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Engineering Procedure, Surveillance  
Program for Butyl Rubber Insulated Cables

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## 1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this engineering procedure, is to provide the necessary steps, methods and schedule to be used for implementing a surveillance program for the Butyl insulated 600V power and control cables installed in Quad Cities - Units 1 & 2/Dresden Station - Units 2 & 3.

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### 3.0 Objective

The objective of this engineering procedure surveillance plan is to ensure that surveillance programs are being properly conducted on safety-related Butyl rubber 600V power and control cables. Of particular concern are the incorporation of specific environmental qualification aspects and methods used to identify and track (surveillance) degrading performance and/or reversion. This procedure and plan utilizes check-sheets to document observations, identify materials and configurations, and track or trend data associated with cable performance. In summary, this procedure and plan is part of the comprehensive Qualification Maintenance Program. The data obtained by field verification of component identity and condition, destructive analysis, chemical analysis, surveillance, routine maintenance, and maintenance history will be used to ensure continuing qualification and detect potential degradation of cable performance. This data will examine the state of Butyl Rubber's oxidation and reversion with age.

This engineering procedure and plan is considered a "living document" and as such it is anticipated that it will be refined and updated to reflect experience and technical information as it becomes available.

## Visual Indication of Degradation -

### A. General

Overall thermal and radiation degradation mechanisms in cable materials result from competing molecular cross-linking and scission phenomena. The cross-linking processes generally increase tensile strength while chain scissioning causes strength reductions. The competing effects are evident in many cable materials where an initial improvement in tensile strength is followed by long-term reduction; swelling in cable polymers is often an indication of this competing cross-linking and scissioning process. Moisture absorption effects are also evidenced by swelling. With respect to cable surveillance, visual indication of cable swelling in harsh areas where ambient temperatures, radiation or moisture levels are relatively high is probably indicative of a need for increased surveillance of the subject cable. Swelling does not imply serious degradation; however, additional surveillance activities of reduced time between surveillance activities may be required in order to resolve the problem.

### B. Cable Specific Considerations

Surveillance personnel should be aware of the following property changes indicative of possible degradation, oxidation or reversion.

<u>Material</u>	<u>Property Change</u>
Butyl insulation	Decreased flexibility* Tensile strength decreased
PVC jacket	Embrittlement, decreased elasticity

\*Softening or tackiness observed above  $1 \times 10^7$  rad.

## 1. Cable Inspection Plan -

It is not the intent of this procedure to require 100% inspection of all installed cable. The sampling program established ensures that representative specimens are monitored throughout the life of the plant. Selection criteria included consideration of cable location and accessibility; normal environmental conditions such as temperature, radiation, (environmental extremes in particular were considered, such as location of cable in the steam tunnel); cable construction; ambient tray or conduit temperatures due to heat generation in surrounding cables; and relative footage of installed cable in the plant. It is recommended that inspection of the cables selected be integrated with EPMS actions for the associated plant equipment, and that they be inspected on a staggered basis. In this way, the cable EPMS program can be implemented easily and reasonable assurance can be provided that cable condition is being monitored.

### 4.0 Tools Required

1. Insulated Rubber Gloves
2. Face Shield
3. 500VDC Megger
4. Instron Model 1130 (Tensile test)
5. Microscope (Destructive Analysis)
6. Solvent (Chemical Analysis)

### 5.0 Precautions

1. Inspections may be done on energized cables. However, personnel must wear insulated rubber gloves and face shield.
2. Observe all applicable safety procedures.
3. Notify shift supervisor prior to performing checklist in Attachment A.

#### 6.J Notes:

1. If the outer jacket and/or the insulation indicated swelling, softening, visible embrittlement, cracking and discoloration in certain areas the EQ coordinator should be notified immediately and shall evaluate the cable for possible degradation.
2. The sampling program established should ensure that representative specimens are monitored throughout the life of the plant.
3. Selection criteria should include consideration of cable location and accessibility, cable construction, ambient tray or conduit temperatures due to heat generation in surrounding cables, and relative footage of the type of cable installed.
4. Inspection of the cables selected should be integrated with other surveillance for the associated equipment and should be performed on a staggered basis (one half of the samples during alternate outages). Group I and Group II samples should be surveiled at alternate outages.

#### 7.0 Cable Selection Criteria

The sample size was determined per MIL Std 105D and is based on the total number of pieces of equipment serviced at each station via Butyl Rubber 600V power and control cable. The total number of equipment serviced by Butyl rubber cables for each unit is between 98 and 111. Per the selection criteria given in the MIL standards 105D, when the number of components is between 91 and 150, for a confidence level of 95%, Cables associated with 20 components must be sampled. The selection was made with an emphasis in selecting the cables located in harsh zones of the plant. The sample shall be selected using Attachment C.

## 8.0 Maintenance and Surveillance

The cables specified in Attachment C shall be reviewed for visual and electrical degradation and have an inspection rate of once every other fuel cycle. If the cables to be examined cannot be identified in the area visual checking should be performed of all the cables in that vicinity. Any indication of aging, oxidation or reversion related degradation such as cracks, discoloration, and softening or hardening of the insulation material must be investigated. Any indication of oxidation or reversion from the results of the inspection shall be investigated.

Should degradation be indicated a sample of the cable should be removed to monitor for reversion and oxidation via Chemical and Destructive Analysis. The cable ends which are removed shall be identified as such (i.e., MCC end, equipment end, pull box location, etc.). Destructive Analysis shall investigate changes in tensile strength, elongation, reversion and oxidation. The results of the Destructive Analysis shall be reported to the station EQ co-ordinator for evaluation. Arrangements should be made to replace the affected cables as required.

Surveillance and inspection for Butyl insulated 600V power and control cable installed at Dresden Station should be performed using Attachments A and C.

Destructive and chemical analysis should be performed using Attachment B.

ATTACHMENT A

1 of 5

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

BUTYL INSULATED CABLE  
SURVEILLANCE



ATTACHMENT A

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Cable Tag No: \_\_\_\_\_, Cable Jacket Identification \_\_\_\_\_  
Location: \_\_\_\_\_, Approximate length \_\_\_\_\_
2. Are jacket markings legible? (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Inspect exposed cable for external physical damage or  
abnormal conditions. (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Check for cracks or puncture marks in jacket

\_\_\_\_\_ Check for discoloration of cable jacket

\_\_\_\_\_ Check for softening of cable jacket

\_\_\_\_\_ Check for hardening or brittleness of cable jacket

\_\_\_\_\_ Check for deformation of cable (i.e., kinks, twists,  
sharp bends, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Check for evidence of water, moisture, or oil on cable

\_\_\_\_\_ Check for evidence of cable jacket swelling

\_\_\_\_\_ Check for dirt or high dust concentration on cable

(Cables with heavy layers of dust or dirt should be  
cleaned off and inspected for all of the above listed  
items.)

Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

1. Jacket splitting is more likely in areas of high mechanical stress, especially near bends and penetrations. The inspection should include a representative sample of these sections of exposed cable.

ATTACHMENT A

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Jacket indentation or surface abrasion may have occurred during cable pulling. Evidence of these conditions should be recorded above in the "Remarks" area to eliminate possible misinterpretation as a degradation-related effect. The location, extent of damage and amount of damage (ex. 2 ft. of cable) shall be recorded.
  
4. Wherever there is no cable jacket, perform inspections of cable conductor insulation. In general, this can be performed concurrently with inspections of electrical terminations on other equipment (e.g., motors, transmitters).

- \_\_\_\_\_ Check for cracking, embrittlement, or surface crazing.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Check for surface contamination of conductor insulation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Check for insulation discoloration, including evidence of surface tracking.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Check for evidence of cable extrusion-aid dried weepage at 600V power and control cable jacket ends.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Others

**Note:** Oils or other lubricants are used by some manufacturers during fabrication of the cable. Weepage does not imply cable degradation, but requires corrective actions to eliminate residues. Cable pulling compound may have been used during installation of the cable. This does not imply cable degradation, but requires corrective actions to eliminate residues.

ATTACHMENT-A

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Wherever visible inspect copper conductor terminations.

\_\_\_\_\_ Check for evidence of oxidation/corrosion at the termination interface.

\_\_\_\_\_ Check tightness of connection for loose connections with handpull test.

\_\_\_\_\_ Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

6. Megger cables. Use a 500 Vdc for control and power cables. Record the following insulation resistance (IR) at 1 minute:

<u>Wire No.</u>	<u>IR at 1 Minute</u>	
_____	_____	meg-ohms
_____	_____	meg-ohms
_____	_____	meg-ohms
_____	_____	meg-ohms
_____	_____	meg-ohms

Record ambient temperature \_\_\_\_\_ °F.

**Caution:** Before meggering make sure that the whole run is available for the test to avoid injury to personnel and damage to equipment.

- Notes:**
1. Measure insulation resistance from conductors to ground.
  2. Conductors previously meggered in these cables should be selected in order that data trending analyses can be performed.

ATTACHMENT A

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

3. One-minute insulation resistance readings should be greater than 1.5 meg-ohms for all conductors at 60°F. If this criteria cannot be met, further evaluation should be performed to determine the cause (e.g., terminations and connectors). If insulation degradation is suspected, it shall be reported to the station EQ coordinator for further evaluation.

ATTACHMENT B

1 of 2

(This test should be performed only if visual degradation is noted)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1.0 Perform Destructive Analysis

<u>Cable #</u>	<u>Wire No.</u>	<u>Point on Cable</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Metallographic polishing. Mount samples in an epoxy, polished by standard metallographic techniques and examine using a microscope. Oxidized and unoxidized regions are visible as bands of different optical reflectivity.

Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

Tensile tests. Use an Instron Model 1130 testing machine equipped with pneumatic grips and having an extensometer clamped to the sample.

Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

Voltage Withstand Test. Subject to 5,000 VAC test for 5 minutes immerse in tap water and apply voltage between each measure leakage current conductor and all other conductors and also to ground.

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTACHMENT B

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

2.0 Chemical Analysis (If degradation is present)

<u>Cable #</u>	<u>Wire No.</u>	<u># of Cross Point on Cable</u>	<u>Linked Polymers</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Enlarge cable samples (swelling) by soaking in a solvent. Via spectroscopy measure the number of cross-linked polymers.

CABLE SAMPLES

Dresden Unit 2

<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Cable #</u>	<u>Zone</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Cable #</u>	<u>Zone</u>	<u>Group</u>
M02-1402-25A	22603	9/31	I	M0210011A	22483 22485 22487	18 18 18	I
				SWGR 23-1	20627 20628 20629	9/31 9/31 9/31	
S0-2-203-3D	23906 25055	9/31 9/31	II	M02-1402 38A	22638 22639 22637	2/5 2/9/31 2/5	
M02-1501-11A	22680 22681 22682 22679	5 5/9/31 5 5	I		23061 22812	2/5 2/5/9/31	I
				M02-1401A	22782 20877 20878 20879 20881	4/5/9/31 5/9/31 5/9/31 5 5	II
M02-1501-27B	22902	30/31	II				
M02-1501-32A	22658 22659 22660 22657	5 5/9/31 5 5	I	M021402 24B	22837	26	I
S02-203-2A	26349 26350	9/31 9	II	M0213011	22559	9/31	II
S02-203-1C	26370	9/31	I				
M02-2301-35	23930 26211 26212	6/31 6 6	II				
TS261-15C	24001	9	I	M0220257A	22515	9/31	I
M02150111B	22961 22962 22963 22960	4 4/31 4 4	II	S022031A	26342	18	II
M02150128B	23965	30/31	I				
S022032B	26362 26363 26364	9/31 9 9	II				

CABLE SAMPLES

Dresden Unit 3

<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Cable #</u>	<u>Zone</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Cable #</u>	<u>Zone</u>	<u>Group</u>
MO-140224A	32613	30	I	TS23700	33853	6	I
					33854	6	
					33855	6	
SO-2033B	34840	30	II	MO-7506A	22270	30	II
	33673	30			22271	30	
					22272		
SO-2033D	33674	30		SWGR34-1	30739	26	I
					30740	26	
			I		30741	26	
SO-2033D	34845	30		MO-1502B	30906	5	II
MO-150111A	32679	5		MO-220-2	33752	9	I
	32680	5	II		33753	9	
	32681	5/30		MO 150121A	32665	16	II
	32682	5					
MO-15013A	30814	5/30					
	32716	5/30	I				
	32742	5					
	32502	5					
	30231	5					
MO-23018	33908	9/31/36/37		MO-150121B	32947	9	I
	33909	9/31/36/37					
	33910	9/31/36/37	II				
	33912	9/31/36/37					
	33903	9					
MO-130111	32559	30/36	I	MO-12012	33820	22/36/37	
					33821	22/36/87	II
					33822	9/22/31/36/37	
SO-22044	36316	30	II		33842	22/36/37	
				MO-23015	33879	2/4/36/37	
					33880	2/4/36/37	I
					33881	2/9/31/36/37	
					33882	2/4/36/37	
					34173	2/4/36/37	
					34619	2	
MO-140238A	33061	2		MO-10011A	32487	30	II
	32637	2/5	I				
	32639	2/30					
	32812	2/5/30					
	32751	5					
MO 130114	32576	30	II				



CABLE SAMPLES

Quad Cities Unit 1

<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Cable #</u>	<u>Zone</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Cable #</u>	<u>Zone</u>	<u>Group</u>
MO100128A	10271	23/25	I	MO14024B	12922	10/23	II
	12662	2			13060	2	
	12665	2		S02031A	16342	23/25	I
	12667	23/25					
	12668	2					
MO100128B	10279	10	II	S02032A	16348	10/23	II
	12942	2			16349	10/23	
	12945	2		16350	10/23		
	12947	10		16375	10/23		
	12948	2		16380	10/23		
MO100116B	12960	5	I	M023015	13879	2	I
	12961	5			13880	2	
	12962	10/23			13881	10/23	
	12963	5			13882	2	
MO100147	12450	10	II	M023018	13907	10/23/25	II
	12464	10/23			13908	10/23/25	
	12465	10			13909	10/23/25	
	12466	10			13910	10/23	
	12467	10		13912	10		
	12574	23		M010015B	12503	5	
					12732	10/23	
		12744	5				
MO100148	10228	10	I		12954	10/23	I
	10229	5					
MO1001185B	10246	5	II	M010017C	12890	5	II
	10245	10			12891	5	
MO100160	12469	10/23	I		12892	5	I
	12472	10			12893	10	
	12477	10/23/25			12950	5	
	12481	10/23/25					
MO100136	12535	23/25	II	M01001185A	10242	12/25	I
	12536	2					
MO100198	12937	5	I	M0100123B	12901	10/23	II
	12938	5		M0140225B	12826	10/23	I
	12939	10					
	12940	5		M0130117	10048	10/23/25	II
					10049	10/23/25	
		10050	10				
			10051	10			
			100136	10			
			100138	10			

CABLE SAMPLES

Quad Cities Unit 2

<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Cable #</u>	<u>Zone</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Cable #</u>	<u>Zone</u>	<u>Group</u>
M0100137B	22972 22973 22974	2 2 2	I	TS2370B	23995	4	I
M0100128A	20271 22662 22665 22666 22667 22668	10 2 2 2 10 2	II	M07507B	12265 12266 12267 12268	37 37 37 10/23	II
M023015	23879 23880  23882	2 2  2	I	MCC281A	21355 21356 21357	22 22 22	I
S02033A	24839	10/23	II				
S022044	26316	10	I	M010017B	20292 20293 22523 22524 22525 22526 22527	10/23 5 5 5 5 10/23 10/23	II
M07503B	12275 12276 12277 12287 12288	37 10/23 37 37 37	I				
M07506A	22271 22272 22274	10/23 37 37	I	M0140238A	22637 22638 22639 23061	2 2 10/23 2	I
M010014A	20204 20212 20227	10 5 5	II	M0230136	23970 23971  26210	2/4 2/4  2/4	II
M0100136A	22533 22534 22535 22536	2 2 10/23 2	I	M02025A	22508 25798	10 23	I
				S02033D	24845	10/23	II
				M07505B	12254 12255 12256	37 37 10/23	I
M0100134A	22692 22693 22694	2 2 10/23	II	M07504A	22250 22251 22253	37 37 10/23	II