactor Core Isolation Cooling (RCIC) system turbine, governor, and associated piping and  
20 valves for steam supply and exhaust are within the scope of the RCIC system. Valves in the  
21 feedwater line are not considered within the scope of the RCIC system. The Isolation Condenser  
22 and inlet valves are within the scope of Isolation Condenser system. *Unavailability is not*  
23 *included while critical but below steam pressure specified in technical specifications at which*  
24 *the system can be operated.*

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26  
27 **Train Determination**

28 The RCIC system is considered a single-train system. The condensate and vacuum pumps are  
29 ancillary components not used in determining the number of trains. The effect of these pumps on  
30 RCIC performance is included in the system indicator to the extent that a component failure  
31 results in an inability of the system to perform its risk significant function  
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33 **BWR Residual Heat Removal Systems**

34 **Scope**

35 The functions monitored for the BWR residual heat removal (RHR) system *is the ability of the*  
36 *RHR system to remove heat from the suppression pool, provide low pressure coolant injection,*  
37 *and provide shutdown cooling. ~~so that pool temperatures do not exceed plant design limits.~~ are*  
38 *the risk-significant functions.* The pumps, heat exchangers, and associated piping and valves for  
39 those functions are included in the scope of the RHR system.  
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1 **Train Determination**

2 The number of trains in the RHR system is determined by the number of parallel RHR heat  
3 exchangers.

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7 **PWR High Pressure Safety Injection Systems**

8 **Scope**

9 *These systems are used primarily to maintain reactor coolant inventory at high pressures*  
10 *following a loss of reactor coolant. HPSI system operation following a small-break LOCA*  
11 *involves transferring an initial supply of water from the refueling water storage tank (RWST) to*  
12 *cold leg piping of the reactor coolant system. Once the RWST inventory is depleted, recirculation*  
13 *of water from the reactor building emergency sump is required. The function monitored for HPSI*  
14 *is the ability of a HPSI train to take a suction from the primary water source (typically, a*  
15 *borated water tank), or from the containment emergency sump, and inject into the reactor*  
16 *coolant system at rated flow and pressure.*

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18 The scope includes the pumps and associated piping and valves from both the refueling water  
19 storage tank and from the containment sump to the pumps, and from the pumps into the reactor  
20 coolant system piping. For plants where the high-pressure injection pump takes suction from the  
21 residual heat removal pumps, the residual heat removal pump discharge header isolation valve to  
22 the HPSI pump suction is included in the scope of HPSI system. Some components may be  
23 included in the scope of more than one train. For example, cold-leg injection lines may be fed  
24 from a common header that is supplied by both HPSI trains. In these cases, the effects of testing  
25 or component failures in an injection line should be reported in both trains.

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27 **Train Determination**

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29 In general, the number of HPSI system trains is defined by the number of high head injection  
30 paths that provide cold-leg and/or hot-leg injection capability, as applicable.

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32 For Babcock and Wilcox (B&W) reactors, the design features centrifugal pumps used for high  
33 pressure injection (about 2,500 psig) and no hot-leg injection path. Recirculation from the  
34 containment sump requires operation of pumps in the residual heat removal system. They are  
35 typically a two-train system, with an installed spare pump (depending on plant-specific design)  
36 that can be aligned to either train.

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38 For two-loop Westinghouse plants, the pumps operate at a lower pressure (about 1600 psig) and  
39 there may be a hot-leg injection path in addition to a cold-leg injection path (both are included as  
40 a part of the train).

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42 For Combustion Engineering (CE) plants, the design features three centrifugal pumps that  
43 operate at intermediate pressure (about 1300 psig) and provide flow to two cold-leg injection  
44 paths or two hot-leg injection paths. In most designs, the HPSI pumps take suction directly from

1 the containment sump for recirculation. In these cases, the sump suction valves are included  
2 within the scope of the HPSI system. This is a two-train system (two trains of combined cold-leg  
3 and hot-leg injection capability). One of the three pumps is typically an installed spare that can  
4 be aligned to either train or only to one of the trains (depending on plant-specific design).

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6 For Westinghouse three-loop plants, the design features three centrifugal pumps that operate at  
7 high pressure (about 2500 psig), a cold-leg injection path through the BIT (with two trains of  
8 redundant valves), an alternate cold-leg injection path, and two hot-leg injection paths. One of  
9 the pumps is considered an installed spare. Recirculation is provided by taking suction from the  
10 RHR pump discharges. A train consists of a pump, the pump suction valves and boron injection  
11 tank (BIT) injection line valves electrically associated with the pump, and the associated hot-leg  
12 injection path. The alternate cold-leg injection path is required for recirculation, and should be  
13 included in the train with which its isolation valve is electrically associated. This represents a  
14 two-train HPSI system.

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16 For Four-loop Westinghouse plants, the design features two centrifugal pumps that operate at  
17 high pressure (about 2500 psig), two centrifugal pumps that operate at an intermediate pressure  
18 (about 1600 psig), a BIT injection path (with two trains of injection valves), a cold-leg safety  
19 injection path, and two hot-leg injection paths. Recirculation is provided by taking suction from  
20 the RHR pump discharges. Each of two high pressure trains is comprised of a high pressure  
21 centrifugal pump, the pump suction valves and BIT valves that are electrically associated with  
22 the pump. Each of two intermediate pressure trains is comprised of the safety injection pump, the  
23 suction valves and the hot-leg injection valves electrically associated with the pump. The cold-  
24 leg safety injection path can be fed with either safety injection pump, thus it should be associated  
25 with both intermediate pressure trains. This HPSI system is considered a four-train system for  
26 monitoring purposes.

## 27 28 29 30 **PWR Auxiliary Feedwater Systems**

### 31 **Scope**

32 *The AFW system provides decay heat removal via the steam generators to cool down and*  
33 *depressurize the reactor coolant system following a reactor trip. The AFW system is assumed to*  
34 *be required for an extended period of operation during which the initial supply of water from the*  
35 *condensate storage tank is depleted and water from an alternative water source (e.g., the service*  
36 *water system) is required. Therefore components in the flow paths from both of these water*  
37 *sources are included; however, the alternative water source (e.g., service water system) is not*  
38 *included.*

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40 *The function monitored for the indicator is the ability of the AFW system to take a suction from*  
41 *the primary water source (typically, the condensate storage tank) or, if required, from an*  
42 *emergency source (typically, a lake or river via the service water system) and inject into at least*  
43 *one steam generator at rated flow and pressure.*

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45 The scope of the auxiliary feedwater (AFW) or emergency feedwater (EFW) systems includes  
46 the pumps and the components in the flow paths from both the condensate storage tank and, if

1 | *required, the valve(s) that connect the alternative water source to the auxiliary feedwater*  
 2 | *system(e.g., the service water system). Startup feedwater pumps are not included in the scope of*  
 3 | *this indicator.*

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 5 | **Train Determination**

6 | The number of trains is determined primarily by the number of parallel pumps. For example, a  
 7 | system with three pumps is defined as a three-train system, whether it feeds two, three, or four  
 8 | injection lines, and regardless of the flow capacity of the pumps. Some components may be  
 9 | included in the scope of more than one train. For example, one set of flow regulating valves and  
 10 | isolation valves in a three-pump, two-steam generator system are included in the motor-driven  
 11 | pump train with which they are electrically associated, but they are also included (along with the  
 12 | redundant set of valves) in the turbine-driven pump train. In these instances, the effects of testing  
 13 | or failure of the valves should be reported in both affected trains. Similarly, when two trains  
 14 | provide flow to a common header, the effect of isolation or flow regulating valve failures in  
 15 | paths connected to the header should be considered in both trains.

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 17 | **PWR Residual Heat Removal System**  
 18 | **Scope**

19 | The functions monitored for the PWR residual heat removal (RHR) system are those that are  
 20 | required to be available when the reactor is critical. These typically include *the* low-pressure  
 21 | injection *function (if risk-significant)* and the post-accident recirculation mode used to cool and  
 22 | recirculate water from the containment sump following depletion of RWST inventory *to satisfy*  
 23 | *the post-accident mission times. These times are defined as reaching a stable plant condition*  
 24 | *where normal shutdown cooling is sufficient. Typical mission times are 24 hours. However,*  
 25 | *other intervals as justified by analyses and modeled in the PRA may be used.* The pumps, heat  
 26 | exchangers, and associated piping and valves for those functions are included in the scope of the  
 27 | RHR system. *Containment spray function should be included if it is identified in the PRA as a*  
 28 | *risk-significant post accident decay heat removal function. Containment spray systems that only*  
 29 | *provide containment pressure control are not included.*

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 33 | **Train Determination**

34 | The number of trains in the RHR system is determined by the number of parallel RHR heat  
 35 | exchangers. Some components are used to provide more than one function of RHR. If a  
 36 | component cannot perform as designed, rendering its associated train incapable of meeting one  
 37 | of the risk-significant functions, then the train is considered to be failed. Unavailable hours  
 38 | would be reported as a result of the component failure.

39 | **Cooling Water Support System**  
 40 | **Scope**

41 | *The function of the cooling water support system is to provide for direct cooling of the*  
 42 | *components in the other monitored systems. It does not include indirect cooling provided by*  
 43 | *room coolers or other HVAC features.*

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2 *Systems that provide this function typically include service water and component cooling water*  
3 *or their cooling water equivalents. Pumps, valves, heat exchangers and line segments that are*  
4 *necessary to provide cooling to the other monitored systems are included in the system scope up*  
5 *to, but not including, the last valve that connects the cooling water support system to the other*  
6 *monitored systems. This last valve is included in the other monitored system boundary.*

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8 *Valves in the cooling water support system that must close to ensure sufficient cooling to the*  
9 *other monitored system components to meet risk significant functions are included in the system*  
10 *boundary.*

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14 **Train Determination**

15 *The number of trains in the Cooling Water Support System will vary considerably from plant to*  
16 *plant. The way these functions are modeled in the plant-specific PRA will determine a logical*  
17 *approach for train determination. For example, if the PRA modeled separate pump and line*  
18 *segments, then the number of pumps and line segments would be the number of trains.*

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20 **Clarifying Notes**

21 *Service water pump strainers and traveling screens are not considered to be active components*  
22 *and are therefore not part of URI. However, clogging of strainers and screens due to expected*  
23 *or routinely predictable environmental conditions that render the train unavailable to perform*  
24 *its risk significant cooling function are included in UAI.*

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26 *Unpredictable extreme environmental conditions that render the train unavailable to perform its*  
27 *risk significant cooling function should be addressed through the FAQ process to determine if*  
28 *resulting unavailability should be included in UAI.*  
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