

REACTOR COOLANT SYSTEM

BASES

RELIEF VALVES (Continued)

Surveillance Requirement 4.4.4.3 provides assurance of operability of the accumulators and that the accumulators are capable of supplying sufficient air to operate the PORV(s) if they are needed for RCS pressure control and normal air and nitrogen systems are not available.

Surveillance Requirement 4.4.4.2 addresses the block valves. The block valves are exempt from the surveillance requirements to cycle the valves when they have been closed to comply with ACTION statements "b" or "c". This precludes the need to cycle the valves with a full system differential pressure or when maintenance is being performed to restore an inoperable PORV to OPERABLE status.

3/4.4.5 STEAM GENERATORS

The Surveillance Requirements for inspection of the steam generator tubes ensure that the structural integrity of this portion of the RCS will be maintained. The program for inservice inspection of steam generator tubes is based on a modification of Regulatory Guide 1.83, Revision 1. Inservice inspection of steam generator tubing is essential in order to maintain surveillance of the conditions of the tubes in the event that there is evidence of mechanical damage or progressive degradation due to design, manufacturing errors, or inservice conditions that lead to corrosion. Inservice inspection of steam generator tubing also provides a means of characterizing the nature and cause of any tube degradation so that corrective measures can be taken.

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