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Subject: Duke Energy Corporation
Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2
Docket Numbers 50-413 and 50-414
Proposed Technical Specifications (TS) Amendments
Revision to Steam Generator TS
TAC Nos. MB7842 and MB7843

References: Letters from Duke Energy Corporation to NRC,
dated February 25, 2003, June 9, 2003, and
July 30, 2003

The reference letters collectively constitute Duke Energy Corporation's submittal to date in response to the industry initiative known as the NEI Generic License Change Package (GLCP).

On May 14, 2004, representatives of the industry and NRC met to discuss the remaining unresolved technical issues associated with the GLCP. The most significant of these involved the wording of the Structural Integrity Performance Criterion (SIPC) and the results of the SIPC impact study conducted by the industry. The SIPC is being written into TS 5.5.9, Steam Generator (SG) Program. The second issue involved the definitions of tube "collapse" and "significant", which are being included in the new TS Bases B 3.4.18, Steam Generator (SG) Tube Integrity. The third issue involved the treatment of thermal loads. This letter constitutes Duke Energy Corporation's submittal of the revised license amendment request documentation as agreed to following the May 14, 2004 meeting.

As agreed upon between the industry and NRC, the final wording of the SIPC is as follows:

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"All inservice SG tubes shall retain structural integrity over the full range of normal operating conditions (including startup, operation in the power range, hot standby, and cooldown, and all anticipated transients included in the design specification) and design basis accidents. This includes retaining a safety factor of 3.0 against burst under normal steady state full power operation primary to secondary pressure differential and a safety factor of 1.4 against burst applied to the design basis accident primary to secondary pressure differentials. Apart from the above requirements, additional loading conditions associated with the design basis accidents, or combination of accidents in accordance with the design and licensing basis, shall also be evaluated to determine if the associated loads contribute significantly to burst or collapse. In the assessment of tube integrity, those loads that do significantly affect burst or collapse shall be determined and assessed in combination with the loads due to pressure with a safety factor of 1.2 on the combined primary loads and 1.0 on axial secondary loads."

In addition to the safety factors of 3.0 and 1.4, the SIPC requires further adjustments to ensure representative verification of tube integrity for various damage forms. The assessment of these additional conditions as defined in the design and licensing basis, assures that other loading conditions that can significantly contribute to tube burst or collapse are addressed. Such loads include loads associated with locked tube supports which could be postulated to develop in recirculating SG designs. The inclusion of these loads, when determined to affect tube burst or collapse conditions, shall have a safety factor as specified in the SIPC applied to the appropriate load value.

The definitions of "collapse" and "significant" are as follows:

"Collapse - For the load displacement curve for a given structure, collapse occurs at the top of the load versus displacement curve where the slope of the curve becomes zero."

"Significant - An accident loading condition other than differential pressure is considered significant when the addition of such loads in the assessment of structural integrity performance criterion causes a lower structural

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limit or limiting burst/collapse condition to be established."

Regarding the treatment of axial secondary loads, thermal loads will be evaluated as follows:

- For tube integrity evaluations, except for circumferential degradation, axial thermal loads are classified as secondary.
- For circumferential degradation, the classification of axial thermal loads as primary or secondary will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. The division between primary and secondary classifications will be based on detailed analysis and/or testing.

As previously indicated by the industry, the discussion concerning the treatment of thermal loads will be documented in an industry white paper on the subject.

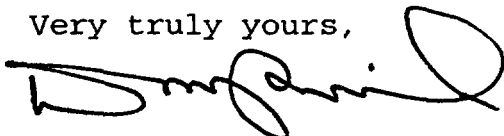
Some of the marked-up TS and Bases pages transmitted to the NRC via the reference letters have been superceded since their transmittal. Accordingly, the attachment to this letter contains all of the marked-up TS and Bases pages for all TS and Bases sections impacted by the GLCP. The marked-up pages are being resubmitted in their entirety for ease of NRC review. The corresponding reprinted TS and Bases pages will be provided to the NRC Project Manager when the NRC is ready to approve this amendment request package.

Duke Energy Corporation has concluded that the original No Significant Hazards Consideration Analysis and Environmental Analysis associated with these amendment requests continue to remain valid as a result of this supplemental submittal.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.91, a copy of this letter is being sent to the appropriate State of South Carolina official.

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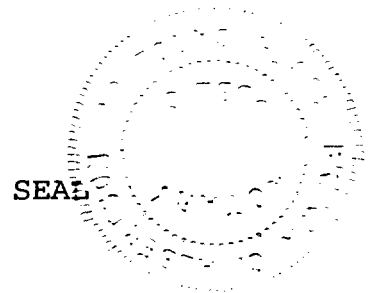
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assuming the number of RCS loops in operation is consistent with the Technical Specifications. The majority of the plant safety analyses are based on initial conditions at high core power or zero power. The primary coolant flowrate, and thus the number of RCPs in operation, is an important assumption in all accident analyses (Ref. 1).

Steady state DNB analysis has been performed for the four RCS loop operation. For four RCS loop operation, the steady state DNB analysis, which generates the pressure and temperature Safety Limit (SL) (i.e., the departure from nucleate boiling ratio (DNBR) limit) assumes a maximum power level of 118% RTP. This is the design overpower condition for four RCS loop operation. The DNBR limit defines a locus of pressure and temperature points that result in a minimum DNBR greater than or equal to the critical heat flux correlation limit.

The plant is designed to operate with all RCS loops in operation to maintain DNBR above the SL, during all normal operations and anticipated transients. By ensuring heat transfer in the nucleate boiling region, adequate heat transfer is provided between the fuel cladding and the reactor coolant.

RCS Loops—MODES 1 and 2 satisfy Criterion 2 of 10 CFR 50.36 (Ref. 2).

LCO

The purpose of this LCO is to require an adequate forced flow rate for core heat removal. Flow is represented by the number of RCPs in operation for removal of heat by the SGs. To meet safety analysis acceptance criteria for DNB, four pumps are required in MODES 1 and 2.

An OPERABLE RCS loop consists of an OPERABLE RCP in operation providing forced flow for heat transport and an OPERABLE SG in accordance with the Steam Generator Tube Surveillance Program.

APPLICABILITY

In MODES 1 and 2, the reactor is critical and thus has the potential to produce maximum THERMAL POWER. Thus, to ensure that the assumptions of the accident analyses remain valid, all RCS loops are required to be OPERABLE and in operation in these MODES to prevent DNB and core damage.

The decay heat production rate is much lower than the full power heat rate. As such, the forced circulation flow and heat sink requirements are reduced for lower, noncritical MODES as indicated by the LCOs for MODES 3, 4, and 5.

Operation in other MODES is covered by:

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Utilization of the Note is permitted provided the following conditions are met, along with any other conditions imposed by initial startup test procedures:

- a. No operations are permitted that would dilute the RCS boron concentration with coolant at boron concentration less than required to assure the SDM of LCO 3.1.1 and maintain $k_{eff} < 0.99$, thereby maintaining an adequate margin to criticality. Boron reduction with coolant at boron concentration less than required to assure SDM and maintain $k_{eff} < 0.99$, is prohibited because a uniform concentration distribution throughout the RCS cannot be ensured when in natural circulation; and
- b. Core outlet temperature is maintained at least 10°F below saturation temperature, so that no vapor bubble may form and possibly cause a natural circulation flow obstruction.

An OPERABLE RCS loop consists of one OPERABLE RCP and one OPERABLE SG in accordance with the Steam Generator Type Surveillance Program, which has the minimum water level specified in SR 3.4.5.2. An RCP is OPERABLE if it is capable of being powered and is able to provide forced flow if required.

APPLICABILITY

In MODE 3, this LCO ensures forced circulation of the reactor coolant to remove decay heat from the core and to provide proper boron mixing. The most stringent condition of the LCO, that is, three RCS loops OPERABLE and three RCS loops in operation, applies to MODE 3 with RTBs in the closed position. The least stringent condition, that is, three RCS loops OPERABLE and one RCS loop in operation, applies to MODE 3 with the RTBs open.

Operation in other MODES is covered by:

- LCO 3.4.4, "RCS Loops—MODES 1 and 2";
- LCO 3.4.6, "RCS Loops—MODE 4";
- LCO 3.4.7, "RCS Loops—MODE 5, Loops Filled";
- LCO 3.4.8, "RCS Loops—MODE 5, Loops Not Filled";
- LCO 3.4.17, "RCS Loops—Test Exceptions";
- LCO 3.9.4, "Residual Heat Removal (RHR) and Coolant Circulation—High Water Level" (MODE 6); and
- LCO 3.9.5, "Residual Heat Removal (RHR) and Coolant Circulation—Low Water Level" (MODE 6).

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performed during the startup testing program is the validation of rod drop times during cold conditions, both with and without flow. The no flow test may be performed in MODE 3, 4, or 5 and requires that the pumps be stopped for a short period of time. The Note permits the de-energizing of the pumps in order to perform this test and validate the assumed analysis values. If changes are made to the RCS that would cause a change to the flow characteristics of the RCS, the input values must be revalidated by conducting the test again. The 1 hour time period is adequate to perform the test, and operating experience has shown that boron stratification is not a problem during this short period with no forced flow.

Utilization of Note 1 is permitted provided the following conditions are met along with any other conditions imposed by initial startup test procedures:

- a. No operations are permitted that would dilute the RCS boron concentration with coolant with boron concentrations less than required to meet SDM of LCO 3.1.1 and maintain $k_{\text{eff}} < 0.99$, therefore maintaining an adequate margin to criticality. Boron reduction with coolant at boron concentrations less than required to assure SDM and maintain $k_{\text{eff}} < 0.99$ is prohibited because a uniform concentration distribution throughout the RCS cannot be ensured when in natural circulation; and
- b. Core outlet temperature is maintained at least 10°F below saturation temperature, so that no vapor bubble may form and possibly cause a natural circulation flow obstruction.

Note 2 requires that the secondary side water temperature of each SG be $\leq 50^\circ\text{F}$ above each of the RCS cold leg temperatures before the start of an RCP with any RCS cold leg temperature $\leq 210^\circ\text{F}$. This restraint is to prevent a low temperature overpressure event due to a thermal transient when an RCP is started.

An OPERABLE RCS loop comprises an OPERABLE RCP and an OPERABLE SG in accordance with the Steam Generator Tube Surveillance Program, which has the minimum water level specified in SR 3.4.6.2. The water level is maintained by an OPERABLE AFW train in accordance with LCO 3.7.5, "Auxiliary Feedwater System."

Similarly for the RHR System, an OPERABLE RHR loop comprises an OPERABLE RHR pump capable of providing forced flow to an OPERABLE RHR heat exchanger. RCPs and RHR pumps are OPERABLE if they are capable of being powered and are able to provide forced flow if required.

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reactor coolant pump (RCP) with an RCS cold leg temperature $\leq 210^{\circ}\text{F}$. This restriction is to prevent a low temperature overpressure event due to a thermal transient when an RCP is started.

Note 4 provides for an orderly transition from MODE 5 to MODE 4 during a planned heatup by permitting removal of RHR loops from operation when at least one RCS loop is in operation. This Note provides for the transition to MODE 4 where an RCS loop is permitted to be in operation and replaces the RCS circulation function provided by the RHR loops.

An OPERABLE RHR loop is comprised of an OPERABLE RHR pump capable of providing forced flow to an OPERABLE RHR heat exchanger. If not in its normal RHR alignment from the RCS hot leg and returning to the RCS cold legs, the required RHR loop is OPERABLE provided the system may be placed in service from the control room, or may be placed in service in a short period of time by actions outside the control room and there are no restraints to placing the equipment in service. RHR pumps are OPERABLE if they are capable of being powered and are able to provide flow if required. An OPERABLE SG can perform as a heat sink when it has an adequate water level and is OPERABLE in accordance with the Steam Generator Tube Surveillance Program.

APPLICABILITY

In MODE 5 with RCS loops filled, this LCO requires forced circulation of the reactor coolant to remove decay heat from the core and to provide proper boron mixing. One loop of RHR provides sufficient circulation for these purposes. However, one additional RHR loop is required to be OPERABLE, or the secondary side narrow range water level of at least two SGs is required to be $\geq 12\%$.

Operation in other MODES is covered by:

- LCO 3.4.4, "RCS Loops—MODES 1 and 2";
- LCO 3.4.5, "RCS Loops—MODE 3";
- LCO 3.4.6, "RCS Loops—MODE 4";
- LCO 3.4.8, "RCS Loops—MODE 5, Loops Not Filled";
- LCO 3.4.17 "RCS Loops—Test Exceptions";
- LCO 3.9.4, "Residual Heat Removal (RHR) and Coolant Circulation—High Water Level" (MODE 6); and
- LCO 3.9.5, "Residual Heat Removal (RHR) and Coolant Circulation—Low Water Level" (MODE 6).

3.4 REACTOR COOLANT SYSTEM (RCS)

3.4.13 RCS Operational LEAKAGE

LCO 3.4.13 RCS operational LEAKAGE shall be limited to:

- a. No pressure boundary LEAKAGE;
- b. 1 gpm unidentified LEAKAGE;
- c. 10 gpm identified LEAKAGE; and
- d. 576 gallons per day total primary to secondary LEAKAGE through all steam generators (SGs); and
- d. ~~e.~~ 150 gallons per day primary to secondary LEAKAGE through any one ~~SG~~ steam generator (SG)

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

ACTIONS

CONDITION	REQUIRED ACTION	COMPLETION TIME
<p><u>operational</u> A. RCS LEAKAGE not within limits for reasons other than pressure boundary LEAKAGE.</p> <p><u>or primary to secondary LEAKAGE</u></p>	A.1 Reduce LEAKAGE to within limits.	4 hours
<p>B. Required Action and associated Completion Time of Condition A not met.</p> <p><u>OR</u></p> <p>Pressure boundary LEAKAGE exists.</p>	<p>B.1 Be in MODE 3.</p> <p><u>AND</u></p> <p>B.2 Be in MODE 5.</p>	<p>6 hours</p> <p>36 hours</p>

OR
Primary to secondary LEAKAGE not within limits.

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

SURVEILLANCE	FREQUENCY
<p>SR 3.4.13.1 NOTE^S</p> <p><i>after establishment</i> (1) Not required to be performed in <u>MODE 3/or 4</u> until 12 hours of steady state operation.</p> <p><u>2. Not applicable to primary to secondary LEAKAGE.</u></p> <p>Verify RCS Operational LEAKAGE within limits by performance of RCS water inventory balance.</p>	<p>-----NOTE-----</p> <p>Only required to be performed during steady state operation</p> <p>-----</p> <p>72 hours</p>
<p>SR 3.4.13.2 <u>Verify steam generator tube integrity is in accordance with the Steam Generator Tube Surveillance Program.</u></p>	<p><u>In accordance with the Steam Generator Tube Surveillance Program</u></p>

----- NOTE -----

Not required to be performed until 12 hours after establishment of steady state operation.

Verify primary to secondary LEAKAGE is \leq 150 gallons per day through any one SG.

----- NOTE -----

Only required to be performed during steady state operation

72 hours

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B 3.4 REACTOR COOLANT SYSTEM (RCS)

B 3.4.13 RCS Operational LEAKAGE

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BACKGROUND

Components that contain or transport the coolant to or from the reactor core make up the RCS. Component joints are made by welding, bolting, rolling, or pressure loading, and valves isolate connecting systems from the RCS.

During plant life, the joint and valve interfaces can produce varying amounts of reactor coolant LEAKAGE, through either normal operational wear or mechanical deterioration. The purpose of the RCS Operational LEAKAGE LCO is to limit system operation in the presence of LEAKAGE from these sources to amounts that do not compromise safety. This LCO specifies the types and amounts of LEAKAGE.

10 CFR 50, Appendix A, GDC 30 (Ref. 1), requires means for detecting and, to the extent practical, identifying the source of reactor coolant LEAKAGE. Regulatory Guide 1.45 (Ref. 2) describes acceptable methods for selecting leakage detection systems.

The safety significance of RCS LEAKAGE varies widely depending on its source, rate, and duration. Therefore, detecting and monitoring reactor coolant LEAKAGE into the containment area is necessary. Quickly separating the identified LEAKAGE from the unidentified LEAKAGE is necessary to provide quantitative information to the operators, allowing them to take corrective action should a leak occur that is detrimental to the safety of the facility and the public.

A limited amount of leakage inside containment is expected from auxiliary systems that cannot be made 100% leaktight. Leakage from these systems should be detected, located, and isolated from the containment atmosphere, if possible, to not interfere with RCS leakage detection.

This LCO deals with protection of the reactor coolant pressure boundary (RCPB) from degradation and the core from inadequate cooling, in addition to preventing the accident analyses radiation release assumptions from being exceeded. The consequences of violating this LCO include the possibility of a loss of coolant accident (LOCA).

APPLICABLE

SAFETY ANALYSES

Except for primary to secondary LEAKAGE, the safety analyses do not address operational LEAKAGE. However, other operational LEAKAGE is related to the safety analyses for LOCA; the amount of leakage can affect the probability of such an event.

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The safety analysis (Ref. 3) for an event resulting in steam discharge to the atmosphere assumes a 576/gpd primary to/secondary leakage as the initial condition (limited to 150 gpd per SG). Any event in which the reactor coolant system will continue to leak water inventory to the secondary side, and in which there will be a postulated source term associated with the accident, utilizes this leakage value as an input in the analysis. These accidents include the rod ejection accident, locked rotor accident, main steam line break, steam generator tube rupture and uncontrolled rod withdrawal accident. The rod ejection accident, locked rotor accident and uncontrolled rod withdrawal accident yield a source term due to postulated fuel failure as a result of the accident. The main steam line break and the steam generator tube rupture yield a source term due to perforations in fuel pins causing an iodine spike. Primary to secondary side leakage may escape the secondary side due to flashing or atomization of the coolant, or it may mix with the secondary side SG water inventory and be released due to steaming of the SGs. The rod ejection accident is limiting compared to the remainder of the accidents with respect to dose results. The dose results for each of the accidents delineated above are well within 10 CFR 100 limits for the rod ejection accident, and below a small fraction of 10 CFR 100 limits for the remainder of the accidents.

The RCS operational LEAKAGE satisfies Criterion 2 of 10 CFR 50.36 (Ref. 4).

LCO

RCS operational LEAKAGE shall be limited to:

a. Pressure Boundary LEAKAGE

No pressure boundary LEAKAGE is allowed, being indicative of material deterioration. LEAKAGE of this type is unacceptable as the leak itself could cause further deterioration, resulting in higher LEAKAGE.

Violation of this LCO could result in continued degradation of the RCPB. LEAKAGE past seals and gaskets is not pressure boundary LEAKAGE.

b. Unidentified LEAKAGE

One gallon per minute (gpm) of unidentified LEAKAGE is allowed as a reasonable minimum detectable amount that the containment air monitoring and containment sump level monitoring equipment

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that primary to secondary LEAKAGE from each steam generator (SG) is 150 gallons per day

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can detect within a reasonable time period. Violation of this LCO could result in continued degradation of the RCPB, if the LEAKAGE is from the pressure boundary.

c. Identified LEAKAGE

Up to 10 gpm of identified LEAKAGE is considered allowable because LEAKAGE is from known sources that do not interfere with detection of unidentified or total LEAKAGE and is well within the capability of the RCS Makeup System. Identified LEAKAGE includes LEAKAGE captured by the pressurizer relief tank and reactor coolant drain tank, as well as quantified LEAKAGE to the containment from specifically known and located sources, but does not include pressure boundary LEAKAGE or controlled reactor coolant pump (RCP) seal leakoff (a normal function not considered LEAKAGE). Violation of this LCO could result in continued degradation of a component or system.

d. Primary to Secondary LEAKAGE through All Steam Generators (SGs)

Total primary to secondary LEAKAGE amounting to 576 gpd through all SGs produces acceptable offsite doses in the accident analysis. Violation of this LCO could exceed the offsite dose limits for the previously described accidents. Primary to secondary LEAKAGE must be included in the total allowable limit for identified LEAKAGE.

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Primary to Secondary LEAKAGE through Any One SG

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The 150 gallons per day limit on one SG is based on the assumption that a single crack leaking this amount would not propagate to a SGTR under the stress conditions of a LOCA or a main steam line rupture. If leaked through many cracks, the cracks are very small, and the above assumption is conservative.

APPLICABILITY

In MODES 1, 2, 3, and 4, the potential for RCPB LEAKAGE is greatest when the RCS is pressurized.

In MODES 5 and 6, LEAKAGE limits are not required because the reactor coolant pressure is far lower, resulting in lower stresses and reduced potentials for LEAKAGE.

INSERT B for B 3.4.13 LCO:

The limit of 150 gallons per day per SG is based on the operational LEAKAGE performance criterion in NEI 97-06, "Steam Generator Program Guidelines" (Ref. 6). The Steam Generator Program operational LEAKAGE performance criterion in NEI 97-06 states: "The RCS operational primary to secondary leakage through any one SG shall be limited to 150 gallons per day."

The primary to secondary LEAKAGE measurement is based on the methodology described in Ref. 5. Currently, a correction factor is applied to account for the fact that current safety analyses take the primary to secondary leak rate at reactor coolant conditions, rather than at room temperature as described in Ref. 5.

The operational LEAKAGE rate limit applies to LEAKAGE in any one SG. If it is not practical to assign the LEAKAGE to an individual SG, all the LEAKAGE should be conservatively assumed to be from one SG.

The limit in this criterion is based on operating experience gained from SG tube degradation mechanisms that result in tube LEAKAGE. The operational LEAKAGE rate criterion in conjunction with implementation of the Steam Generator Program is an effective measure for minimizing the frequency of SG tube ruptures.

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APPLICABILITY (continued)

LCO 3.4.14, "RCS Pressure Isolation Valve (PIV) Leakage," measures leakage through each individual PIV and can impact this LCO. Of the two PIVs in series in each isolated line, leakage measured through one PIV does not result in RCS LEAKAGE when the other is leak tight. If both valves leak and result in a loss of mass from the RCS, the loss must be included in the allowable unidentified LEAKAGE.

ACTIONS

A.1

Unidentified LEAKAGE, identified LEAKAGE, ^{or} ~~or primary to secondary~~ LEAKAGE in excess of the LCO limits must be reduced to within limits within 4 hours. This Completion Time allows time to verify leakage rates and either identify unidentified LEAKAGE or reduce LEAKAGE to within limits before the reactor must be shut down. This action is necessary to prevent further deterioration of the RCPB.

or if primary to secondary LEAKAGE is not within limit.

B.1 and B.2

If any pressure boundary LEAKAGE exists, or if unidentified LEAKAGE, identified LEAKAGE, ~~or primary to secondary~~ LEAKAGE cannot be reduced to within limits within 4 hours, the reactor must be brought to lower pressure conditions to reduce the severity of the LEAKAGE and its potential consequences. It should be noted that LEAKAGE past seals and gaskets is not pressure boundary LEAKAGE. The reactor must be brought to MODE 3 within 6 hours and MODE 5 within 36 hours. This action reduces the LEAKAGE and also reduces the factors that tend to degrade the pressure boundary.

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. In MODE 5, the pressure stresses acting on the RCPB are much lower, and further deterioration is much less likely.

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REQUIREMENTS**

SR 3.4.13.1

Verifying RCS LEAKAGE to be within the LCO limits ensures the integrity of the RCPB is maintained. Pressure boundary LEAKAGE would at first appear as unidentified LEAKAGE and can only be positively identified by inspection. It should be noted that LEAKAGE past seals and gaskets is not pressure boundary LEAKAGE. Unidentified LEAKAGE and identified

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SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS (continued)

LEAKAGE are determined by performance of an RCS water inventory balance. Primary to secondary LEAKAGE is also measured by performance of an RCS water inventory balance in conjunction with effluent monitoring within the secondary steam and feedwater systems. For this SR, the volumetric calculation of unidentified LEAKAGE and identified LEAKAGE is based on a density at room temperature of 77 degrees F. The volumetric calculation of primary to secondary LEAKAGE is based on a density at operating RCS temperature of 535 degrees F.

In order to provide enhanced assurance that the primary to secondary LEAKAGE limit of LCO 3.4.13 is met in MODE 1, a continuous calculation is performed via an Operator Aid Computer program that utilizes the ratio of primary and secondary system activities to determine a LEAKAGE rate. This verification methodology is based on guidance contained in Ref. 5. In addition, on a monthly basis, primary to secondary LEAKAGE is determined based on grab samples.

The surveillance is modified by two Notes.

Note 1 indicates that

The RCS water inventory balance must be performed with the reactor at steady state operating conditions and near operating pressure. Therefore, this SR is not required to be completed in MODES 3 and 4 until 12 hours of steady state operation near operating pressure have been established.

Steady state operation is required to perform a proper inventory balance; calculations during maneuvering are not useful and Note requires the Surveillance to be met when steady state is established. For RCS operational LEAKAGE determination by water inventory balance, steady state is defined as stable RCS pressure, temperature, power level, pressurizer and makeup tank levels, makeup and letdown, and RCP seal injection and return flows.

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An early warning of pressure boundary LEAKAGE or unidentified LEAKAGE is provided by the automatic systems that monitor the containment atmosphere radioactivity and the containment sump level. It should be noted that LEAKAGE past seals and gaskets is not pressure boundary LEAKAGE. These leakage detection systems are specified in LCO 3.4.15, "RCS Leakage Detection Instrumentation."

and reduction of potential consequences

The 72 hour Frequency is a reasonable interval to trend LEAKAGE and recognizes the importance of early leakage detection in the prevention of accidents! A Note under the Frequency column states that this SR is required to be performed during steady state operation.

only

INSERT C for B 3.4.13 Surveillance Requirements:

Note 2 states that this SR is not applicable to primary to secondary LEAKAGE because LEAKAGE of 150 gallons per day or lower cannot be measured accurately by an RCS water inventory balance.

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SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS (continued)

SR 3.4.13.2

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This SR provides the means necessary to determine SG OPERABILITY in an operational MODE. The requirement to demonstrate SG tube integrity in accordance with the Steam Generator Tube Surveillance Program emphasizes the importance of SG tube integrity, even though this Surveillance cannot be performed at normal operating conditions.

REFERENCES

1. 10 CFR 50, Appendix A, GDC 30.
2. Regulatory Guide 1.45, May 1973.
3. UFSAR, Section 15.
4. 10 CFR 50.36, Technical Specifications, (c)(2)(ii).
5. EPRI TR-104788-R2, "PWR Primary-to-Secondary Leak Guidelines," Revision 2.

6. NEI 97-06, "Steam Generator Program Guidelines."

INSERT D for B 3.4.13 Surveillance Requirements:

This SR verifies that primary to secondary LEAKAGE is less than or equal to 150 gallons per day through any one SG. Satisfying the primary to secondary LEAKAGE limit ensures that the operational LEAKAGE performance criterion in the Steam Generator Program is met. If this SR is not met, compliance with LCO 3.4.18, "Steam Generator (SG) Tube Integrity," should be evaluated. The 150 gallons per day limit is based on measurements taken at room temperature, with a correction factor applied to account for the fact that current safety analyses take the primary to secondary leak rate at reactor coolant conditions, rather than at room temperature.

The Surveillance is modified by a Note which states that this SR is not required to be completed until 12 hours of steady state operation near operating pressure have been established. During normal operation the primary to secondary LEAKAGE is determined using continuous process radiation monitors or radiochemical grab sampling.

The 72 hour Frequency is a reasonable interval to trend primary to secondary LEAKAGE and recognizes the importance of early leakage detection in the prevention of accidents and reduction of potential consequences. A Note under the Frequency column states that this SR is only required to be performed during steady state operation.

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3.4 REACTOR COOLANT SYSTEM (RCS)

3.4.18 Steam Generator (SG) Tube Integrity

LCO 3.4.18 SG tube integrity shall be maintained.

AND

All SG tubes satisfying the tube repair criteria shall be plugged in accordance with the Steam Generator Program.

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

ACTIONS

-----NOTE-----
Separate Condition entry is allowed for each SG tube.

CONDITION	REQUIRED ACTION	COMPLETION TIME
A. One or more SG tubes satisfying the tube repair criteria and not plugged in accordance with the Steam Generator Program.	A.1 Verify tube integrity of the affected tube(s) is maintained until the next inspection.	7 days Prior to entering MODE 4 following the next refueling outage or SG tube inspection
	<u>AND</u> A.2 Plug the affected tube(s) in accordance with the Steam Generator Program.	

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ACTIONS (continued)

CONDITION	REQUIRED ACTION	COMPLETION TIME
<p>B. Required Action and associated Completion Time of Condition A not met.</p> <p><u>OR</u></p> <p>SG tube integrity not maintained.</p>	<p>B.1 Be in MODE 3.</p> <p><u>AND</u></p>	6 hours
	<p>B.2 Be in MODE 5.</p>	36 hours

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SURVEILLANCE	FREQUENCY
<p>SR 3.4.18.1 Verify SG tube integrity in accordance with the Steam Generator Program.</p>	<p>In accordance with the Steam Generator Program</p>
<p>SR 3.4.18.2 Verify that each inspected SG tube that satisfies the tube repair criteria is plugged in accordance with the Steam Generator Program.</p>	<p>Prior to entering MODE 4 following a SG tube inspection</p>

B 3.4 REACTOR COOLANT SYSTEM (RCS)

B 3.4.18 Steam Generator (SG) Tube Integrity

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BACKGROUND

SG tubes are small diameter, thin walled tubes that carry primary coolant through the primary to secondary heat exchangers. The SG tubes have a number of important safety functions. SG tubes are an integral part of the reactor coolant pressure boundary (RCPB) and, as such, are relied upon to maintain the primary system's pressure and inventory. The SG tubes isolate the radioactive fission products in the primary coolant from the secondary system. In addition, as part of the RCPB, the SG tubes are unique in that they act as the heat transfer surface between the primary and secondary systems to remove heat from the primary system. This Specification addresses only the RCPB integrity function of the SG. The SG heat removal function is addressed by LCO 3.4.4, "RCS Loops – MODES 1 and 2," LCO 3.4.5, "RCS Loops – MODE 3," LCO 3.4.6, "RCS Loops – MODE 4," and LCO 3.4.7, "RCS Loops – MODE 5, Loops Filled."

SG tube integrity means that the tubes are capable of performing their intended safety functions consistent with their licensing basis, including applicable regulatory requirements.

SG tubing is subject to a variety of degradation mechanisms. SG tubes may experience degradation related to corrosion phenomena, such as wastage, pitting, intergranular attack, and stress corrosion cracking, along with other mechanically induced phenomena such as denting and wear. These degradation mechanisms can impair tube integrity if they are not managed effectively. The SG performance criteria are used to manage SG tube degradation.

Specification 5.5.9, "Steam Generator (SG) Program," requires that a program be established and implemented to ensure that SG tube integrity is maintained. Pursuant to Specification 5.5.9, tube integrity is maintained when the SG performance criteria are met. There are three SG performance criteria: structural integrity, accident induced leakage, and operational LEAKAGE. The SG performance criteria are described in Specification 5.5.9. Meeting the SG performance criteria provides reasonable assurance of maintaining tube integrity at normal and accident conditions.

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BACKGROUND (continued)

The processes used to meet the SG performance criteria are defined by the Steam Generator Program Guidelines (Ref. 1).

APPLICABLE SAFETY ANALYSES

The design basis accidents for which the primary to secondary LEAKAGE is a pathway for release of activity to the environment include the main steam line break, SG tube rupture, reactor coolant pump locked rotor accident, single rod withdrawal accident, and rod ejection accident. The analysis of radiological consequences of these design basis accidents, except for a SG tube rupture, assumes that the total primary to secondary LEAKAGE from each SG initially is 150 gallons per day. Transient thermal hydraulic analyses of these design basis accidents determine the primary to secondary LEAKAGE changes (decreases or increases) that result from changing pressures and temperatures. These calculated values are used in the analyses of radiological consequences of these design basis accidents.

The source term in the primary coolant for some design basis accidents (e.g., reactor coolant pump locked rotor accident and rod ejection accident) is associated primarily with fuel rods calculated to be breached. For other design basis accidents (e.g., main steam line break and SG tube rupture), the source term in the primary coolant consists primarily of the levels of DOSE EQUIVALENT I-131 radioactivity levels calculated for the design basis accident. This, in turn, is based on the limiting values in the Technical Specifications and postulated iodine spikes.

For accidents in which the source term in the primary coolant consists of the DOSE EQUIVALENT I-131 activity levels, the SG tube rupture yields the limiting values for radiation doses at offsite locations. In the calculation of radiation doses following this event, the rate of primary to secondary LEAKAGE in the intact SGs is set equal to the operational LEAKAGE rate limits in LCO 3.4.13, "RCS Operational LEAKAGE." For the ruptured SG, a double ended rupture of a single tube is assumed. Following the initiating event, contaminants in flashed and atomized break flow (the latter computed for time spans during which the tubes are calculated to be uncovered), as well as secondary coolant, may be released to the atmosphere. Before reactor trip, the accident analysis for the SG tube rupture assumes that these contaminants are released to the condenser and from there to the environment with credit taken for scrubbing of iodine contaminants in the condenser. Following reactor trip (and loss of offsite power), the accident analysis assumes that these contaminants are released to the environment through the SG power operated relief valves

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APPLICABLE SAFETY ANALYSES (continued)

and the main steam code safety valves until such time as the closure of these valves can be credited.

For other design basis accidents such as main steam line break, rod ejection accident, reactor coolant pump locked rotor accident, and uncontrolled rod withdrawal accident, the tubes are assumed to retain their structural integrity (i.e., they are assumed not to rupture). The LEAKAGE is assumed to be initially at the limit given in LCO 3.4.13.

The three SG performance criteria and the limits included in LCO 3.4.16, "RCS Specific Activity," for DOSE EQUIVALENT I-131 in primary coolant, and in LCO 3.7.17, "Secondary Specific Activity," for DOSE EQUIVALENT I-131 in secondary coolant, ensure the plant is operated within its analyzed condition. The dose consequences resulting from the most limiting design basis accident are within the limits defined in GDC 19 (Ref. 2), 10 CFR 100 (Ref. 3), or the NRC approved licensing basis (e.g., a small fraction of these limits or 10 CFR 50.67 (Ref. 4)).

SG Tube Integrity satisfies Criterion 2 of 10 CFR 50.36(c)(2)(ii).

LCO

The LCO requires that SG tube integrity be maintained. The LCO also requires that all SG tubes that satisfy the repair criteria be plugged in accordance with the Steam Generator Program.

During a SG inspection, any inspected tube that satisfies the Steam Generator Program repair criteria is removed from service by plugging. If a tube was determined to satisfy the repair criteria but was not plugged, the tube may still have tube integrity.

In the context of this Specification, a SG tube is defined as the entire length of the tube, including the tube wall and any repairs made to it, between the tube-to-tubesheet weld at the tube inlet and the tube-to-tubesheet weld at the tube outlet. The tube-to-tubesheet weld is not considered part of the tube.

A SG tube has tube integrity when it satisfies the SG performance criteria. The SG performance criteria are defined in Specification 5.5.9, "Steam Generator (SG) Program," and describe acceptable SG tube performance. The Steam Generator Program also provides the evaluation process for determining conformance with the SG performance criteria.

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LCO (continued)

There are three SG performance criteria: structural integrity, accident induced leakage, and operational LEAKAGE. Failure to meet any one of these criteria is considered failure to meet the LCO.

The structural integrity performance criterion provides a margin of safety against tube burst under normal and accident conditions, and ensures structural integrity of the SG tubes under all anticipated transients included in the design specification. Structural integrity requires that the primary membrane stress intensity in a tube not exceed the yield strength for all ASME Code, Section III, Service Level A (normal operating conditions) and Service Level B (upset or abnormal conditions) transients included in the design specification. This includes safety factors and applicable design basis loads based on ASME Code, Section III, Subsection NB (Ref. 5) and Draft Regulatory Guide 1.121 (Ref. 6). Tube burst is defined as, "The gross structural failure of the tube wall. The condition typically corresponds to an unstable opening displacement (e.g., opening area increased in response to constant pressure) accompanied by ductile (plastic) tearing of the tube material at the ends of the degradation." Tube collapse is defined as, "For the load displacement curve for a given structure, collapse occurs at the top of the load versus displacement curve where the slope of the curve becomes zero." Significant is defined as, "An accident loading condition other than differential pressure is considered significant when the addition of such loads in the assessment of structural integrity performance criterion causes a lower structural limit or limiting burst/collapse condition to be established."

The accident induced leakage performance criterion ensures that the primary to secondary LEAKAGE caused by a design basis accident, other than a SG tube rupture, is within the accident analysis assumptions. The accident analysis assumes that accident induced leakage does not exceed 150 gallons per day through each SG for a total of 600 gallons per day through all SGs. The accident induced leakage rate includes any primary to secondary LEAKAGE existing prior to the accident in addition to primary to secondary LEAKAGE induced during the accident.

The operational LEAKAGE performance criterion provides an observable indication of SG tube conditions during plant operation. The limit on operational LEAKAGE is contained in LCO 3.4.13, "RCS Operational LEAKAGE," and limits primary to secondary LEAKAGE through any one SG to 150 gallons per day. This limit is based on the assumption that a single crack leaking

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LCO (continued)

this amount would not propagate to a SG tube rupture under the stress conditions of a loss of coolant accident or a main steam line break. If this amount of LEAKAGE is due to more than one crack, the cracks are very small, and the above assumption is conservative.

APPLICABILITY

SG tube integrity is challenged when the pressure differential across the tubes is large. Large differential pressures across SG tubes can only be experienced in MODES 1, 2, 3, and 4.

RCS conditions are far less challenging in MODES 5 and 6 than during MODES 1, 2, 3, and 4. In MODES 5 and 6, primary to secondary differential pressure is low, resulting in lower stresses and reduced potential for LEAKAGE.

ACTIONS

The ACTIONS are modified by a Note clarifying that the Conditions may be entered independently for each SG tube. This is acceptable because the Required Actions provide appropriate compensatory actions for each affected SG tube. Complying with the Required Actions may allow for continued operation, and subsequent affected SG tubes are governed by subsequent Condition entry and application of associated Required Actions.

A.1 and A.2

Condition A applies if it is discovered that one or more SG tubes examined in an inservice inspection satisfy the tube repair criteria but were not plugged in accordance with the Steam Generator Program as required by SR 3.4.18.2. An evaluation of SG tube integrity of the affected tube(s) must be made. SG tube integrity is based on meeting the SG performance criteria described in the Steam Generator Program. The SG repair criteria define limits on SG tube degradation that allow for flaw growth between inspections while still providing assurance that the SG performance criteria will continue to be met. In order to determine if a SG tube that should have been plugged has tube integrity, an evaluation must be completed that demonstrates that the SG performance criteria will continue to be met until the next SG tube inspection. The tube integrity determination is based on the estimated condition of the tube at the time the situation is discovered and the estimated growth of the degradation prior to the next SG tube inspection. If it is determined that tube integrity is not being maintained, Condition B applies.

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A Completion Time of 7 days is sufficient to complete the evaluation while minimizing the risk of plant operation with a SG tube that may not have tube integrity.

If the evaluation determines that the affected tube(s) have tube integrity, Required Action A.2 allows plant operation to continue until the next outage provided the inspection interval continues to be supported by an operational assessment that reflects the affected tubes. However, the affected tube(s) must be plugged prior to entering MODE 4 following the next refueling outage or SG tube inspection. This Completion Time is acceptable since operation until the next inspection is supported by the operational assessment.

B.1 and B.2

If the Required Actions and associated Completion Times of Condition A are not met or if SG tube integrity is not being maintained, the reactor must be brought to MODE 3 within 6 hours and MODE 5 within 36 hours.

The allowed Completion Times are reasonable, based on operating experience, to reach the desired plant conditions from full power conditions in an orderly manner and without challenging plant systems.

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During shutdown periods the SGs are inspected as required by this SR and the Steam Generator Program. NEI 97-06, Steam Generator Program Guidelines (Ref. 1), and its referenced EPRI Guidelines, establish the content of the Steam Generator Program. Use of the Steam Generator Program ensures that the inspection is appropriate and consistent with accepted industry practices.

During SG inspections a condition monitoring assessment of the SG tubes is performed. The condition monitoring assessment determines the "as found" condition of the SG tubes. The purpose of the condition monitoring assessment is to ensure that the SG performance criteria have been met for the previous operating period.

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SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS (continued)

The Steam Generator Program determines the scope of the inspection and the methods used to determine whether the tubes contain flaws satisfying the tube repair criteria. Inspection scope (i.e., which tubes or areas of tubing within the SG are to be inspected) is a function of existing and potential degradation locations. The Steam Generator Program also specifies the inspection methods to be used to find potential degradation. Inspection methods are a function of degradation morphology, non-destructive examination (NDE) technique capabilities, and inspection locations.

The Steam Generator Program defines the Frequency of SR 3.4.18.1. The Frequency is determined in part by the operational assessment and other limits in the Steam Generator Examination Guidelines (Ref. 7). The Steam Generator Program uses information on existing degradations and growth rates to determine an inspection Frequency that provides reasonable assurance that the tubing will meet the SG performance criteria at the next scheduled inspection. In addition, Specification 5.5.9 contains prescriptive requirements concerning inspection intervals to provide added assurance that the SG performance criteria will be met between scheduled inspections.

SR 3.4.18.2

During a SG inspection, any inspected tube that satisfies the Steam Generator Program repair criteria is removed from service by plugging. The tube repair criteria delineated in Specification 5.5.9 are intended to ensure that tubes accepted for continued service satisfy the SG performance criteria with allowance for error in the flaw size measurement and for future flaw growth. In addition, the tube repair criteria, in conjunction with other elements of the Steam Generator Program, ensure that the SG performance criteria will continue to be met until the next inspection of the subject tube(s). Ref. 1 and Ref. 7 provide guidance for performing operational assessments to verify that the tubes remaining in service will continue to meet the SG performance criteria.

The Frequency of prior to entering MODE 4 following a SG tube inspection ensures that the Surveillance has been completed and all tubes satisfying the repair criteria are plugged prior to subjecting the SG tubes to significant primary to secondary pressure differential.

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REFERENCES

1. NEI 97-06, "Steam Generator Program Guidelines."
2. 10 CFR 50 Appendix A, GDC 19.
3. 10 CFR 100.
4. 10 CFR 50.67.
5. ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section III, Subsection NB.
6. Draft Regulatory Guide 1.121, "Basis for Plugging Degraded Steam Generator Tubes," August 1976.
7. EPRI TR-107569, "Pressurized Water Reactor Steam Generator Examination Guidelines."

5.5 Programs and Manuals (continued)

5.5.8 Inservice Testing Program

This program provides controls for inservice testing of ASME Code Class 1, 2, and 3 components including applicable supports. The program shall include the following:

- a. Testing frequencies specified in Section XI of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code and applicable Addenda as follows:

ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code and applicable Addenda terminology for inservice testing activities	Required Frequencies for performing inservice testing activities
Weekly	At least once per 7 days
Monthly	At least once per 31 days
Quarterly or every 3 months	At least once per 92 days
Semiannually or every 6 months	At least once per 184 days
Every 9 months	At least once per 276 days
Yearly or annually	At least once per 366 days
Biennially or every 2 years	At least once per 731 days

- b. The provisions of SR 3.0.2 are applicable to the above required Frequencies for performing inservice testing activities;
- c. The provisions of SR 3.0.3 are applicable to inservice testing activities; and
- d. Nothing in the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code shall be construed to supersede the requirements of any TS.

5.5.9 Steam Generator (SG) ~~(Tube Surveillance)~~ Program

This program provides controls for the inservice inspection of steam generator tubes to ensure that the structural integrity of this portion of the RCS is maintained. The program for inservice inspection of steam generator tubes is based on a modification of Regulatory Guide 1.83, Revision 1. The program shall include:

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5.5 Programs and Manuals (continued)

5.5.9.1 Steam Generator Sample Selection and Inspection

Each steam generator shall be determined OPERABLE during shutdown by selecting and inspecting at least the minimum of steam generators specified in Table 5.5-1.

5.5.9.2 Steam Generator Tube Sample Selection and Inspection

The steam generator tube minimum sample size, inspection result classification, and the corresponding action required shall be as specified in Table 5.5-2. The inservice inspection of steam generator tubes shall be performed at the frequencies specified in Specification 5.5.9.3 and the inspected tubes shall be verified acceptable per the acceptance criteria of Specification 5.5.9.4. The tubes selected for each inservice inspection shall include at least 3% of the total number of tubes in all steam generators; the tubes selected for these inspections shall be selected on a random basis except:

- a. Where experience in similar plants with similar water chemistry indicates critical areas to be inspected, then at least 50% of the tubes inspected shall be from these critical areas;
- b. The first sample of tubes selected for each inservice inspection (subsequent to the preservice inspection) of each steam generator shall include:
 1. All nonplugged tubes that previously had detectable wall penetrations (greater than 20%),
 2. Tubes in those areas where experience has indicated potential problems, and
 3. A tube inspection (pursuant to Specification 5.5.9.4.a.8) shall be performed on each selected tube. If any selected tube does not permit the passage of the eddy current probe for a tube inspection, this shall be recorded and an adjacent tube shall be selected and subjected to a tube inspection.
- c. The tubes selected as the second and third samples (if required by Table 5.5-2) during each inservice inspection may be subjected to a partial tube inspection provided:
 1. The tubes selected for these samples include the tubes from those areas of the tube sheet array where tubes with imperfections were previously found, and

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5.5.9.2 Steam Generator Tube Sample Selection and Inspection (continued)

- 2. The inspections include those portions of the tubes where imperfections were previously found.

The results of each sample inspection shall be classified into one of the following three categories:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Inspection Results</u>
C-1	Less than 5% of the total tubes inspected are degraded tubes and none of the inspected tubes are defective.
C-2	One or more tubes, but not more than 1% of the total tubes inspected are defective, or between 5% and 10% of the total tubes inspected are degraded tubes.
C-3	More than 10% of the total tubes inspected are degraded tubes or more than 1% of the inspected tubes are defective.

Note: In all inspections, previously degraded tubes must exhibit significant (greater than 10%) further wall penetrations to be included in the above percentage calculations.

5.5.9.3 Inspection Frequencies

The above required inservice inspections of steam generator tubes shall be performed at the following frequencies:

- a. The first inservice inspection after steam generator replacement shall be performed after at least 6 Effective Full Power Months but within 24 calendar months of initial criticality after steam generator replacement (Unit 1). The first inservice inspection shall be performed after 6 Effective Full Power Months but within 24 calendar months of initial criticality (Unit 2). Subsequent inservice inspections shall be performed at intervals of not less than 12 nor more than 24 calendar months after the previous inspection. If two consecutive inspections, not including the preservice inspection, result in all inspection results falling into the C-1 category or if two consecutive inspections demonstrate that previously observed degradation has not continued and no additional degradation has occurred, the inspection interval may be extended to a maximum of once per 40 months;

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5.5.9.3 Inspection Frequencies (continued)

- b. If the results of the inservice inspection of a steam generator conducted in accordance with Table 5.5-2 at 40-month intervals fall in Category C-3, the inspection frequency shall be increased to at least once per 20 months. The increase in inspection frequency shall apply until the subsequent inspections satisfy the criteria of Specification 5.5.9.3.a; the interval may then be extended to a maximum of once per 40 months; and
- c. Additional, unscheduled inservice inspections shall be performed on each steam generator in accordance with the first sample inspection specified in Table 5.5-2 during the shutdown subsequent to any of the following conditions:
 - 1. Reactor-to-secondary tubes leaks (not including leaks originating from tube-to-tube sheet welds) in excess of the limits of Specification 3.4.13,
 - 2. A seismic occurrence greater than the Operating Basis Earthquake,
 - 3. A loss-of-coolant accident requiring actuation of the Engineered Safety Features, or
 - 4. A main steam line or feedwater line break.

The provisions of SR 3.0.2 are applicable to the SG Tube Surveillance Program test frequencies.

5.5.9.4 Acceptance Criteria

- a. As used in this specification:
 - 1. Imperfection means an exception to the dimensions, finish or contour of a tube from that required by fabrication drawings or specifications. Eddy-current testing indications below 20% of the nominal tube wall thickness, if detectable, may be considered as imperfections;
 - 2. Degradation means a service-induced cracking, wastage, wear or general corrosion occurring on either inside or outside of a tube;

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5.5.9.4 Acceptance Criteria (continued)

3. Degraded Tube means a tube containing imperfections greater than or equal to 20% of the nominal tube wall thickness caused by degradation;
4. % degradation means the percentage of the tube wall thickness affected or removed by degradation;
5. Defect means an imperfection of such severity that it exceeds the plugging limit. A tube containing a defect is defective;
6. Plugging Limit means the imperfection depth at or beyond which the tube shall be removed from service by plugging. The plugging limit is equal to 40% of the nominal tube wall thickness.
7. Unserviceable describes the condition of a tube if it leaks or contains a defect large enough to affect its structural integrity in the event of an Operating Basis Earthquake, a loss-of-coolant accident, or a steam line or feedwater line break as specified in 5.5.9.3.c, above;
8. Tube Inspection means an inspection of the steam generator tube from the point of entry completely around the U-bend to the point of exit; and
9. Preservice Inspection means an inspection of the full length of each tube in each steam generator performed by eddy current techniques prior to service to establish a baseline condition of the tubing. This inspection shall be performed prior to initial POWER OPERATION using the equipment and techniques expected to be used during subsequent inservice inspections.

b. The steam generator shall be determined OPERABLE after completing the corresponding actions required by Table 5.5-2.

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MINIMUM NUMBER OF STEAM GENERATORS TO BE INSPECTED DURING INSERVICE INSPECTION

Preservice Inspection	No	Yes
No. of Steam Generators per Unit	Four	Four
First Inservice Inspection after the Steam Generator Replacement (Unit 1) First Inservice Inspection (Unit 2)	All	Two
Second & Subsequent Inservice Inspections	One ¹	One ²

Table Notation

1. The inservice inspection may be limited to one steam generator on a rotating schedule encompassing 3 N % of the tubes (where N is the number of steam generators in the unit) if the results of the first or previous inspections indicate that all steam generators are performing in a like manner. Note that under some circumstances, the operating conditions in one or more steam generators may be found to be more severe than those in other steam generators. Under such circumstances the sample sequence shall be modified to inspect the most severe conditions.
2. Each of the other two steam generators not inspected during the first inservice inspection after the steam generator replacement shall be inspected during the second and third inspections (Unit 1). Each of the other two steam generators not inspected during the first inservice inspection shall be inspected during the second and third inspections (Unit 2). The fourth and subsequent inspections shall follow the instructions described in 1 above.

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TABLE 5.5-2
STEAM GENERATOR TUBE INSPECTION

1ST SAMPLE INSPECTION			2ND SAMPLE INSPECTION		3RD SAMPLE INSPECTION	
Sample Size	Result	Action Required	Result	Action Required	Result	Action Required
A minimum of S tubes per SG	C-1	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	C-2	Plug defective tubes and inspect additional 2S tubes in this SG	C-1	None	N/A	N/A
			C-2	Plug defective tubes and inspect additional 4S tubes in this SG	C-1	None
					C-2	Plug defective tubes
					C-3	Perform action for C-3 result of first sample
	C-3	Perform action for C-3 result of first sample	N/A	N/A		
	C-3	Inspect all tubes in this SG, plug defective tubes and inspect 2S tubes in each other SG. Prompt notification to NRC pursuant to 10CFR50.72 (b)(2)	All other SGs are C-1	None	N/A	N/A
			Some SGs C-2 but no additional SGs are C-3	Perform action for C-2 result of second sample	N/A	N/A
			Additional SG is C-3	Inspect all tubes in each SG and plug defective tubes. Notification to NRC pursuant to 10CFR50.72 (b)(2)	N/A	N/A

$S = 3N/n \%$ Where N is the number of steam generators in the unit, and n is the number of steam generators inspected during an inspection.

INSERT A for TS 5.5.9, Steam Generator (SG) Program:

A Steam Generator Program shall be established and implemented to ensure that SG tube integrity is maintained. In addition, the Steam Generator Program shall include the following provisions:

- a. Provisions for condition monitoring assessments. Condition monitoring assessment means an evaluation of the "as found" condition of the tubing with respect to the performance criteria for structural integrity and accident induced leakage. The "as found" condition refers to the condition of the tubing during a SG inspection outage, as determined from the inservice inspection results or by other means, prior to the plugging of tubes. Condition monitoring assessments shall be conducted during each outage during which the SG tubes are inspected or plugged to confirm that the performance criteria are being met.**
- b. Performance criteria for SG tube integrity. SG tube integrity shall be maintained by meeting the performance criteria for tube structural integrity, accident induced leakage, and operational LEAKAGE.**
 - 1. Structural integrity performance criterion: All inservice SG tubes shall retain structural integrity over the full range of normal operating conditions (including startup, operation in the power range, hot standby, and cooldown, and all anticipated transients included in the design specification) and design basis accidents. This includes retaining a safety factor of 3.0 against burst under normal steady state full power operation primary to secondary pressure differential and a safety factor of 1.4 against burst applied to the design basis accident primary to secondary pressure differentials. Apart from the above requirements, additional loading conditions associated with the design basis accidents, or combination of accidents in accordance with the design and licensing basis, shall also be evaluated to determine if the associated loads contribute significantly to burst or collapse. In the assessment of tube integrity, those loads that do significantly affect burst or collapse shall be determined and assessed in combination with the loads due to pressure with a safety factor of 1.2 on the combined primary loads and 1.0 on axial secondary loads.**
 - 2. Accident induced leakage performance criterion: The primary to secondary accident induced leakage rate for any design basis accident, other than a SG tube rupture, shall not exceed the leakage rate assumed in the accident analysis in terms of total leakage rate for all SGs and leakage rate for an individual SG. Leakage is not to exceed 150 gallons per day through each SG for a total of 600 gallons per day through all SGs.**
 - 3. The operational LEAKAGE performance criterion is specified in LCO 3.4.13, "RCS Operational LEAKAGE."**
- c. Provisions for SG tube repair criteria. Tubes found by inservice inspection to contain flaws with a depth equal to or exceeding 40% of the nominal tube wall thickness shall be plugged.**

- d. Provisions for SG tube inspections. Periodic SG tube inspections shall be performed. The number and portions of the tubes inspected and method of inspection shall be performed with the objective of detecting flaws of any type (for example, volumetric flaws, axial and circumferential cracks) that may be present along the length of the tube, from the tube-to-tubesheet weld at the tube inlet to the tube-to-tubesheet weld at the tube outlet, and that may satisfy the applicable tube repair criteria. The tube-to-tubesheet weld is not part of the tube. In addition to meeting requirements d.1, d.2, d.3, and d.4 below, the inspection scope, inspection methods, and inspection intervals shall be such as to ensure that SG tube integrity is maintained until the next SG inspection. An assessment of degradation shall be performed to determine the type and location of flaws to which the tubes may be susceptible and, based on this assessment, to determine which inspection methods need to be employed and at what locations.
1. Inspect 100% of the tubes in each SG during the first refueling outage following SG replacement.
 2. For Unit 1, inspect 100% of the tubes at sequential periods of 144, 108, 72, and, thereafter, 60 Effective Full Power Months (EFPM). The first sequential period shall be considered to begin after the first inservice inspection of the SGs. In addition, inspect 50% of the tubes by the refueling outage nearest the midpoint of the period and the remaining 50% by the refueling outage nearest the end of the period. No SG shall operate for more than 72 EFPM or three refueling outages (whichever is less) without being inspected.
 3. For Unit 2, inspect 100% of the tubes at sequential periods of 120, 90, and, thereafter, 60 EFPM. The first sequential period shall be considered to begin after the first inservice inspection of the SGs. In addition, inspect 50% of the tubes by the refueling outage nearest the midpoint of the period and the remaining 50% by the refueling outage nearest the end of the period. No SG shall operate for more than 48 EFPM or two refueling outages (whichever is less) without being inspected.
 4. If crack indications are found in any SG tube, then the next inspection for each SG for the degradation mechanism that caused the crack indication shall not exceed 24 EFPM or one refueling outage (whichever is less). If definitive information, such as from examination of a pulled tube, diagnostic non-destructive testing, or engineering evaluation indicates that a crack-like indication is not associated with crack(s), then the indication need not be treated as a crack.
- e. Provisions for monitoring operational primary to secondary LEAKAGE.

5.6 Reporting Requirements (continued)

5.6.7 PAM Report

When a report is required by LCO 3.3.3, "Post Accident Monitoring (PAM) Instrumentation," a report shall be submitted within the following 14 days. The report shall outline the preplanned alternate method of monitoring, the cause of the inoperability, and the plans and schedule for restoring the instrumentation channels of the Function to OPERABLE status.

5.6.8 Steam Generator/Tube Inspection Report

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- a. The number of tubes plugged in each steam generator shall be reported to the NRC within 15 days following completion of the program;
 - b. The complete results of the Steam Generator Tube Surveillance Program shall be reported to the NRC within 12 months following the completion of the program and shall include:
 1. Number and extent of tubes inspected,
 2. Location and percent of wall-thickness penetration for each indication of an imperfection, and
 3. Identification of tubes plugged.
 - c. The results of inspections of steam generator tubes which fall into Category C-3 shall be reported to the NRC within 30 days prior to the restart of the unit following the inspection. This report shall provide a description of the tube degradation and corrective measures taken to prevent recurrence.

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INSERT B for TS 5.6.8, Steam Generator (SG) Tube Inspection Report:

A report shall be submitted within 180 days after the initial entry into MODE 4 following completion of the inspection. The report shall include:

- a. The scope of inspections performed on each SG,**
- b. Active degradation mechanisms found,**
- c. Non-destructive examination techniques utilized for each degradation mechanism,**
- d. Location, orientation (if linear), and measured sizes (if available) of service induced indications,**
- e. Number of tubes plugged during the inspection outage for each active degradation mechanism,**
- f. Total number and percentage of tubes plugged to date, and**
- g. The results of condition monitoring, including the results of tube pulls and in-situ testing.**