

9.4.9 Emergency Power Generating Building Ventilation System

The emergency power generating building ventilation system (EPGBVS) maintains acceptable ambient conditions and air renewals of the diesel hall, electrical room, and main tank room of each of the four divisions of the Emergency Power Generating Buildings (EPGB). Each division has its own independent heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system which is not connected to other divisions. Two divisions are located in each of the two EPGBs.

9.4.9.1 Design Bases

The EPGBVS is safety related and designed to meet Seismic Category I requirements. The EPGBVS performs the following safety-related system function and complies with the general design criteria (GDC) indicated below:

- The EPGBVS maintains acceptable temperatures and air renewals in each of the four divisions to support the operation of the emergency diesel generators (EDG) and electrical control panels. The EDGs are required to provide onsite emergency power for the safety-related equipment to achieve and maintain the plant in a safe shutdown condition following a design basis accident, including loss of offsite power (LOOP).
- In accordance with GDC 2, the EPGBVS components are located inside the EPGBs, which are designed to withstand the effects of natural phenomena, such as earthquakes, tornados, hurricanes, floods and external missiles.
- In accordance with GDC 4, the EPGBVS components remain functional and continue to perform their intended safety function after anticipated operational occurrences and design basis accidents, such as fire, internal missiles, or pipe breaks.
- In accordance with GDC 5, the safety-related components and systems of the EPGBVS are not shared with other nuclear power units.

The quality group classification meets the guidance of RG 1.26. The seismic design of the system components adheres to the guidance of RG 1.29.

Though the EDGs are in standby mode during normal plant operation, the EPGBVS is available in any plant operating condition. With outside air ambient design temperature conditions of -40°F to 115°F, the EPGBVS is designed to meet the following functional criteria:

- Maintains the diesel hall temperature between 59°F and 140°F.
- Maintains the electrical room temperature between 59°F and 95°F with 35 to 70 percent relative humidity.

- Maintains the main tank room temperature between 59°F and 140°F.

9.4.9.2 System Description

9.4.9.2.1 General Description

The EPGBVS ventilates the diesel generators using outside air as the cooling medium. Air is supplied into the building to slightly pressurize the building, and is then vented from the building through exhaust air louver openings.

The EPGBVS includes ventilation of diesel divisions 1 through 4. Divisions 1 and 2 are located inside the EPGB located on one side of the Reactor Building (RB), and divisions 3 and 4 are located inside the EPGB located on the opposite side of the RB. Each division has a separate and independent HVAC system. The HVAC systems for each of the four divisions are identical.

The air intake and exhaust stack of the EPGBVS are located such that exhaust gases being drawn into the air inlet stream are limited to an insignificant level. The exhaust stack is located approximately 70 feet from the air intake, and the exhaust air flow is directed away from the air intake flow.

One of the divisions of the EPGBVS is illustrated in Figure 9.4.9-1—Emergency Power Generating Building Ventilation System. The other three divisions are identical.

The EPGBVS consists of following subsystems for each division:

- Ventilation of diesel hall.
- Ventilation of electric room.
- Ventilation of main tank room.

Ventilation of Diesel Hall

The outside air is drawn into the HVAC supply room through an air intake screen or grill which prevents large objects from entering the air intake. The fresh air intake is located approximately fifty feet above grade elevation and is protected against tornado missiles. The screen or grill is heated during the winter to prevent ice buildup.

The air from the HVAC supply room is supplied through two separate air trains which include back draft damper, prefilter, and supply fan. The supply air is then delivered through ductwork to the diesel hall and inlet duct to the electric room air conditioning unit. The main tank room supply air is supplied from the diesel hall.

During winter conditions, when the EDGs are not in operation, the air in the diesel hall is recirculated through four electrical air fan heaters. These fans are controlled by local thermostats to maintain the required minimum temperature.

The exhaust air from the diesel hall is directed to the HVAC exhaust room through two separate ducts which include an exhaust fan and a back draft damper. The exhaust air is then directed to the building exhaust through an outlet screen or grill.

Ventilation of Electric Room

The inlet air supply for the electric room is drawn from a common air supply duct of the diesel hall through a fire damper and an electric louver damper. The supply air is then directed through an air conditioning unit which consists of a manual louver damper, prefilter, high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter, cooling coil, moisture separator, electric heater, supply fan, and a humidifier. The cooling coil is cooled using a refrigerant from a packaged chiller unit. The conditioned air is supplied to the electric room through a back draft damper and a fire damper. The electric heater increases the supply air temperature during winter conditions.

The exhaust air from the electric room is recirculated back to the air conditioning unit through a fire damper and a back draft damper. The outside air supply and recirculated air from the electric room are controlled to maintain ambient conditions inside the electric room.

Ventilation of Main Tank Room

The air supply to the main tank room is drawn from the diesel hall through a back draft damper and a fire damper. The exhaust air from the main tank room is directed through louver damper, exhaust fan, back draft damper, and a fire damper. The exhaust air is then directed to the building exhaust through an outlet screen or grill. The exhaust fan is designed to maintain the required ventilation rate of the main tank room. During winter, local heaters maintain the required minimum temperature inside the main tank room. These heaters are controlled by local thermostats.

9.4.9.2.2 Component Description

The major components of the EPGBVS are listed in the following paragraphs, along with the applicable codes and standards. Refer to Section 3.2 for the seismic and system quality group classification of these components.

Ductwork and Accessories

The supply and exhaust air ducts are constructed of galvanized sheet steel and structurally designed for fan shutoff pressures. The ductwork meets the design, testing and construction requirements of ASME AG-1-2003 (Reference 1).

Electric Air Heating Convectors (Area Heaters)

The electric area heaters are installed in the main tank room to maintain room ambient conditions and controlled by local room temperature sensors. Electrical heating coils are fin tubular type and meet the requirements of Reference 1.

In-line Electric Air Heaters

In-line electric air heaters are installed in the air conditioning ductwork for the electric room and used to heat the supply air to the acceptable temperature. The heaters will meet the requirements of Reference 1.

Fan Heaters

Fan heaters are used in the diesel hall to maintain acceptable temperature in the area. The fan heaters include a fan and electric heater. These fan heaters are controlled by a thermostat.

Prefilters

The prefilters are located upstream of HEPA filters and collect large particles to increase the useful life of high efficiency filters. The prefilters meet the requirements of ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 52.2-1999 (Reference 2).

HEPA Filters

HEPA filters are constructed, qualified and tested in accordance with Reference 1. The periodic in-place testing of HEPA filters to determine the leak-tightness is performed in accordance with ASME N510-1989 (Reference 3).

Fans

The supply and exhaust fans are centrifugal or axial type with electrical motor drivers. Fan performance is rated in accordance with ANSI/AMCA 210-99 (Reference 4), ANSI/AMCA-211-1987 (Reference 5), and ANSI/AMCA 300-1985 (Reference 6).

Isolation Dampers

Manual dampers are adjusted during initial plant testing to establish accurate flow balance between the rooms. The motor-operated dampers will fail to “close” or “open” position in the case of power loss, depending on the safety function of the dampers. The performance and testing requirements of the dampers are in accordance with Reference 1.

Fire Dampers

Fire dampers are installed where ductwork penetrates a fire barrier. Fire damper design meets the requirements of UL 555 (Reference 7) and the damper fire rating is commensurate with the fire rating of the barrier penetrated. The fire dampers are included in the discussion of the EPGB fire protection system (refer to Appendix 9A.3.6).

Cooling Coils

Cooling coils are installed in the supply train for cooling of the electrical room. The cooling coils are of finned tube coil type and designed in accordance with Reference 1. The coil is cooled using a refrigerant from a packaged chiller unit.

Humidifiers

A humidifier is installed in the air conditioning train to maintain humidity conditions as required in the electric room. Humidity levels are controlled by the humidity sensors in the room.

Moisture Separator

The moisture separator is installed in the air conditioning train to collect condensate, which is directed to the drain system.

9.4.9.2.3 System Operation

Normal Plant Operation

The EPGBVS maintains acceptable ambient conditions in the diesel hall, electric room, and main tank room of each of the four EPGB divisions. During normal plant operation, the EDGs do not operate. However, outside air is supplied to the diesel hall to maintain an acceptable ambient temperature for the startup of the EDGs and personnel comfort. In winter conditions, four fan heaters are available to maintain the required minimum temperature in the diesel hall. When the EDGs are in operation, the exhaust air removes the heat generated in the diesel hall. The operation of air supply fans and the opening of dampers depend on the diesel hall temperature detected by the sensors. The diesel hall temperature is kept in the appropriate band by controlling the position of dampers and operating the air supply fans.

Air renewals for the electrical room, diesel hall, and main tank room are maintained as needed to obtain the required ambient temperatures. The electrical room is supplied with outside air from the diesel hall air supply duct and mixed with recycled air from the electrical room. The mixed air is then processed through the air conditioning train and supplied to the electrical room. The mixed air supply temperature and humidity is

adjusted by an electrical heater, cooling coils, and humidifier located in the air conditioning train for the electric room.

The main tank room is ventilated by air supplied from the diesel hall. The main tank room air is discharged through the exhaust duct to an exhaust fan and then out of the building. The main tank room is heated by a local electric heater, which is activated by a thermostat to maintain a minimum required room temperature.

Fire dampers are located on the ventilation system to avoid fire propagation in the building. The rooms are completely isolated in case of a fire in the room. Fire is detected by a fire alarm system which automatically closes the corresponding fire damper.

Abnormal System Operating Conditions

Failure of Diesel Hall Air Supply

If one or more components of the diesel hall supply air fail, the EPGBVS is not able to maintain the required ambient conditions. At lower outside temperature, the system uses only one supply fan to provide sufficient ventilation for the proper operation of the EDGs. Since there are four redundant EPGB divisions, the failure of the diesel hall air supply in one division does not affect the other three divisions.

Failure of Diesel Hall Fan Heater

The diesel hall has four fan heaters. In the case of failure of one heater fan, the other three fans are able to maintain the required temperature in the diesel hall.

Failure of Electric Room Air Supply

In the case of failure of a component on the air conditioning train for the electric room, the required ambient conditions are not maintained in the electric room. However, other unaffected divisions are available to provide necessary power during this event.

Failure of Exhaust Components

In the case of failure of any of the EPGBVS exhaust components, proper ambient conditions are not maintained. However, other unaffected divisions are available to provide necessary power during this event.

Loss of Offsite Power

In the event of LOOP, the emergency power to EPGBVS components is supplied by the corresponding supported diesel generator. Therefore the ventilation system is not affected by the LOOP. The EPGBVS actuators are supplied with emergency power.

Fire dampers are supplied with an uninterruptable AC power supply. During operation of the diesel generators with a maximum outside air ambient design temperature of 115°F, the room temperature may rise to a maximum of 140°F.

Station Blackout

In the event of a station blackout (SBO), diesel generator power is not available. The EPGBVS is not functional during the SBO event. Since the diesel generators are not operating, the temperature within the building will increase only slightly because no significant heat loads are present. The temperature within the EPGBs will remain at an acceptable level to support the operability of the diesels.

9.4.9.3 Safety Evaluation

The EPGBVS is designed to maintain ambient conditions inside the EPGB to allow safe operation of the diesel generators. The maximum temperature of 140°F in the diesel hall and tank room is the design temperature based on an outside ambient temperature of 115°F and heat loads due to operating EDGs and other electrical loads. The equipment inside the diesel hall and tank room is designed to a temperature of 140°F. The ambient conditions inside the EPGB are normally maintained acceptable for personnel access.

The EPGBVS is located inside of the EPGB, which is designed to withstand effects of earthquake, tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, external missiles and other natural phenomena. Chapter 3 provides the bases for adequacy of the structural design of the EPGBs.

The EPGBVS remains functional after a safe shutdown earthquake (SSE) event. Chapter 3 provides the design loading conditions, and Section 7.4 addresses the systems required for safe shutdown.

Redundancy is provided for the EPGBVS components and no single failure compromises the safety function of the system. Vital power is supplied from onsite or offsite power systems.

9.4.9.4 Inspection and Testing Requirements

Refer to Section 14.2 (test abstract #084) for initial plant startup test program. Initial in-place acceptance testing of the EPGBVS components is performed in accordance with Reference 1 and Reference 3.

9.4.9.5 Instrumentation Requirements

Indication of the operational status of the equipment, position of dampers, instrument indications and alarms are provided in the MCR. Fans, motor-operated dampers, heaters and cooling units are operable from the MCR. Local instruments are provided

to measure differential pressure across filters, flow, temperature and pressure. The fire detection and sensors information is delivered to the fire detection system.

9.4.9.6 References

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