1.0 USE AND APPLICATION

1.4 Frequency

PURPOSE	The purpose of this section is to define the proper use and application of Frequency requirements.

DESCRIPTION

Each Surveillance Requirement (SR) has a specified Frequency in which the Surveillance must be met in order to meet the associated Limiting Conditions for Operation (LCO). An understanding of the correct application of the specified Frequency is necessary for compliance with the SR.

The "specified Frequency" is referred to throughout this section and each of the Specifications of Section 3.0, "Surveillance Requirement (SR) Applicability." The "specified Frequency" consists of the requirements of the Frequency column of each SR, as well as certain Notes in the Surveillance column that modify performance requirements.

Sometimes special situations dictate when the requirements of a Surveillance are to be met. They are "otherwise stated" conditions allowed by SR 3.0.1. They may be stated as clarifying Notes in the Surveillance, as part of the Surveillance, or both.

Situations where a Surveillance could be required (i.e., its Frequency could expire), but where it is not possible or not desired that it be performed until sometime after the associated LCO is within its Applicability, represent potential SR 3.0.4 conflicts. To avoid these conflicts, the SR (i.e., the Surveillance or the Frequency) is stated such that it is only "required" when it can be and should be performed. With an SR satisfied, SR 3.0.4 imposes no restriction.

The use of "met" or "performed" in these instances conveys specified meanings. A Surveillance is "met" only when the acceptance criteria are satisfied. Known failure of the requirements of a Surveillance, even without a Surveillance specifically being "performed," constitutes a Surveillance not "met." "Performance" refers only to the requirement to specifically determine the ability to meet the acceptance criteria. Some Surveillances contain notes that modify the Frequency of performance or the conditions during which the

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acceptance criteria must be satisfied. For these Surveillances, the MODE-entry restrictions of SR 3.0.4 may not apply. Such a Surveillance is not required to be performed prior to entering a MODE or other specified condition in the Applicability of the associated LCO if any of the following three conditions are satisfied:

a. The Surveillance is not required to be met in the MODE or other specified condition to be entered; or

b. The Surveillance is required to be met in the MODE or other specified condition to be entered, but has been performed within the specified Frequency (i.e., it is current) and is known not to be failed; or

c. The Surveillance is required to be met, but not performed, in the MODE or other specified condition to be entered, and is known not to be failed.

Examples 1.4-3, 1.4-4, 1.4-5, and 1.4-6 discuss these special situations.

EXAMPLES

The following examples illustrate the various ways that Frequencies are specified. In these examples, the Applicability of the LCO (LCO not shown) is MODES 1, 2, and 3.

EXAMPLE 1.4-1

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

SURVEILLANCE	FREQUENCY
Perform CHANNEL CHECK.	12 hours

Example 1.4-1 contains the type of SR most often encountered in the Technical Specifications (TS). The Frequency specifies an interval (12 hours) during which the associated Surveillance must be performed at least one time.

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EXAMPLE 1.4-1 (continued)

Performance of the Surveillance initiates the subsequent interval. Although the Frequency is stated as 12 hours, an extension of the time interval to 1.25 times the interval specified in the Frequency is allowed by SR 3.0.2 for operational flexibility. The measurement of this interval continues at all times, even when the SR is not required to be met per SR 3.0.1 (such as when the equipment is inoperable, a variable is outside specified limits, or the unit is outside the Applicability of the LCO). If the interval specified by SR 3.0.2 is exceeded while the unit is in a MODE or other specified condition in the Applicability of the LCO, and the performance of the Surveillance is not otherwise modified (refer to Examples 1.4-3 and 1.4-4), then SR 3.0.3 becomes applicable.

If the interval as specified by SR 3.0.2 is exceeded while the unit is not in a MODE or other specified condition in the Applicability of the LCO for which performance of the SR is required, then SR 3.0.4 becomes applicable. The Surveillance must be performed within the Frequency requirements of SR 3.0.2, as modified by SR 3.0.3, prior to entry into the MODE or other specified condition or the LCO is considered not met (in accordance with SR 3.0.1) and LCO 3.0.4 becomes applicable.

EXAMPLE 1.4-2

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

SURVEILLANCE	FREQUENCY
Verify flow is within limits.	Once within 12 hours after $\geq$ 25% RTP AND 24 hours thereafter

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EXAMPLE 1.4-2 (continued)

Example 1.4-2 has two Frequencies. The first is a one time performance Frequency, and the second is of the type shown in Example 1.4-1. The logical connector "AND" indicates that both Frequency requirements must be met. Each time reactor power is increased from a power level < 25% RTP to ≥ 25% RTP, the Surveillance must be performed within 12 hours.

The use of "once" indicates a single performance will satisfy the specified Frequency (assuming no other Frequencies are connected by "AND"). This type of Frequency does not qualify for the extension allowed by SR 3.0.2.

"Thereafter" indicates future performances must be established per SR 3.0.2, but only after a specified condition is first met (i.e., the "once" performance in this example). If reactor power decreases to < 25% RTP, the measurement of both intervals stops. New intervals start upon reactor power reaching 25% RTP.

EXAMPLE 1.4-3

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

SURVEILLANCE	FREQUENCY
----------NOTE---------- Not required to be performed until 12 hours after ≥ 25% RTP. ----------	
Perform channel adjustment.	7 days

The interval continues whether or not the unit operation is < 25% RTP between performances.

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EXAMPLE 1.4-3 (continued)

As the Note modifies the required performance of the Surveillance, it is construed to be part of the "specified Frequency." Should the 7 day interval be exceeded while operation is < 25% RTP, this Note allows 12 hours after power reaches ≥ 25% RTP to perform the Surveillance. The Surveillance is still considered to be within the "specified Frequency." Therefore, if the Surveillance were not performed within the 7 day interval (plus the extension allowed by SR 3.0.2), but operation was < 25% RTP, it would not constitute a failure of the SR or failure to meet the LCO. Also, no violation of SR 3.0.4 occurs when changing MODES, even with the 7 day Frequency not met, provided operation does not exceed 12 hours with power ≥ 25% RTP.

Once the unit reaches 25% RTP, 12 hours would be allowed for completing the Surveillance. If the Surveillance were not performed within this 12 hour interval, there would then be a failure to perform a Surveillance within the specified Frequency, and the provisions of SR 3.0.3 would apply.

EXAMPLE 1.4-4

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

SURVEILLANCE	FREQUENCY
----------NOTE---------- Only required to be met in MODE 1. ---------- Verify leakage rates are within limits.	24 hours

Example 1.4-4 specifies that the requirements of this Surveillance do not have to be met until the unit is in MODE 1. The interval measurement for the Frequency of this Surveillance continues at all times, as described in Example 1.4-1. However, the Note constitutes an "otherwise stated" exception to the Applicability of this Surveillance.

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EXAMPLE 1.4-4 (continued)

Therefore, if the Surveillance were not performed within the 24 hour interval (plus the extension allowed by SR 3.0.2), but the unit was not in MODE 1, there would be no failure of the SR nor failure to meet the LCO. Therefore, no violation of SR 3.0.4 occurs when changing MODES, even with the 24 hour Frequency exceeded, provided the MODE change was not made into MODE 1. Prior to entering MODE 1 (assuming again that the 24 hour Frequency were not met), SR 3.0.4 would require satisfying the SR.

EXAMPLE 1.4-5

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

SURVEILLANCE	FREQUENCY
----------NOTE---------- Only required to be performed in MODE 1. ----------	
Perform complete cycle of the valve.	7 days

The interval continues, whether or not the unit operation is in MODE 1, 2, or 3 (the assumed Applicability of the associated LCO) between performances.

As the Note modifies the required performance of the Surveillance, the Note is construed to be part of the "specified Frequency." Should the 7 day interval be exceeded while operation is not in MODE 1, this Note allows entry into and operation in MODES 2 and 3 to perform the Surveillance. The Surveillance is still considered to be performed within the "specified Frequency" if completed prior to entering MODE 1.

Therefore, if the Surveillance were not performed within the 7 day (plus the extension allowed by SR 3.0.2) interval, but operation was not in MODE 1, it would not constitute a failure of the SR or failure to meet the LCO. Also no

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EXAMPLE 1.4-5 (continued)

violation of SR 3.0.4 occurs when changing MODES, even with the 7 day Frequency not met, provided operation does not result in entry into MODE 1.

Once the unit reaches MODE 1, the requirement for the Surveillance to be performed within its specified Frequency applies and would require that the Surveillance had been performed. If the Surveillance were not performed prior to entering MODE 1, there would then be a failure to perform a Surveillance within the specified Frequency, and the provisions of SR 3.0.3 would apply.

EXAMPLE 1.4-6

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

SURVEILLANCE	FREQUENCY
----------NOTE---------- Not required to be met in MODE 3. ----------	
Verify parameter is within limits.	24 hours

Example 1.4-6 specifies that the requirements of this Surveillance do not have to be met while the unit is in MODE 3 (the assumed Applicability of the associated LCO is MODES 1, 2, and 3). The interval measurement for the Frequency of this Surveillance continues at all times, as described in Example 1.4-1. However, the Note constitutes an “otherwise stated” exception to the Applicability of this Surveillance. Therefore, if the Surveillance were not performed within the 24 hour interval (plus the extension allowed by SR 3.0.2), and the unit was in MODE 3, there would be no failure of the SR nor failure to meet the LCO. Therefore, no violation of SR 3.0.4 occurs when changing MODES to enter MODE 3, even with the 24 hour Frequency exceeded, provided the MODE

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EXAMPLE 1.4-6 (continued)

change does not result in entry into MODE 2. Prior to entering MODE 2 (assuming agin that the 24 hour Frequency were not met), SR 3.0.4 would require satisfying the SR.

ACTIONS

CONDITION	REQUIRED ACTION		COMPLETION TIME
A. (continued)	A.2	Declare the associated control rod inoperable.	8 hours
B. Two or more control rod scram accumulators inoperable with reactor steam dome pressure ≥ 900 psig.	B.1	Restore charging water header pressure to ≥ 940 psig.	20 minutes from discovery of Condition B concurrent with charging water header pressure < 940 psig
	AND		
	B.2.1	--------NOTE-------- Only applicable if the average scram times of the two-by-two arrays associated with the control rod with the inoperable accumulator are within the limits of Table 3.1.4-1 during the last scram time Surveillance. ----------	
		Declare the average scram time in all two-by-two arrays associated with the control rod with the inoperable accumulator not within the limits of Table 3.1.4-1 and declare the associated control rod "slow."	1 hour
		OR	(continued)

CONDITION	REQUIRED ACTION	COMPLETION TIME
C. Required Action and associated Completion Time of Condition A or B not met. OR No recirculation loops in operation.	C.1 Be in MODE 3.	12 hours

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SURVEILLANCE		FREQUENCY
SR 3.4.1.1	----------NOTE---------- Not required to be performed until 24 hours after both recirculation loops are in operation. ---------- Verify recirculation loop drive flow mismatch with both recirculation loops in operation is: a. ≤ 10% of rated recirculation loop drive flow when operating at < 70% of rated core flow; and b. ≤ 5% of rated recirculation loop drive flow when operating at ≥ 70% of rated core flow.	24 hours

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

SURVEILLANCE		FREQUENCY
SR 3.5.1.4	Verify each ECCS pump develops the specified flow rate with the specified differential pressure between reactor and suction source. SYSTEM / FLOW RATE / DIFFERENTIAL PRESSURE BETWEEN REACTOR AND SUCTION SOURCE LPCS / ≥ 6350 gpm / ≥ 128 psid LPCI / ≥ 7450 gpm / ≥ 26 psid HPCS / ≥ 6350 gpm / ≥ 200 psid	In accordance with the Inservice Testing Program
SR 3.5.1.5	----------NOTE---------- Vessel injection/spray may be excluded. ---------- Verify each ECCS injection/spray subsystem actuates on an actual or simulated automatic initiation signal.	24 months
SR 3.5.1.6	----------NOTE---------- Valve actuation may be excluded. ---------- Verify the ADS actuates on an actual or simulated automatic initiation signal.	24 months

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SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

SURVEILLANCE		FREQUENCY
SR 3.5.2.5	Verify each required ECCS pump develops the specified flow rate with the specified differential pressure between reactor and suction source. SYSTEM — FLOW RATE — DIFFERENTIAL PRESSURE BETWEEN REACTOR AND SUCTION SOURCE LPCS — ≥ 6350 gpm — ≥ 128 psid LPCI — ≥ 7450 gpm — ≥ 26 psid HPCS — ≥ 6350 gpm — ≥ 200 psid	In accordance with the Inservice Testing Program
SR 3.5.2.6	----------NOTE---------- Vessel injection/spray may be excluded. ---------- Verify each required ECCS injection/spray subsystem actuates on an actual or simulated automatic initiation signal.	24 months

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CONDITION	REQUIRED ACTION	COMPLETION TIME
B. One SW subsystem inoperable.	B.1 --------NOTES-------- 1. Enter applicable Conditions and Required Actions of LCO 3.8.1, "AC Sources — Operating," for diesel generator made inoperable by SW System. 2. Enter applicable Conditions and Required Actions of LCO 3.4.9, "Residual Heat Removal (RHR) Shutdown Cooling System — Hot Shutdown," for RHR shutdown cooling subsystem made inoperable by SW System. ---------- Restore SW subsystem to OPERABLE status.	72 hours

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CONDITION	REQUIRED ACTION		COMPLETION TIME
B. (continued)	B.2	Declare required feature(s), supported by the inoperable DG, inoperable when the redundant required feature(s) are inoperable.	4 hours from discovery of Condition B concurrent with inoperability of redundant required feature(s)
	AND		
	B.3.1	Determine OPERABLE DG(s) are not inoperable due to common cause failure.	24 hours
	OR		
	B.3.2	Perform SR 3.8.1.2 for OPERABLE DG(s).	24 hours if not performed within the past 24 hours
	AND		
	B.4.1	Restore required DG to OPERABLE status.	72 hours from discovery of an inoperable DG AND 6 days from discovery of failure to meet LCO
	OR		
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CONDITION	REQUIRED ACTION	COMPLETION TIME
C. Required Division 3 DG inoperable.	C.1 Declare High Pressure Core Spray System inoperable.	72 hours

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

SURVEILLANCE		FREQUENCY
SR 3.8.2.1	----------NOTE---------- The following SRs are not required to be performed: SR 3.8.1.3, SR 3.8.1.9 through SR 3.8.1.11, SR 3.8.1.13 through SR 3.8.1.16, SR 3.8.1.18, and SR 3.8.1.19. ----------	
	For AC sources required to be OPERABLE, the SRs for Specification 3.8.1 except SR 3.8.1.8, SR 3.8.1.17, and SR 3.8.1.20, are applicable	In accordance with applicable SRs

5.5 Programs and Manuals (continued)

5.5.4 Radioactive Effluent Controls Program (continued)

1. The provisions of SR 3.0.2 and SR 3.0.3 are applicable to the Radioactive Effluent Controls Program surveillance frequency.

5.5.5 Component Cyclic or Transient Limit

This program provides controls to track the FSAR, Table 3.9-1, Note 1, cyclic and transient occurrences to ensure that components are maintained within the design limits.

5.5.6 Inservice Testing Program

This program provides controls for inservice testing of ASME Code Class 1, 2, and 3 pumps and valves.

a. Testing Frequencies applicable to the ASME Code for Operations and Maintenance of Nuclear Power Plants (ASME OM Code) and applicable Addenda as follows:

ASME OM 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

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b. The provisions of SR 3.0.2 are applicable to the above required Frequencies and to other normal and accelerated Frequencies specified as 2 years or less in the Inservice Testing Program 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 OM Code shall be construed to supersede the requirements of any TS.

5.5.7 Ventilation Filter Testing Program (VFTP)

The VFTP shall establish the required testing of Engineered Safety Feature (ESF) filter ventilation systems.

Tests described in Specification 5.5.7.a and 5.5.7.b shall be performed once per 24 months; after each complete or partial replacement of the HEPA filter train or charcoal adsorber filter; after any structural maintenance on the system housing; and, following significant painting, fire, or chemical release in any ventilation zone communicating with the system while it is in operation.

Tests described in Specification 5.5.7.c shall be performed once per 24 months; after 720 hours of system operation; after any structural maintenance on the system housing; and, following significant painting, fire, or chemical release in any ventilation zone communicating with the system while it is in operation.

Tests described in Specification 5.5.7.d and 5.5.7.e shall be performed once per 24 months.

The provisions of SR 3.0.2 and SR 3.0.3 are applicable to the VFTP test Frequencies.

a. Demonstrate for each of the ESF systems that an inplace test of the high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters shows a penetration and system bypass < 0.05% when tested in accordance with Regulatory Guide 1.52, Revision 2, and ASME N510-1989 at the system flowrate specified below:

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