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DUKE POWER COMPANY  
OCONEE NUCLEAR STATION  
PLANNED INITIATION OF NATURAL CIRCULATION  
AND NATURAL CIRCULATION COOLDOWN

1.0 Purpose

To outline the procedure for establishing Natural Circulation in the RC System in a pre-planned mode when the steam generators are being used to remove decay heat. Guidance is also provided to continue a natural circulation cooldown if required.

2.0 Limitations and Precautions

- 2.1 RC System must be maintained subcooled and within the curves shown in Enclosure 5.1.
- 2.2 Maintain normal cooldown limits per OP/1102/10 (Controlling Procedure for Unit Shutdown).
- 2.3 Maintain pressurizer level  $> 80''$  to prevent uncovering pressurizer heater bundles.
- 2.4 Monitor pressurizer level and LDST level during natural circulation. A sudden increase in either level while pressure is constant or decreasing indicates void formation in the RC System. If void formation occurs or saturated conditions are observed, refer to the Inadequate Core Cooling Operating Procedure (OP/0/A/1106/35).
- 2.5 If emergency feedwater is to be used to provide decay heat removal, overcooling could result during operation with low decay heat levels. If necessary, emergency feedwater flow should be throttled.

2.6 Natural Circulation Cooldown using one steam generator can provide adequate core cooling. However, cooldown of the loop with the isolated steam generator will lag behind the steaming steam generator. Carefully monitor subcooling in both loops. If there is water in the isolated steam generator, it will become a heat source instead of a heat sink and could add enough heat to cause void formation in the hot leg.

3.0 Establishing Natural Circulation in the RC

System (Planned)

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3.1 Initial Conditions

3.1.1 Reactor tripped. \_\_\_\_\_

3.1.2 One or more RC Pumps operating. \_\_\_\_\_

3.1.3 Pressurizer Heaters operable to  
maintain RC pressure. \_\_\_\_\_

3.1.4 Feedwater System in normal operation  
per OP/1106/02 (Condensate and  
Feedwater). \_\_\_\_\_

3.2 Procedure

3.2.1 Verify proper RC System subcooling  
margin per Enclosure 5.1 and the  
Subcooled Margin Monitors. \_\_\_\_\_

3.2.2 Energize pressurizer heaters in  
manual. \_\_\_\_\_

3.2.3 Slowly increase steam generator  
level to 50% on the operating range  
as RC System pressure increases.  
Maintain pressurizer level > 80"

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since filling of OTSG with cold water will also cool RC System. \_\_\_\_\_

CAUTION: RC System subcooling margin must be maintained while increasing steam generator level to 50% on the operating range.

3.2.4 Establish pressurizer level between 100 and 200 inches. When level and pressure have stabilized. Place pressurizer heaters in AUTO. \_\_\_\_\_

3.2.5 Secure operating RC Pump(s) per OP/1103/06 (RC Pump Operation). \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Securing all RC Pumps will shift feedwater flow to the auxiliary header.

3.2.6 Verify natural circulation by monitoring the following parameters: \_\_\_\_\_

1.  $\Delta T$  increases and stabilizes to a value less than full load  $\Delta T$  ( $< 50^{\circ}F$ ). (stability may not occur in less than 15 minutes).

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2. Heat removal from steam generators verified by operation of turbine bypass valves and feedwater valve positions.
3. Incore thermocouple temperatures stabilize.
4. RC System is  $> 50^{\circ}\text{F}$  subcooled by the subcooling Margin Monitors.
5. S/G levels are  $\sim 50\%$  on the operating range.

CAUTION: If natural circulation cannot be confirmed or if the limits of Enclosure 5.1 will be exceeded, restart a RC pump (if available) or initiate High Pressure Injection Cooling.

CAUTION: If feedwater flow is lost, attempt to restore feedwater flow and reverify natural circulation

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or attempt to restart  
a RC pump.

CAUTION: High Pressure Injection must be initiated before the 50°F subcooling margin is lost.  
Refer to Enclosure 5.1.

4.0 Natural Circulation Cooldown

4.1 Initial Conditions

4.1.1 Reactor Tripped. \_\_\_\_\_

4.1.2 Reactor Coolant Pumps tripped. \_\_\_\_\_

4.1.3 Pressurizer Heaters operable. \_\_\_\_\_

4.1.4 Feedwater System in normal operation per OP/1106/02 (Condensate and Feedwater) or Emergency Feedwater System providing heat removal. \_\_\_\_\_

4.1.5 Natural Circulation is established: \_\_\_\_\_

1.  $\Delta T$  (between  $T_H$  and  $T_C$ ) is less than full load  $\Delta T$  ( $< 50^\circ F$ ).
2. Incore thermocouples are stable.
3. RC System is  $>50^\circ F$  subcooled by the Subcooling Margin Monitors.
4. S/G levels are  $\sim 50\%$  on the operating range.

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5. Heat removal from steam generators verified by operation of turbine bypass valves and feedwater valve positions.

4.2 Procedure

4.2.1 If Reactor Coolant Pumps are unavailable but will be available within a few hours, it is preferable to maintain hot shutdown conditions until a pump can be restarted.

4.2.1.1 Verify the Pressurizer Heaters in Auto. \_\_\_\_\_

4.2.1.2 Verify (1)(2)(3) HP-120 (PZR Level Control) in Auto. \_\_\_\_\_

4.2.1.3 Verify normal letdown maintained through (1)(2)(3) HP-7 (Letdown Control). \_\_\_\_\_

4.2.1.4 Continuously monitor the items listed in 4.1.5 to ensure natural circulation.

4.2.1.5 Borate the RC System per OP/1103/04 (Soluble Poison Control) to maintain greater

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than 1%  $\Delta k/k$  shutdown margin with  
worse case stuck rod fully withdrawn  
as determined in Reactivity Balance  
(OP/1103/15).

NOTE: If the length of the shut-  
down is not known, run a  
Xenon profile from time of  
shutdown to Xenon  $\sim 0\%$ .  
Borate the RCS, as nec-  
essary, to maintain 1%  $\Delta k/k$   
shutdown margin. Calculate  
the shutdown margin every  
eight (8) hours and borate  
for Xenon decay.

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4.2.1.6 Set the Source Range NI-1 and NI-2  
Reactor Building Evacuation Alarm  
Bistable setpoint 1/2 decade above  
source level and enable the REACTOR  
BUILDING EVACUATION Alarm.

4.2.2 If a rapid natural circulation cooldown is  
necessary, reduce RC System Pressure grad-  
ually by opening (1)(2)(3) RC-66 (PORV)  
for 10 to 15 seconds per vent. This  
will decrease system pressure  $\sim 75$  to  
100 PSIG at high pressures. At lower



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pressures the pressure decrease per  
PORV vent will be less. Do not de-  
crease RC System pressure in large  
steps; maintain subcooling margin  
>50°F on the Subcooled Monitors.

NOTE: (1)(2)(3) RC-4 (PORV BLOCK)  
should be shut immediately  
if the PORV does not reset.

4.2.2.1 Continue cooldown with 4.2.4.

4.2.3 If a slow, gradual natural circulation  
cooldown is desirable, do not utilize  
the PORV as mentioned in 4.2.2, but  
allow pressure to decrease gradually  
as the RC System and Pressurizer cool.

NOTE: Since Pressurizer Spray is  
lost with the loss of the RC  
pumps, depressurization will  
proceed at the rate heat is  
transferred from the pressur-  
izer to the Reactor Building  
as long as RCS inventory is  
maintained and the pressur-  
izer is not vented.

4.2.4 Place the Pressurizer Heaters in  
MANUAL and off.

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NOTE: During a slow, gradual natural circulation cool-down the pressurizer may cool faster than the vessel head area. Pressurizer heaters may have to be utilized to maintain proper subcooling margin.

4.2.5 Maintain RC Pressure versus temperature within the specified limits of OP/1102/10 (Controlling Procedure for Unit Shutdown - RC System Cooldown Limitations).

NOTE: The fuel in compression curve need not be observed if rapid natural circulation cooldown is required.

4.2.6 Place the Turbine Bypass valves on Manual Control and adjust to give the desired cooldown rate.

NOTE: Because no indication of vessel head temperature exists to ensure metal

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temperature has cooled  
below RC System satu-  
rated conditions, the  
cooldown rate must be  
maintained <50°F/hr to  
prevent void formation  
in the top of the vessel.

4.2.7 Bypass ES Channels 1 and 2 when RC  
System Pressure decreases to ~1700  
PSIG if applicable to plant status. \_\_\_\_\_

4.2.8 When Main Feedwater Pump(s) discharge  
pressure is 800 psig, perform the  
following:

4.2.8.1 Close (1)(2)(3) FDW-315  
and (1)(2)(3) FDW-316  
\_\_\_\_\_ from the manual loader and  
place the Auto/Manual  
Switches in the "Manual"  
position. \_\_\_\_\_

4.2.8.2 Place the control switches  
for the "A" and "B" Motor  
Driven EFWDs in the "Tripped"  
position. \_\_\_\_\_

4.2.8.3 Place (1)(2)(3) MS-93  
(TDEFWP Control Switch)  
in the "LOCKOUT" po-  
sition. \_\_\_\_\_

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4.2.9	When feedwater is ~ 180°F go to Feedwater Cleanup as per OP/1106/02 (Feedwater and Condensate). Unit Supervisor _____	_____	_____
4.2.10	When Reactor Coolant pressure de- creases below 900 psig, bypass ES Channels 3 and 4 before pres- sure reaches 500 psig.	_____	_____
4.2.11	When the main steam pressure de- creases below 550 psig, stop the second feedwater pump per OP/1106/02 (Condensate and Feedwater System). Unit Supervisor _____	_____	_____
4.2.12	When RC System pressure reaches approximately 700 psig, remove tag and lock from (1)(2)(3) CF-1 (Tank "A" Outlet) and (1)(2)(3) CF-2 (Tank "B" Outlet) power supply. Close the breakers and isolation valves (1) (2)(3) CF-1 and (1)(2)(3) CF-2. (1)(2)(3) CF-1 BKR White Tag Number _____ (1)(2)(3) CF-2 BKR White Tag Number _____	_____	_____

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NOTE: If the RC system is to be cooled below DTT, depressurize the core flood tanks to ~ 350 psig per OP/1104/01 (Core Flood System). \_\_\_\_\_  
Unit Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

4.2.13 Close power supply to (1)(2)(3) CF-5 CFT "A" Vent) and (1)(2)(3) CF-6 (CFT "B" Vent)  
(1)(2)(3) CF-5 BKR White Tag  
Number \_\_\_\_\_  
(1)(2)(3) CF-6 BKR White Tag  
Number \_\_\_\_\_

4.2.14 When RC System pressure decreases to  $\leq$  600 psig have the Instrument Department valve in the RC System Low Range Pressure indicator. \_\_\_\_\_

4.2.15 Sample the RC System and verify that the required boron concentration to maintain shutdown margin at ambient temperature and xenon free core is in the Reactor Coolant System. \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: If the length of shutdown is not known to be longer

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than the time for Xenon decay to  $\sim 0\%$ , calculate the shutdown margin every eight (8) hours and borate for Xenon decay to maintain 1%  $\Delta k/k$  shutdown margin.

- 4.2.16 When the RC System pressure is < 500 psig and RC temperature is < 275°F, select LOW on the pressurizer power operated relief setpoint selector.

CAUTION: Immediately check Quench Tank temperature and pressure in case (1)(2)(3) RC-66 lifts unexpectedly.

- 4.2.17 Line up to use the HPI System for auxiliary spray; however, pressure reductions should be made slowly and in small increments while watching closely for abnormal pressurizer level behavior. Ensure proper subcooling margin is maintained.

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	Close (1)(2)(3) HP-356 (Nozzle Warming Clock).	_____	_____
	Open (1)(2)(3) HP-340 (HPI to Auxiliary Spray Line).	_____	_____
	Open (1)(2)(3) LP-45 (Auxiliary Spray).	_____	_____
4.2.18	Slowly decrease the pressurizer level control setpoint to 100".	_____	
4.2.19	Sample and verify the degassification of the Reactor Coolant and the pressurizer is within limits as being performed by OP/1102/12 (Degassification of RC System and Pressurizer).	_____	
	Unit Supervisor _____		
4.2.20	When RC System pressure < 350 psig and RC temp. < 250°F, rack out and white tag open the RC spray pump breakers.		
	'A' RB Spray Pump BRK White		
	Tag # _____	_____	_____
	'B' RB Spray Pump BKR White		
	Tag# _____	_____	_____
4.2.21	Close (1)(2)(3) SD-348 (MS Pumping Trap Bypass) when MS header pressure decreases to < 15 psig.	_____	

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4.2.22	Close (1)(2)(3) BS-3 ("A" Pump Suction) and (1)(2)(3) BS-4 ("B" Pump Suction).	_____	_____
4.2.23	When the RC System pressure is reduced $\leq$ 350 psig and $<$ 250°F valve in the Low Pressure Injection System per OP/1104/04 (Low Pressure Injection System) and continue cooldown to cold shutdown conditions.	_____	

5.0 Enclosures

5.1 RCS Pressure/Temperature Curves



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