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Control Cell Core partially withdrawn control rods are less frequently notch exercised than the fully withdrawn control rods. This information is required to support chosen CRD Notch Surveillance Frequencies.

Licensing Basis:
10 CFR 50.55a
GDC 1, 2, 14, and 29

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