

for sample analysis or instrument calibration, or associated with radioactive apparatus or components;

- (6) Southern Nuclear, pursuant to the Act and 10 CFR Parts 30 and 70, to possess, but not separate, such byproduct and special nuclear materials as may be produced by the operation of the facility.

C. This renewed license shall be deemed to contain and is subject to the conditions specified in the following Commission regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I: Part 20, Section 30.34 of Part 30, Section 40.41 of Part 40, Section 50.54 of Part 50, and Section 70.32 of Part 70; all applicable provisions of the Act and the rules, regulations, and orders of the Commission now or hereafter in effect; and the additional conditions specified or incorporated below:

(1) Maximum Power Level

Southern Nuclear is authorized to operate the facility at steady state reactor core power levels not in excess of 2804 megawatts thermal.

(2) Technical Specifications

The Technical Specifications (Appendix A) and the Environmental Protection Plan (Appendix B), as revised through Amendment No. 253 are hereby incorporated in the renewed license. Southern Nuclear shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications and the Environmental Protection Plan.

The Surveillance Requirement (SR) contained in the Technical Specifications and listed below, is not required to be performed immediately upon implementation of Amendment No. 195. The SR listed below shall be successfully demonstrated prior to the time and condition specified:

SR 3.8.1.18 shall be successfully demonstrated at its next regularly scheduled performance

(3) Fire Protection

Southern Nuclear shall implement and maintain in effect all provisions of the fire protection program, which is referenced in the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report for the facility, as contained in the updated Fire Hazards Analysis and Fire Protection Program for Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2, which was originally submitted by letter dated July 22, 1986. Southern Nuclear may make changes to the fire protection program without prior Commission approval only if the changes

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3.9 REFUELING OPERATIONS

3.9.1 Refueling Equipment Interlocks

LCO 3.9.1 The refueling equipment interlocks shall be OPERABLE.

APPLICABILITY: During in-vessel fuel movement with equipment associated with the interlocks.

ACTIONS

CONDITION	REQUIRED ACTION	COMPLETION TIME
A. One or more required refueling equipment interlocks inoperable.	A.1 Suspend in-vessel fuel movement with equipment associated with the inoperable interlock(s).	Immediately
	OR	
	A.2.1 Insert a control rod withdrawal block.	Immediately
	AND	
	A.2.2 Verify all control rods are fully inserted.	Immediately

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

SURVEILLANCE		FREQUENCY
SR 3.9.1.1	<p>Perform CHANNEL FUNCTIONAL TEST on each of the following required refueling equipment interlock inputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. All-rods-in, b. Refuel platform position, c. Refuel platform fuel grapple, fuel loaded, d. Refuel platform fuel grapple full-up position, e. Refuel platform frame-mounted hoist, fuel loaded, f. Refuel platform trolley-mounted hoist, fuel loaded, and g. Service platform hoist, fuel loaded. 	7 days

3.9 REFUELING OPERATIONS

3.9.2 Refuel Position One-Rod-Out Interlock

LCO 3.9.2 The refuel position one-rod-out interlock shall be OPERABLE.

APPLICABILITY: MODE 5 with the reactor mode switch in the refuel position and any control rod withdrawn.

ACTIONS

CONDITION	REQUIRED ACTION	COMPLETION TIME
A. Refuel position one-rod-out interlock inoperable.	A.1 Suspend control rod withdrawal.	Immediately
	AND A.2 Initiate action to fully insert all insertable control rods in core cells containing one or more fuel assemblies.	Immediately

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

SURVEILLANCE		FREQUENCY
SR 3.9.2.1	Verify reactor mode switch locked in refuel position.	12 hours
SR 3.9.2.2	<p>-----NOTE----- Not required to be performed until 1 hour after any control rod is withdrawn.</p> <p>Perform CHANNEL FUNCTIONAL TEST.</p>	7 days

3.9 REFUELING OPERATIONS

3.9.3 Control Rod Position

LCO 3.9.3 All control rods shall be fully inserted.

APPLICABILITY: When loading fuel assemblies into the core.

ACTIONS

CONDITION	REQUIRED ACTION	COMPLETION TIME
A. One or more control rods not fully inserted.	A.1 Suspend loading fuel assemblies into the core.	Immediately

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

SURVEILLANCE	FREQUENCY
SR 3.9.3.1 Verify all control rods are fully inserted.	12 hours

3.9 REFUELING OPERATIONS

3.9.4 Control Rod Position Indication

LCO 3.9.4 The control rod full-in position indication channel for each control rod shall be OPERABLE.

APPLICABILITY: MODE 5.

ACTIONS

NOTE

Separate Condition entry is allowed for each required channel.

CONDITION	REQUIRED ACTION	COMPLETION TIME
A. One or more required control rod position indication channels inoperable.	A.1.1 Suspend in-vessel fuel movement.	Immediately
	<u>AND</u>	
	A.1.2 Suspend control rod withdrawal.	Immediately
	<u>AND</u>	
	A.1.3 Initiate action to fully insert all insertable control rods in core cells containing one or more fuel assemblies.	Immediately
	<u>OR</u>	
	A.2.1 Initiate action to fully insert the control rod associated with the inoperable position indicator.	Immediately
	<u>AND</u>	
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ACTIONS

CONDITION	REQUIRED ACTION	COMPLETION TIME
A. (continued)	A.2.2 Initiate action to disarm the control rod drive associated with the fully inserted control rod.	Immediately

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

SURVEILLANCE	FREQUENCY
SR 3.9.4.1 Verify the required channel has no full-in indication on each control rod that is not full-in.	Each time the control rod is withdrawn from the full-in position

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3.9.5 Control Rod OPERABILITY - Refueling

LCO 3.9.5 Each withdrawn control rod shall be OPERABLE.

APPLICABILITY: MODE 5.

ACTIONS

CONDITION	REQUIRED ACTION	COMPLETION TIME
A. One or more withdrawn control rods inoperable.	A.1 Initiate action to fully insert inoperable withdrawn control rods.	Immediately

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

SURVEILLANCE		FREQUENCY
SR 3.9.5.1	-----NOTE----- Not required to be performed until 7 days after the control rod is withdrawn.	7 days
	Insert each withdrawn control rod at least one notch.	
SR 3.9.5.2	Verify each withdrawn control rod scram accumulator pressure is ≥ 940 psig.	7 days

3.9 REFUELING OPERATIONS

3.9.6 Reactor Pressure Vessel (RPV) Water Level

LCO 3.9.6 RPV water level shall be ≥ 23 ft above the top of the irradiated fuel assemblies seated within the RPV.

APPLICABILITY: During movement of irradiated fuel assemblies within the RPV,
During movement of new fuel assemblies or handling of control rods
within the RPV, when irradiated fuel assemblies are seated
within the RPV.

ACTIONS

CONDITION	REQUIRED ACTION	COMPLETION TIME
A. RPV water level not within limit.	A.1 Suspend movement of fuel assemblies and handling of control rods within the RPV.	Immediately

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

SURVEILLANCE	FREQUENCY
SR 3.9.6.1 Verify RPV water level is ≥ 23 ft above the top of the irradiated fuel assemblies seated within the RPV.	24 hours

3.9. REFUELING OPERATIONS

3.9.7 Residual Heat Removal (RHR) - High Water Level

LCO 3.9.7 One RHR shutdown cooling subsystem shall be OPERABLE and in operation.

NOTE

The required RHR shutdown cooling subsystem may be removed from operation for up to 2 hours per 8 hour period.

APPLICABILITY: MODE 5 with irradiated fuel in the reactor pressure vessel (RPV) and the water level \geq 22 ft 1/8 inches above the top of the RPV flange.

ACTIONS

CONDITION	REQUIRED ACTION	COMPLETION TIME
A. Required RHR shutdown cooling subsystem inoperable.	A.1 Verify an alternate method of decay heat removal is available.	1 hour <u>AND</u> Once per 24 hours thereafter
B. Required Action and associated Completion Time of Condition A not met.	B.1 Suspend loading irradiated fuel assemblies into the RPV. <u>AND</u> B.2 Initiate action to restore secondary containment to OPERABLE status. <u>AND</u>	Immediately Immediately

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ACTIONS

CONDITION	REQUIRED ACTION	COMPLETION TIME
B. (continued)	B.3 Initiate action to restore required standby gas treatment subsystem(s) to OPERABLE status.	Immediately
	<u>AND</u> B.4 Initiate action to restore isolation capability in each required secondary containment penetration flow path not isolated.	Immediately
C. No RHR shutdown cooling subsystem in operation.	C.1 Verify reactor coolant circulation by an alternate method.	1 hour from discovery of no reactor coolant circulation <u>AND</u> Once per 12 hours thereafter
	<u>AND</u> C.2 Monitor reactor coolant temperature.	Once per hour

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

SURVEILLANCE	FREQUENCY
SR 3.9.7.1 Verify one RHR shutdown cooling subsystem is operating.	12 hours

3.9 REFUELING OPERATIONS

3.9.8 Residual Heat Removal (RHR) - Low Water Level

LCO 3.9.8 Two RHR shutdown cooling subsystems shall be OPERABLE, and one RHR shutdown cooling subsystem shall be in operation.

NOTE

The required operating shutdown cooling subsystem may be removed from operation for up to 2 hours per 8 hour period.

APPLICABILITY: MODE 5 with irradiated fuel in the reactor pressure vessel (RPV) and the water level < 22 ft 1/8 inches above the top of the RPV flange.

ACTIONS

CONDITION	REQUIRED ACTION	COMPLETION TIME
A. One or two required RHR shutdown cooling subsystems inoperable.	A.1 Verify an alternate method of decay heat removal is available for each inoperable required RHR shutdown cooling subsystem.	1 hour <u>AND</u> Once per 24 hours thereafter
B. Required Action and associated Completion Time of Condition A not met.	B.1 Initiate action to restore secondary containment to OPERABLE status. <u>AND</u> B.2 Initiate action to restore required standby gas treatment subsystem(s) to OPERABLE status. <u>AND</u>	Immediately Immediately
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ACTIONS

CONDITION	REQUIRED ACTION	COMPLETION TIME
B. (continued)	B.3 Initiate action to restore isolation capability in each required secondary containment penetration flow-path not isolated.	Immediately
C. No RHR shutdown cooling subsystem in operation.	C.1 Verify reactor coolant circulation by an alternate method. <u>AND</u> C.2 Monitor reactor coolant temperature.	1 hour from discovery of no reactor coolant circulation <u>AND</u> Once per 12 hours thereafter Once per hour

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

SURVEILLANCE	FREQUENCY
SR 3.9.8.1 Verify one RHR shutdown cooling subsystem is operating.	12 hours

BASES (continued)

APPLICABILITY

In MODE 5, a prompt reactivity excursion could cause fuel damage and subsequent release of radioactive material to the environment. The refueling equipment interlocks protect against prompt reactivity excursions during MODE 5. The interlocks are required to be OPERABLE during in-vessel fuel movement with refueling equipment associated with the interlocks.

In MODES 1, 2, 3, and 4, the reactor pressure vessel head is on, and CORE ALTERATIONS are not possible. Therefore, the refueling interlocks are not required to be OPERABLE in these MODES.

ACTIONS

A.1, A.2.1, and A.2.2

With one or more of the required refueling equipment interlocks inoperable, the unit must be placed in a condition in which the LCO does not apply. Therefore, Required Action A.1 requires that in-vessel fuel movement with the affected refueling equipment must be immediately suspended. This action ensures that operations are not performed with equipment that would potentially not be blocked from unacceptable operations (e.g., loading fuel into a cell with a control rod withdrawn). Suspension of in-vessel fuel movement shall not preclude completion of movement of a component to a safe position.

Alternatively, Required Actions A.2.1 and A.2.2 require a control rod withdrawal block to be inserted, and all control rods to be subsequently verified to be fully inserted. Required Action A.2.1 ensures no control rods can be withdrawn, because a block to control rod withdrawal is in place. The withdrawal block utilized must ensure that if rod withdrawal is requested, the rod will not respond (i.e., it will remain inserted). Required Action A.2.2 is performed after placing the rod withdrawal block in effect, and provides a verification that all control rods are fully inserted. This verification that all control rods are fully inserted is in addition to the periodic verification required by SR 3.9.3.1.

Like Required Action A.1, Required Actions A.2.1 and A.2.2 ensure unacceptable operations are blocked (e.g., loading fuel into a cell with the control rod withdrawn).

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Performance of a CHANNEL FUNCTIONAL TEST demonstrates each required refueling equipment interlock will function properly when a simulated or actual signal indicative of a required condition is injected into the logic. The CHANNEL FUNCTIONAL TEST may be performed by any series of sequential, overlapping, or total channel steps so that the entire channel is tested.

The 7 day Frequency is based on engineering judgment and is considered adequate in view of other indications of refueling interlocks and their associated input status that are available to unit operations personnel.

REFERENCES

1. 10 CFR 50, Appendix A, GDC 26.
 2. FSAR, Section 7.6.3.
 3. FSAR, Section 14.3.3.3.
 4. FSAR, Section 14.3.3.4.
 5. NRC No. 93-102, "Final Policy Statement on Technical Specification Improvements," July 23, 1993.
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- (6) Southern Nuclear, pursuant to the Act and 10 CFR Parts 30 and 70, to possess, but not separate, such byproduct and special nuclear materials as may be produced by the operation of the facility.

C. This renewed license shall be deemed to contain, and is subject to, the conditions specified in the following Commission regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I: Part 20, Section 30.34 of Part 30, Section 40.41 of Part 40, Section 50.54 of Part 50, and Section 70.32 of Part 70; all applicable provisions of the Act and the rules, regulations, and orders of the Commission now or hereafter in effect; and the additional conditions² specified or incorporated below:

(1) Maximum Power Level

Southern Nuclear is authorized to operate the facility at steady state reactor core power levels not in excess of 2,804 megawatts thermal, in accordance with the conditions specified herein.

(2) Technical Specifications

The Technical Specifications (Appendix A) and the Environmental Protection Plan (Appendix B), as revised through Amendment No. 197 are hereby incorporated in the renewed license. Southern Nuclear shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications and the Environmental Protection Plan.

(3) Additional Conditions

The matters specified in the following conditions shall be completed to the satisfaction of the Commission within the stated time periods following the issuance of the renewed license or within the operational restrictions indicated. The removal of these conditions shall be made by an amendment to the license supported by a favorable evaluation by the Commission.

(a) Fire Protection

Southern Nuclear shall implement and maintain in effect all provisions of the fire protection program, which is referenced in the the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report for the facility, as contained

²The original licensee authorized to possess, use, and operate the facility was Georgia Power Company (GPC). Consequently, certain historical references to GPC remain in certain license conditions.

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3.9 REFUELING OPERATIONS

3.9.1 Refueling Equipment Interlocks

LCO 3.9.1 The refueling equipment interlocks shall be OPERABLE.

APPLICABILITY: - During in-vessel fuel movement with equipment associated with the interlocks.

ACTIONS

CONDITION	REQUIRED ACTION	COMPLETION TIME
A. One or more required refueling equipment interlocks inoperable.	A.1 Suspend in-vessel fuel movement with equipment associated with the inoperable interlock(s).	Immediately
	OR	
	A.2.1 Insert a control rod withdrawal block. <u>AND</u> A.2.2 Verify all control rods are fully inserted.	Immediately

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

SURVEILLANCE		FREQUENCY
SR 3.9.1.1	<p>Perform CHANNEL FUNCTIONAL TEST on each of the following required refueling equipment interlock inputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. All-rods-in, b. Refuel platform position, c. Refuel platform fuel grapple, fuel loaded, d. Refuel platform fuel grapple full-up position, e. Refuel platform frame-mounted hoist, fuel loaded, f. Refuel platform trolley-mounted hoist, fuel loaded, and g. Service platform hoist, fuel loaded. 	7 days

3.9 REFUELING OPERATIONS

3.9.2 Refuel Position One-Rod-Out Interlock

LCO 3.9.2 The refuel position one-rod-out interlock shall be OPERABLE.

APPLICABILITY: MODE 5 with the reactor mode switch in the refuel position and any control rod withdrawn.

ACTIONS

CONDITION	REQUIRED ACTION	COMPLETION TIME
A. Refuel position one-rod-out interlock inoperable.	A.1 Suspend control rod withdrawal.	Immediately
	AND A.2 Initiate action to fully insert all insertable control rods in core cells containing one or more fuel assemblies.	Immediately

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

SURVEILLANCE		FREQUENCY
SR 3.9.2.1	Verify reactor mode switch locked in refuel position.	12 hours
SR 3.9.2.2	-----NOTE----- Not required to be performed until 1 hour after any control rod is withdrawn. -----	7 days
	Perform CHANNEL FUNCTIONAL TEST.	

3.9 REFUELING OPERATIONS

3.9.3 Control Rod Position

LCO 3.9.3 All control rods shall be fully inserted.

APPLICABILITY: When loading fuel assemblies into the core.

ACTIONS

CONDITION	REQUIRED ACTION	COMPLETION TIME
A. One or more control rods not fully inserted.	A.1 Suspend loading fuel assemblies into the core.	Immediately

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

SURVEILLANCE	FREQUENCY
SR 3.9.3.1 Verify all control rods are fully inserted.	12 hours

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3.9.4 Control Rod Position Indication

LCO 3.9.4 The control rod full-in position indication channel for each control rod shall be OPERABLE.

APPLICABILITY: MODE 5.

ACTIONS

-----NOTE-----
Separate Condition entry is allowed for each required channel.

CONDITION	REQUIRED ACTION	COMPLETION TIME
A. One or more required control rod position indication channels inoperable.	A.1.1 Suspend in-vessel fuel movement.	Immediately
	<u>AND</u>	
	A.1.2 Suspend control rod withdrawal.	Immediately
	<u>AND</u>	
	A.1.3 Initiate action to fully insert all insertable control rods in core cells containing one or more fuel assemblies.	Immediately
	<u>OR</u>	
	A.2.1 Initiate action to fully insert the control rod associated with the inoperable position indicator.	Immediately
	<u>AND</u>	
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ACTIONS

CONDITION	REQUIRED ACTION	COMPLETION TIME
A. (continued)	A.2.2 Initiate action to disarm the control rod drive associated with the fully inserted control rod.	Immediately

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

SURVEILLANCE	FREQUENCY
SR 3.9.4.1 Verify the required channel has no full-in indication on each control rod that is not full-in.	Each time the control rod is withdrawn from the full-in position

3.9 REFUELING OPERATIONS

3.9.5 Control Rod OPERABILITY - Refueling

LCO 3.9.5 Each withdrawn control rod shall be OPERABLE.

APPLICABILITY: MODE 5.

ACTIONS

CONDITION	REQUIRED ACTION	COMPLETION TIME
A. One or more withdrawn control rods inoperable.	A.1 Initiate action to fully insert inoperable withdrawn control rods.	Immediately

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

SURVEILLANCE		FREQUENCY
SR 3.9.5.1	-----NOTE----- Not required to be performed until 7 days after the control rod is withdrawn.	7 days
	Insert each withdrawn control rod at least one notch.	
SR 3.9.5.2	Verify each withdrawn control rod scram accumulator pressure is \geq 940 psig.	7 days

3.9 REFUELING OPERATIONS

3.9.6 Reactor Pressure Vessel (RPV) Water Level

LCO 3.9.6 RPV water level shall be ≥ 23 ft above the top of the irradiated fuel assemblies seated within the RPV.

APPLICABILITY: During movement of irradiated fuel assemblies within the RPV,
During movement of new fuel assemblies or handling of control rods
within the RPV, when irradiated fuel assemblies are seated within
the RPV.

ACTIONS

CONDITION	REQUIRED ACTION	COMPLETION TIME
A. RPV water level not within limit.	A.1 Suspend movement of fuel assemblies and handling of control rods within the RPV.	Immediately

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

SURVEILLANCE	FREQUENCY
SR 3.9.6.1 Verify RPV water level is ≥ 23 ft above the top of the irradiated fuel assemblies seated within the RPV.	24 hours

3.9 REFUELING OPERATIONS

3.9.7 Residual Heat Removal (RHR) - High Water Level

LCO 3.9.7 One RHR shutdown cooling subsystem shall be OPERABLE and in operation.

NOTE

The required RHR shutdown cooling subsystem may be removed from operation for up to 2 hours per 8 hour period.

APPLICABILITY: MODE 5 with irradiated fuel in the reactor pressure vessel (RPV) and the water level \geq 22 ft 1/8 inches above the top of the RPV flange.

ACTIONS

CONDITION	REQUIRED ACTION	COMPLETION TIME
A. Required RHR shutdown cooling subsystem inoperable.	A.1 Verify an alternate method of decay heat removal is available.	1 hour <u>AND</u> Once per 24 hours thereafter
B. Required Action and associated Completion Time of Condition A not met.	B.1 Suspend loading irradiated fuel assemblies into the RPV. <u>AND</u> B.2 Initiate action to restore secondary containment to OPERABLE status. <u>AND</u>	Immediately Immediately

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ACTIONS

CONDITION	REQUIRED ACTION	COMPLETION TIME
B. (continued)	B.3 Initiate action to restore required standby gas treatment subsystem(s) to OPERABLE status.	Immediately
	<u>AND</u> B.4 Initiate action to restore isolation capability in each required secondary containment penetration flow path not isolated.	Immediately
C. No RHR shutdown cooling subsystem in operation.	C.1 Verify reactor coolant circulation by an alternate method.	1 hour from discovery of no reactor coolant circulation
	<u>AND</u> C.2 Monitor reactor coolant temperature.	<u>AND</u> Once per 12 hours thereafter Once per hour

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

SURVEILLANCE	FREQUENCY
SR 3.9.7.1 Verify one RHR shutdown cooling subsystem is operating.	12 hours

3.9 REFUELING OPERATIONS

3.9.8 Residual Heat Removal (RHR) - Low Water Level

LCO 3.9.8 Two RHR shutdown cooling subsystems shall be OPERABLE, and one RHR shutdown cooling subsystem shall be in operation.

NOTE

The required operating shutdown cooling subsystem may be removed from operation for up to 2 hours per 8 hour period.

APPLICABILITY: MODE 5 with irradiated fuel in the reactor pressure vessel (RPV) and the water level < 22 ft 1/8 inches above the top of the RPV flange.

ACTIONS

CONDITION	REQUIRED ACTION	COMPLETION TIME
A. One or two required RHR shutdown cooling subsystems inoperable.	A.1 Verify an alternate method of decay heat removal is available for each inoperable required RHR shutdown cooling subsystem.	1 hour <u>AND</u> Once per 24 hours thereafter
B. Required Action and associated Completion Time of Condition A not met.	B.1 Initiate action to restore secondary containment to OPERABLE status. <u>AND</u> B.2 Initiate action to restore required standby gas treatment subsystem(s) to OPERABLE status. <u>AND</u>	Immediately Immediately
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ACTIONS

CONDITION	REQUIRED ACTION	COMPLETION TIME
B. (continued)	B.3 Initiate action to restore isolation capability in each required secondary containment penetration flow path not isolated.	Immediately
C. No RHR shutdown cooling subsystem in operation.	C.1 Verify reactor coolant circulation by an alternate method. AND C.2 Monitor reactor coolant temperature.	1 hour from discovery of no reactor coolant circulation AND Once per 12 hours thereafter Once per hour

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

SURVEILLANCE	FREQUENCY
SR 3.9.8.1 Verify one RHR shutdown cooling subsystem is operating.	12 hours

BASES (continued)

APPLICABILITY

In MODE 5, a prompt reactivity excursion could cause fuel damage and subsequent release of radioactive material to the environment. The refueling equipment interlocks protect against prompt reactivity excursions during MODE 5. The interlocks are required to be OPERABLE during in-vessel fuel movement with refueling equipment associated with the interlocks.

In MODES 1, 2, 3, and 4, the reactor pressure vessel head is on, and CORE ALTERATIONS are not possible. Therefore, the refueling interlocks are not required to be OPERABLE in these MODES.

ACTIONS

A.1, A.2.1, and A.2.2

With one or more of the required refueling equipment interlocks inoperable, the unit must be placed in a condition in which the LCO does not apply. Therefore, Required Action A.1 requires that in-vessel fuel movement with the affected refueling equipment must be immediately suspended. This action ensures that operations are not performed with equipment that would potentially not be blocked from unacceptable operations (e.g., loading fuel into a cell with a control rod withdrawn). Suspension of in-vessel fuel movement shall not preclude completion of movement of a component to a safe position.

Alternatively, Required Actions A.2.1 and A.2.2 require a control rod withdrawal block to be inserted, and all control rods to be subsequently verified to be fully inserted. Required Action A.2.1 ensures no control rods can be withdrawn, because a block to control rod withdrawal is in place. The withdrawal block utilized must ensure that if rod withdrawal is requested, the rod will not respond (i.e., it will remain inserted). Required Action A.2.2 is performed after placing the rod withdrawal block in effect, and provides a verification that all control rods are fully inserted. This verification that all control rods are fully inserted is in addition to the periodic verification required by SR 3.9.3.1.

Like Required Action A.1, Required Actions A.2.1 and A.2.2 ensure unacceptable operations are blocked (e.g., loading fuel into a cell with the control rod withdrawn).

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BASES (continued)

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Performance of a CHANNEL FUNCTIONAL TEST demonstrates each required refueling equipment interlock will function properly when a simulated or actual signal indicative of a required condition is injected into the logic. The CHANNEL FUNCTIONAL TEST may be performed by any series of sequential, overlapping, or total channel steps so that the entire channel is tested.

The 7 day Frequency is based on engineering judgment and is considered adequate in view of other indications of refueling interlocks and their associated input status that are available to unit operations personnel.

REFERENCES

1. 10 CFR 50, Appendix A, GDC 26.
 2. FSAR, Section 7.6.1.
 3. FSAR, Section 15.1.13.
 4. FSAR, Section 15.1.14.
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