

REFUELING OPERATIONS

3/4.9.8 SHUTDOWN COOLING AND COOLANT CIRCULATION

HIGH WATER LEVEL

LIMITING CONDITION FOR OPERATION

3.9.8.1 At least one shutdown cooling loop shall be OPERABLE and in operation.

APPLICABILITY: MODE 6 when the water level above the top of the reactor pressure vessel flange is greater than or equal to 23 feet.

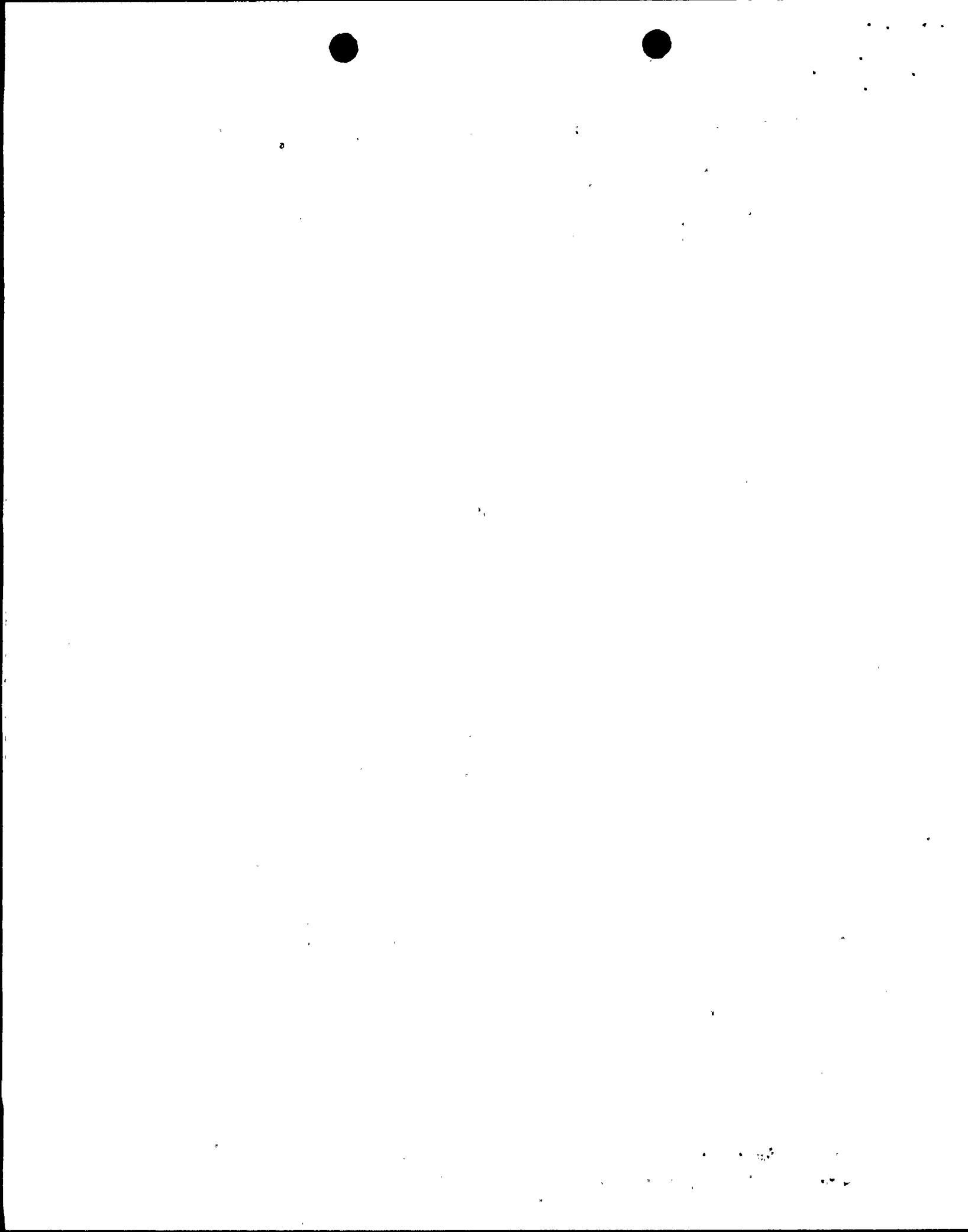
ACTION:

With no shutdown cooling loop OPERABLE and in operation, suspend all operations involving an increase in the reactor decay heat load or a reduction in boron concentration of the Reactor Coolant System and immediately initiate corrective action to return the required shutdown cooling loop to OPERABLE and operating status as soon as possible. Close all containment penetrations providing direct access from the containment atmosphere to the outside atmosphere within 4 hours.

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

4.9.8.1 At least one shutdown cooling loop shall be verified to be in operation and circulating reactor coolant at a flow rate of greater than or equal to 4000 ~~3780~~ gpm at least once per 12 hours.

The shutdown cooling loop may be removed from operation for up to 1 hour per 8-hour period during the performance of CORE ALTERATIONS in the vicinity of the reactor pressure vessel hot legs or during surveillance testing of the ECCS pumps.



REFUELING OPERATIONS

LOW WATER LEVEL

LIMITING CONDITION FOR OPERATION

3.9.8.2 Two independent shutdown cooling loops shall be OPERABLE and at least one shutdown cooling loop shall be in operation.

APPLICABILITY: MODE 6 when the water level above the top of the reactor pressure vessel flange is less than 23 feet.

ACTION:

- a. With less than the required shutdown cooling loops OPERABLE, immediately initiate corrective action to return the required loops to OPERABLE status, or to establish greater than or equal to 23 feet of water above the reactor pressure vessel flange, as soon as possible.
- b. With no shutdown cooling loop in operation, suspend all operations involving an increase in the reactor decay heat load or a reduction in boron concentration of the Reactor Coolant System and immediately initiate corrective action to return the required shutdown cooling loop to operation. Close all containment penetrations providing direct access from the containment atmosphere to the outside atmosphere within 4 hours.

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

4.9.8.2 At least one shutdown cooling loop shall be verified to be in operation and circulating reactor coolant at a flow rate of greater than or equal to 4000 ~~3780~~ gpm at least once per 12 hours.

The shutdown cooling loop may be removed from operation for up to 1 hour per 8-hour period during the performance of CORE ALTERATIONS in the vicinity of the reactor pressure vessel hot legs or during surveillance testing of the ECCS pumps.

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BASES

3/4.9.6 REFUELING MACHINE

The OPERABILITY requirements for the refueling machine ensure that: (1) the machine will be used for movement of fuel assemblies, (2) the machine has sufficient load capacity to lift a fuel assembly, and (3) the core internals and pressure vessel are protected from excessive lifting force in the event they are inadvertently engaged during lifting operations.

3/4.9.7 CRANE TRAVEL - SPENT FUEL STORAGE POOL BUILDING

The restriction on movement of loads in excess of the nominal weight of a fuel assembly, CEA and associated handling tool over other fuel assemblies in the storage pool ensures that in the event this load is dropped (1) the activity release will be limited to that contained in a single fuel assembly, and (2) any possible distortion of fuel in the storage racks will not result in a critical array. This assumption is consistent with the activity release assumed in the safety analysis.

3/4.9.8 SHUTDOWN COOLING AND COOLANT CIRCULATION

The requirement that at least one shutdown cooling loop be in operation, and circulating reactor coolant at a flow rate equal to or greater than 4000 ~~3400~~ gpm (~~actual~~) ensures that (1) sufficient cooling capacity is available to remove decay heat and maintain the water in the reactor pressure vessel below 135°F as required during the REFUELING MODE, (2) sufficient coolant circulation is maintained through the reactor core to minimize the effects of a boron dilution incident and prevent boron stratification, and (3) the Delta-T across the core will be maintained at less than 75°F during the REFUELING MODE. The required flowrate of ≥ 4000 ~~3400~~ gpm (~~actual~~) ensures that ~~240 at 288~~ hours after reactor shutdown sufficient cooling capacity is available to remove decay heat and maintain the water in the reactor pressure vessel below 135°F as required during REFUELING MODE; this assumes a shutdown cooling heat exchanger cooling water flowrate of 14000 gpm, a cooling water inlet temperature of $\leq 105^{\circ}\text{F}$ at $\geq 27\frac{1}{2}$ hours after reactor shutdown, and the decay heat curve of GESSAR-F Figure 6.2.1-1 and reactor operation for two years at 4000 Mwt. ~~The 3780 gpm in the specification includes all instrument uncertainties, including the 300°F calibration temperature of the flow transmitters.~~

Without a shutdown cooling train in operation steam may be generated; therefore, the containment should be sealed off to prevent escape of any radioactivity, and any operations that would cause an increase in decay heat should be secured.

The requirements to have two shutdown cooling loops OPERABLE when there is less than 23 feet of water above the reactor pressure vessel flange, ensures that a single failure of the operating shutdown cooling loop will not result in a complete loss of decay heat removal capability. With the reactor vessel head removed and 23 feet of water above the reactor pressure vessel flange, a large heat sink is available for core cooling, thus in the event of a failure of the operating shutdown cooling loop, adequate time is provided to initiate emergency procedures to cool the core.

REACTOR COOLANT SYSTEM

COLD SHUTDOWN - LOOPS FILLED

LIMITING CONDITION FOR OPERATION

3.4.1.4.1 At least one shutdown cooling loop shall be OPERABLE and in operation, and either:

- a. One additional shutdown cooling loop shall be OPERABLE#, or
- b. The secondary side water level of at least two steam generators shall be greater than 25% indicated wide range level.

APPLICABILITY: MODE 5 with reactor loops filled**.

ACTION:

- a. With less than the above required loops OPERABLE or with less than the required steam generator level, immediately initiate corrective action to return the required loops to OPERABLE status or to restore the required level as soon as possible.
- b. With no shutdown cooling loop in operation, suspend all operations involving a reduction in boron concentration of the Reactor Coolant System and immediately initiate corrective action to return the required shutdown cooling loop to operation.

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

4.4.1.4.1.1 The secondary side water level of both steam generators when required shall be determined to be within limits at least once per 12 hours.

4.4.1.4.1.2 At least one shutdown cooling loop shall be determined to be in operation and circulating reactor coolant at a flow rate of greater than or equal to 4000 ~~3780~~ gpm at least once per 12 hours.

The shutdown cooling pump may be deenergized for up to 1 hour provided (1) no operations are permitted that would cause dilution of the Reactor Coolant System boron concentration, and (2) core outlet temperature is maintained at least 10°F below saturation temperature.

*One shutdown cooling loop may be inoperable for up to 2 hours for surveillance testing provided the other shutdown cooling loop is OPERABLE and in operation.

**A reactor coolant pump shall not be started with one or more of the Reactor Coolant System cold leg temperatures less than or equal to 214°F during cooldown, or 291°F during heatup, unless the secondary water temperature saturation temperature corresponding to steam generator pressure of each steam generator is less than 100°F above each of the Reactor Coolant System cold leg temperatures.

REACTOR COOLANT SYSTEM

COLD SHUTDOWN - LOOPS NOT FILLED

LIMITING CONDITION FOR OPERATION

3.4.1.4.2 Two shutdown cooling loops shall be OPERABLE* and at least one shutdown cooling loop shall be in operation.

APPLICABILITY: MODE 5 with reactor loops not filled.

ACTION:

- a. With less than the above required loops OPERABLE, immediately initiate corrective action to return the required loops to OPERABLE status or to restore the required level as soon as possible.
- b. With no shutdown cooling loop in operation, suspend all operations involving a reduction in boron concentration of the Reactor Coolant System and immediately initiate corrective action to return the required shutdown cooling loop to operation.

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

4.4.1.4.2 At least one shutdown cooling loop shall be determined to be in operation and circulating reactor coolant at a flow rate of greater than or equal to 4000~~3780~~ gpm at least once per 12 hours.

*One shutdown cooling loop may be inoperable for up to 2 hours for surveillance testing provided the other shutdown cooling loop is OPERABLE and in operation.

The shutdown cooling pump may be deenergized for up to 1 hour provided (1) no operations are permitted that would cause dilution of the Reactor Coolant System boron concentration, and (2) core outlet temperature is maintained at least 10°F below saturation temperature.

BASES3/4.4.1 REACTOR COOLANT LOOPS AND COOLANT CIRCULATION

The plant is designed to operate with both reactor coolant loops and associated reactor coolant pumps in operation, and maintain DNBR above 1.24 during all normal operations and anticipated transients. In MODES 1 and 2 with one reactor coolant loop not in operation, this specification requires that the plant be in at least HOT STANDBY within 1 hour.

In MODE 3, a single reactor coolant loop provides sufficient heat removal capability for removing decay heat; however, single failure considerations require that two loops be OPERABLE.

In MODE 4, and in MODE 5 with reactor coolant loops filled, a single reactor coolant loop or shutdown cooling loop provides sufficient heat removal capability for removing decay heat; but single failure considerations require that at least two loops (either shutdown cooling or RCS) be OPERABLE. Thus, if the reactor coolant loops are not OPERABLE, this specification requires that two shutdown cooling loops be OPERABLE.

In MODE 5 with reactor coolant loops not filled, a single shutdown cooling loop provides sufficient heat removal capability for removing decay heat; but single failure considerations, and the unavailability of the steam generators as a heat removal component, require that at least two shutdown cooling loops be OPERABLE.

The operation of one reactor coolant pump or one shutdown cooling pump provides adequate flow to ensure mixing, prevent stratification, and produce gradual reactivity changes during boron concentration reductions in the Reactor Coolant System. A flow rate of at least 4000 ~~3400~~ gpm (~~actual~~) will circulate one equivalent Reactor Coolant System volume of 12,097 cubic feet in approximately ~~23~~ ~~27~~ minutes. The reactivity change rate associated with boron reductions will, therefore, be within the capability of operator recognition and control. ~~The 3780 gpm in the specification includes all instrument uncertainties including the 300°F calibration temperature of the flow transmitters.~~

The restrictions on starting a reactor coolant pump in MODES 4 and 5, with one or more RCS cold legs less than or equal to 255°F during cooldown or 295°F during heatup are provided to prevent RCS pressure transients, caused by energy additions from the secondary system, which could exceed the limits of Appendix G to 10 CFR 50. The RCS will be protected against overpressure transients and will not exceed the limits of Appendix G by restricting starting of the RCPs to when the secondary water temperature of each steam generator is less than 100°F above each of the RCS cold leg temperatures.

3/4.4.2 SAFETY VALVES

The pressurizer code safety valves operate to prevent the RCS from being pressurized above its Safety Limit of 2750 psia. Each Safety valve is designed to relieve a minimum of 460,000 lb per hour of saturated steam at the valve setpoint. The relief capacity of a single safety valve is adequate to relieve any overpressure condition which could occur during shutdown. In the event that no safety valves are OPERABLE, an operating shutdown cooling loop, connected to the RCS, provides overpressure relief capability and will prevent RCS overpressurization.