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PENNSYLVANIA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

ALLEGHENY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

DOCKET NO. 50-387

SUSQUEHANNA STEAM ELECTRIC STATION, UNIT 1

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 176  
License No. NPF-14

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or the NRC) having found that:
  - A. The application for the amendment filed by the Pennsylvania Power & Light Company, dated November 27, 1996, as supplemented by letter dated February 12, 1997, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
  - B. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act, and the regulations of the Commission;
  - C. There is reasonable assurance: (i) that the activities authorized by this amendment can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public, and (ii) that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
  - D. The issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public; and
  - E. The issuance of this amendment is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied.



2. Accordingly, the license is amended by changes to the Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment and paragraph 2.C.(2) of the Facility Operating License No. NPF-14 is hereby amended to read as follows:

(2) Technical Specifications and Environmental Protection Plan

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendix A, as revised through Amendment No. 176 and the Environmental Protection Plan contained in Appendix B, are hereby incorporated in the license. PP&L shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications and the Environmental Protection Plan.

3. This license amendment is effective as of its date of issuance and is to be implemented within 30 days after its date of issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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Attachment: Changes to the Technical  
Specifications

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ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 176

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-14

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Replace the following pages of the Appendix A Technical Specifications with enclosed pages.  
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## REACTIVITY CONTROL SYSTEMS

### ROD BLOCK MONITOR

#### LIMITING CONDITION FOR OPERATION

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3.1.4.3 Both rod block monitor (RBM) channels shall be OPERABLE.

APPLICABILITY: OPERATIONAL CONDITION 1, when THERMAL POWER is greater than or equal to 30% of RATED THERMAL POWER.

ACTION:

- a. With one RBM channel inoperable, restore the inoperable RBM channel to OPERABLE status within 7 days and verify that the reactor is not operating on a LIMITING CONTROL ROD PATTERN; otherwise, place the inoperable rod block monitor channel in the tripped condition within the next hour.
- b. With both RBM channels inoperable, place at least one inoperable rod block monitor channel in the tripped condition within 48 hours.

#### SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

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4.1.4.3 Each of the above required RBM channels shall be demonstrated OPERABLE by performance of a:

- a. CHANNEL FUNCTIONAL TEST and CHANNEL CALIBRATION at the frequencies and for the OPERATIONAL CONDITIONS specified in Table 4.3.6-1.
- b. CHANNEL FUNCTIONAL TEST prior to control rod withdrawal when the reactor is operating on a LIMITING CONTROL ROD PATTERN.



**TABLE 3.3.6-2  
CONTROL ROD BLOCK INSTRUMENTATION SETPOINTS**

TRIP FUNCTION	TRIP SETPOINT	ALLOWABLE VALUE
<b>1. ROD BLOCK MONITOR</b>		
a. Upscale ##	$\leq 0.58W + 52\%$	$\leq 0.58W + 55\%$
b. Inoperative	NA	NA
c. Downscale	$\geq 5/125$ divisions of full scale	$\geq 3/125$ of divisions full scale
<b>2. APRM</b>		
a. Flow Biased Neutron Flux Upscale ##		
1) Flow Biased	$\leq 0.58 W + 50\%$	$\leq 0.58 W + 53\%$
2) High Flow Clamped	$\leq 108\%$ of RATED THERMAL POWER	$\leq 111\%$ of RATED THERMAL POWER
b. Inoperative	NA	NA
c. Downscale	$\geq 5\%$ of RATED THERMAL POWER	$\geq 3\%$ of RATED THERMAL POWER
d. Neutron Flux-Upscale Startup	$\leq 12\%$ of RATED THERMAL POWER	$\leq 14\%$ of RATED THERMAL POWER
<b>3. SOURCE RANGE MONITORS</b>		
a. Detector not full in	NA	NA
b. Upscale	$\leq 2 \times 10^5$ cps	$\leq 4 \times 10^5$ cps
c. Inoperative	NA	NA
d. Downscale	$\geq 0.7$ cps**	$\geq 0.5$ cps**
<b>4. INTERMEDIATE RANGE MONITORS</b>		
a. Detector not full in	NA	NA
b. Upscale	$\leq 108/125$ divisions of full scale	$\leq 110/125$ divisions of full scale
c. Inoperative	NA	NA
d. Downscale	$\geq 5/125$ divisions of full scale	$\geq 3/125$ divisions of full scale
<b>5. SCRAM DISCHARGE VOLUME</b>		
a. Water Level-High	$\leq 44$ gallons	$\leq 44$ gallons
<b>6. REACTOR COOLANT SYSTEM RECIRCULATION FLOW</b>		
a. Upscale	$\leq 114/125$ divisions of full scale	$\leq 117/125$ divisions of full scale
b. Inoperative	NA	NA
c. Comparator	$\leq 10\%$ flow deviation	$\leq 11\%$ flow deviation
<p>* The Average Power Range Monitor rod block function is varied as a function of recirculation loop flow (W). The trip setting of this function must be maintained in accordance with Specification 3.2.2.</p> <p>** Provided signal-to-noise ratio is <math>\geq 2</math>. Otherwise, 3 cps as trip setpoint and 2.8 cps for allowable value.</p> <p>## See Specification 3.4.1.1.2.a for single loop operation requirements.</p>		





TABLE 4.3.6-1

## CONTROL ROD BLOCK INSTRUMENTATION SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

TRIP FUNCTION	CHANNEL CHECK	CHANNEL FUNCTIONAL TEST	CHANNEL CALIBRATION <sup>(a)</sup>	OPERATIONAL CONDITIONS FOR WHICH SURVEILLANCE REQUIRED
<b>1. ROD BLOCK MONITOR</b>				
a. Upscale	NA	Q	R	1*
b. Inoperative	NA	Q	NA	1*
c. Downscale	NA	Q	R	1*
<b>2. APRM</b>				
a. Flow Biased Neutron Flux - Upscale				1
b. Inoperative	S	Q	SA	1,2,5***
c. Downscale	NA	Q	NA	1
d. Neutron Flux - Upscale, Startup	S	Q	SA	2,5***
<b>3. SOURCE RANGE MONITORS</b>				
a. Detector not full in	NA	S/U <sup>(b)</sup> ,W	NA	2,5
b. Upscale	NA	S/U <sup>(b)</sup> ,W	Q	2,5
c. Inoperative	NA	S/U <sup>(b)</sup> ,W	NA	2,5
d. Downscale	NA	S/U <sup>(b)</sup> ,W	Q	2,5
<b>4. INTERMEDIATE RANGE MONITORS</b>				
a. Detector not full in	NA	S/U <sup>(b)</sup> ,W	NA	2,5
b. Upscale	S	S/U <sup>(b)</sup> ,W	Q	2,5
c. Inoperative	NA	S/U <sup>(b)</sup> ,W	NA	2,5
d. Downscale	S	S/U <sup>(b)</sup> ,W	Q	2,5
<b>5. SCRAM DISCHARGE VOLUME</b>				
a. Water Level-High	NA	Q	R	1,2,5**
<b>6. REACTOR COOLANT SYSTEM RECIRCULATION FLOW</b>				
a. Upscale	NA	Q	Q	1
b. Inoperative	NA	Q	NA	1
c. Comparator	NA	Q	Q	1

## REACTOR COOLANT SYSTEM

### RECIRCULATION LOOPS-SINGLE LOOP OPERATION

#### LIMITING CONDITION FOR OPERATION

3.4.1.1.2 One reactor coolant recirculation loop shall be in operation with the pump speed  $\leq 80\%$  of the rated pump speed and the reactor at a THERMAL POWER/core flow condition outside of Regions I and II of Figure 3.4.1.1.1-1, and

a. the following revised specification limits shall be followed:

1. Specification 2.1.2: the MCPR Safety Limit shall be increased to the value shown in Figure 3.4.1.1.2-1<sup>++</sup>
2. Table 2.2.1-1: the APRM Flow-Biased Scram Trip Setpoints shall be as follows:

Trip Setpoint	Allowable Value
$\leq 0.58W + 54\%$	$\leq 0.58W + 57\%$

3. Specification 3.2.2: the APRM Setpoints shall be as follows:

Trip Setpoint	Allowable Value
$S \leq (0.58W + 54\%) T$ $S_{RB} \leq (0.58W + 45\%) T$	$S \leq (0.58W + 57\%) T$ $S_{RB} \leq (0.58W + 48\%) T$

4. Specification 3.2.3: The MINIMUM CRITICAL POWER RATIO (MCPR) shall be greater than or equal to the applicable Single Loop Operation MCPR limit as specified in the CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT.
5. Specification 3.2.4: The LINEAR HEAT GENERATION RATE (LHGR) shall be less than or equal to the applicable Single Loop Operation LHGR limit as specified in the CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT.
6. Table 3.3.6-2: the RBM/APRM Control Rod Block Setpoints shall be as follows:

	Trip Setpoint	Allowable Value
a. RBM - Upscale	$\leq 0.58W + 47\%$	$\leq 0.58W + 50\%$
	Trip Setpoint	Allowable Value
b. APRM-Flow Biased	$\leq 0.58W + 45\%$	$\leq 0.58W + 48\%$

APPLICABILITY: OPERATIONAL CONDITIONS 1\* and 2\*<sup>++</sup>, except during two loop operation.<sup>#</sup>

<sup>++</sup> Only applicable for Unit 1 Cycle 11 operation. Controls to preclude single loop operation shall be maintained as stated in PP&L letter PLA-4872, dated March 19, 1998.

## **REACTIVITY CONTROL SYSTEMS**

### **BASES**

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#### **3/4.1.4 CONTROL ROD PROGRAM CONTROLS (Continued)**

280 cal/gm design limit to demonstrate compliance for each operating cycle. If cycle-specific values of the above parameters are outside the range assumed in the parametric analyses, an extension of the analysis or a cycle-specific analysis may be required. Conservatism present in the analysis, results of the parametric studies, and a detailed description of the methodology for performing the Control Rod Drop Accident analysis are referenced in Specification 6.9.3.

The RBM is designed to automatically block erroneous rod withdrawal at power. However, its operation is not required to prevent fuel damage as a result of such an event. Two channels are provided. This system backs up the written sequence used by the operator for withdrawal of control rods.

#### **3/4.1.5 STANDBY LIQUID CONTROL SYSTEM**

The standby liquid control system provides a backup capability for bringing the reactor from full power to a cold, Xenon-free shutdown, assuming that none of the withdrawn control rods can be inserted. To meet this objective it is necessary to inject a quantity of boron which produces a concentration of 660 ppm in the reactor core in approximately 90 to 120 minutes. A minimum quantity of 4587 gallons of sodium pentaborate solution containing a minimum of 5500 lbs. of sodium pentaborate is required to meet this shutdown requirement. There is an additional allowance of 165 ppm in the reactor core to account for imperfect mixing. The time requirement was selected to override the reactivity insertion rate due to cooldown following the Xenon poison peak and the required pumping rate is 41.2 gpm. The minimum storage volume of the solution is established to allow for the portion below the pump suction that cannot be inserted and the filling of other piping systems connected to the reactor vessel. The temperature requirement for the sodium pentaborate solution is necessary to ensure that the sodium pentaborate remains in solution.

With redundant pumps and explosive injection valves and with a highly reliable control rod scram system, operation of the reactor is permitted to continue for short periods of time with the system inoperable or for longer periods of time with one of the redundant components inoperable.

Surveillance requirements are established on a frequency that assures a high reliability of the system. Once the solution is established, boron concentration will not vary unless more boron or water is added, thus a check on the temperature and volume once each 24 hours assures that the solution is available for use.

Replacement of the explosive charges in the valves at regular intervals will assure that these valves will not fail because of deterioration of the charges.



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DOCKET NO. 50-388

SUSQUEHANNA STEAM ELECTRIC STATION, UNIT 2

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 149  
License No. NPF-22

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or the NRC) having found that:
  - A. The application for the amendment filed by the Pennsylvania Power & Light Company, dated November 27, 1996, as supplemented by letter dated February 12, 1997, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
  - B. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act, and the regulations of the Commission;
  - C. There is reasonable assurance: (i) that the activities authorized by this amendment can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public, and (ii) that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
  - D. The issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public; and
  - E. The issuance of this amendment is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied.

2. Accordingly, the license is amended by changes to the Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment and paragraph 2.C.(2) of the Facility Operating License No. NPF-22 is hereby amended to read as follows:

(2) Technical Specifications and Environmental Protection Plan

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendix A, as revised through Amendment No.149 and the Environmental Protection Plan contained in Appendix B, are hereby incorporated in the license. PP&L shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications and the Environmental Protection Plan.

3. This license amendment is effective as of its date of issuance and is to be implemented within 30 days after its date of issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 149

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## **REACTIVITY CONTROL SYSTEMS**

### **ROD BLOCK MONITOR**

#### **LIMITING CONDITION FOR OPERATION**

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3.1.4.3 Both rod block monitor (RBM) channels shall be OPERABLE.

**APPLICABILITY:** OPERATIONAL CONDITION 1, when THERMAL POWER is greater than or equal to 30% of RATED THERMAL POWER.

#### **ACTION:**

- a. With one RBM channel inoperable, restore the inoperable RBM channel to OPERABLE status within 7 days and verify that the reactor is not operating on a LIMITING CONTROL ROD PATTERN; otherwise, place the inoperable rod block monitor channel in the tripped condition within the next hour.
- b. With both RBM channels inoperable, place at least one inoperable rod block monitor channel in the tripped condition within 48 hours.

#### **SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS**

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- 4.1.4.3 Each of the above required RBM channels shall be demonstrated OPERABLE by performance of a:
- a. CHANNEL FUNCTIONAL TEST and CHANNEL CALIBRATION at the frequencies and for the OPERATIONAL CONDITIONS specified in Table 4.3.6-1.
  - b. CHANNEL FUNCTIONAL TEST prior to control rod withdrawal when the reactor is operating on a LIMITING CONTROL ROD PATTERN.

**TABLE 3.3.6-2  
CONTROL ROD BLOCK INSTRUMENTATION SETPOINTS**

TRIP FUNCTION	TRIP SETPOINT	ALLOWABLE VALUE
<b>1. ROD BLOCK MONITOR</b>		
a. Upscale ##	$\leq 0.58W + 52\%$	$\leq 0.58W + 55\%$
b. Inoperative	NA	NA
c. Downscale	$\geq 5/125$ divisions of full scale	$\geq 3/125$ of divisions full scale
<b>2. APRM</b>		
a. Flow Biased Neutron Flux Upscale ##		
1) Flow Biased	$\leq 0.58 W + 50\%$	$\leq 0.58 W + 53\%$
2) High Flow Clamped	$\leq 108\%$ of RATED THERMAL POWER	$\leq 111\%$ of RATED THERMAL POWER
b. Inoperative	NA	NA
c. Downscale	$\geq 5\%$ of RATED THERMAL POWER	$\geq 3\%$ of RATED THERMAL POWER
d. Neutron Flux-Upscale Startup	$\leq 12\%$ of RATED THERMAL POWER	$\leq 14\%$ of RATED THERMAL POWER
<b>3. SOURCE RANGE MONITORS</b>		
a. Detector not full in	NA	NA
b. Upscale	$\leq 2 \times 10^5$ cps	$\leq 4 \times 10^5$ cps
c. Inoperative	NA	NA
d. Downscale	$\geq 0.7$ cps**	$\geq 0.5$ cps**
<b>4. INTERMEDIATE RANGE MONITORS</b>		
a. Detector not full in	NA	NA
b. Upscale	$\leq 108/125$ division of full scale	$\leq 110/125$ division of full scale
c. Inoperative	NA	NA
d. Downscale	$\geq 5/125$ division of full scale	$\geq 3/125$ divisions of full scale
<b>5. SCRAM DISCHARGE VOLUME</b>		
a. Water Level-High	$\leq 44$ gallons	$\leq 44$ gallons
<b>6. REACTOR COOLANT SYSTEM RECIRCULATION FLOW</b>		
a. Upscale	$\leq 114/125$ divisions of full scale	$\leq 117/125$ divisions of full scale
b. Inoperative	NA	NA
c. Comparator	$\leq 10\%$ flow deviation	$\leq 11\%$ flow deviation
<p>* The Average Power Range Monitor rod block function is varied as a function of recirculation loop flow (W). The trip setting of this function must be maintained in accordance with Specification 3.2.2.</p> <p>** Provided signal-to-noise ratio is <math>\geq 2</math>. Otherwise, 3 cps as trip setpoint and 2.8 cps for allowable value.</p> <p>## See Specification 3.4.1.1.2.a for single loop operation requirements.</p>		

TABLE 4.3.6-1

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1. ROD BLOCK MONITOR				
a. Upscale	NA	Q	R	1*
b. Inoperative	NA	Q	NA	1*
c. Downscale	NA	Q	R	1*
2. APRM				
a. Flow Biased Neutron Flux - Upscale	S	Q	SA	1
b. Inoperative	NA	Q	NA	1,2,5***
c. Downscale	S	Q	SA	1
d. Neutron Flux - Upscale, Startup	S	Q	SA	2,5***
3. SOURCE RANGE MONITORS				
a. Detector not full in	NA	S/U <sup>(b)</sup> ,W	NA	2,5
b. Upscale	NA	S/U <sup>(b)</sup> ,W	SA	2,5
c. Inoperative	NA	S/U <sup>(b)</sup> ,W	NA	2,5
d. Downscale	NA	S/U <sup>(b)</sup> ,W	SA	2,5
4. INTERMEDIATE RANGE MONITORS				
a. Detector not full in	NA	S/U <sup>(b)</sup> ,W	NA	2,5
b. Upscale	S	S/U <sup>(b)</sup> ,W	SA	2,5
c. Inoperative	NA	S/U <sup>(b)</sup> ,W	NA	2,5
d. Downscale	S	S/U <sup>(b)</sup> ,W	SA	2,5
5. SCRAM DISCHARGE VOLUME				
a. Water Level-High	NA	Q	R	1,2,5**
6. REACTOR COOLANT SYSTEM RECIRCULATION FLOW				
a. Upscale	NA	Q	Q	1
b. Inoperative	NA	Q	NA	1
c. Comparator	NA	Q	Q	1

## REACTOR COOLANT SYSTEM

### RECIRCULATION LOOPS-SINGLE LOOP OPERATION

#### LIMITING CONDITION FOR OPERATION

3.4.1.1.2 One reactor coolant recirculation loop shall be in operation with the pump speed  $\leq 80\%$  of the rated pump speed and the reactor at a THERMAL POWER/core flow condition outside of Regions I and II of Figure 3.4.1.1.1-1, and

a. the following revised specification limits shall be followed:

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2. Table 2.2.1-1: the APRM-Flow-Biased Scram Trip Setpoints shall be as follows:

Trip Setpoint	Allowable Value
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3. Specification 3.2.2: the APRM Setpoints shall be as follows:

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5. Specification 3.2.4: The LINEAR HEAT GENERATION RATE (LHGR) shall be less than or equal to the applicable Single Loop Operation LHGR limit as specified in the CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT.
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a. RBM - Upscale

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Trip Setpoint	Allowable Value
$\leq 0.58W + 45\%$	$\leq 0.58W + 48\%$

b. APRM-Flow Biased

**APPLICABILITY:** OPERATIONAL CONDITIONS 1\* and 2<sup>++</sup>, except during two loop operation.#

#### ACTION:

a. In OPERATIONAL CONDITION 1:

1. With

- a) no reactor coolant system recirculation loops in operation, or
- b) Region I of Figure 3.4.1.1.1-1 entered, or
- c) Region II of Figure 3.4.1.1.1-1 entered and core thermal hydraulic instability occurring as evidenced by:

<sup>++</sup> Only applicable for Unit 2 Cycle 9 operation.

## REACTIVITY CONTROL SYSTEMS

### BASES

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#### CONTROL ROD PROGRAM CONTROLS (Continued)

The RSCS and RWM logic automatically initiates at the low power setpoint (20% of RATED THERMAL POWER) to provide automatic supervision to assure that out-of-sequence rods will not be withdrawn or inserted.

Parametric Control Rod Drop Accident analyses have shown that for a wide range of key reactor parameters (which envelope the operating ranges of these variables), the fuel enthalpy rise during a postulated control rod drop accident remains considerably lower than the 280 cal/gm limit. For each operating cycle, cycle-specific parameters such as maximum control rod worth, Doppler coefficient, effective delayed neutron fraction, and maximum four-bundle local peaking factor are compared with the inputs to the parametric analyses to determine the peak fuel rod enthalpy rise. This value is then compared against the 280 cal/gm design limit to demonstrate compliance for each operating cycle. If cycle-specific values of the above parameters are outside the range assumed in the parametric analyses, an extension of the analysis or a cycle-specific analysis may be required. Conservatism present in the analysis, results of the parametric studies, and a detailed description of the methodology for performing the Control Rod Drop Accident analysis are referenced in Specification 6.9.3.

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#### 3/4.1.5 STANDBY LIQUID CONTROL SYSTEM

The standby liquid control system provides a backup capability for bringing the reactor from full power to a cold, Xenon-free shutdown, assuming that none of the withdrawn control rods can be inserted. To meet this objective it is necessary to inject a quantity of boron which produces a concentration of 660 ppm in the reactor core in approximately 90 to 120 minutes. A minimum quantity of 4587 gallons of sodium pentaborate solution containing a minimum of 5500 lbs. of sodium pentaborate is required to meet this shutdown requirement. There is an additional allowance of 165 ppm in the reactor core to account for imperfect mixing. The time requirement was selected to override the reactivity insertion rate due to cooldown following the Xenon poison peak and the required pumping rate is 41.2 gpm. The minimum storage volume of the solution is established to allow for the portion below the pump suction that cannot be inserted and the filling of other piping systems connected to the reactor vessel. The temperature requirement for the sodium pentaborate solution is necessary to ensure that the sodium pentaborate remains in solution.

With redundant pumps and explosive injection valves and with a highly reliable control rod scram system, operation of the reactor is permitted to continue for short periods of time with the system inoperable or for longer periods of time with one of the redundant components inoperable.

