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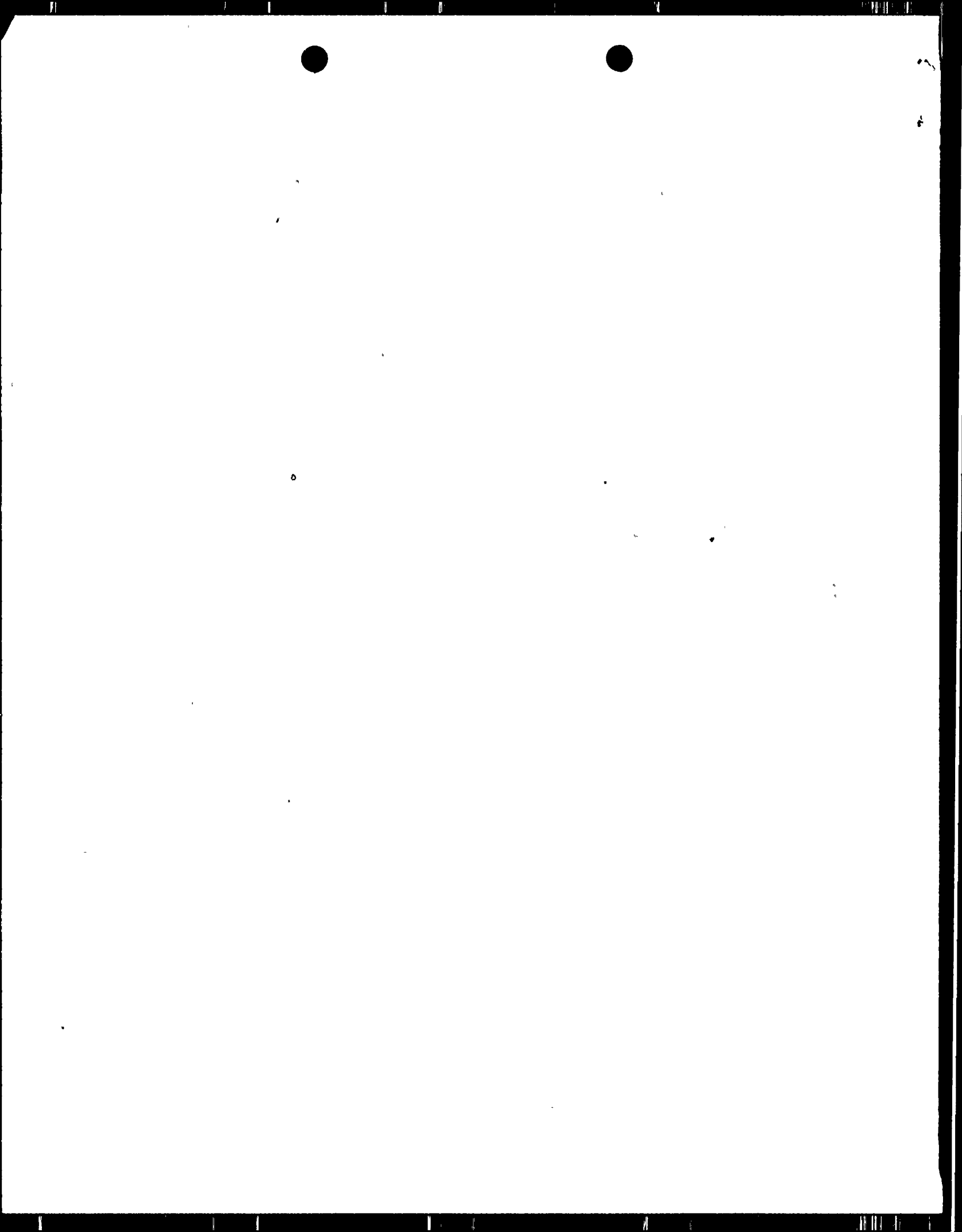
SUBJECT: LER 87-019-00: on 870818, during performance of shift surveillances, determined that RHR sys flow below 3,000 gpm surveillance requirement. Caused by procedural inadequacy. RCS level increased & required flow established. W/870917 ltr.

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TITLE (4) **Reactor Coolant System Flow Less Than Required During Refueling Due to Procedural Inadequacy**

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ABSTRACT (Limit to 1400 spaces, i.e., approximately fifteen single-space typewritten lines) (16)

On August 18, 1987, at 1120 hours, with the Unit in the refueling Mode and the reactor vessel head in place, but not bolted, the Residual Heat Removal System (RHRS) flow (Reactor Coolant System [RCS] cooling loop) was reduced to less than 3000 gallons per minute (GPM) as required by procedures to drain the RCS to half-loop level for required maintenance. This is done to prevent air binding of the RHRS pump.

Although meeting the intent of Technical Specification 3.9.8.1 for refueling mode RHRS, the surveillance requirement of 3000 GPM was not met. The action statement for T.S. 3.9.8.1 requires that containment integrity be established within four hours if there is no operating (≥ 3000 GPM) RHRS loop. This was not done due to the requirement not being recognized.

This event was caused by the procedural inadequacy which allowed for reduction of the RCS flow below 3000 gpm.

The requirement was recognized at 2030 hours while taking surveillance readings. The RCS level was then increased to allow greater than 3000 gpm flow. The required flow was established at 2050 hours.

The appropriate procedures will be changed as needed prior to the next refueling in order to ensure the requirements of T.S. 3.9.8.1 are addressed.

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Conditions Prior to Occurrence

Unit One was in Mode 6 (Refueling) after completion of the fuel load with the Reactor Vessel Head (EIIS/AB-RPV) set, but not bolted, and the Reactor Coolant System (RCS) (EIIS/AB) water level at the Reactor Vessel Head flange level.

Description of Event

On August 18, 1987 at 1120 hours, the operating Residual Heat Removal System (RHRS) (EIIS/AB) loop flow was reduced to less than 3000 gallons per minute (GPM) in accordance with operating procedures to permit draining the RCS to half loop level for required maintenance. This reduction in flow is necessary in order to prevent air binding of the RHRS pump (EIIS/BP-P) due to vortexing while at half-loop.

Half-loop level was achieved at 1303 hours on August 18, 1987. At 2030 hours during performance of shift surveillances, the requirement for 3000 GPM RHRS flow in accordance with Technical Specification (T.S.) 3.9.8.1 during Mode 6 operation was recognized and the RCS level was promptly increased to five inches above half-loop level. At 2050 hours the RHRS flow was raised to greater than 3000 GPM.

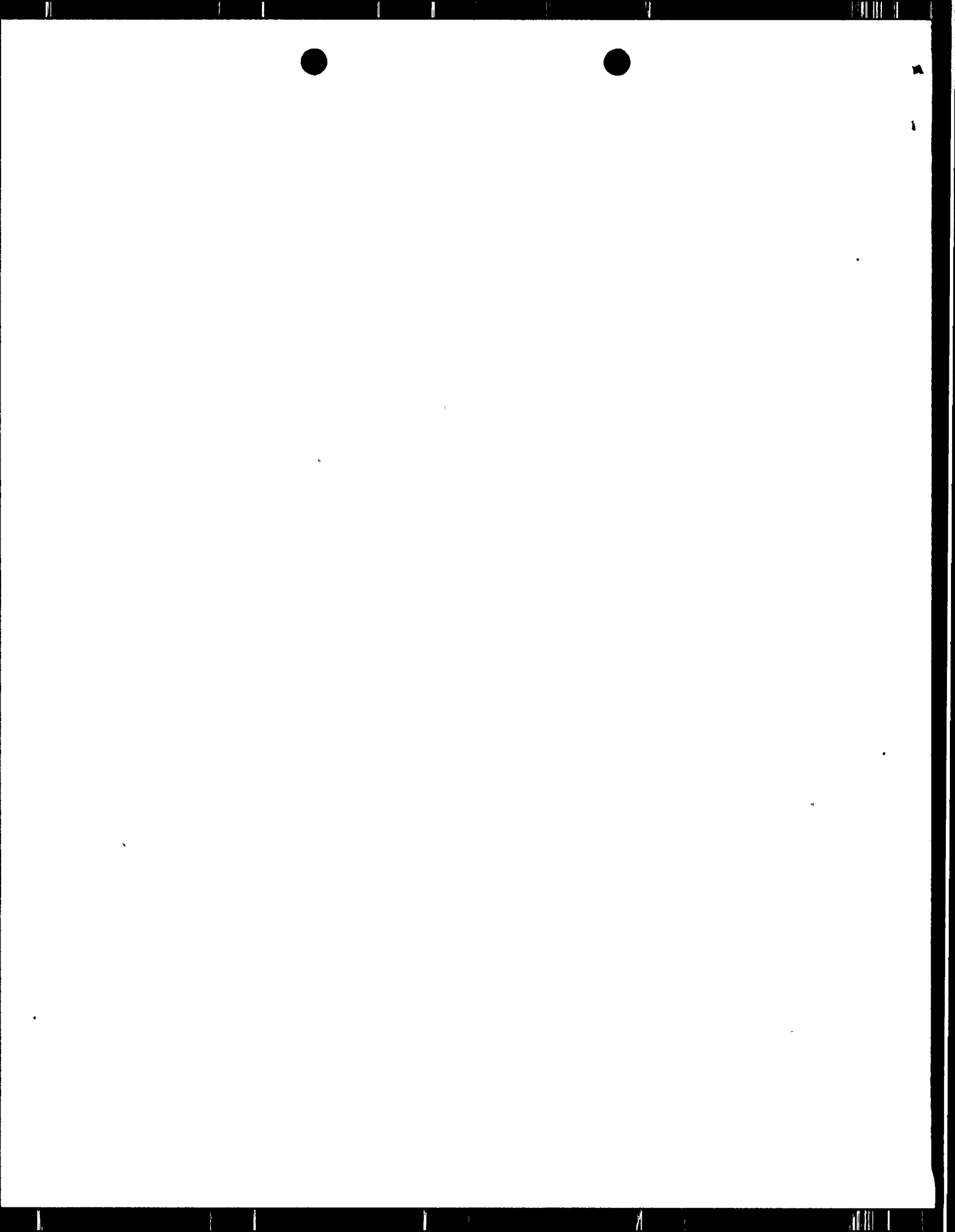
The action statement for T.S. 3.9.8.1 requires that containment integrity be established within four hours if there is no operating RHRS loop. With the RHRS flow below the 3000 GPM surveillance requirement, there was technically no operating RHRS loop. Containment integrity was not established as required since the requirement was not recognized until nine hours and ten minutes after the flow reduction.

With the exception of the aforementioned RHRS loop inoperability, there were no inoperable structures, components or systems that contributed to this event.

Cause of Event

This event was caused by the procedural inadequacy which allowed for reduction of the RCS flow below 3000 GPM.

The 3000 GPM surveillance requirement satisfies two separate portions of the Limiting Conditions for Operation of T.S. 3.9.8.1. The first being the minimum flow for boron dilutions and the second being the assurance of adequate heat removal.



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During cold shutdown operation (Mode 5), the flow requirement for dilutions and decay heat removal are addressed by two separate Technical Specifications. T.S. 3.1.1.3 for boron dilutions requires a minimum of 3000 GPM flow. T.S. 3.4.1.3 for heat removal requires that one coolant loop be circulating the RCS with no specific flow requirements given.

The involved procedures were written based on the Mode 5 requirements with the more restrictive Mode 6 requirements not recognized.

Analysis of Event

This event was determined to be reportable as per 10CFR50.73(a)(2)(i).

Since there were no boron dilutions during the period of time the RCS flow was below 3000 GPM, that portion of T.S. 3.9.8.1 LCO was met.

The remainder of the LCO for T.S. 3.9.8.1 is intended to ensure adequate decay heat removal capability is available. The procedure directed flow of approximately 2000 GPM is well above the actual flow required for decay heat removal. Therefore, since adequate decay heat removal capacity was always maintained, it is concluded that this condition did not constitute a significant safety problem as defined by 10 CFR 50.59.

Corrective Action

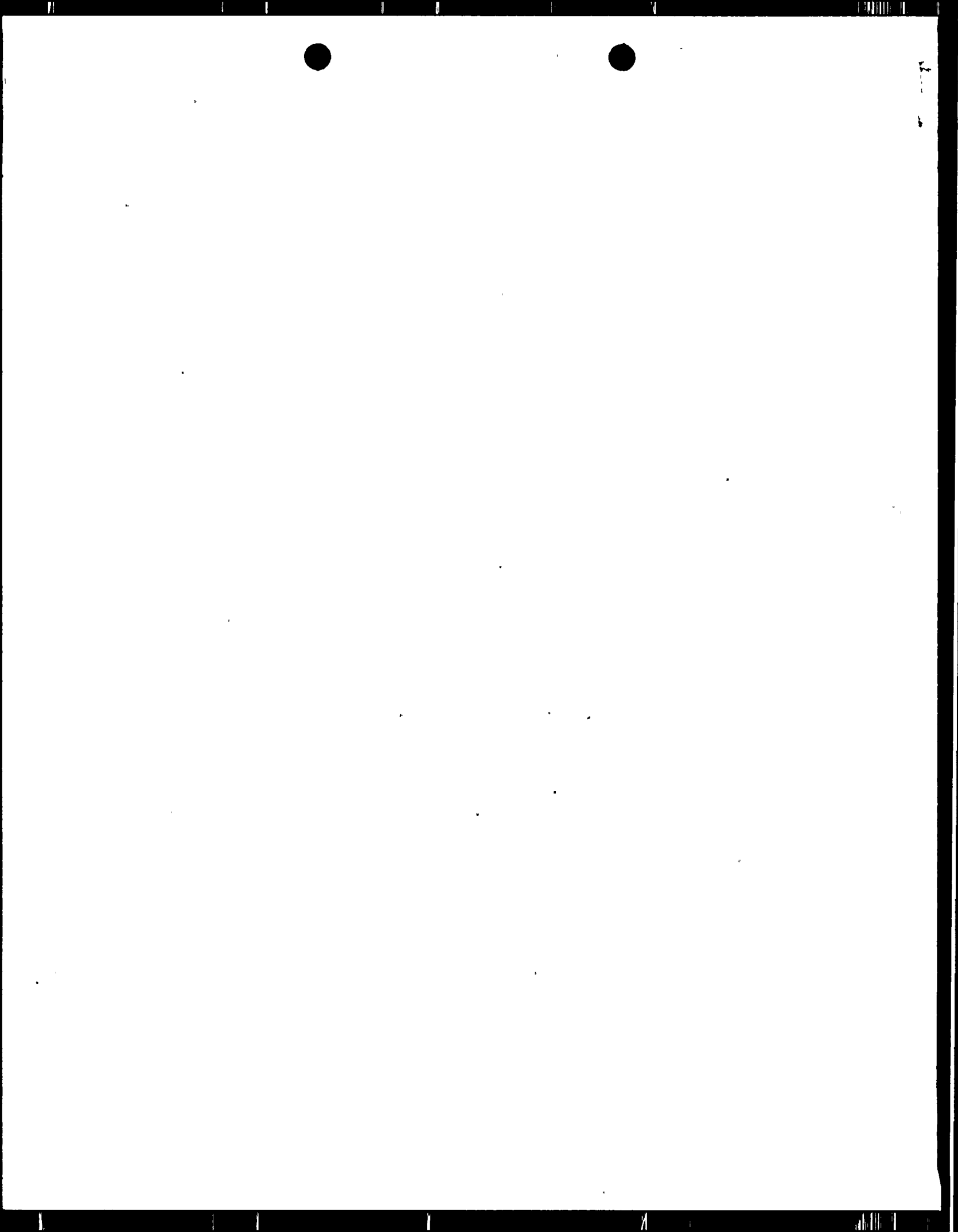
A proposed amendment to the Technical Specifications has been submitted to reduce the subject RHRS flow requirement to 2000 GPM. If this amendment is approved and received prior to the next refueling then no procedure revisions will be needed, if not; then the involved procedures will be revised in order to address the requirements of T.S. 3.9.8.1.

Failed Component Identification

None

Previous Similar Events

None



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