

- d. % Degradation means the percentage of the tube or sleeve wall thickness affected or removed by degradation.
- e. Defect means an imperfection of such severity that it exceeds the repair limit. A tube or sleeve containing a defect is defective.
- f. Repair Limit means the imperfection depth beyond which the tube shall be either removed from service by plugging or repaired by sleeving because it may become unserviceable prior to the next inspection; it is equal to 40% of the nominal tube or sleeve wall thickness.

The Babcock and Wilcox process (or method) equivalent to the method described in report, BAW-1823P, Revision 1 will be used.

- g. Unserviceable describes the condition of a tube if it leaks or contains a defect large enough to affect its structural integrity in the event of an Operating Basis Earthquake, a loss-of-coolant accident, or a steam line or feedwater line break as specified in Specification 4.17.4.
- h. Tube Inspection means an inspection of the steam generator tube from the point of entry completely to the point of exit.

4.17.6 Reports

- a. The number of tubes plugged or repaired in each steam generator shall be reported to the NRC within 30 days following the completion of the plugging or repair procedure.
- b. The results of the steam generator tube inservice inspection shall be reported to the NRC within 3 months following completion of the inspection. This report shall include:
 - 1. Number and extent of tubes inspected.
 - 2. Location and percent of wall-thickness penetration for each indication of a degraded tube.
 - 3. Identification of tubes plugged or repaired.
- c. Results of steam generator tube inspections which fall into Category C-3 and require prompt notification of the NRC shall be reported pursuant to Specification 6.6.2.1.a prior to resumption of plant operation. The written followup of this report shall provide a description of investigations conducted to determine cause of the tube degradation and corrective measures taken to prevent recurrence.

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The program of periodic inservice inspection of steam generators provides the means to monitor the integrity of the tubing and to maintain surveillance in the event there is evidence of mechanical damage or progressive deterioration due to design, manufacturing errors, or operating conditions. Inservice inspection of the steam generator tubing also provides a means of characterizing the nature and cause of any tube degradation so that corrective measures may be taken.

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