



U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

STANDARD REVIEW PLAN

Branch Technical Position 7-2

GUIDANCE ON REQUIREMENTS OF MOTOR-OPERATED VALVES IN THE EMERGENCY CORE COOLING SYSTEM ACCUMULATOR LINES

REVIEW RESPONSIBILITIES

Primary - Organization responsible for the review of instrumentation and controls

Secondary - None

A. Background

For many postulated loss-of-coolant accidents, the performance of the emergency core cooling system (ECCS) in pressurized water reactor plants depends upon proper functioning of the safety injection tanks (also referred to as "accumulators" or "flooding tanks" in some applications). In these plants, a motor-operated isolation valve (MOIV) and two check valves are provided in series between each safety injection tank and the reactor coolant (primary) system.

The MOIVs must be considered to be "operating bypasses" because, when closed, they prevent the safety injection tanks from performing the intended protective function. IEEE Std 279-1971, "Criteria for Protection Systems for Nuclear Power Generating Stations," has a requirement for "operating bypasses" which states that the bypasses of a protective function will be removed automatically whenever permissive conditions are not met. IEEE Std 603-1991, "IEEE Standard Criteria for Safety Systems for Nuclear Power Generating Stations," contains a

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The standard review plan sections are numbered in accordance with corresponding sections in the Regulatory Guide 1.70, "Standard Format and Content of Safety Analysis Reports for Nuclear Power Plants (LWR Edition)." Not all sections of the standard format have a corresponding review plan section. The SRP sections applicable to a combined license application for a new light-water reactor (LWR) will be based on Regulatory Guide 1.206, "Combined License Applications for Nuclear Power Plants (LWR Edition)," until the SRP itself is updated.

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similar requirement. This branch technical position (BTP) provides specific guidance in meeting the intent of IEEE Std 279-1971 or IEEE Std 603-1991 for safety injection tank MOIVs.

It should be noted that SRP BTP ICSB-18 (PSB), "Application of the Single-Failure Criterion to Manually Controlled Electrically Operated Valves," also applies to these isolation valves and should be used in conjunction with this position.

B. Branch Technical Position

The following features should be incorporated into the design of MOIV systems for safety injection tanks to meet the intent of IEEE Std 279-1971 or IEEE Std 603-1991:

1. Automatic opening of the valves when either primary coolant system pressure exceeds a preselected value (to be specified in the technical specifications), or a safety injection signal is present. Both primary coolant system pressure and safety injection signals should be provided to the valve operator.
2. Visual indication in the control room of the open or closed status of the valve.
3. Bypassed and inoperable status indication in accordance to Regulatory Guide 1.47, "Bypassed and Inoperable Status Indication for Nuclear Power Plant Safety System."
4. Utilization of a safety injection signal to remove automatically (override) any bypass feature that may be provided to allow an isolation valve to be closed for short periods of time when the reactor coolant system is at pressure (in accordance with provisions of the technical specifications).

C. References

1. IEEE Std 279-1971, "Criteria for Protection Systems for Nuclear Power Generating Stations."
2. IEEE Std 603-1991, "IEEE Standard Criteria for Safety Systems for Nuclear Power Generating Stations."
3. Regulatory Guide 1.47, "Bypassed and Inoperable Status Indication for Nuclear Power Plant Safety Systems." Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 1973.

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Description of Changes

This Branch Technical Position (BTP) updates the guidance previously provided in Revision 4, dated June 1997 of this BTP. See ADAMS accession number ML052500559.

In addition, this BTP was administratively updated in accordance with NRR Office Instruction, LIC-200, Revision 1, "Standard Review Plan (SRP) Process." The revision also adds standard paragraphs to extend application of the updated SRP BTP to prospective submittals by applicants pursuant to 10 CFR Part 52.

The technical changes are incorporated in Revision 5, dated [Month] 2007:

Review Responsibilities - Reflects changes in review branches resulting from reorganization and branch consolidation. Change is reflected throughout the Branch Technical Position..

A. Background

None.

B. Branch Technical Position

Added reference to IEEE Std 603-1991.

C. References

None.