

3.9 REFUELING OPERATIONS

3.9.1 Boron Concentration

LCO 3.9.1 Boron concentrations of the Reactor Coolant System (RCS), the refueling canal, and the refueling cavity shall be maintained within the limit specified in the COLR.

APPLICABILITY: MODE 6.

-----NOTE-----
Only applicable to the refueling canal and refueling cavity when connected to the RCS.

ACTIONS

CONDITION	REQUIRED ACTION	COMPLETION TIME
A. Boron concentration not within limit.	A.1 Suspend positive reactivity additions.	Immediately
	<u>AND</u> A.2 Initiate action to restore boron concentration to within limit.	Immediately

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

SURVEILLANCE	FREQUENCY
SR 3.9.1.1 Verify boron concentration is within the limit specified in the COLR.	72 hours

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3.9.2 Nuclear Instrumentation

LCO 3.9.2 Two source range neutron flux monitors shall be OPERABLE.

APPLICABILITY: MODE 6.

ACTIONS

CONDITION	REQUIRED ACTION	COMPLETION TIME
A. One required source range neutron flux monitor inoperable.	A.1 Suspend positive reactivity additions.	Immediately
	<u>AND</u>	
	A.2 Suspend operations that would cause introduction of coolant into the RCS with boron concentration less than required to meet the boron concentration of LCO 3.9.1, "Boron Concentration."	Immediately
B. Two required source range neutron flux monitors inoperable.	B.1 Initiate action to restore one source range neutron flux monitor to OPERABLE status.	Immediately
	<u>AND</u>	
	B.2 Perform SR 3.9.1.1.	Once per 12 hours

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

SURVEILLANCE		FREQUENCY
SR 3.9.2.1	Perform CHANNEL CHECK.	12 hours
SR 3.9.2.2	<p>-----NOTE----- Neutron detectors are excluded from CALIBRATION. -----</p> <p>Perform CALIBRATION.</p>	24 months

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3.9.3 Decay Time

LCO 3.9.3 The reactor shall be subcritical for ≥ 34 hours.

APPLICABILITY: During movement of irradiated fuel assemblies in the reactor pressure vessel.

ACTIONS

CONDITION	REQUIRED ACTION	COMPLETION TIME
A. Reactor subcritical < 34 hours.	A.1 Suspend all operations involving movement of irradiated fuel assemblies in the reactor pressure vessel.	Immediately

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

SURVEILLANCE	FREQUENCY
SR 3.9.3.1 Verify that the reactor has been subcritical for ≥ 34 hours by verification of the date and time of subcriticality.	Prior to movement of irradiated fuel assemblies in the reactor vessel

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3.9.4 Residual Heat Removal (RHR) Loops - High Water Level

LCO 3.9.4 One RHR loop shall be OPERABLE and in operation.

-----NOTE-----
 The required OPERABLE RHR loop may be removed from operation for ≤ 1 hour per 8 hour period, provided no operations are permitted that would cause introduction of coolant into the Reactor Coolant System (RCS) with boron concentration less than that required to meet the minimum required boron concentration of LCO 3.9.1, "Boron Concentration."

APPLICABILITY: MODE 6 with the water level ≥ 23 ft above the top of reactor vessel flange.

ACTIONS

CONDITION	REQUIRED ACTION	COMPLETION TIME
A. Requirements of the LCO not met.	A.1 Suspend loading irradiated fuel assemblies in the core. <u>AND</u>	Immediately
	A.2 Initiate action to satisfy the requirements of the LCO. <u>AND</u>	Immediately
	A.3 Close equipment hatch and secure. <u>AND</u>	4 hours

ACTIONS (continued)

CONDITION	REQUIRED ACTION	COMPLETION TIME
	<p>A.4 Close one door in each air lock.</p> <p><u>AND</u></p> <p>A.5 Verify each penetration providing direct access from the containment atmosphere to the outside atmosphere is either closed with a manual or automatic isolation valve, blind flange, or equivalent, or is capable of being closed by an OPERABLE Containment Ventilation System.</p>	<p>4 hours</p> <p>4 hours</p>

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

SURVEILLANCE	FREQUENCY
<p>SR 3.9.4.1 Verify one RHR loop is in operation and circulating reactor coolant at a flow rate of ≥ 2200 gpm.</p>	<p>12 hours</p>

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3.9.5 Residual Heat Removal (RHR) Loops - Low Water Level

LCO 3.9.5 Two Residual Heat Removal (RHR) loops shall be OPERABLE, and one RHR loop shall be in operation.

APPLICABILITY: MODE 6 with the water level < 23 ft above the top of reactor vessel flange.

ACTIONS

CONDITION	REQUIRED ACTION	COMPLETION TIME
<p>A. Less than the required number of RHR loops OPERABLE.</p>	<p>A.1 Initiate action to restore the required number of RHR loops to OPERABLE status.</p>	<p>Immediately</p>
	<p><u>OR</u></p> <p>A.2 Initiate action to establish ≥ 23 ft of water above the top of reactor vessel flange.</p>	<p>Immediately</p>

ACTIONS (continued)

CONDITION	REQUIRED ACTION	COMPLETION TIME
<p>B. No RHR loop in operation.</p>	<p>B.1 Initiate action to restore required RHR loop to operation.</p>	<p>Immediately</p>
	<p><u>AND</u></p>	
	<p>B.2 Verify the equipment hatch is closed and secured.</p>	<p>4 hours</p>
	<p><u>AND</u></p>	
	<p>B.3 Verify one door in each air lock is closed.</p>	<p>4 hours</p>
	<p><u>AND</u></p>	
	<p>B.4 Verify each penetration providing direct access from the containment atmosphere to the outside atmosphere is either closed with a manual or automatic isolation valve, blind flange, or equivalent, or is capable of being closed by an OPERABLE Containment Ventilation System.</p>	<p>4 hours</p>

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

SURVEILLANCE		FREQUENCY
SR 3.9.5.1	Verify one RHR loop is in operation and circulating reactor coolant at a flow rate of ≥ 2200 gpm.	12 hours
SR 3.9.5.2	<p>-----NOTE-----</p> <p>Not required to be performed until 24 hours after a required RHR loop not in operation.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Verify correct breaker alignment and indicated power are available to each required LHSI pump.</p>	7 days

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3.9.6 Refueling Cavity Water Level

LCO 3.9.6 Refueling cavity water level shall be maintained ≥ 23 ft above the top of reactor vessel flange.

APPLICABILITY: During movement of irradiated fuel assemblies within containment.

ACTIONS

CONDITION	REQUIRED ACTION	COMPLETION TIME
A. Refueling cavity water level not within limit.	A.1 Suspend movement of irradiated fuel assemblies within containment.	Immediately

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

SURVEILLANCE	FREQUENCY
SR 3.9.6.1 Verify refueling cavity water level is ≥ 23 ft above the top of reactor vessel flange.	24 hours

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3.9.7 Containment Penetrations

LCO 3.9.7 The containment penetrations shall be in the following status:

- a. The containment equipment hatch is closed:
- b. One door in each containment air lock is closed; and
- c. Each penetration providing direct access from the containment atmosphere to the outside atmosphere is either:
 - 1. Closed by a containment isolation valve or blind flange, or
 - 2. Capable of being closed by a containment isolation valve from the Main Control Room.

APPLICABILITY: MODE 5 with RCS loops not filled, and
MODE 6 with the refueling cavity water level < 23 ft above the top of the reactor vessel flange.

ACTIONS

CONDITION	REQUIRED ACTION	COMPLETION TIME
A. One or more containment penetrations not in required status.	A.1 Initiate action to place containment penetration(s) in required status.	Immediately
	<u>OR</u>	
	A.2 Initiate action to be in MODE 5 with the RCS pressure boundary intact and ≥ 25% pressurizer level.	Immediately
	<u>OR</u>	
	A.3 Initiate action to achieve refueling cavity water level ≥ 23 feet above top of the reactor vessel flange.	Immediately

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

SURVEILLANCE		FREQUENCY
SR 3.9.7.1	Verify each required containment penetration is in the required status.	7 days
SR 3.9.7.2	<p>-----NOTE-----</p> <p>Not required to be met for containment purge and exhaust valve(s) in penetrations closed to comply with LCO 3.9.7.c.1.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Verify each required containment purge and exhaust valve actuates to the isolation position on an actual or simulated actuation signal.</p>	24 months