

ATTACHMENT 4
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LIMITING CONDITION FOR OPERATION**(2) Reactivity margin - stuck control rods**

Control rods which cannot be moved with control rod drive pressure shall be considered inoperable. Inoperable control rods shall be valved out of service, in such positions that Specification 3.1.1 a(1) is met. In no case shall the number of non-fully inserted rods valved out of service be greater than six during power operation. If this specification is not met, the reactor shall be placed in the cold shutdown condition. If a partially or fully withdrawn control rod drive cannot be moved with drive or scram pressure the reactor shall be brought to a shutdown condition within 48 hours unless investigation demonstrates that the cause of the failure is not due to a failed control rod drive mechanism collet housing.

b. Control Rod Withdrawal

(1) The control rod shall be coupled to its drive or completely inserted and valved out of service except as in 3.1.1 b(1)a. When removing a control rod drive for inspection, this requirement does not apply as long as the reactor is in a shutdown or refueling condition.

a. For control rod 22-31, for the remainder of cycle 10, withdrawal

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and all other operable rods fully inserted.

(2) Reactivity margin - stuck control rods

Each partially or fully withdrawn control rod shall be exercised at least once each week. This test shall be performed at least once per 24 hours in the event power operation is continuing with two or more inoperable control rods or in the event power operation is continuing with one fully or partially withdrawn rod which cannot be moved and for which control rod drive mechanism damage has not been ruled out. The surveillance need not be completed within 24 hours if the number of inoperable rods has been reduced to less than two and if it has been demonstrated that control rod drive mechanism collet housing failure is not the cause of an immovable control rod.

b. Control Rod Withdrawal

(1) Except as provided in 4.1.1 b(1)(c) below, the coupling integrity shall be verified for each withdrawn control rod by either:

(a) Observing the drive does not go to the overtravel position, or

(b) A discernable response of the

maximum contribution to shutdown reactivity. If it is valved out of service in a non-fully inserted position, that position is required to be consistent with the shutdown reactivity limitation stated in Specification 3.1.1 a(1), which assures the core can be shut down at all times with control rods.

The allowable inoperable rod patterns will be determined using information obtained in the startup test program supplemented by calculations. During initial startup, the reactivity condition of the as-built core will be determined. Also, sub-critical patterns of widely separated withdrawn control rods will be observed in the control rod sequences being used. The observations, together with calculated strengths of the strongest control rods in these patterns will comprise a set of allowable separations of malfunctioning rods. During the fuel cycle, similar observations made during any cold shutdown can be used to update and/or increase the allowable patterns.

The number of rods permitted to be valved out of service could be many more than the six allowed by the specification, particularly late in the operating cycle; however, the occurrence of more than six could be indicative of a generic problem and the reactor will be shut down. Placing the reactor in the shutdown condition inserts the control rods and accomplishes the objective of the specifications on control rod operability. This operation is normally expected to be accomplished within ten hours. The weekly control rod exercise test serves as a periodic check against deterioration of the control rod system. Experience with this control rod drive system has indicated that weekly tests are adequate, and that rods which move by drive pressure will scram when required as the pressure applied is much higher.

Also if damage within, the control rod drive mechanism and in particular, cracks in drive internal housings, cannot be ruled out, then a generic problem affecting a number of drives cannot be ruled out. Circumferential cracks resulting from stress assisted intergranular corrosion have occurred in the collet housing of drives at several BWRs. This type of cracking could occur in a number of drives and if the cracks propagated until severance of the collet housing occurred, scram could be prevented in the affected rods. Limiting the period of operation with a potentially severed collet housing and requiring increased surveillance after detecting one stuck rod will assure that the reactor will not be operated with a large number of rods with failed collet housings.

b. Control Rod Withdrawal

- (1) Control rod dropout accidents as discussed in Section XV.C.4* can lead to significant core damage. If coupling integrity is maintained, the possibility of a rod dropout accident is eliminated. The overtravel

