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# **ABSTRACT**

This Style Guide Technical Report establishes the human factors design criteria and standards for creating the detailed human system interface (HSI) display elements and control panel layouts for the Advanced Power Reactor 1400. The Style Guide addresses the form, function and operation, as well as certain environmental conditions in which they are used that are relevant to human performance. The Style Guide is based on standards and conventions that are developed by tailoring generic human factors engineering (HFE) guidance to the specific design of HSI and define how these HFE principles are applied.

The Style Guide was developed by subject matter experts in HFE, HSI, and instrumentation and control and is updated and appended frequently by HFE staff.

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# **ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

ANSI	American National Standards Institute
APR1400	Advanced Power Reactor 1400
ARP	alarm response procedure
BOP	balance of plant
СВР	computer-based procedure
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
EO	electrical operator
EOF	emergency operation facility
ESCM	ESF-CCS soft control module
ESF-CCS	engineered safety features-component control system
FPD	flat panel display
HFE	human factors engineering
HSI	human-system interface
HSIS	human-system interface system
HVAC	heating, ventilation, and air conditioning
I&C	instrumentation and control
IHA	important human action
KEPCO	Korea Electric Power Corporation
KHNP	Korea Hydro & Nuclear Power Co., Ltd.
LCS	local control station
LOS	line of sight
LCP	local control panel
LCS	local control station
LDP	large display panel
MCR	main control room
NSSS	nuclear steam supply system
O&M	operations and maintenance
PBP	paper-based procedure
P&ID	piping and instrumentation diagram
RCS	reactor coolant system
RO	reactor operator
RSR	remote shutdown room
SDCV	spatially dedicated and continuously visible
SPDS	safety parameter display system
SPADES+	safety parameter display and evaluation system plus

- SS shift supervisor
- STA shift technical advisor
- TO turbine operator
- TS trade secret
- TSC technical support center
- VDU visual display unit

## 1 INTRODUCTION

This human factors engineering (HFE) Style Guide has been developed to provide a user centric design to the Advanced Power Reactor 1400 (APR1400) basic human-system interface (HSI), APR1400 HSI, and APR1400 HSI facilities. The Style Guide provides design guidance to assure that the HSI design is sufficient and consistent, thus contributing to operational safety. This Guide is designed to be used in conjunction with associated piping and instrumentation diagrams (P&IDs) which specify various components' design. The human factors items not covered in this document follow the criterion of the control room human engineering of NUREG-0700 (Rev.2).

### 1.1 Scope

The Style Guide contains the design guidance for the APR1400 HSI systems including LCSs associated with important human actions (IHAs), as well as environmental conditions in the following areas:

- MCR,
- Remote shutdown room (RSR),
- Technical support center (TSC), and
- Emergency operating facility (EOF)

## 1.2 Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide APR1400 HSI designers with design guidance that has human factors principles as their foundation. These principles, called user centric, are included to create an effective interface that is easy to use. This is in support of the HSI Implementation Plan design concept of keeping the operator in control of the plant. Control means providing up to date, valid, accurate and reliable information and control capabilities. This Guide styles the information and controls.

## 2 INFORMATION DISPLAYS

# 2.1 General Guidelines

#### 2.1.1 General Display Guidelines

- a) Display Screen Partitioning for HSI Functions A standard display screen organization should be evident for the location of various HSI functions (such as a data display zone, control zone, or message zone) from one display to another.
- b) Display Conventions Consistent interface design conventions should be evident for all display features (such as labels).
- c) Numeral and Letter Styles Numeral and letter styles should be simple and consistent.
- d) Distinctive HSI Functional Organization and Display Elements The HSI functional zones and display features should be visually distinctive from one another, especially for on-screen command and control elements (which should be visibly distinct from all other screen structures).
- e) Display Title Every display page should begin with a title or header at the top, briefly describing the contents or purpose of the display.
- f) Hierarchy of Titles Where displays have several levels of titles (and/or labels), the system should provide visual cues to aid users in distinguishing among the levels in the hierarchy.
- g) Display Simplicity Displays should present the simplest information consistent with their function: information irrelevant to the task should not be displayed, and extraneous text and graphics should not be present.
- h) Appropriate Display Format The display presentation format, e.g., table, graph, or flowchart, should be consistent with tasks that the user will be performing with the displayed information.
- Indication of Transformations Needed If it is necessary to multiply or divide the displayed readings by powers of 10 to determine quantitative value, the operation required and result derived must be clearly indicated appropriate Display Format.
- j) Display Information Consistent with Control Requirements Displays should be consistent in word choice, format, and basic style with requirements for data and control entry.
- k) Normal Value Reference Index Displays should contain reference(s) to the values of normal operating condition(s).
- Critical Value Reference Index A reference index should be included in a display when the user must compare displayed information with some critical value. Limit marks should be used for each critical plant parameter displayed.
- m) Highlighting Text Displays When critical text merits emphasis to set it apart from other text, that text should be highlighted by bolding/brightening or color coding or by some auxiliary annotation.
- n) Graphic Display Enhancement with Numeric Values When precise reading of a graphic display is required, the display should be annotated with actual data values to supplement their graphic representation.
- o) Freeze Feedback If a display has a freeze capability, the display should have an obvious reminder that it is in the freeze mode.
- p) Dictionary of Display Element Definitions The user should have access to a dictionary that contains definitions for all display element conventions through an on-line help or off-line.
- q) Labeling Scrollable and Multi-page Displays General labels and row/column labels should remain along the top (or bottom) and left (or right) edges of the display.
- r) Data Overlays Displayed information which temporarily overlays and obscures other display data should not erase the overlaid data.
- s) Physical Overlays Overlays should not distract or interfere with the observation or interpretation of displayed information.
- t) Hardcopy of visual display unit (VDU) Displays Users should be able to obtain a hardcopy of any VDU display without altering the display content.
- u) Representation of Individual Parameters Each relevant process parameter should be represented by a perceptually distinct element within the display.
- v) Correspondence Mapping There should be an explicit mapping between the characteristics and functions of the system to be represented and the features of the display representation, i.e., changes in the appearance of the display form should have a one-to-one relation with the plant

states it represents. These changes should result from explicit rules relating the physical form of the display and its meaning to the plant state represented.

- w) Coherence Mapping The characteristics and features of the display used to represent the process should be readily perceived and interpreted by the operator.
- Salience Levels The salience of graphic features should reflect the importance of the information.
- y) Display of Goal Status The information system should provide for global situation awareness (i.e., an overview of the status of all the operator's goals at all times) as well as supplying details about the current specific goal.
- Analytical Redundancy Analytical redundancy should be considered to help ensure the appropriateness of displayed values.
- aa) Failure Recognition Information system failure should be indicated.
- bb) Navigational Links to Related Information Navigational links to and from high-level and lowerlevels of information and to reference and supporting information should be provided when needed for operator's tasks.
- cc) Correspondence Between Screen and Document When users will transfer data from hard copy documents, the screen layout should correspond to the hard copy in the order and grouping of data items. For this case, it is desirable that the displayed form look as much like the source document as possible.
- dd) Display Failure Indications Displays should be designed so that a loss of power or signal to the display or display circuitry is readily distinguished from the range of possible readings for the displayed parameter.
- ee) Labels of Graphic Objects The label for a specific graphic object (e.g., an icon) should be placed in close proximity to the graphical object.
- ff) Levels of Abstraction Displays should provide information at the levels of abstraction necessary to meet the operators' requirements relative to their task goals.
- gg) Understandability of Higher-Level Information The methods by which lower-level data are analyzed to produce higher-level information and graphical elements should be understandable to users.
- hh) User Verification of Higher-Level Information Operators should have access to the rules or computations that link process parameters and graphical features, and to an explanation of how the information system produces higher-level information.
- Alert to Higher Level Displays While viewing secondary (lower-level) displays, a perceptual (audible or visual) cue should be provided by the system to alert the user to return to the primary (higher-level) display if significant information in that display requires user attention.
- jj) Display of Future Status The information system should support the user's ability to project future states of the system when this is required to safely operate the plant.
- kk) Display Area Sufficient viewing area should be provided to display all important information so that repetitive transitions between displays are not required.
- II) Predefined Displays Predefined information groupings should be available.

#### 2.1.2 General Information Guidelines

- a) Redundancy Redundancy in the presentation of information items should be limited to cases where needed for backup or to avoid excessive operator movement. But, if redundancy gain effects are certain, the redundancy should be used. When the same message is expressed more than once, it will be more likely to be interpreted correctly (Redundancy gain). Specially, this will be particularly true if the same message is presented in alternative physical forms (e.g., tone and voice, voice and print, print and picture, color and shape) (Use multiple resources).
- b) Grouping of Information in a Display Information on a display should be grouped according to principles obvious to the user, e.g., by task, system, function, or sequence, based upon the user's requirements in performance of the ongoing task.
- c) Demarcation of Groups When information is grouped on a display, the groups should be made visually distinct by such means as color coding or separation using blanks or demarcation lines.
- d) Display Information in Directly Usable Form Information should be displayed to users in directly usable form consistent with the task requirements. For this, integral and configurable display

formats should be considered.

- Appropriate Use of Integral Displays Integral Formats should be used to communicate high-level, status-at-a-glance information where users may not need information on individual parameters to interpret the display.
- f) Appropriate Use of Configurable Displays Configurable formats should be used when operators must rapidly transition between high-level functional information and specific parameter values.
  - Representation of Emergent Features: The display elements should be organized so that the emergent features that arise from their interaction correspond to meaningful information about the process or system, e.g., when the aspect of the system represented by the emergent is disturbed, the disturbance is visible in the emergent feature.
  - 2) Levels of Emerging Features: The emergent features or patterns within the display should be nested (from global to local) in a way that reflects the hierarchical structure of the process.
  - 3) Salience of Emerging Features: Each emergent feature should be clearly distinguishable for other emergent features and from information on individual parameters.
  - Reference Aids for configurable displays: A perceptually distinct reference aid should be provided in a configurable display to support operators in recognizing abnormalities in emergent features.
  - 5) Representation of Individual Parameters: Each relevant process parameter should be represented by a perceptually distinct element within the display.
  - 6) Use of Lower-Level Information: The display should support the user in performing tasks requiring lower-level information.
  - 7) Complexity: The emergent features and their interactions should not be so complex as to be susceptible to misinterpretation.
- g) Display Information Consistent with User Conventions Information should be displayed consistently according to standards and conventions familiar to users.
- h) Range of Conditions Displayed The display system should correctly display information about the plant's safety status including severe accident symptoms.
- i) Actual System/Équipment Status Indications of the actual status of plant systems and equipment, as opposed to demand status, should be provided when required by the task.
- j) Rapid Recognition of Safety Status Change User comprehension of a change in the safety status from critical safety function displays should be achieved in a matter of seconds.
- k) Display of Parameters and Variables Important to Safety Plant parameters and variables important to safety should be displayed in a way that is convenient and readily accessible to control room operators.
- I) Critical Safety Function Display Visibility Critical safety function displays should be readable from the consoles of users needing access to these displays.
- m) Critical Parameter Monitoring Support The system should assist the user in monitoring critical parameters, especially parameters that change very rapidly or very slowly, by alerting the user when values are out of range.
- n) Display Enhancement with Time Data When task performance requires or implies the need to assess currency of information within a display, the information should be annotated with time information.
- o) Freezing Rapidly Changing Information When the display is changing so rapidly that the information is difficult to read, the user should have the capability of viewing the information in a supplemental display.
- p) Readability Conditions Important display elements and codes should be identifiable and readable from the maximum viewing distance and under minimal ambient lighting conditions.
- q) Information Display Density Display packing density should not exceed 50 %. Density should be minimized for displays of critical information. Displays consisting largely of alphanumeric generally should not exceed 25 % density. Displays composed largely of graphics may be more dense. When a display contains too much information for presentation in a single frame, and cannot be refined to accommodate the desired data, it should be organized into separate screens, multi-paged screens, or scrolled/paged lists. However, such steps should not be performed if they cause otherwise unitary tasks to require extensive screen switching.
- r) Actual Equipment Responses Indication devices for remotely instrumented equipment should

present actual status/response of the physical plant equipment wherever practical. If this is not practical, indication of ordered action or control power status should be labeled to denote the specific nature of the indication.

#### 2.1.3 General Coding Guidelines

- a) Coding Display Items Requiring Rapid Discrimination Coding should be provided when a user must distinguish rapidly among different categories of displayed data.
- b) Meaningful Codes Meaningful or familiar codes should be used, rather than arbitrary codes.
- c) Consistent Coding Across Displays Consistent meanings should be assigned to codes, from one display to another.
- d) Readability of Coded Information Coding should not interfere with the readability of displayed information.
- e) Coding and Transmission Time Coding should not increase transmission time.
- f) Distinctive Coding of Critical Information Distinctive means of coding/highlighting should be used when a user's attention must be directed to changes in the state of the system, critical or offnormal data, and hazardous conditions.
- g) Display Background Color A single non-distracting background color should be used that has a hue/contrast which allows the data (foreground) to be easily visible and which does not distort or interfere with the coding aspects of the display.

# 2.1.4 General Information Format Guidelines

- a) Simple A simpler format tends to be easier to use. Thus, uninformative aspects of format should be avoided. For example, unnecessary dividing lines or uninformative words add "visual noise" to a presentation (rather than useful information or "visual signal"). They compete with the informative items for the attention and processing capacity of the operator. Similarly, redundant information should be limited to where it is 1) required for backup, 2) useful in a specific context, or 3) desirable to avoid operator movement (in either physical or virtual workspace).
- b) Meaningful A format should be inherently meaningful. This means more than simply providing information; it implies that the information can be readily understood.
- c) Unambiguous An item is ambiguous if its intended meaning is uncertain or obscured. In coding, this can occur if the encoding/decoding rules are not crisply specified and applied. In messages, this occurs if there is insufficient information in a presentation, e.g., combining "high water temperature" and "low oil pressure" into a single "engine trouble" light in an automobile's dashboard. Note that a prerequisite to designing unambiguous indications is to know how the information element is actually used. An engine trouble light is more appropriate if the driver's response is expected to be "stop the motor and have the car taken to a mechanic" and not "stop the motor, let the motor cool off, check the fluid level, check belts and pump..." etc.
- d) Consistent Meanings and relationships should be consistent among similar elements in similar contexts. If they are not, then users must learn and remember the separate cases, and keep them organized by an additional layer of unnecessary detail. This is mentally laborious and error-prone.
- e) Compatible Where relationships cannot be entirely consistent between contexts, they still should be compatible (i.e., should not conflict) with one another. For example, VDU screens may use the color red to denote active components, while red may also be applied to the color coding of equipment danger tags and placards. Because the two contexts of use are separate, no conflict is identified, Compatibility between the motion of a control and associated display is particularly important: the design of these two components and their relationships can tolerate some inconsistency, but they must never be incompatible.
- f) Readable Visual information needs to be readable. This requires that characters and symbols are legible, and that the symbols are combined into terms and messages by well-known or easily learned rules.
- g) Salient The relative salience between items should correspond to their relative significance. Items must be relatively noticeable, so that they can compete effectively with their surrounds for the user's attention. For example, an alarm must be intrusive to perform its function, while component label needs only to be noticeably located and readably sized. Since excess salience

can produce distraction and possibly stress, it is no more desirable than inadequate salience. In addition, if everything is emphasized, then nothing stands out. Note that selecting an appropriate salience level for an item requires some knowledge of the item's surrounds.

 h) Cognizance of Users, Tasks, and Working Environment - Displays should be consistent with the knowledge and abilities of the various users (operators and maintainers), their tasks (goals, problems, procedures, equipment), and the working environment (normal and emergency conditions, other external restraints, etc.).

#### 2.2 Display Network

- a) Hierarchical Structure Information should be organized like inverted tree in which the lower branches provide increasingly specific categories related to the more general categories contained in the higher branches and trunk. Hierarchical structure should be described in term of depth and breath. Hierarchical structure should represent functional or physical relationships.
- b) Relational Structure Relation display network structures should have multiple links between nodes, which are based on a variety of relationships.
- c) Sequential Structure A sequential display network structures should organize display pages in a series, representing dependant relationships.

### 2.3 Display Format

### 2.3.1 Continuous Text Displays

- a) Standard Text Format A standard text display format should be used from one display to another.
- b) Consistency Between VDU-Based Text and Printed Text VDU displays of textual data, messages, or instructions should generally follow design conventions for printed text.
- c) Sentences Begin with Main Topic The main topic of each sentence should be located near the beginning of the sentence.
- d) Clarity of Wording Text displays should employ simplicity and clarity of wording.
- e) Distinct Wording Distinct words rather than contractions or combined forms should be used, especially in phrases involving negation.
- f) Concise Wording The text should be worded concisely to aid comprehension.
- g) Affirmative Sentences Affirmative statements rather than negative statements should be used.
- h) Active Voice Sentences should be composed in the active rather than the passive voice.
- i) Temporal Sequence When a sentence describes a sequence of events, it should be phrased with a corresponding word order.
- j) Minimum Number of Displayed Lines When a user must read continuous text on line, at least four lines of text should be displayed at one time.
- k) Line Length Continuous text should be displayed in wide columns, containing at least 50 characters per line.
- I) Minimal Hyphenation In display of textual material, words should be kept intact, with minimal breaking by hyphenation between lines.
- m) Conventional Punctuation Conventional punctuation should be used in textual display.
- n) Inter-Line Spacing The minimum space between lines should be one-half character height.
- Combining Text with Other Data Text should be formatted in a few wide lines rather than in narrow columns of many short lines, when it is combined with graphics or other data in a single display, thus limiting the available space.
- p) Placing Figures Near Their Citations When tables and/or graphics are combined with text, each figure should be placed near its first citation in the text, preferably in the same display frame.
- q) Underlining for Emphasis When a line is placed under an item to mark or emphasize it, the line should not impair the legibility of the item, e.g., by obscuring the items descender(s).
- r) Font Coding Within a text file or table, the use of a different font style should be preferred over the use of a different size for highlighting information.
- s) Attention Symbols in Alphanumeric Displays When a special symbol, such as an asterisk, is used to draw attention to a selected item in alphanumeric displays, the symbol should be separated from the beginning of the word by a space.
- t) Hardcopy for Lengthy Text Displays When a user must read lengthy textual material, that text

should be available in printed form.

u) Spacing between Paragraphs - Displayed paragraphs of text should be separated by at least one blank line.

### 2.3.2 Table and List

- a) Logical Organization Information should be organized in some recognizable logical order to facilitate scanning and assimilation.
- b) Table Layout by Row and Column A table should be constructed so that row and column labels represent the information a user has prior to consulting the table.
- c) Row and Column Labels Each row and column should be uniquely and informatively labeled and should be visually distinct from data entries.
- d) Labeling Units of Measurement Labels should include the unit of measure for the data in the table; units of measurement should be part of row or column labels.
- e) Consistent Spacing within Tables Consistent column and row spacing should be maintained within a table, and from one table to another. Similarly, spacing between rows should be consistent within a table and between related tables.
- f) Row Separation in dense tables with many rows, a blank line, dots, or some other distinctive feature (to aid horizontal scanning) should be inserted after a group of rows at regular intervals.
- g) Consistent Character Appearance The font and size of alphanumeric characters should be consistent within a table and between related tables.
- h) Justification of Alphabetic Data Columns of alphabetic data should be displayed with left justification to permit rapid scanning.
- i) Justification of Numeric Data Columns of numeric data should be justified with respect to a fixed decimal point; if there is no decimal point, then numbers should be right-justified.
- j) Arabic Numerals for Numbered List Items Arabic rather than Roman numerals should be used when listed items are numbered.
- k) Numbered Items Start with "1" Item numbers should begin with one rather than zero.
- I) Repeated Elements in Hierarchic Numbering Complete numbers should be displayed for hierarchic lists with compound numbers, i.e., repeated elements should not be omitted.
- m) Single-Column List Format Lists should be formatted so that each item starts on a new line.
- n) Marking Multi-line Items in a List When a single item in a list continues for more than one line, items should be marked in some way so that the continuation of an item is obvious.
- o) Hierarchic Structure for Long Lists for a long list, extending more than one displayed page, a hierarchic structure should be used to permit its logical partitioning into related shorter lists.
- p) Vertical Ordering in Multiple Columns If a list is displayed in multiple columns, the items should be ordered vertically within each column rather than horizontally within rows and across columns.
- q) Annotating Display of Continued Data When lists or tables are of variable length and may extend beyond the limits of one display page, the user should be informed when data are continued on another page and when data are concluded on the present page.
- r) Continuous Numbering in Multi-page Lists When a list of numbered items exceeds one display page, the items should be numbered continuously in relation to the first item on the first page.
- s) Vertical List Extension Beyond One Page Where lists extend over more than one display page, the last line of one page should be the first line on the succeeding page.

# 2.3.3 Data Form and Fields

# 2.3.3.1 Data Forms

- a) Consistent Format Across Displays The ordering and layout of corresponding data fields across displays should be consistent from one display to another.
- b) Consistency of VDU and Hardcopy Formats The format of a VDU data form should be similar to that of commonly used hardcopy source documents.
- c) Form Compatible for Data Entry and Display When forms are used for data entry as well as for data display, the formats of these forms should be compatible.
- d) Protected Labels Field labels should be protected from keyed entry by having the cursor skip over them automatically when a user is spacing or tabbing.

- e) Distinguishing Blanks from Nulls Blanks (keyed spaces) should be distinguished from nulls (no entry at all) in the display of data forms, where it can aid task performance.
- f) Headings and Label Indentation When headings are located on the line above related screen fields, the labels should be indented a minimum of five spaces from the start of the heading.
- g) Heading Proximity to Subordinate Labels When headings are placed adjacent to the related fields, they should be located to the left of the topmost row of related fields. The column of labels should be separated from the longest heading by a minimum of three blank spaces.
- h) Data Form Entry Error Data entered that does not match the predefined format of the data form should be highlighted and signaled to the user.

# 2.3.3.2 Data Fields

- a) Comparing Data Fields Data fields to be compared on a character-by-character basis should be positioned one above the other.
- b) Visually Distinct Labels and Data Entry Areas Clear visual definition of data fields should be provided so that the data are distinct from labels and other display features.
- c) Separation of Fields Label and Data Entry Area The label and the data entry area should be separated by at least one character space.
- d) Data Field Separation At least three character spaces should appear between the longest data field in one column and the rightmost label in an adjacent column.
- e) Justification: Data Field Labels of Equal Length When label sizes are relatively equal, both labels and data fields should be left justified. One space should be left between the longest label and the data field column.
- f) Justification: Data Field Labels of Unequal Length When label sizes vary greatly, labels should be right justified and the data fields should be left justified. One character space should be left between each label and the data field.
- g) Highlight Active Data Entry Field The current field to be entered should be highlighted.
- h) Data Entry Cues If appropriate, labels should be used to help cue the user as to the expected data entry.
- i) Labeling Groups Data Fields A field group heading should be centered above the labels to which it applies.
- j) Data Field Group Separation At least five character spaces should appear between groups of data fields.

# 2.3.4 Graphs

# 2.3.4.1 General Graph Guidelines

- a) Orientation and Origin If data are limited as positive number, the graph's origin should be in the lower left of the display. If the data range both positive and negative, the origin should appear in an intermediate position, dividing the axis in proportion to the anticipated ranging.
- b) Interpreting Graphs Graphs should convey enough information to allow the user to interpret the data without referring to additional sources.
- c) Legend Ordering If a legend must be displayed, the codes in the legend should be ordered to match the spatial order of their corresponding curves in the graph itself.
- d) Old data Renewal Old data points should be removed after some fixed period of time.

# 2.3.4.2 Scatter Plot and Trend Graph

- a) Trending Time Intervals Trend displays should be capable of showing data collected during time intervals of different lengths.
- b) Multiple Trend Lines When the user must compare data represented by separate curves, the curves should be displayed in one combined graph.
- c) Grouping Scatter plots to Show Multiple Relations When relations among several variables must be examined, an ordered group (matrix) of scatter plots should be displayed, each showing the relation between just two variables.
- d) Highlighting Scatterplots If some plotted points represent data of particular significance, they should be highlighted to make them visually distinctive from others.

### 2.3.4.3 Flowcharts

- a) Logical Ordering of Decision Options The available decision options should be displayed in logical order.
- b) Single Decision At Each Step Only a single decision should be required at each step.
- c) Consistent Ordering of Decision Options When a flowchart is designed so that a user must make decisions at various steps, the available options should be displayed in some consistent order from step to step.
- d) Availability of Supplemental Information While flowcharts should display only the data immediately required by the user, more detailed data should be available with a single action.
- e) Conventional Path Orientation Flowcharts should be designed so that the path of the logical sequence is consistent with familiar orientation conventions.
- f) Flowchart Symbol Set There should be a standard set of flowchart symbols.
- g) Consistency Words and phrases used for the same purpose should be consistent throughout a flowchart, an application, and related applications.
- h) Highlighting Paths or portions of a flowchart that deserve particular attention should be highlighted.

### 2.3.4.4 Bar Charts and Histograms

- a) General Bar Graphs Bar graphs should be used for comparing a single measure across multiple entities, or for comparing samples of a variable at discrete intervals.
- b) Labeling Single Bars Each bar on the display should have a unique identification label.
- c) Labeling Paired Bars When bars are displayed in pairs, they should be labeled as a unit, with individual distinguishing labels for each bar.
- d) Consistent Orientation of Bars in a related series of bar charts, a consistent orientation of the bars (vertical or horizontal) should be adopted.
- e) Highlighting If one bar represents data of particular significance, then that bar should be highlighted.
- f) Zero Reference on Deviation Bar Charts The zero reference should be the center of the deviation bar chart.
- g) Normal Range on Deviation Bar Charts on a deviation bar chart, the range of normal conditions for positive or negative deviations should represent no more than 10 percent of the total range.
- h) Indication of Magnitude for Deviation Bar Charts The magnitude of each variable should be displayed when a deviation bar display is used as a primary display format for safety function parameters.
- i) Bar Spacing When data must be compared, bars should be adjacent to one another and spaced such that a direct visual comparison can be made without eye movement.
- j) Coding Segmented Curve Graphs The different bands of segmented curve graphs should be made visually distinctive by coding, such as by the texturing or shading of bands.
- k) Labeling Segmented Curve Graphs Where space permits, the different bands of segmented curve graphs should be labeled directly within the textured or shaded bands.

#### 2.3.4.5 Segmented Curve Graphs

- a) Depicting Bands in Segmented Curve Graphs All segments in a segmented curve graph should be related to the total value.
- b) Ordering Data in Segmented Curve Graphs The data categories in a segmented curve graph should be ordered so that the least variable curves are displayed at the bottom and the most variable at the top.
- c) Labeling Curves When multiple curves are included in a single graph, each curve should be identified directly by an adjacent label, rather than by a separate legend.
- d) Coding to Distinguish Curves Coding should be used when multiple functions are displayed in a single graph.
- e) Display of Projected Values Curves representing planned, projected, or extrapolated data should be distinctive from curves representing actual data.
- f) Curve Averaging Combining several individual curves into a single average curve should only be

done when users do not need to know the pattern of individual curves or when curves differ on the basis of minor irregularities.

- g) Coding Segmented Bar Charts Segmented bars, in which differently coded segments are shown cumulatively within a bar, should be used when both the total measures and the portions represented by the segments are of interest.
- h) Ordering Data in Segmented Bars The data categories should be ordered within each bar in the same sequence, with the least variable categories displayed at the bottom and the most variable at the top.

### 2.3.4.6 Linear Profile Chart

- a) Coding Linear Profile Charts The area below the profile line should be shaded to provide a more distinguishable profile.
- b) Labeling Linear Profile Charts Labels should be provided along the bottom to identify each parameter.

## 2.3.5 Diagrams and Mimics

#### 2.3.5.1 Diagrams

- a) Large Diagrams -When a diagram is too large to view all at once, it should be presented in separate sections, with an overview that indicates the separate sections have consistent notation throughout the diagram provide an easy means for users to move among the sections.
- b) Highlighting Portions of Diagrams When portions of a diagram require special attention, those portions should be highlighted.
- c) Component Identification System components represented on mimic lines should be identified.
- d) Line Points of Origin All flow path origin points should be labeled or end at labeled components.
- e) Line Termination Points All flow path line destination or terminal points should be labeled or end at labeled components.
- f) Directional Arrowheads Flow directions should be clearly indicated by distinctive arrowheads.
- g) Line Coding Flow lines should be coded (e.g., by color and/or width) to indicate important information.
- h) Overlapping Lines Overlapping of flow path lines should be avoided.
- Symbol-Data Integration Where symbols are used to represent equipment components and process flow or signal paths, numerical data should be presented reflecting inputs and outputs associated with equipment.

#### 2.3.5.2 Mimics

- a) Aids for Evaluation When users must evaluate information in detail, computer aids for calculation and visual analysis should be provided.
- b) Line Types Meaningful differences between lines appearing in graphic displays, such as flow paths, should be depicted by using various line types, e.g., solid, dashed, dotted, and widths.
- c) Conventional Use of Arrows In flow charts and other graphics displays, arrowheads should be used in a conventional fashion to indicate directional relations in the sequential links between various elements.
- d) Restricted Use of Borders Unnecessary borders should not be used in the display.
- e) Bordering Single Blocks A border should be used to improve the readability of a single block of numbers or letters.
- f) Distinctive Borders Around Critical Information If several labels or messages are clustered in the same area, distinctive borders should be placed around the critical ones only.

# 2.3.6 Menus

# 2.3.6.1 Menu Structure

- a) Indicating Current Position in Menu Structure When hierarchic menus are used, the user should have some indication of current position in the menu structure.
- b) Distinct Subordinate Menus If hierarchical branching is used, each subordinate menu should be visually distinct from each previous super ordinate menu.

- c) Control Options Distinct from Menu Branching The display of hierarchic menus should be formatted so that options which actually accomplish control entries can be distinguished from options, which merely branch to other menu frames.
- d) Consistent Entry Prompt When permanent menus are used, there should be one standard design for the input prompt that is used across all tasks.
- e) Menu Color If menu options are grouped in logical subunits, the same color for menus should be used within the same group.
- f) Explanatory Title for Menu An explanatory title should be provided for each menu that reflects the nature of the choice to be made.
- g) Function of Menu Menus should be designed so that the function of the menu is evident to the user.
- h) Non-Selectable Menu Items When menu items are not selectable, they should be identified as such to the user.
- i) Breadth and Depth of Menu Items Menus should have breadth from 3 to 8 items and depth of less than 3.
- j) Highlighting When Cursor Passes Over Item for all types of menus, menu items that are available to be selected should be highlighted whenever the cursor passes over them and the selection button is down.
- k) Consistent Location for Menus Menus should be displayed in consistent screen locations for all modes, transactions, and sequences.
- I) Representation of Menu Structure A visual representation of the menu structure should be provided.

### 2.3.6.2 Menu Selection

- a) Labeling Grouped Options If menu options are grouped in logical subunits, each group should have a descriptive label that is distinctive in format from the option labels themselves.
- b) Hierarchic Menus for Sequential Selection When menu selection must be made from a long list, and not all options can be displayed at once, a hierarchic sequence of menu selections should be provided rather than one long multi-page menu.
- c) Visual Representation of Path Users should be able to access a visual representation of their paths through a hierarchy of menus.
- Letter Codes for Menu Selection If menu selections are made by keyed codes, each code should be the initial letter or letters of the displayed option label, rather than assigning arbitrary letter or number codes.
- e) Complete Display of Menu Options A menu should be designed to display all options appropriate to any particular transaction.
- f) Options Display Dependent on Context Menus should display as selectable only those options that are actually available in the current context.
- g) Large Pointing Area for Option Selection If menu selection is accomplished by pointing, the acceptable area for pointing should be as large as consistently possible, including at least the area of the displayed option label plus a half-character distance around that label.

# 2.3.6.3 Menu Option

- a) Arrangement of Menu Options
  - 1) Logical Ordering of Menu Options Menu options should be ordered and grouped logically.
  - 2) Default Ordering of Menu Options Where ordering cannot be determined by the above, alphabetic ordering should be used.
  - 3) No Scrolling Menus or Menu Bars All menu items should be visible to the user without scrolling.
  - 4) Single-Column List Format When multiple menu options are displayed in a list, each option should be displayed on a new line, i.e., format the list as a single column.
  - 5) Fixed Menu Order The order of options on menus should be fixed.
- b) Wording and Coding Menu Options
  - 1) Worded as Commands The wording of menu options should consistently represent commands to the computer, rather than questions to the user.

2) Terminology - The wording of options should use terminology familiar to the user but should distinguish each option from every other option in the menu.

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- Consistent with Command Language When menu selection is used in conjunction with command language interaction, the wording of menu options should be consistent with the command language.
- 4) Terse Wording Options should be tersely worded, preferably a single word.
- c) Option Organization
  - 1) Visual Grouping of Menu Options If meaningful categories cannot be developed for menu options then visual groups should be created for long menus.
  - Sequencing of Options within Groups When users must step through a sequence of menus to make a selection, the hierarchic menu structure should be designed to minimize the number of steps required.
  - 3) Explicit Option Display When control entries for any particular transaction will be selected from a small set of options, those options should be displayed in a menu added to the working display, rather than requiring a user to remember them or to access a separate menu display.
  - 4) Consistent Display of Menu Options When menus are provided in different displays, they should be designed so that option lists are consistent in wording and ordering.
  - 5) Menus Distinct from Other Displayed Information If menu options are included in a display that is intended also for data review and/or data entry, the menu options should be distinct from other displayed information.

### 2.3.6.4 Menu Types

- a) System Menu
  - 1) System Menu Each system should provide a system menu that includes options to end a session, print selections, review system status, define user preferences, manage alerts, change a password, access peripherals, and perform file management.
  - Organization of a System-Level Menu The options of a system-level menu should be grouped, labeled, and ordered in terms of their logical function, frequency of use, and criticality.
  - 3) Availability of System-Level Menu Options Appropriate system-level menu options should always be available.
- b) Hierarchical Menus
  - 1) Top-Level Menu A user should be able to return easily to the top-level menu in a hierarchical menu structure at any time.
  - 2) Return to Next Higher Level A user should be able to return to the next higher-level menu from anywhere in a hierarchical menu structure with one simple control action.
  - 3) Lower-Level Menus The options contained in a menu below the top level should be logically related to each other.
  - 4) Menu Titles as Options Designers should use a subset of menu titles in the pull-down menu as the option items in the hierarchical menu.
  - 5) Organizing and Labeling Hierarchical Menus Hierarchical menus should be organized and labeled to guide the user within the hierarchical structure.
  - 6) Consistent Design and Use The display format and selection logic of hierarchic menus should be consistent at every level.
  - Minimum Number of Levels A hierarchical menu structure should minimize the number of selections required to reach the desired option. This implies the use of broad, shallow structures as opposed to narrow, deep ones.
  - 8) Indicating Current Position in Menu Structure An indication of the user's current position in a hierarchical menu structure should be provided.
  - 9) Hierarchical Menus in Graphical User Interfaces Hierarchical menus designed in a GUI should be as simple as possible avoiding complex graphical structures.
- c) Pull-Down Menus
  - 1) When to Use Pull-down menus should be used rather than pop-up menus if the position of the cursor on the screen is not important for information or option retrieval.

- 2) Consistent Location Pull-down menus should always appear immediately below the option whose selection leads to their appearance.
- Menu Width The menu should be wide enough to accommodate the longest option and its keyboard accelerator, if present.
- 4) Titles The title of a pull-down menu should be the option on the menu bar with which the pull-down menu is associated.
- 5) Unique Title The title of a pull-down menu should be unique in the menu bar and, to the extent possible, describe or identify the options in the pull-down menu.
- 6) Outlining Pull-down menus should be outlined with a border or drop shadow.
- 7) Cascading Pull-Down When a pull-down option leads to a second-level, cascading pulldown, the option label should be followed with a right-pointing arrow.
- 8) Separators to Divide Groups of Options Separators should offset choice groups.
- 9) Number of Options The number of options in a pull down menu should not be more than 10 or less than 3.
- 10) Presentation of Options The options in a pull-down menu should be displayed one option per line.
- 11) Types of Pull-Down Menu Options The options in a pull-down menu should be one of five types: commands, names of windows or forms that will be displayed, names of other menus, sets of exclusive options, or sets of nonexclusive options.
  - Execution of Commands Command options should be executed as soon as the user selects them.
  - Names of Windows or Forms that will be displayed When names of windows or forms that will be displayed are used as options in pull down menus, they should be identified by a special symbol, for example, an ellipsis (...).
  - Names of Other Menus When names of other menus are used as options in a pull-down menu, they should be identified by a special symbol, for example, an arrow or triangle that points to the location where the menu will appear.
  - Sets of Exclusive Options Sets of exclusive options should be identified by special symbol, for example, a filled circle for the selected option and an open circle for the unselected options.
  - Sets of Nonexclusive Options Sets of nonexclusive options should be identified by special symbols, for example, a marked square for the selected option(s), if any, and an open square for the unselected option(s), if any.
- 12) Distinguishing Unavailable Options When a pull down menu contains options that are temporarily unavailable, the unavailable options should be displayed but clearly distinguishable from available options.
- 13) Option Selection A user should be able to select an option on a pull-down menu by moving the pointer onto the desired item and selecting it.
- 14) Exclusive Option Selection When only one option in a menu can be selected, a selection indicator should move to the chosen item and remain until another item is selected with the indicated menu item remaining in effect until another item is chosen.
- 15) Options Requiring More User Information When menu items on a pull-down menu require additional user information before the transaction can be completed, the designer should follow each such item with ellipses (...).
- d) Cascading Menus
  - 1) When to Use Cascaded menus should be considered when the menu bar is crowded and the grouping of options is obvious to the user.
  - Cascading Menus Cascading menus should follow the same guidelines as hierarchical menus.
  - Cascade Indicator Every cascaded menu item that leads to cascading menus should be marked with a cascade indicator after the menu item name.
  - 4) Number of Levels Because cascaded menus require the user to remember where options are located or buried (the original menu may be partially hidden by the new cascaded menu), the number of levels should be limited to one.

#### e) Pop-Up Menus

- 1) Pop-Up Menus Pop-up menus should follow the guidelines for standard pull-down menus, except they do not have a title.
- 2) Attribute Lists Pop-up menus should not be used for accumulating attribute lists such as text style choices.
- 3) Actions Pop-up menus should not be used as a means of providing more commands; therefore, they should not contain actions (verbs).
- Distinguishing the Pop-Up Menu The pop-up menu should be made distinct from the screen background by giving it a contrasting yet complementary background or by giving it a solidline border.
- 5) Pop-Up Menu Location A pop-up menu should be placed near the pointer used to select it and near the object or higher-level menu that is being manipulated.
- Selecting an Option Using a Pointing Device A user should be able to select an option on a pop-up menu by moving the pointer onto the desired option and clicking the appropriate button.
- 7) Selection Highlighting When an option in a pop-up menu remains on display after it has been selected, it should remain highlighted.
- 8) Pop-Up Menus Leading To Cascading Menus When an option in a pop-up menu leads to a cascading menu, a right pointing triangle should be placed after the option label.
- 9) Options Leading to Cascading Menus Selected options that lead to a cascading menu should remain highlighted and serve as the title for the cascading menu.

### f) Toggled Menus

- 1) Toggled Menu Options Toggled menu options should be used for two and only two opposite commands that are accessed frequently.
- 2) Naming Toggled Menu Options Toggled menu options should begin with verbs that clearly state the outcome of selecting that menu item.
- g) Graphic Menus
  - 1) Pointing When user input involves frequent pointing on a display surface, the interface should be designed so that other actions (e.g., display control) are also accomplished by pointing, in order to minimize shifts from one entry device to another.
  - 2) Highlighting The Selected Item Selection of an icon, menu, or application-specific capability from a function area should be acknowledged by highlighting the selected item.
  - 3) "Opening" An Icon A user should be able to "open" an icon with a simple, explicit action.
  - 4) Size of Icons Icons on the screen that are displayed for selection should be separated by a minimum of 5 millimeters on a side and separated by at least 3 millimeters.
  - 5) Text Selection Area When functions are represented by text labels, a large area for pointing should be provided, including the area of the displayed label, plus a half-character distance around the label.

#### 2.3.6.5 Menu Bar

- a) Systematic Organization of Items on Menu Bar The categories listed across the menu bar should be organized systematically.
- b) Category Labels on Menu Bar Category labels on menu bars should be centered in the vertical dimension. Horizontally, category labels on the menu bar should be separated by enough space to be distinguishable as separate items, i.e., by at least two standard character widths.
- c) Height of Menu Bar The height of a menu bar should be sufficient to contain standard text characters that serve as menu category labels, as well as space above and below the text characters.

# 2.3.6.6 Function Keys for Menu

- a) Logical Pairing of Double-Keyed Functions If double (control/shift) keying is used, the functions paired on one key should be logically related.
- b) Consistent Logic for Double Keying If double (control/shift) keying is used, the logical relation between shifted and unshifted functions should be consistent from one key to another.
- c) Labeling Multifunction Keys If a key is used for more than one function, the function currently

available should always be indicated to the user.

- d) Easy Return to Base-Level Functions If the functions assigned to a set of keys change as a result of user selection, the user should be provided with an easy means to return to the initial, base-level functions.
- Feedback for Function Key Activation When function key activation does not result in any immediately observable natural response, users should be provided with some other form of computer acknowledgment.
- f) Indicating Active Function Keys If some function keys are active and some are not, the current subset of active keys should be indicated in some noticeable way, such as by brighter illumination.

### 2.3.7 Windows

### 2.3.7.1 General Windows Guidelines

- a) Window Selection and Display User should be able to select separate data windows that will share a single display screen.
- b) Window Demarcation Windows should be visually separated from each other and from their background, preferably by borders or similar demarcation.
- c) Window Position It should not be possible to position windows in such a way that menu bars, access to the command area, or caution and warning messages are obscured.
- d) Alerting User to Information Availability The system should alert the user to critical information that becomes available in an inactive or non-displayed window.

### 2.3.7.2 Window Components

- a) Title Bar and Title
  - 1) See 2.1.1 General Display Guidelines
- b) Border
  - 1) Window Identification Windows should be identified by a label consistently located at the top of the window's border.
  - 2) Multi-Modal Window Designation If windows are capable of different modes, the system should provide immediate and unambiguous feedback concerning which mode is active.
- c) Scroll-Bar
  - 1) Directional Preference for Scrolling When there is a choice, vertical (top-to-bottom) scrolling should be used instead of horizontal (left to right) scrolling.
  - 2) Scroll-Bars on Active Windows Scroll-bars should be displayed in full contrast for the active window only (the window that displays the user's current input.
  - Vertical Scroll-Bar Size A vertical scroll-bar should be the height of the scrollable portion of the window.
  - 4) Horizontal Scroll-Bar size A horizontal scroll-bar should be at least one-half the width of the scrollable portion of the window.
  - 5) Changing Scroll-Bar Components Scroll-bar components should change when the window size or information position changes reflecting the present status.
  - 6) Arrows to Indicate Direction of Scrolling Directional arrows should be provided in small boxes distinct from the scroll area to indicate the direction that scrolling may be performed.
  - 7) Subdued Directional Arrows The appropriate directional arrow should be subdued or grayed out if no information is currently available through scrolling in a particular direction.
  - 8) Scroll Area or Container The scroll-bar should be contained a filled-in bar, which contrasts with the window and the screen body background.
  - Scroll-Bar Entire-Entity Indicator A scroll-bar should contain a vertical or horizontal line or area along which the scroll box can move, the length of which represents the entire entity.
  - 10) Scroll Box A scroll-bar should contain a movable symbol such as a box or rectangle that contrasts with the scroll area.
  - 11) Scroll Box Position The scroll box should indicate by its spatial position the relative location in the file of the information being viewed.
  - 12) Scroll Box Size The size of the scroll box should indicate proportionately the amount of the document displayed in the window relative to the percentage of available information in the

file being viewed.

- 13) Indicating Selected Scroll Box When the scroll box has been selected, it should be indicated to the user in some visually distinctive way.
- 14) Scroll Box Operations Users should be able to drag the scroll box continuously along its line or area using a pointing device.
- 15) Stepping Through Units Using a Scroll-Bar A scrollbar should contain two symbols that allow a user to step forward or backward through the entire entity a unit at a time (e.g., one page at a time).
- d) Control Bar
  - Position Fixed control bars should located at a fixed position within the application window, and movable control bars should be placed in a supplemental window or a dialog box, able to be moved to a position selected by the user.
  - 2) Display of Control Bars Users should be allowed to specify which control bars, if any, they wish to display.
  - 3) Location Relative to Window A window should never conceal the movable control bar with which it is associated.
  - 4) Movable Control Bar Components A small title bar and control menu box should be provided for each movable control bar.
  - 5) Display of Control Bar Users should be provided with a means to control whether or not to display the control bar.
- e) Push Buttons
  - 1) Same Buttons in Different Windows When the same buttons are used for different windows, they should be placed consistently in the same location.
  - 2) Consistent Order Push button order should be consistent throughout an application.
  - Button Order Buttons should be ordered from left to right (or top to bottom for vertical rows) according to frequency of use, sequence of use, or with positive actions at the left or top and negative or canceling actions at the right or bottom.
  - 4) Grouping Related Buttons Related push buttons should be placed together.
  - 5) Visibility of Buttons When push buttons are required for system interaction, they should always be visible on a primary display.
- f) Action Icons
  - 1) Action Icons When a window includes action icons, they should be arranged along the left margin of the window.
  - 2) Action Icons Bound to Window When a window includes action icons, a user should not be able to move the icons outside the window.

#### 2.3.7.3 Window Types

- a) Primary and Secondary Windows
  - 1) Primary Windows A primary window should contain a title bar, a border, window controls, and a working area or client area.
  - 2) Application Primary Window Every application should initially display a primary window.
  - 3) When to Display a Primary Window Applications should display a primary window as soon as the application starts, without leaving the screen blank.
  - Multiple Primary Window Capability As necessary for performance of the intended user tasks, an application should be capable of having multiple primary windows open at the same time.
  - 5) Independence of Primary Windows Primary windows should be independent of one another in the application.
  - 6) Secondary Windows A secondary window should contain a title bar, a working area, and any of the other window components appropriate to the application.
  - 7) When to Use A secondary window should be used to temporarily add data (e.g., help screens, menus, or other features) to a display as a means to control or display divergent information or to segregate and control separate operations.
  - 8) Secondary Window Constraints A secondary window should be associated with a particular primary or other secondary window.

- 9) Calling Up Other Secondary Windows A secondary window should be able to call up additional secondary windows to further the interaction.
- 10) Placement of Secondary Windows When present, a secondary window should appear within the borders of and on top of (superimposed on) a portion of its "parent" window.
- 11) Closing a Secondary Window Closing a secondary window should not affect the parent window.
- 12) Removing Secondary Windows A secondary window should be removed when its parent window is removed.
- 13) Number of Secondary Windows The number of secondary windows should be limited to avoid creating navigation problems for the user.
- 14) Secondary Windows Covering Primary Window Secondary windows should not cover any part of the primary window that a user needs to see or use to do his or her task.
- 15) Modeless Secondary Windows Modeless secondary windows should provide dialogs that do not require immediate attention and commands that do not need to be done before moving on.
- 16) Modal Secondary Windows Designers should only use modal secondary windows for serious problems for which an explicit response is required of the user before continuing.
- 17) Moving Modal Secondary Windows Modal secondary windows should not be movable. b) Application Windows
- - 1) Switching Windows The user should be able to use either the mouse or the keyboard to switch from one application window to another and from one secondary window to another within the same application.
  - 2) Location of Title in Window Title Bar The window title should appear left or centered in the window title bar, except the window title is placed on the fixed frame.
  - Capitalization of Title The window title should be in mixed-case letters.
- c) Data Entry Windows
  - 1) Data-Entry Window Elements A data-entry window should contain a title that describes the purpose or contents of the window, a set of labeled fields, vertical or horizontal scroll-bars or both if the contents do not fit in the window's working area, and controls appropriate to the task.
  - 2) Data Window Organization The organization of a data entry window should be consistent with the task it represents.
  - Multi-Page Data Entry Windows Every effort should be made to minimize the number of pages in data entry windows, particularly if the user is expected to change pages frequently while entering data. When the contents of a set of data-entry fields do not fit the window working area, a. the window should provide users the ability to page, scroll, or both, through the entire set; and b. if the fields are arranged in rows, columns, or both, the labels of the rows or columns should remain in place when the rows or columns scroll or page.
  - 4) Push Buttons in Data-Entry Windows When a data entry window contains push buttons, the buttons should be placed in a row at the bottom of the working area, visually separated from the data fields.
  - Controls for Data-Entry Windows A data entry window should contain the controls appropriate to the task.
  - 6) Saving Entered Data When a user has finished making entries in a data-entry window, he or she should be able to save the entries by taking an explicit action such as selecting a Save menu option or activating an Apply or OK push.

#### 2.3.7.4 Message Windows

- a) Request Message Window
  - 1) Request Message Window Use A request message window should be used when it is necessary to request information from a user before processing can proceed.
  - 2) Request Message Window Components A request message window should contain a title, a auestion symbol, a message indicating the information required and all of the following push buttons that apply in the order in which they are listed: OK, Apply, Reset, Cancel, and Help.
- b) Information Message Window

1) Information Message Window Use - An information message window should be used to convey non-critical information that requires acknowledgement.

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- 2) Information Message Windows Information message windows should be modal and require acknowledgement.
- Information Message Window Components An information message window should contain an information symbol, a message, and the following push buttons below the message in the order listed: OK and Help.
- 4) Information Message Window Behavior Information message windows should not appear to the user to interrupt processing by the application.
- c) Confirmation Message Window
  - 1) Confirmation Message Window Use Confirmation message windows should be used to request clarification of a previous user action.
  - 2) Requiring User Response The application should suspend processing until the user responds to a confirmation message window.
  - Confirmation Message Window Components Confirmation message windows should contain a question symbol, a message, and one of the following sets of push buttons below the message in the order listed: {Yes, No, and Help} or {Yes, No, Cancel, and Help}.
- d) Warning Message Window
  - 1) Warning Message Window Use Critical messages warning users of destructive consequences of actions should be displayed in warning message windows.
  - 2) Suspending Processing When a warning message window appears, processing should be suspended until a user responds to the message.
  - 3) Warning Message Window Contents Warning message windows should contain a warning symbol, a message, and one of the following sets of push buttons below the message in the order listed: {Yes, No, and Help} or {OK, Cancel, and Help}.
  - 4) Accompanying Audible Warning Signals Warning messages should be accompanied by an audible signal.
  - 5) Caution and Warning Window Priority Caution and warning windows should be front most on the display.
- e) Dialog Boxes
  - 1) Modeless Dialog Boxes -Modeless dialog boxes should be used for getting user input and for making changes to a document.
  - Modal Dialog Boxes Modal dialog boxes should be used to make the user give necessary information before carrying out the current operation.
  - Movable Modal Dialog Boxes Movable modal dialog boxes should be used when input is needed from the user and for making changes to a document while allowing the user to switch to another application.
  - 4) Dialog Boxes (Control Windows) Sets of controls that perform similar or related functions should be grouped and presented together in a dialog box (also called a control window).
  - 5) Format A dialog box should have a border and a title that clearly indicates the function of the set of controls.
  - 6) Unavailable Controls When a control is temporarily unavailable, it should be displayed at reduced intensity.
  - 7) Push Buttons for Control Functions Each function of a dialog box should have a push button.
  - 8) Size of Control Windows Control windows should be smaller than application windows.
  - 9) Visibility of Control Windows Control windows (dialog boxes), when activated, should be visible on a primary display.
  - 10) Dialogs Covering Underlying Information When covering underlying information is a problem, the application should use movable dialog boxes.
  - 11) Movable Dialog Box Format A movable dialog box should contain a title bar consisting of a control menu and a title.
  - 12) Fixed Dialog Box Format A dialog box that is immovable should not contain a title bar.
  - 13) Use of Fixed vs. Movable Dialog Boxes An application should primarily use movable dialog boxes; the user can reposition these to view obscured data.
  - 14) Alert Box Use Alert boxes (a type of modal dialog box) should be used for communicating

error conditions or preventing any other activity until the user responds to the error condition.

- 15) Indication of Alert Severity An icon should be provided within the alert box that indicates the degree of severity of the alert message.
- f) Error Dialog Box
  - Error Dialog Box Components An error message window should contain an error symbol, a message, and the following push buttons below the message in the order listed: OK, Cancel, and Help.
  - 2) Error Dialog Box Modality Error windows should be modal, requiring user acknowledgement in order to continue.
  - Use of an Error Dialog Box When an error is detected in a system that uses windows, a dialog box should appear that specifies the error.
  - 4) Placement of Error Dialog Box An error dialog box should not be placed in front of the error.
  - 5) Error Acknowledgement After the user acknowledges the error, the dialog box should disappear and the actual field that contains the error should be highlighted.

#### 2.3.7.5 Window States

- a) Open Window
  - 1) Input from System An open window should be capable of receiving input from the system.
  - 2) Visibility An open window should be completely visible on the screen at the time it is opened and when it is active.
  - 3) Default Window Size The size and shape of the initial presentation of a window should be consistent with its contents (amount of information, number of menus, and data fields).
  - 4) Number of Allowable Open Windows An upper limit on the number of windows allowed to be open at one time should be defined to ensure that system response time is not compromised.
- b) Closed Windows
  - 1) When a primary window is closed, it and any of its secondary windows should be removed from the screen.
- c) Active Windows
  - 1) Indicates Active Window If several windows are displayed at once, the window(s) in which action can be taken should be indicated.
  - 2) Window Activates Upon Opening The action that opens a window should automatically make that window active.
  - 3) Obscuring The Active Window A temporary window object should not obscure critical control information and command entry interfaces of the active window.
  - 4) Active Windows Priority Under normal operating conditions, active windows should be front most on the display.
  - 5) Distinguishing Active Windows An active window should be distinguishable from inactive windows.
  - 6) Overlapping Windows When windows are allowed to overlap, the active window should be in front of and not overlapped by other windows.
  - Making A Window Active When a window is made active, all other windows should be made inactive, although there may still be operations (e.g., background processing) occurring in the inactive windows.
  - 8) Default Window Size The size and shape of the initial presentation of a window should be consistent with its contents (amount of information, number of menus, and data fields).
  - Activating A Previously Opened Window The user should be able to put a window in the interactive state by performing any of a set of simple actions in that window or related to that window.
- d) Input Focus
  - One Input Focus Regardless of the number of windows open in an application, only one window at a time (the active window) should be able to receive input from a pointing device or the keyboard.
  - 2) User Assignable Input Focus Users should be able to assign input focus to any open window of the current application either with a pointing device or from the keyboard.
  - 3) Assigning Input Focus with a Pointing Device Users should be able to assign input focus to

any window that is wholly or partially visible by moving the pointer onto any visible portion (and clicking the appropriate button where explicit input focus is necessary).

- 4) Window with Input Focus When any portion of a window was obscured by another window, upon activation, the window with input focus should be made wholly visible.
- 5) Moving Input Focus Using the Keyboard Users should be able to press a single key or specific key combination to move the input focus forward or backward through the open windows one window at a time in the order in which they were opened.
- 6) Single Object Focus Only one object in the window having input focus should be able to receive input from a pointing device or the keyboard.
- 7) Indicating the Object having Input Focus When an object has input focus, that object should be indicated with a location cursor or highlighting.
- 8) Location of Input Focus in a Window When a window first appears, the location cursor or highlighting should be placed on the object that users are most likely to select, for example, a text field or a default push button.
- 9) Windows Regaining Input Focus When a window has lost and then regained input focus, the location cursor or highlighting should be placed on the object that last had input focus in the window.
- 10) Assigning Input Focus to an Object Users should be able to assign input focus to an object within a window using either the pointing device or the keyboard.

### 2.3.7.6 Window Operation

- a) Minimizing Windows
  - 1) Minimize Window When a user minimizes an open window, the window should be replaced by the window's icon.
  - 2) Uniqueness of Icons Representing Minimized Windows Any window that can be minimized should have a unique icon or label that serves as an identifier of the window it represents.
  - 3) Processes Occurring in Minimized Windows Any processing occurring in a window should continue after the window is minimized.
  - 4) Minimize Operation Where applicable, the application should provide a minimize operation that changes a window into an icon button at the bottom of the screen.
  - 5) Minimizing a Window Using a Pointing Device When a window can be minimized, a user should be able to minimize the window by moving the pointer onto the Minimize control in the title bar and clicking the appropriate button or by selecting Minimize from the window menu or control menu.
  - 6) Minimized Window Menu A minimized window should have a menu that contains the same options as its window system menu with the exceptions of the Resize and Minimize options.(When a window menu includes Resize and Minimize options, these options should appear on the menu as unavailable.)
  - 7) Selecting Options from a Minimized Window Menu A user should select a minimized window menu item using standard option selection methods.
  - 8) Removing Minimized Window Menu A user should be able to remove a minimized window menu by moving the pointer off the menu and clicking the appropriate button.
  - 9) Location of Minimized Windows Unless specified otherwise by the application, the icons representing minimized windows should be placed in the lower left corner of the screen, arrayed in a row from left to right in the order in which they are created.
- b) Maximizing Windows
  - 1) Maximizing a Window When the user clicks on the maximize button, the application should enlarge the window to its largest size or to encompass the entire display screen, which ever is smaller.
  - Maximize Button on Maximized Windows When a window is maximized, the Maximize button should assume a Restore function and the button should take on the Restore icon and function.
  - 3) Maximize When the window can be resized, the application should provide a Maximize operation that enlarges a window to its maximum size.
- c) Restoring Windows

- The Restore Function A click on the Restore button should change the window and any associated secondary windows to the size and location where they had been prior to last being maximized or minimized.
- 2) Status of Restored Window A restored window should have active status.
- 3) Restoring the Window A user should be able to restore a window and any secondary windows that were displayed when the window was minimized. This was done by moving the pointer and clicking on the icon (or button) representing the minimized window or displaying the menu of the minimized window and selecting Restore.
- 4) Equivalence of Input Device It should be possible to restore a minimized window by either using the pointing device.
- Restoring Window to Default Size Where applicable, the application should provide a Restore operation that enables a user to restore a minimized or maximized window to its default size.
- 6) Restore Option on Full Sized Windows The restore option should be unavailable when the window is its default size.
- d) Closing Windows
  - 1) Users should be able to close a window with a single action.
- e) Moving Windows
  - 1) Easy Shifting Among Windows If several windows are open, several easy means should be provided for a user to shift among them.
  - 2) Movable Windows Windows movement capability should be provided such that the user can move windows to different areas of the display.
  - Smooth Window Movement Movement of a window should appear to be smooth and continuous to the user.
- f) Resizing Windows
  - 1) Resize Where applicable, the application should provide a Resize operation that enables a user to change the size of a window.
  - Moved or Resized Windows When a window has been moved or resized or both and is then closed and reopened during an application session, it should reappear in the size and location it had when it was closed.
  - Default Location for Moved or Resized Windows When a window has been moved or resized in the current session, it should appear in its default location at the next application session, as much as possible.
  - 4) Obscuring Critical Information Critical information should not be obscured during window resizing.
  - 5) Resizing a Window Using a Pointing Device When a pointing device is available, a user should be able to resize a resizable window by (1) moving the pointer onto the window's border, (2) pressing and holding the appropriate button on the pointing device, (3) dragging the border to the desired position, and (4) releasing the button resulting in the window being displayed in its new size.
  - 6) Changing Window Using a Pointer When dragging the border of a window, the window itself or an outline of the window should move with the pointer, indicating the changing size of the window, while leaving the window displayed in its original position.
  - 7) Resizing in One Direction Resizing a window by placing the pointer onto an edge of the window (top, bottom, or sides) should permit changing its size in one direction only.
  - 8) Resizing in Two Directions Resizing a window by placing the pointer onto a corner should permit changing the size of a window in two directions at once.
  - 9) Standard Sizing Buttons Standard buttons should be provided by which the user may control the size of the window (from minimum through variable to maximum).
  - 10) Reformatting of Text, Graphics and Icons Upon resizing of a window, text, graphics, or icon layouts should reformat so that they remain visible.
  - 11) Only Borders Affected When a user resizes a window, only the border(s) affected should move, not the objects within the borders.
  - 12) Proportional Image Size Change When the size of a window changes but the content remains the same, the image size should change proportionately as the window size changes.

13) Scroll Bars - When a window becomes too small to display its objects, vertical or horizontal scroll-bars or both should be added.

#### 2.3.8 Label

a) Group Labels - Each individual aspect of a display (e.g., data group, field, or message) should contain a distinct, unique, and descriptive label.

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- b) Meaningfulness Labels should be meaningful words or accepted technical terms.
- c) Label Format Label formats should be consistent across and within displays.
- d) Consistent Wording Labels Labels should be worded consistently, so that the same item is given the same label whenever it appears.
- e) Distinctive Labels Labels should be uniquely and consistently highlighted, capitalized, or otherwise emphasized to differentiate them from other screen structures and data.
- f) Label Separation Labels should be separated from one another by at least two standard character spaces.
- g) Normal Orientation for Labels The annotation of graphic displays, including labels for the axes of graphs, should be displayed in a normal orientation for reading text.
- h) Label Content for User Options When presenting a list of user options, labels should reflect the question or decision being posed to the user.
- Abbreviation in Labeling a shortened form of a word or phrase shouldn't be used in labeling but the limited text field. The general practice of abbreviations and acronyms is described in Section 2.4.1.3 (refer to Part 1 to Appendix A for standard abbreviations).

#### 2.4 Display Element

#### 2.4.1 Alphanumeric Data

- a) Font Style A clearly legible font should be utilized.
- b) Use of Capitals Capitalization should only be used for: headlines, key phrases or acronyms, short items to draw the user's attention to important text (e.g., field labels or a window title), the first letter in a sentence, or a single character in each word in a title or label.
- c) Mixed Case Mixed case should be used for continuous text, messages, menu descriptions, button descriptions, or screen identification.
- d) Consistent Style Varying sizes or styles of fonts should not be used for any reason other than coding (for example, text as labels, text as data, text as command input).
- e) Consistent Fonts Selected fonts should be used in a consistent fashion throughout the interface, and upper and lower case should be provided with full descenders.
- f) Distinguishability of Characters Fonts used should enable positive absolute discrimination (i.e., discrimination without relative comparisons) of similar characters such as:

I and 1; O and 0; S and 5; U and V; Y and 7; D and 0; Z and 2; g and 9;

I and L ; O and Q ; T and Y ; X and K ; Y and 4 ; D and O ; T and 7 ; UV and W

### 2.4.1.1 Characters

- a) VDU Viewing Distance The viewing distance should be 13-30 inches (33 to 80 cm), with 18-24 inches (46-61 cm) preferred.
- b) Character Height (Information flat panel display [FPD]) The character height and numerals should be at least 12 minutes of arc from the longest anticipated viewing distance. To calculate the minimum character height needed to meet this guidance for a given viewing distance, the formula is :

0.003491 x Reading Distance = Minimum Character Height (@ 12 min. of arc)

c) Character Height (large display panel [LDP]) - The character height and numerals should be at least 11 minutes of arc from the longest anticipated viewing distance. To calculate the minimum character height needed to meet this guidance for a given viewing distance, the formula is :

0.003199 x Reading Distance = Minimum Character Height (@ 11 min. of arc)

- d) Character Height-to-Width Ratio For fixed (as opposed to proportionally spaced) presentations, the height-to-width ratio should be between 1:0.7 to 1:0.9.
- e) Stroke Width Stroke width should be 1/6 to 1/12 of character height for standard applications of text and print.
- f) Inter-Character Spacing Horizontal separation between characters or symbols should be between 10 and 65 percent of character or symbol height.
- g) Inter-Word Spacing Consistent spacing between the words of displayed text should be maintained, with left justification of lines and ragged right margins. A minimum of one character width (capital N for proportional spacing) should be used between words.
- h) Inter-Line Spacing A minimum of two stroke widths or 15 percent of character height, whichever is greater, should be used for spacing between lines of text.
- i) Inter-Paragraphs Spacing Displayed paragraphs of text should be separated by at least one blank line.

#### 2.4.1.2 Numeric Data

- a) Number System Numeric data should be displayed in the decimal, rather than binary, octal, hexadecimal, or other number system.
- b) Numeric Coding The number of characters used in numeric codes should not be more than six.
- c) Numerical Precision Numbers should be specified at the appropriate precision.
- d) Spelled Numbers Numbers that are spelled out should be consistently spelled under the same conditions.
- e) Leading Zeros Leading zeros in numeric entries for whole numbers should be suppressed. For example, 28 should be displayed rather than 0028. A leading zero should be provided if the number is a decimal with no preceding integer (i.e., 0.43 rather than .43).
- f) Maintaining Significant Digits A number should be displayed at the number of significant digits required by users to perform their tasks.
- g) Display Range Numeric displays should accommodate the variable's full range.
- h) Rate of Display Change Digital displays should change slowly enough to be readable.

#### 2.4.1.3 Abbreviations and Acronyms

- a) Approved Abbreviations List Acronyms and abbreviations should be combined and maintained on a single list in Appendix A, Part 1. The approved Abbreviations List will support consistent development of meaningful terms for use by operators, maintainers, designers, engineers, technicians, and other operations and maintenance (O&M) domains.
- b) Management of The Approved Abbreviations List The Approved Abbreviations List should be controlled and updated as necessary to incorporate new terms. The list management process should avoid extraneous terms that will not be used in plant labeling, procedures, tech specs, or other O&M domains.
- c) Avoiding Abbreviations Abbreviations should be avoided (except when terms are commonly referred to by the initial letters, e.g., SPDS for Safety Parameter Display System).
- d) Abbreviation Rule When defining abbreviations which are not common to the user population, a simple rule should be used that users understand and recognize. And the abbreviation rule should be employed consistently. Generally, truncated abbreviations, in which the first letters of the word are presented (e.g., reinforcement is abbreviated by reinf), are processed better than contracted abbreviations, in which letters within the word are deleted (e.g., rnfnt).
- e) Distinctive Abbreviations Abbreviations should be distinctive so that abbreviations for different words are distinguishable.
- f) Punctuation of Abbreviation Abbreviations and acronyms should not include punctuation.
- g) Easily Remembered Arbitrary Codes When arbitrary codes must be remembered by the user, characters should be grouped in blocks of three to five characters, separated by a minimum of one blank space or other separating character such as a hyphen or slash.
- h) Avoid O and I in Arbitrary Codes The use of the letters O and I in a non-meaningful code should be avoided since they are easily confused with the numbers 0 (zero) and 1 (one), respectively.
- i) Combining Letters and Numbers in Arbitrary Codes When codes combine both letters and numbers, letters should be grouped together and numbers grouped together rather than

interspersing letters with numbers.

j) Abbreviations in Text Displays - when two words or more in text displays are abbreviated, standard abbreviations should be used in Part 1 to Appendix A. When a word is abbreviated, its first letter should be an uppercase and the rest be lower-cases (refer to Part 1 to Appendix A for standard abbreviations).

# 2.4.2 Icons and Symbols

- a) Symbol Size Icons and symbols should be large enough for the user to perceive the representation and discriminate it from other icons and symbols. When a displayed symbol of complex shape is to be distinguished from another symbol shape that is also complex, the symbol should subtend not less than 20 minutes of arc at the required viewing distance.
- b) Graphical Symbols Shapes codes and pictorial analogs should be used to provide visually direct representation of components and systems. Graphical symbols should be highly legible, and either be based on established conventions (e.g., P&IDs), or be easily learned. Representative symbols used in APR1400 are presented in Appendix C.
- c) Appropriate Use of Icons The primary use of icons in graphic displays should be to represent actual objects or actions.
- d) Iconic Representation Icons should be designed to look like the objects, processes, or operations they represent, by use of literal, functional, or operational representations.
- e) Simple Design Icons should be simple, closed figures when possible.
- f) Use of Abstract Symbology Abstract symbols should conform to user conventions or to common electrical and mechanical symbol conventions when user conventions do not exist.
- g) Distinguishability Each icon and symbol should represent a single object or action, and should be easily discriminable from all other icons and symbols.
- h) Orientation Icons and symbols should always be oriented "vertical" or "horizontal".
- i) No Alternating Words and Symbols Words and symbols should not be used alternately.
- j) Highlighting An icon or symbol should be highlighted when the user has selected it.
- k) Special Symbols When special symbols are used to signal critical conditions, they should be used for only that purpose.
- I) Interpretation A symbols and icons should give the clear meaning of the object in the context to the viewer.

#### 2.4.3 Scale

- a) Scale Zone Banding Zone banding with color or graphics to denote normal, abnormal, or other categorical operating ranges of a parameter should, if applied, be conspicuous, distinct, and not interfere with the quantitative reading of the display. Zone banding should not be used unless parameter zones can be reliably and usefully defined, and where relevant mode dependencies in the interpretation and display of the parameter can be accommodated.
- b) Linear/Nonlinear Scaling A linear scale should be used for displayed data, in preference to logarithmic or other non-linear methods of scaling, unless it can be demonstrated that non-linear scaling will facilitate user interpretation of the information.
- c) Logarithmic or other nonlinear scales should be reserved for devices that require at least three orders of magnitude of precise range, and for which nonlinear scaling is deemed conventional or appropriate (e.g., source range reactor power).
- d) Engineering Units Engineering units should be provided on all applicable parameter displays unless percentage scaling is specified (graphical displays may specify dual scales). Engineering units on displays should conform to and be maintained on the APR1400 Engineering Units list. Control of the list should strive to maximize the mutual consistency of the entries, within the constraints of customer requirements and operating conventions.
- e) Orientation of Scales Numbers on a scale should increase clockwise, left to right, or bottom to top.
- f) Scale Intervals Nine should be the maximum number of tick marks between numbers.
- g) Axis Labels Axes should be clearly labeled with a description of what parameter is represented by the axis.
- h) Identification of Units of Measurement The units of measurement represented by the scale
should be included in the axis label.

- Scaling Conventions Conventional scaling practice should be followed, in which the horizontal X-axis is used to plot time or the postulated cause of an event, and the vertical Y-axis is used to plot a caused.
- j) Scales Consistent with Function The scales should be consistent with the intended functional use of the data.
- k) Numeric Scales Start At Zero When users must compare aggregate quantities within a display, or within a series of displays, scaling of numeric data should begin with zero.
- I) Single Scale on Each Axis Only a single scale should be shown on each axis, rather than including different scales for different curves in the graph.
- m) Scaling Against A Reference Index If different variables on a single graph require different scales, they should be scaled against a common baseline index, rather than showing multiple scales.
- n) Indication of Scale When a graphic display has been expanded from its normal coverage, some scale indicator of the expansion factor should be provided.
- o) Manual Rescaling Users should be able to manually change the scale for the purpose of maintaining an undistorted display for different operating conditions.
- p) Indication of Automatic Rescaling If the system is designed to automatically change scale, an alert should be given to the user that the change is being made.
- q) Aids for Scale Interpolation If interpolation must be made or where accuracy of reading graphic data is required, computer aids should be provided for exact interpolation.
- r) Numbering Grids Graphs should be constructed so that the numbered grids are bolder than unnumbered grids.
- s) Restricted Use of Three-Dimensional Scaling Unless required, use of three-dimensional scales (i.e., where a Z-axis is added to the display) should be avoided.

## 2.4.4 Cursor

## 2.4.4.1 Appearance

- a) Distinctive Cursor Cursors should have distinctive visual features (shape, blink, or other means of highlighting).
- b) Display of Cursor The cursor should not move beyond the display boundaries or disappear from sight.
- c) Stable Cursor The displayed cursor should be stable.
- d) Initial Cursor Placement On the initial appearance of a data entry display, the cursor should appear automatically at some consistent and useful location.

# 2.4.4.2 Controls

- a) Cursor Control The user should be able to adjust the sensitivity of the cursor movement to be compatible with the required task and user skills.
- b) Compatible Control of Cursor Movement Control actions for cursor positioning should be compatible with movements of the displayed cursor, in terms of control function and labeling.
- c) Easy Cursor Positioning Users should be provided with an easy, accurate means of positioning a displayed cursor to point at different display elements and/or display locations.

### 2.4.4.3 Movement

- a) Responsive Cursor Control For arbitrary position designation, moving a cursor from one position to another, the cursor control should permit both fast movement and accurate placement.
- b) Explicit Activation Users should be required to take a separate, explicit action, distinct from cursor positioning, for the actual entry (enabling, activation) of a designated function.

## 2.4.4.4 Pointing Cursors

- a) Pointing Cursor Visibility The pointing cursor should be visible to the user at all times and may obscure characters unless it interferes with performance within an application.
- b) Pointing Cursor Blink The pointing cursor should not blink.

- c) Pointing Cursor: Image Quality Pointing cursors should maintain image quality throughout an entire range of motion within the display. The position of the pointing cursor should be clearly visible during movement from one screen position to another. Flicker should be minimized.
- d) Pointing Cursor Design to the greatest degree possible, pointing cursors should be completely graphic and should not contain a label.
- e) Pointing Cursor: Movement The movement of the pointing cursor should appear to the user to be smooth and continuous, with smooth and continuous movement of the cursor control device. The pointing cursor should not move in the absence of any input from the user.

## 2.5 Display Coding

## 2.5.1 Color Coding

## 2.5.1.1 General Color Coding Guidelines

- a) Redundant Coding Dimensions Color should not be the only dimension used to encode and display a set of distinctions. One or more redundant dimensions (e.g., shape, fill, intensity, blink, etc.) should be used in combination with color.
- b) Use of Color Where color is used for coding, it should be employed conservatively and consistently.
- c) Color Coding to Draw Attention Brighter and/or more saturated colors should be used when it is necessary to draw a user's attention to critical data.
- d) Color Contrast The color of the control should contrast with the panel background.
- e) Chromostereopsis Simultaneous presentation of both pure red and pure blue on a dark background should be avoided.
- f) Color Coding for Discrete Data Categories:
  - 1) One Meaning Per Color Each color should represent only one category of displayed data, if possible.
  - 2) Retain Meaning of Colors When the user community has previously established meanings for various colors, the designer should retain those meanings. Thus, a color should not signify a different condition than it signified in the previous system.
  - Color Coding for Discrete Data Categories When a user must distinguish rapidly among several discrete categories of data, a unique color should be used to display the data in each category.
- g) Unplanned Patterns from Color Coding Color coding should not create unplanned or obvious new patterns on the screen.

### 2.5.1.2 Color Assignments

a) Control and Information Displays - The following color set will be used in the context of control and indication display Other color schemes not specified in this guideline may be used provided that it can be demonstrated by the supplier so that the standards of USNRC NUREG-0700, Rev.2 are met:

Grey (R128, G128, B128)

VDU and LDP background, pop-up menu, alarm list window background, grid line

Dark Grey (R95, G91, B82)

Selector and controller label background, parameter value background, uncontrollable and non-instrumented equipment, board and dynamic data background, display page background, Recessing Effect Color by Selecting

Light Grey (R204, G204, B204)

Button background, display page title, date and time, CEA drop status indication, background color

White (R255, G255, B255)

Dynamic data (e.g., process parameter values), rectangle-shaped line color of selectable touch target, selected mode indication, trend line (flow)

Black (R0, B0, G0)

Label, process line, graphical line, trend background, indicator background in uncontrollable equipment

Spring Green (R0, G215, B145)

Component Status: off / Inactive / De-energized / Flow Preventive (e.g., Valve Closed, Breaker Open, Pump off, etc.)

Orange (R255, G135, B0)

Upper and lower limit range of indicator, neutral position of soft control, medium temperature for core, trend line (pressure), mode condition, trouble/disable, ESFAS Condition, Manual Permissive

Dark Red (R255, G0, B0)

Component Status: on / Active / Energized / Flow Permissive (e.g., Valve Open, Breaker Shut, Pump on, etc.), medium value of indicator, high temperature for core, tagged, trend line (temperature)

Yellow (R252, G227, B112)

Alarm

Med blue (R50, G110, B200)

Soft control switch frame, electrical signal link, measuring point indication, bar for level, trend line

Med Gray (R166, G166, B166)

Tag No. in uncontrollable component

Royal Blue (R64, G105, B225)

Scan off

Cyan (R0, G255, B255)

Trend line (level)

Steel grey (R142, G162, B171)

Soft control background, display handling menu background

Light Brown (R107, G56, B56)

Demarcations (e.g., uncontrollable area, grouping)

b) Personnel Safety and Physical Hazards - The following specifications are general. They are not incompatible with applicable OSHA standards in 10 CFR 1910 Sections144, "Safety Color Code for Marking Physical Hazards" and the color assignments in 2.5.1.2.

Spring Green	Safe; Go
Amber and Orange	Caution; Attention
Dark Red	Danger; Stop; Fire Hazard, Fire Safety, Radiation Hazard

## 2.5.1.3 Color Selection

a) Red-Green Combination - Whenever possible, red and green colors should not be used in combination.

- b) Pure Red Dominant wavelengths above 650 nanometers in displays should be avoided.
- c) Pure Blue Pure blue on a dark background should be avoided for text, for thin lines, or for high-resolution information.

# 2.5.2 Highlighting

## 2.5.2.1 General Highlighting Guidelines

- a) Easily Recognizable Highlighting Highlighting should be easily recognizable and used to attract the user's attention to special conditions, items important to decision-making or action requirements, or as a means to provide feedback.
- b) Minimal Highlighting Highlighting of information should be minimized.
- c) Consistency A particular highlighting method should be used consistently.
- d) Removing Highlighting If highlighting is used to emphasize important display items, it should be removed when it no longer has meaning.

## 2.5.2.2 Brightness

- Appropriate Use of Brightness Coding Coding by differences in brightness should be used for applications that require discrimination between only two categories of displayed items on the VDUs.
- b) Significance of Brightness Levels High brightness levels should be used to signify information of primary importance, and lower levels should be used to signify information of secondary interest.
- c) Brightness Coding Intensities Brightness intensity coding should be employed only to differentiate between an item of information and adjacent information. No more than two levels of brightness should be used.
- d) Brightness inversion When a capability for brightness inversion is available, it may be used for highlighting critical items that require user attention.

## 2.5.2.3 Flashing

- a) Appropriate Use of Flash Coding Flashing should be used when a displayed item implies a need for attention or action, but not in displays requiring attention to detail or reading of text. No more than 2 flash rates should be used. Where one rate is used, the rate should be 3 5 flashes per second. Where two rates are used, the second rate should be not greater than 2 per second.
- b) Flash Coding for Text When a user must read a displayed item that is flash coded, an extra symbol such as an asterisk or arrow to mark the item should be used, and the marker symbol should flash rather than the item itself.
- c) Small Area Only a small area of the screen should flash at any time.
- d) Long-Persistence Phosphor Displays Flashing should not be used with long-persistence phosphor displays.
- e) Flash Rate for Critical Information When two rates are used, the higher rate should apply to the more critical information.

### 2.5.3 Auditory Coding

- Appropriate Use of Auditory Signal Auditory signals should be provided to alert the operator to situations that require attention, such as an incorrect input action by the operator or a failure of the HSI to process an input from the operator.
- b) Dedicated Use Systems used to transmit non-verbal auditory signals should be used only for that purpose.
- c) Localization Auditory signals should provide localization cues that direct operators to those control room consoles where operator attention is required.
- d) Selection Auditory signals should be selected to avoid interference with other auditory sources, including verbal communication.
- e) Signal Priority Distinction Caution signals should be readily distinguishable from warning signals and used to indicate conditions requiring awareness, but not necessarily immediate action.
- f) Association with Visual Warnings Auditory alerts, as well as caution and warning sounds, should accompany visual displays.

- g) Unique Signal-Event Association Once a particular auditory signal code is established for a given operating situation, the same signal should not be designated for some other display.
- h) Total Number of Simple Signals If the audio signal varies on one dimension only (such as frequency), the number of signals to be identified should not exceed four.
- Use with Several Visual Displays One audio signal may be used in conjunction with several visual displays, provided that immediate discrimination is not critical to personnel safety or system performance.
- j) Confusable Signals Audio warning signals that might be confused with routine signals or with other sounds in the operating environment should not be used.
- k) Signal Compatible with Environment The intensity, duration, and source location of the signal should be compatible with the acoustical environment of the intended receiver as well as with the requirements of other personnel in the signal area.
- I) Indicating Who Is to Respond When the signal must indicate which user (of a group of users) is to respond, a simple repetition code should be used.
- m) Direction of Sound Sound sources (speakers or buzzers) should direct sound toward the center of the primary operating area.
- n) Audibility Auditory alert and warning signals should be audible in all parts of the control room.
- Signal Intensity The intensity of auditory signals should be set to unmistakably alert and get an operator's attention. Auditory signal intensities should not exceed 90 dB(A), except for evacuation signals, which may be up to 115 dB(A).
- p) Masking Audio warning signals should not interfere with any other critical functions or warning signals, or mask any other critical audio signals.
- q) Failure of Auditory Signals The audio display device and circuit should be designed to preclude warning signal failure in the event of system or equipment failure and vice versa.
- r) Distinctive Coding Coding methods should be distinct and unambiguous, and should not conflict with other auditory signals.
- s) Not Contradictory Similar auditory signals must not be contradictory in meaning with one another.
- t) Pulse Coding Auditory signals may be pulse coded by repetition rate. Repetition rates should be sufficiently separated to ensure operator discrimination.
- u) Coding by Intensity Coding by intensity is not recommended.
- v) Testing It should be possible to test the auditory signal system.
- w) Frequency Change Coding If modulation of the frequency (Hz) of a signal denotes information, center frequencies should be between 500 and 1000 Hz.
- Discrete Frequency Coding If discrete-frequency codes are used for audible signal coding, frequencies should be broad band and widely spaced within the 200 to 5000 Hz range (preferably between 500 and 3000 Hz).

# 2.5.4 Size, Shape, and Pattern

- a) Simple Pattern Codes When patterns are used to code displayed areas, simple rather than elaborate patterns should be used.
- b) Pattern Coding of Extreme Values Pattern density should vary with the value of the coded variable so that the least dense pattern is associated with one extreme and the most dense pattern with the other extreme.
- c) Limited Use of Size Coding Size coding should be used only for applications where displays are not crowded.
- d) Size Coding Proportional to Data Value When the symbol size is to be proportional to the data value, the scaled parameter should be the symbol area rather than a linear dimension such as diameter.
- e) Establishing Standards for Shape Coding When shape coding is used, codes should be based on conventional meanings.
- f) Clearly Discriminable Shapes Shapes used in coding for data groups should be clearly discriminable.

### 2.5.5 Axes, Lines, Curves and Areas

- a) Consistent Scaling When operators must compare graphical data across displays, the scales should be the same on each.
- b) Grid Lines If the operator must use a graph to precisely extract point values, then scale graduation on axes should be extended to form a two-dimensional grid. Grid lines should be unobtrusive (i.e., low intensity) and should not obscure data elements. Grid lines should be displayed or suppressed at the option of the operator.
- c) Labeling of Axes The horizontal (X) axis should be used to plot time or the causal variable; the vertical (Y) axis should be used to plot the monitored parameter (the dependent variable).
- d) Consistent Line Coding Line coding should be used consistently across graphs.
- e) Target Area Definition The target area, preferred combination of X- and Y-axis values, should be graphically defined, except embedded trend or mimic trend.

## 2.6 Display Pages

- a) Multi-Page When a form is too large to fit in the available screen area, it should be broken into pages, and each page should be labeled with its number and the total number (e.g., Page 1 of 3).
- b) Consistent Orientation A consistent orientation for display framing should be used.
- c) Panning with Free Cursor Movement in applications where a user moves a cursor freely about a page of displayed data, panning should be adopted rather than scrolling as the conceptual basis of display framing.
- d) Paging Controls Users should be allowed to move easily from one page to another for displays which are partitioned into separately displayable pages.
- e) Evident Direction of Paging The direction that a user must page (toward the top or bottom, left or right) should be evident to the user before s(he) begins to page.
- Paging in One or Multiple Page Increments Users should be able to page in one page or multiple page increments.
- g) Discrete Paging When moving over multiple pages, the movement should be discrete with no display of intermediate pages between the starting page and the selected page.
- h) Indicate Absolute and Relative Positions of User Scrolling/paging structures should indicate both the absolute and relative positions of the user in the data file.
- Navigational Cues During navigation, displays should support users' comprehension of the relationships between successive views or destinations. The system should provide visual cues to indicate the operator's present location in the screen hierarchy. Specifically, titles should include the screen page name, high-level functional group (e.g., RCS (PRI)).
- j) Minimal Navigation Path Distance Short navigation paths should be provided between display pages that will be used one after the other.

# 2.7 Controls

## 2.7.1 Push Buttons

- a) Consistent Appearance The size and shape of the push button should be coded according to the purpose of the push button. The same usage of the push button should have the same size and shape.
- b) Minimum Push Button Size The size should accommodate the largest label.
- c) Labels A push button should have either a text or graphic label.
- d) Consistent Labels Push button labels should be consistent throughout an application and related applications.
- e) Text Label Length Push button labels should be short and unambiguous.
- f) Push Button Label The push button label should describe the results of pressing the button and reflect the action that will be taken by the application rather than the user.
- g) Activating a Push Button A user should be able to activate a push button by moving the pointer onto the button and pressing the appropriate pointer button.
- h) Activated Push Buttons The push button should be highlighted while the pointer button is depressed.
- i) Activating Controls Using Push Buttons The control should be activated when the pointer button is released, and the push button is reverted to its normal appearance.

- j) Activating Buttons Using the Keyboard A user should be able to activate a push button using the keyboard.
- k) Information Prior to Push Button Action When the user must supply additional information before the system can carry out a push button action, the designer should provide ellipses (...) after the push button caption to indicate that a dialog box (or control window) will be presented.

## 2.7.2 Radio Buttons

- a) When to Use Radio buttons should be used if it is required that one and only one of a set of mutually exclusive options be selected.
- b) Number of Radio Buttons An individual radio button should always be part of a mutually exclusive group of two or more radio buttons.
- c) Selecting a Radio Button Inactivates Other Radio Buttons A radio button that is active should cause all of the other radio buttons in its group to be inactive.
- d) Selecting a Radio Button Using a Pointing Device A user should be able to select a radio button using a pointing device by moving the pointer onto the radio button and clicking the appropriate device button.
- e) Selecting a Radio Button Using the Keyboard A user should be able to select a radio button using the keyboard by moving a location cursor to the desired button (e.g., using the arrow keys) and pressing the Enter key.
- f) Exclusive Selection Selecting one radio button item should deselect any other radio button in its group previously selected.
- g) Identifying a Set of Radio Buttons A box should be drawn around a group of radio buttons to visually separate the group from other interface features.
- h) Selected Button Highlighted Selecting a button that is already highlighted should not change its state.
- i) Radio Button Labels Labels should be provided for each set of radio buttons.
- j) Labeling Individual Radio Buttons Radio buttons and labels should be left justified in the columnar format.
- k) Labeling Single Panels of Radio Buttons When a screen or window contains only one panel of radio buttons, the screen or window title should serve as the panel label.
- Selection Area The selection target area for radio buttons should include the radio button and its label.
- m) Moving a Cursor to an Option Moving the cursor to an option should highlight the label by reverse video, reverse color, or a dashed box around the label.
- n) Sets of Radio Buttons Radio button sets should contain from two to seven items, but the user should always have at least two radio buttons in each set.
- o) Unavailable Options When a particular option is not available, it should be displayed as subdued or grayed-out in relation to the brightness of the available options.

# 2.7.3 Check Boxes

- a) When to Use Check boxes should be provided if a user must be able to select any number including none of a set of options.
- b) Effect of Activating a Check Box A check box that is activated should not change the status of any other choice in the group.
- c) Selecting Check Boxes Users should be able to toggle selected and unselected states on a check box using either a pointing device or the keyboard.
- d) Check Box States Check boxes should have two states, selected and unselected.
- e) Labeling Check Boxes Labels should be provided for each set of check boxes.
- f) Consistent Labeling Label style and orientation for check boxes should remain consistent for groups of check boxes within an application and across related applications.
- g) Arrangement of Check Boxes Check boxes should be arranged in logical order so that the most frequently used boxes are at the top or at the left, depending on how the boxes are oriented.
- h) Alignment of Check Boxes Check boxes should have a columnar orientation with the boxes aligned to the left.
- i) Alignment of Check Boxes When Space Is Limited When there is limited space, a horizontal

orientation should be used with adequate separation (three character spaces) between each box.

j) Check Box Height and Width - When grouping check boxes, the boxes should be equal in height and width.

# 2.7.4 List Boxes

- a) When to Use List boxes should be used when choices are displayed for the user.
- b) Long Lists in List Boxes Long lists in list boxes should be accompanied by scrolling capability.
- c) Inactive List Boxes -The label and list items for an inactive list box should be dimmed.
- d) Standard Single-Selection List Boxes Standard list boxes should always remain the same size.
- e) List Box Height The list box should be high enough to accommodate three to eight list items if possible within the height of a dialog box.
- f) List Box Width A list box should be a few spaces wider than the average width of the items in the list.
- g) Items Too Wide for List Box When an item is too wide for the list in a list box, a horizontal scrollbar should be placed at the bottom of the list.
- h) Drop-Down List Box A drop-down list box should have a fixed width.
- i) Drop-Down List Height when Closed A drop-down list should be only tall enough to show one item when closed.
- j) Drop-Down List when Open The height of an opened drop-down list should be enough to accommodate three to eight items.
- k) Drop-Down List with more than Eight Items Dropdown lists containing nine or more items should have a vertical scroll-bar.
- I) Extended-Selection List Boxes Extended-selection lists should be used when the user might select more than one list entry at a time from a list in which related items are contiguous.
- m) Multiple-Selection List Boxes Multiple-selection lists should be used when users might select several entries at a time from a list in which related items are not contiguous.
- n) Text Boxes The user should be able to accept, edit, delete, or replace the current text in a text box.
- o) Entering Characters in the Text Box The system should allow the user to enter characters in a text box by pressing character keys.
- p) Multi-Line Text Boxes Data in a multi-line text box that are too wide to fit on a single line should wrap to the following line.

# 2.7.5 Combo Boxes

- a) Combo Boxes Combo boxes should be used when the user needs to be able to either select one of the displayed responses or enter a new response.
- b) Typing Options into Combo Boxes A combo box should allow the user to enter a response if the desired option is not displayed in the list.
- c) Scroll-Bar on Combo Box List The scroll-bar should only be used on a combo box list if the list is expected to display more entries than can be shown at one time.
- d) Ordering Items In Combo Boxes List entries should be organized in alphabetical order unless an application requires a different organization.
- e) Moving the Selection in the List A user should be able to move up and down the list of a combo box with input focus by using the up and down arrow keys.
- f) Moving Left and Right in an Edit Field The user should be able to move the cursor left or right in the edit field of the combo box by using the left or right arrow keys.
- g) Drop-Down Combo Boxes Drop-down combo boxes should be used instead of standard combo boxes when the space is limited.
- h) Width of Drop-Down Combo Box The list segment of an open drop-down combo box should extend to the right border of the down arrow button.

# 2.7.6 Spin Boxes

- a) Spin Box Options A spin box should be used for a limited set of discrete, ordered options and to display values that consist of several subcomponents.
- b) Entering Values into Spin Boxes The spin box should allow the user to enter a new value into

the text box that is not available presently as one of the options.

- c) Increasing and Decreasing Spin Box Values The user should be able to increase the value in a spin box by clicking the UP ARROW key or decrease the value by clicking the DOWN ARROW key.
- d) Arrows on a Spin Box Spin box arrows should operate like scroll-bar arrows for a concealed descending list.

## 3 INTERACTION

## 3.1 General Interaction Guidelines

#### 3.1.1 General Organization Guidelines

- a) Readily Usable Form Data presented to the user should be in a readily usable and readable form, such that the user does not have to transpose, computer, interpolate or translate into other units, number bases or meaningful language. for example, reactor startup rate is displayed, and operators are not required to evaluate it from reactor power readings; likewise, reactor heat-up rate should be explicitly displayed, rather than evaluated by operators from the temperature readings.
- b) Data Grouped by Function Sets of data that are associated with specific questions or related to particular functions may be grouped together to signify those functional relationships.
- c) Tabular Data Tabular data should be displayed in rows and columns. If the data has order, the order should be retained and made evident. If the table has objects with attributes, the objects should be assigned to rows, the attributes to columns.
- d) Spatial Demarcation Empty screen areas, lines, and spaces should be the primary means of organizing and separating data. Critical information should have extra space used to demarcate its position, if possible. If empty space is not effective for the application, then straight, simple lines with minimal bends should be used for demarcation.
- e) Integral and Configural Dimensions When several pieces of information are closely related and need to be integrated in some displays, the information can be presented using integral or configural dimensions. "Integral relationship" is defined by a strong interaction among dimensions such that the unique perceptual identities of individual dimensions are lost (e.g., box, triangle instead of lines). In a "configural relationship", each dimension maintains its unique perceptual identity, but new emergent properties are also created as a consequence of the interaction between them (e.g., symmetry, closure, and vertices).
- f) Recurring Data Fields Data fields that appear in multiple locations within a system should have consistent names, and should have consistent relative position within similar displays.
- g) Selection of Dialogue Types The selection of dialogue types should be based on anticipated task requirements, user skills, and anticipated system response time.
- h) Minimal User Actions User input actions should be simple, particularly for real-time tasks requiring fast user response.
- i) Control by Simultaneous Users When several users must interact with the system simultaneously, control entries by one user should not interfere with those of another.
- j) Consistent Location of Interface Management Controls Controls used for interface management tasks should have consistent locations.
- k) Location of Display Page Navigation Controls Controls for navigating within a display page should be separate from the main body of the display screen.
- I) Set-Up of Computer-Based Systems Preset and automated set-up features should be used to ensure that users do not have to perform these functions while operating the plant.

### 3.1.2 General User Interface Guidelines

- a) Consistent Procedures Procedures for entering commands or information should be consistent in form and consequences.
- b) Consistent Wording of Commands All terms employed in the user-system interface, and their abbreviations, should be consistent in meaning from one transaction to another, and from one task to another.
- c) Wording Consistent with User Guidance The wording and required format of information or command entry functions should be consistently reflected in the wording of user guidance, including all labels, messages, and instructional material.
- d) Minimal Demands on The User Entry of information or commands should not require the user to remember special codes or sequences or to perform translations or conversions.
- e) Unnecessary Entry of Information A user should not be required to re-enter information already available to the system.

f) Logical Transaction Sequences - An information entry sequence should be designed so that its organization reflects the user's view of the task, and should provide all control options that may be required.

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- g) Control by Explicit User Action Users should be allowed to control the processing of information or commands by explicit action.
- h) Compatibility with User Expectations The results of any entry should be compatible with user expectations, so that the system changes in a "natural" way in response to user actions.
- i) General List of Options A general list of basic options should be provided and always be available to serve as a "home base" or consistent starting point for user input.
- j) Displaying Option Codes When users must select options by code entry, the code associated with each option should be displayed in a consistent and distinctive manner.
- k) Organization and Labeling of Listed Options The general options list should show control entry options grouped, labeled, and ordered in terms of their logical function, frequency, and criticality of use, following the general guidelines for menu design.
- Indicating Appropriate Control Options Users should be provided with a list of the control options that are specifically appropriate for any transaction.
- m) Only Available Options offered Only control options that are actually available for the current transaction should be offered to users.
- n) Provide Further Available Action Transactions should never leave the user without further available action and should provide next steps or alternatives.
- Prompting Command Entries Users should be provided with whatever information may be needed to guide command entries at any point in a sequence of transactions, by incorporating prompts in a display and/or by providing prompts in response to requests for HELP.
- p) Highlighting Selected Data When a user is performing an operation on some selected display item, that item should be highlighted.
- q) Distinctive Interrupt Options If different kinds of user interrupt are provided, each interrupt function should be designed as a separate control option with a distinct name.
- r) User Transaction Interrupts User interrupts and aborts should not modify or remove stored or entered data.
- s) User Control of Entry Users should be allowed to control the pace and sequence of their entry of information or commands.
- t) User-Specified Transaction Timing When appropriate to task requirements, users should be allowed to specify the timing of transactions.
- u) Indicating Pause/Suspend Status If PAUSE or SUSPEND options are provided, some indication of the status should be displayed whenever such an option is selected by a user.
- v) Consistent Continue Option At any step in a defined transaction sequence, if there is only a single appropriate next step, then a consistent control option to continue to the next transaction should be provided.
- w) Data Manipulation The user should be able to manipulate information without concern for internal storage and retrieval mechanisms of the system.
- x) Offer Information Feedback For every user action, there should be system feedback.
- y) Design Dialogs to Yield Closure Sequences of actions should be organized into groups with a beginning, middle, and end. The information feedback at the completion of a group of actions gives operators the satisfaction of accomplishment, a sense of relief, the signal to drop contingency plans and options from their minds, and an indication that the way is clear to prepare for the next group of actions.
- z) Support Internal Locus of Control System should give experienced operators the sense that they are in charge of the system and that the system responds to their actions. Surprising system actions, tedious sequences of data entries, inability or difficulty in obtaining necessary information, and inability to produce the action desired all build anxiety and dissatisfaction.
- aa) Availability of Information Information necessary to accomplish a specific entry should be available to the user when that transaction action is appropriate.
- bb) Guidance Information- Users should be able to request guidance information regarding requirements for information of command entry.
- cc) Reminders for Interrupted Tasks The HSI should provide visual and/or auditory reminders

for interrupted tasks.

dd) Access to Suspended Tasks - The HSI should provide simple mechanisms for retrieving displays and controls for tasks that have been suspended.

## 3.1.3 General User Input Guidelines

- a) Feedback for User Entries The computer should acknowledge every entry immediately.
- b) Periodic Feedback When system functioning requires the user to stand-by when an entry is lengthy or pending computer processing of prior entries, periodic feedback should be provided to indicate normal system operation, including an indication of subsequent completion.
- c) Interrupt to End Control Lockout In situations where control lockout does occur, an auxiliary means of control entry should be provided, such as a special function key, to abort a transaction causing extended lockout.
- d) Entry via Primary Display When data entry is a significant part of a user's task, entered data should appear on the user's primary display.
- e) Entry of Corrections The same explicit ENTER action should be required for entry of corrections as used for the original entry.
- f) Editing Capabilities During Text Entry Users should be able to perform simple editing during text entry without having to invoke a separate edit mode.
- g) Entries Distinct from Text If entries are made by keying onto the display, such as by keyed menu selections or commands, they should be distinguishable from displayed text.
- h) Optional Versus Required Entry Optional versus required data entries within fields on input forms should be distinct.
- i) Distinctive Display of Control Information All displays should be designed so that features relevant to user entries are distinctive in position and/or format.
- j) Consistent Display of Context Information Information displayed to provide context for user entries should be distinctive in location and format, and consistently displayed from one transaction to the next.
- k) Record of Prior Entries Users should be permitted to request a summary of prior entries to help determine present status, and should be allowed to review any parameters that are currently operative.
- I) Single Method for Input Input transactions and associated displays should be designed so that a user can stay with one method of entry, and not have to shift to another.
- m) Justification of Entries Unless otherwise required by processing or display requirements, alphabetic input should be left justified, and numeric input should be right justified for integer data or decimal point justified for decimal data.
- n) Automatic Justification of Entries Automatic justification of tabular data entries should be provided.
- o) Maintaining Significant Zeros When a user must enter numeric values that will later be displayed, all significant zeros should be maintained.
- p) Significance of Numeric Values Numeric values should be displayed to the level of significance required of the data, regardless of the value of individual input data.
- q) Overwriting Characters Data entry by overwriting a set of characters within a field should be avoided.
- r) Consistency of Data-Entry Transactions Similar sequences of actions should be used under all conditions; similar delimiters, abbreviations, and so on should be used.
- s) Minimal Input Actions by User Redundant data entry should be avoided. When the same information is required in two places, the system should copy the information for the user.
- t) Minimal Memory Load on Users When doing data entry, users should not be required to remember lengthy lists of codes and complex syntactic command strings.
- u) Compatibility of Data Entry with Data Display The format of data-entry information should be linked closely to the format of displayed information.

# 3.2 Managing Display and Data

# 3.2.1 Display Selection and Navigation

- a) Initial Cursor Position When a form first appears, the cursor should be placed automatically in the first position of the first field, where practical.
- b) Navigation with A Pointer When fields may not necessarily be traversed in a set order, a pointing device in addition to keyboard should also be available for selecting fields.
- c) Easy Cursor Movement The system should provide one or more easy ways to move the cursor among fields.
- d) Movement with Keyboard When the primary means of entering data in fields is the keyboard, the cursor movement methods should include keyboard keys such as the Tab key(s) and the arrow keys.
- e) Movement with Pointing Device When a pointing device is available, a user should be able to move the cursor to any field by moving the pointer into the field and clicking the appropriate button.
- f) Multiple Devices When both a keyboard and pointing device is available, cursor movement should be allowed using either device.
- g) No Automatic Movement The cursor should not be moved automatically among fields with movement occurring only upon explicit user action, such as pressing the Tab key.

## 3.2.2 Orientation Features

- a) Organization of the Display Network The organization of the display network should reflect an obvious logic based on task requirements and be readily understood by users.
- b) Cues to Display Network Structure The display system should provide information to support the user in understanding the display network structure.
- c) Overview of Display Network A display should be provided to show an overview of the structure of an information space, such as a display network or a large display page.
- d) Perceptual Landmarks Easily discernable features should appear in successive views and provide a frame of reference for establishing relationships across views.
- e) Location Cues Cues should be provided to help the user retain a sense of location within the information structure.
- f) Directional Cues Directional cues should be provided.
- g) Display Page Titles Display page title and identifying information should be used to communicate the position of a display in a larger information space.
- h) Display Overlap There should be physical or functional overlaps between displays that prevent the displays from appearing as disjointed views.
- i) Understanding Successive Views A hypertext information system should show how a destination node is related to the point of departure.

# 3.2.3 Retrieval Features

- a) Flexibility in Display System Interaction -The display network should provide more than one way to access displays.
- b) Minimal Navigation Path Distance Short navigation paths should be provided between display pages that will be used one after the other.
- c) Short Navigational Distances in Hierarchies Navigation distances should be kept short.
- d) Relatedness of Successive Views During navigation, displays should support users' comprehension of the relationships between successive views or destinations.
- e) Time to Complete Navigation The time required to complete a display navigation action should be minimized.
- f) Detection of Navigation Targets Navigation targets should be easily detectable.
- g) Support for 'Top-Down' Strategies for Navigating Hierarchies Use of top-down navigation strategies should be supported.
- h) Support for 'Bottom-Up' Strategies for Navigating Hierarchies The display system should support users in identifying reversal points.

# 3.2.4 Display Update, Freeze and Data Quality

a) Readability of Changing Data - Changing data values that must be read should be displayed in a fixed position and updated no more than once per second. If users need only to monitor general

trends in changing data values, and do not need to take exact readings, faster update rates may be acceptable.

- b) Visual Integration of Changing Graphics When a user must visually integrate changing patterns on a graphic display, the data should be updated at a rate appropriate to human perceptual abilities for that kind of data change.
- c) Labeling Display Freeze When a display is "frozen," the display should be appropriately labeled to remind users of its "frozen" status.
- d) Signaling Changes to Frozen Data When a display being updated in real-time has been frozen, the user should be advised if some significant, but not displayed, change should be detected in the computer processing of new data.
- e) Initial Erasure to Replace Changed Data When the computer generates a display to update changed data, the old items should be erased before adding new data items to the display.
- f) Data Sampling Rate The sampling rate for each critical plant variable should result in no meaningful loss of information in the data presented. Safety parameter display and evaluation system plus (SPADES+) should scan, sample, and process once every second.
- g) Time Delay The time delay from when the sensor signal is sampled to when it is displayed should be consistent with the user's task performance requirements.
- h) Accuracy Each variable should be displayed with an accuracy sufficient for the users to perform their tasks. The accuracy of the SPADES+ are maintained within ± 0.5% of full scale of the referred input value.
- i) Display Heartbeat Symbols
- j) Representation of Display Feature A display feature should be provided to indicate to the user that the system is operating properly (or that a system failure has occurred).
- k) Location The Display Heartbeat symbols should appear consistent, and in a similar location on similar screens.

## 3.2.5 Display Suppression

- a) Temporary Suppression of Displayed Data The user should be able to temporarily suppress standard data displays.
- b) Labeling Display Suppression A data display that has been suppressed should be annotated with an appropriate label to remind users that data have been suppressed.
- c) Resuming Display of Suppressed Data Data that has been suppressed from a display should be able to be quickly restored to its complete, originally generated form.

# 3.2.6 Display Control

- a) Display Control Users should be able to specify the information to be displayed and select the format in which it is presented.
- b) Display of Control Options Screen control locations and control options should be clearly and appropriately indicated.
- c) Easy Paging When requested data exceeds the capacity of a single display frame, users should be given some easy means to move back and forth over displayed material by paging.
- d) Show Changing Scale When a display is expanded from its normal coverage, a scale indicator of the expansion factor should be provided.
- e) Return to Normal Display Coverage If a user is allowed to pan over an extended display, or zoom for display expansion, an easy means for the user to return to normal display coverage should be provided.

### 3.2.7 Prevention, Detection and Correction of Errors

### 3.2.7.1 General Prevention, Detection and Correction of Errors Guidelines

- a) Automatic Data Validation Automatic data validation should be provided to check any item whose entry and/or correct format or content is required for subsequent data processing.
- b) Data Verification by User Review When verification of prior data entries is required, users should be allowed to review and confirm the data, rather than re-entering the data.
- c) Timely Validation of Sequential Transactions in a repetitive data entry task, the data for one

transaction should be validated, and the user should be allowed to correct errors before beginning another transaction.

- d) Non-Disruptive Error Message If data validation detects a probable error, an error message should be displayed to the user at the completion of data entry.
- e) Deferral of Required Data Entry If a user wishes to defer entry of a required data item, the user should be required to enter a special symbol in the data field to indicate that the item has been temporarily omitted rather than ignored.
- f) Reminder of Deferred Entry If a user has deferred entry of required data but then requests processing of entries, that omission should be signaled to the user, and immediate entry (or perhaps further deferral) of missing items should be allowed.
- g) User Validation The user should be able to obtain a paper copy (screen dump) of the contents of alphanumeric or graphic displays.

## 3.2.7.2 Correcting Information and Command of Errors

- a) Immediate Error Correction When the system detects an error in a user input, the user should be allowed to make an immediate correction.
- b) Replacing Erroneous Commands If a user makes a command entry error, after the error message has been displayed, the user should be allowed to enter a new command.

### 3.2.7.3 Confirming Entries

- a) User Confirmation of Destructive Entries When a control entry will cause any extensive change in stored information, procedures, and/or system operation, and particularly if that change cannot be easily reversed, the user should be notified and confirmation of the action should be required before implementing it.
- b) Informing Users of Potential Information Loss for conditions which may require special user attention to protect against information loss, an explicit alert and/or advisory message should be provided to prompt appropriate user action.
- c) Preventing Data Loss At Log-off When a user requests log-off, pending transactions should be checked and if any pending transaction will not be completed, or if data will be lost, an advisory message requesting user confirmation should be displayed.

### 3.2.7.4 Protecting Data

- a) Protection from Computer Failure Automatic measures should be provided to minimize data loss from computer failure.
- b) Protection from Interrupts When a proposed user action will interrupt a current transaction sequence, automatic means to prevent data loss should be provided.
- c) Protection from Data Change When information must not be changed, users should not be permitted to change controlled items.
- d) Explicit Action to Select Destructive Modes Users should take explicit action to select any operational mode that might result in data loss.
- e) Protection from Interference by Other Users Data should be protected from inadvertent loss caused by the actions of other users.
- f) Segregating Real from Simulated Data When simulated data and system functions are displayed or provided (perhaps for user training), real data should be protected and real system use should be clearly distinguished from simulated operations.

## 3.3 System Response

The system response should be generated by the operating system.

### 3.3.1 General System Response Guidelines

- a) System Message Generation System message should be generated by an operating system.
- b) Standard Display Location System messages should appear in standard locations.
- c) Consistent Format for System Messages Consistent grammatical construction should be used in system messages.
- d) Familiar Wording System messages should use familiar terminology and choose user-centered

phrasing, and use a positive tone: avoid condemnation.

- e) Concise Wording of System Messages System messages should be concise and clearly worded.
- f) Speaking Directly to Operators Wording for system messages should be directed at the operator.
- g) Only Necessary Information Displayed No extraneous information should be displayed. But, the information should be as specific and precise as possible. Thus, the information is constructive: Indicate what the user needs to do.
- h) Anthropomorphism Presenting the system as a person should be avoided. Do not use "I" when the computer responds to human actions. Use "you" to guide users, or just state facts.

## 3.3.2 Advisory Message

- a) Distinctive and Consistent Advisory Messages Advisory messages should be distinctive.
- b) Redundant Display Important information should be presented through both visual and auditory means.
- c) Informing Operators of Potential Data Loss Protection against data loss should be provided.
- d) Time-Consuming Processes Users should be informed when a command will be timeconsuming to process.

# 3.3.3 Error Message

- a) Informative Error Messages When the computer detects an entry error, an error message should be displayed stating the error and possible subsequent operations.
- b) Task-Oriented Error Messages Wording for error messages should be appropriate to the task.
- c) Neutral Wording for Error Messages Error messages should use neutral wording.
- d) Non-Disruptive Error Messages The computer should display an error message only after completion of an entry.
- e) Invalid Action Where an entry is invalid or inoperative at the time of selection, no action should result except a display of an advisory message indicating the error and the appropriate functions, options, or commands.
- f) Advisory Error Messages Where data or control entry is made from a small set of alternatives, error messages should indicate the correct alternatives, where practical (e.g., logon and setpoint input errors).
- g) Displaying Erroneous Entries When an entry error has been detected, the erroneous entry should remain displayed until the error has been corrected.
- h) Cautionary Messages When a data or command entry error is suspected but cannot be determined (in terms of system error logic), a cautionary message asking for confirmation should be displayed.
- i) Error Message Placement Error messages should be presented at the point of the error or in a consistent area of the display.
- j) Documenting Error Messages As a supplement to on-line guidance, system documentation should include a listing and explanation of all error messages.

### 3.3.4 User Guidance and Help

- a) On-Line/off-line Guidance Reference material describing system capabilities, procedures, and commands and abbreviations, should be available on-line or off-line.
- b) Access to Guidance Explicit actions should be required to access or suppress user guidance.

# 3.3.5 System Response Times

- a) Appropriate Computer Response Time The speed of computer response to user entries should be appropriate to the transaction involved.
- b) Response Time Consistent with Requirements System response times should be consistent with operational requirements.
- c) Processing Delay Where system overload or other system conditions will result in a processing delay, the system should acknowledge the data entry and provide an indication of the delay to the user.
- d) Variability of Response Time Response time deviations should not exceed more than half the mean response time.

e) Maximum System Response Times - Maximum system response times for real-time systems should not exceed the values presented in Table 3.3-1.

Table 3 3-1	Maximum	and Proforrad	System	Resnance	Times for	lleor (	ommand
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	Response Time (sec)		
User Activity	Maximum	Preferred	
Control Activation			
(for example, keyboard entry, cursor controller movement)	0.10	< 0.10	
System Activation (system initialization)	3.0	< 0.50	
Request for given service Simple	2.0	< 0.25	
Complex	5.0	< 2.0	
Loading and Restart	15-60.0	< 6.0	
Error Feedback (following completion of input)	2.0	< 0.25	
Response to I.D	2.0	< 0.25	
Information on next procedure	< 5.0	< 2.0	
Response to simple inquiry from list	2.0	< 0.25	
Response to simple status inquiry	2.0	< 0.25	
Response to complex inquiry in table form	2-4.0	< 0.25	
Request for next page	0.5-1.0	< 0.25	
Response to "execute problem"	< 15.0	< 6.0	
Response to complex inquiry in graphic form	2-10.0	< 0.25	
Response to graphic manipulation	2.0	< 0.25	
Response to user intervention in automatic process	4.0	< 1.50	

## 3.4 System Security

# 3.4.1 User Identification

- Automated Security Measures When required, automated measures to protect data security should be provided, relying on computer capabilities rather than on more fallible human procedures.
- b) Notification of Threats to Security Messages or signals should be provided in order to notify users (and system administrators) of potential threats to data security (i.e., of attempted intrusion

by unauthorized users), where practical.

- c) Auxiliary Tests to Authenticate User Identify When system security requires more stringent user identification than is provided by password entry, auxiliary tests should be devised that authenticate user identity without imposing impractical demands on the user's memory, where practical.
- d) Easy Log-on The log-on process and procedures for user identification should be as simple as possible, consistent with protecting data from unauthorized use.
- e) Private Entry of Passwords When a password must be entered by a user, password entry should not be displayed.
- f) User Choice of Passwords When passwords are required, users should be allowed to choose their own passwords and to change their passwords as needed.
- g) Limiting Unsuccessful Log-on Attempts A maximum limit on the number and rate of unsuccessful log-on attempts should be imposed, where practical.
- h) Continuous Recognition of User Identity Once a user's identity has been authenticated, any authorized data access/change privileges are for that user should continue throughout a work session.
- i) Single Authorization for Data Entry/Change User authorization for data entry/change should be established at initial log-on.
- j) Log-on When users must log-on to a system, log-on should be a separate procedure that is completed before a user may select any operational options.
- k) Log-on Frame The log-on frame should appear as soon as possible on the display with no additional user involvement.
- I) Log-on Delays Log-on delays should be accompanied by an advisory message to tell the user its current status and when the system will become available.
- m) Immediate Start of Productive Work after completing the sign-on process, the user should be able to start productive work immediately.
- n) Log-off If there are pending actions and the user requests a log-off, the system should inform the user that these actions will be lost and allow the user to cancel either the pending actions or the log-off.
- o) Saving Open Files in Automatic Log-off Where possible, in the event of automatic log-off, open files should be saved to some defined file name.

### 3.4.2 Information Access

- a) Encryption When sensitive data may be exposed to unauthorized access, a capability for encrypting those data should be provided.
- b) Ensuring Reversible Encryption Encrypted data should be protected from any change that might prevent successful reversal of their encryption.
- c) Display Suppression for Security When confidential information is displayed at a work station that might be viewed by casual onlookers, the user should be provided with some rapid means of temporarily suppressing a current display if its privacy is threatened, and then resuming work later.
- d) Protecting Printed Data As required for security, procedures to control access to printed data should be established, rather than simply prohibiting the printing of sensitive data.
- e) Protecting Display Formats Display formatting features, such as field labels and delimiters, should be protected from accidental change by users.
- f) Protecting Displayed Data When protection of displayed data is essential, computer control over the display should be maintained.
- g) Automatic Records of Data Access When records of data access are necessary, the records should be maintained automatically.

# 4 DISPLAY AND CONTROL DEVICES

## 4.1 Display Device

## 4.1.1 Information Flat Panel Display

- a) VDU Resolution The display should have adequate resolution; i.e., users can discriminate all display elements and codes from maximum viewing distance.
- b) Geometric stability The display should be free of "jitter".
- c) Image Continuity The display should maintain the illusion of a continuous image, i.e., users should not be able to resolve scan lines or matrix spots.
- d) VDU Image Linearity The display should be free of geometric distortion.
- e) Luminance Uniformity All illuminations that are supposed to be the same intensity should appear to be the same intensity.
- f) VDU Controls Frequently used controls should be easily visible and accessible to the VDU user from the normal working position.
- g) VDU Luminance Control A control to vary the VDU luminance from 10 percent of minimum ambient luminance to full luminance should be provided.
- h) Refresh Rate To avoid visible flicker, the refresh rate of VDU screens should be at least 55 Hz, and should be at least 70 Hz (100 Hz for dark characters on light background).
- Luminance The minimum level of luminous intensity (see Definitions) for characters on a VDU screen should be 70 cd/m<sup>2</sup> (20 fL), and the preferred display luminance should be 80 to 160 cd/m<sup>2</sup> (47 fL). VDUs should provide a brightness adjustment to the user, but should limit minimum brightness to a visible level.
- j) VDU Contrast The contrast ratio of the display should be greater than 3:1; a contrast ratio of 7:1 is preferred.

# 4.1.2 Large Display Panel

- a) Provision A LDP comprised of single or multiple screens should be provided in the control room to support operators in performing rapid assessment of plant status and in maintaining awareness of the big picture.
- b) Dedicated Display The LDP should include both fixed (dedicated) and variable display regions. The LDP design should preclude information in dedicated regions from being obscured, modified or deleted during LDP use.
- c) Variable Display Region The management of variable display region is performed by the reactor operator (RO), turbine operator (TO), electrical Operator (EO), and shift supervisor (SS). The selected display from operation console should be projected in the variable display.
- d) Alarm Indications The LDP should allow operators to verify either the existence or absence of the dedicated alarm conditions that are displayed on the LDP. Alarm acknowledgment, including the LDP, should be integrated across display systems.
- e) Printout Hard copy of the current indications on the LDP should be available on demand.
- f) Visibility The LDP should provide unimpaired visibility from all consoles.
- g) Readability The LDP should be designed for readability from the RO, TO, EO, SS, and shift technical advisor (STA) consoles.
- h) Timing Issues The LDP data should be updated promptly so that agreement with other general display systems is maintained. Relevant timing issues should be considered, including rate of display update, display heartbeat, and system response time.
- i) LDP Maintenance Choice of LDP technology and installation of hardware should consider impact of maintenance and repair requirements on continuous LDP availability.
- j) Control of Critical Information Display Control of large-screen group display systems should be such that critical information cannot be modified or deleted inadvertently or arbitrarily.
- k) Projected Display Luminance Ratio The luminance ratio provided by the projection system should be adequate for the type of material being projected.
- Minimize Keystone Effects If projected displays are used, projector and screen should be arranged so as to minimize "keystone effect," i.e., distortion of projected data proportions due to non-perpendicularity between projector and screen.

- m) Minimum Viewing Distance The display should not be closer to any observer than half the display width or height, whichever is greater.
- n) Interruption of View Large screen displays should be located relative to critical observers so that the view is not obscured by other people.
- Consistent Representation LDP representation should be consistent to other display's one (VDU display, Soft Control) in the symbol, the state indicator, the spatial layout, and so on.
- p) Resolution Users should be able to resolve all important display detail at the maximum viewing position.
- q) Projected Display Luminance Ratio The luminance ratio provided by the projection system should be adequate for the type of material being projected. The contrast ratio is defined as image or subject luminance divided by the non-image or background luminance. Under optimal ambient lighting conditions, the contrast ratio for optically projected displays should be 500:1. Minimum contrast ratios are as follows:
  - 1) For viewing charts, printed text, and other line-work via slides or opaque projectors, the minimum contrast ratio is 5:1.
  - 2) For projections that are limited in shadows and detail, such as animation and photographs with limited luminance range, the minimum contrast ratio is 25:1.
  - 3) For images that show a full range of colors (or grays in black-and-white photographs), the minimum contrast ratio is 100:1.
- Projected Display Image Luminance Image luminance and light distribution should be uniform. The luminance of the screen center at maximum viewing angle should be at least half its maximum luminance.

## 4.1.3 Conventional Display Devices

## 4.1.4 Light Indicators

- a) Precautions to Assure Availability Dual-bulb (including LED) assemblies should be used.
- b) Precautions to Assure Unambiguous Sensing by Operators Lights should not appear to be glowing when in fact they are off, or vice versa.
- c) Precautions to Avoid Misinterpretation System/equipment status should be inferred by illuminated indicators, and never by the absence of illumination.
- d) Identification of Meaning Where meaning is not apparent, labeling must be provided close to the light indicator showing the message intended by its glowing.
- e) Light Intensity The illuminated indicator should be at least 10 percent greater in light intensity than the surrounding panel as measured by a spot photometer.
- f) Visibility Factors When using legend light indicators, make sure contrast and ambient/transilluminated conditions are considered.
- g) Legend Design General legend design should be consistent throughout the control room.
- h) Distinguishability from Legend Pushbuttons Illuminated legend indicators should be readily distinguishable from legend pushbuttons by form, size, or other factors.
- i) Color Coding The color of the legend background under transillumination should conform to the general color code established for the control room.

### 4.1.4.1 Meters and Gauges

- a) Display Range Coding Zones indicating operating ranges should be color coded by edge lines or wedges for circular scales.
- b) Location of Zero When check-reading positive and negative values on rotary meters (circular displays), the zero or null position should be at 12 o'clock or 9 o'clock.
- c) Number of Tick Marks Scales should not be cluttered with more marks than necessary for precision.
- d) Distinctiveness Zone markings should be conspicuous and distinctively different for different zones.
- e) Consistency to facilitate reading of meters and prevent misreading, the orientation of scale markings should be consistent.
- f) Moving-Scale Meters Versus Fixed Scale Moving-Pointer Types Moving-scale fixed-pointer

meters should be avoided in favor of the more effective fixed-scale moving- pointer types.

- g) Pointer Characteristics
- h) Tip Style The pointer tip should be simple, and mounted to minimize parallax.
- i) Pointer Visibility Pointer/background contrast and pointer size should be adequate to permit rapid recognition of pointer position.
- j) Numeral Orientation The individual numerals on any scale should be vertically oriented with respect to the reader.
- k) Numeric Readouts
  - 1) Orientation Multi-digit numbers formed by several elements (e.g., drums and LED arrays) should be read horizontally from left to right.
  - 2) Grouping of Numerals If more than four digits are required, they should be grouped and the groupings separated as appropriate by commas, by a decimal point, or by additional space.
  - 3) Display of Changing Values Numerals should not follow each other faster than one per second when the operator is expected to read the numerals consecutively.

# 4.1.4.2 Printers

- a) Placement of Printers in principle, printers should be located within the primary operating area because they must be verified and attended by the operator.
- b) Legibility Print output should be free from character line misregistration, character tilt, smear, or glare.
- c) Contrast A minimum contrast ratio of 4:1 should be provided between the printed material and the background on which it is printed.
- d) Illumination The printer should be provided with internal illumination if the printed matter is not legible in the planned operational ambient illumination.
- e) Visibility When used for real-time applications, the printed matter should not be hidden, masked or obscured in a manner that impairs direct reading.
- f) User Annotation Capability When used in real-time applications, printing devices should be mounted so that the users may write on or mark the printed matter (e.g., paper or metalized paper) while still in the printer.
- g) Take-Up Provision A take-up device should be provided for printed material.
- h) Indication of Supply of Materials A positive indication should be provided of the remaining supply of printing materials (e.g., paper, toner, and ribbons).
- i) Quality of Expendable Materials Pens, inks, and paper should be of a quality to provide clear, distinct, and reliable marking.
- j) Availability of Expendable Material Paper, ink, and other operator-maintained expendables should be provided and accessible in the control room.
- k) Ease of Routine Replenishment Printer design should permit quick and easy replenishment of paper, toner, ribbons, or ink.
- I) Smudging/Smearing The hardcopy should be resistant to smudging or smearing when handled by users.
- m) Job Aids Graphic overlays should be provided where these may be critical to proper interpretation of graphic data as it is being generated.

# 4.2 Control Devices

# 4.2.1 General Control Devices Guidelines

- a) Appropriate Use of Input Devices Input and control devices provided for interacting with the HSI should be appropriate for the user's task requirements.
- b) Input Device Stability Input and control devices should be stable during normal usage, i.e., they should not slip or rock, unless such actions are a part of the controller operation.
- c) Location Controls should be operable from the location where the operator is most likely to need to interact with the system.
- d) Speed Controls should provide rapid positioning of cursors or selection of choices.
- e) Accuracy Device or method accuracy should be commensurate with the functions to be served.
- f) Displacement Control design should allow the operator freedom of movement to perform other

duties.

- g) Range and Precision Control should provide the sufficient range and precision required by the task.
- h) Economy Each control or input device should be necessary, use minimal space, and be the simplest effective control for the task concerned.
- i) Human Suitability Controls and input devices should be suitable for operator use in a control room environment.
- j) Compatibility with Emergency Gear If used while wearing protective equipment (e.g., oxygen masks and protective gloves), controls and input devices should be easy to identify and activate, or use.
- K) Control Activation Controls and input devices should require distinct or sustained effort for activation.
- I) Sequential Activation When a strict sequential activation is necessary, controls should be provided with locks to prevent the controls from passing through a position.
- m) Population Stereotypes to minimize operator error, control movements should conform to population stereotypes.
- n) Consistency The coding system should be uniform throughout the control room.
- o) Size Coding Uniformity Controls used for performing the same function on different items of equipment should be the same size.
- p) Shape Coding When possible, controls should be differentiated by shape.
- q) Color Coding Contrast The color of the control should contrast with the panel background.
- r) Location Coding by Function Controls should be located so as to be easily related to functions and functional groupings.
- s) Location Coding Across Panels Controls with similar functions should be in the same location from panel to panel.
- Feedback Visual or auditory feedback should be provided to indicate that the system has received a control input.
- u) Display & Control Compatibility Control device movement and display response should conform to the user population stereotypes.
  - 1) The control location should be close to (and, in fact, closest to) the entity being controlled, or the display of that entity.
  - 2) The direction of movement of a control should be congruent with the direction both of movement of the feedback indicator and of the system movement itself.
  - 3) The User Population Stereotypes.

Function	Control Action
On/Start	Up, Right, Forward
Run	Clockwise, Pull
Off/Stop	Down, Left, Backward, Counterclockwise, Push
Right	Clockwise, Right
Left	Counterclockwise, Left
Raise	Up
Lower	Down
Increase	Forward, Up, Right, Clockwise
Decrease	Backward, Down, Left, Counterclockwise

- Prevention of Accidental Activation Interface hardware should be designed and located so that accidental activation is unlikely and particularly for devices whose accidental activation may cause equipment damage, personnel injury, or degraded system readiness or performance.
  - Location Instrument and interface devices should be located so that personnel are not likely to strike them accidently while conducting normal movements or activities in the vicinity. Sensing, control, or display devices should not be located near high-traffic paths.
  - Resistance Control devices should provide sufficient resistance (e.g., via spring-loading, viscous damping, etc.) so that a definite or sustained effort is required for activation. This force should not be excessive, as it will hinder intended operation.
  - 3) Dead-man Controls Where appropriate (e.g., rod motion controls), devices should be configured to return the system to a conservative, unchanging, or otherwise stable state when operating force is removed from the control, so that operator inattention will be less likely to result undesired system condition.
  - 4) Barriers and Recesses Control may be surrounded by or recessed within physical barriers.
  - 5) Cover Guards A hinged or removable cover may be placed over a control. Covers on backlit pushbuttons should be clear.
  - 6) Locks A control device may incorporate a locking mechanism, often under administrative or automatic control. These include lock wire, keylock, control power disable or transfers (through switches, breakers, or software), and permissive interlocks. Locking devices should not interfere with the anticipated use of the control.

# 4.2.2 Input Device

## 4.2.2.1 Keyboards

- a) Numeric Keypads
  - 1) Numeric keypads should be organized and oriented as shown in Figure 3.3 in NUREG-0700 in all applications (either hardware or software). The unoccupied spaces to the left and right of the 0 can be used for additional features (e.g., decimal point, exponents, etc.).
- b) Alphanumeric Keyboards
  - 1) General Keyboard Layout An American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standard (QWERTY) layout should be used for the typing keyboard.
  - 2) Numeric Keypad When users must enter numeric data, keyboards should be equipped with a numeric keypad.
  - 3) Numeric Keypad Layout Keypads used for numeric entry should be consistently designed.
  - Cursor Control Capability Horizontal and vertical cursor control keys should be provided for text processing applications.
  - 5) Cursor Key Layout Cursor control keys should be arranged in a two-dimensional layout so that their orientation is compatible with the cursor motion they produce.
  - 6) Overlays Mechanical overlays, such as coverings over the keyboard, should be not used.
  - 7) Keyboard Surfaces A matte finish should be used for keyboard surfaces.
  - 8) Keyboard Slope Adjustment The slope of the keyboard should be adjustable by the operator.
  - 9) Standard Keyboard Placement The operator should be able to reposition the standard keyboard on the work surface.
  - 10) Keytop Symbol Marking Key symbols should be etched (to resist wear) and colored with high contrast lettering.
  - 11) Keying Feedback The actuation of a key should be accompanied by tactile or auditory feedback or both.
  - 12) Repeat Capability A repeat capability for alphanumeric, symbol character, and cursor keys should be provided.
  - 13) Multiple-Key Rollover Multiple-key (N-key) rollover capability should be provided for the reduction of keying errors.
  - 14) Keystroke Commands When it is necessary to distinguish command entries from text input, a specially designated key should be one of the keys used for keystroke commands.
  - 15) Simultaneous Keystrokes Keystroke commands should require the user to press both keys simultaneously, not in close temporal sequence.

- 16) Inadvertent Operation Keys with major or fatal effects should be located so that inadvertent operation is unlikely.
- 17) Alternate Key Definitions When the keyboard is redefined, a display of the alternate characters and their locations should be available to the operator.

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- 18) Destructive Key Functions Destructive keys/keyboard functions (e.g., DELETE, BACKSPACE, ESCAPE, QUIT, RESET etc.) should be least accessible, and located away from frequently used keys (e.g., DELETE should not be adjacent to RETURN).
- 19) Cursor Movement Keys Cursor movement keys, if used, should be arranged to be spatially compatible with the direction of actual cursor movement.

#### c) Function Keys

- 1) Availability Fixed function keys should be available to control functions that are often utilized and continuously available.
- Inactive Function Keys Unneeded function keys, either fixed or programmable, should be disabled so that no other action occurs upon their depression except an advisory message.
- 3) Inactive Keys Non-active fixed function keys should not be present on the keyboard.
- 4) Grouping Fixed function keys should be logically grouped and placed in distinctive locations on the keyboard.
- 5) Function Labels Key assignments should be displayed at all times, preferably through direct marking.
- 6) Consistency Fixed function keys should be used consistently throughout the system.
- 7) Actuation Fixed function keys should require only a single actuation to accomplish their function.
- 8) Repeat for Special Functions Function keys (except for the delete key) should not repeat upon prolonged depression.
- Status Display When the effect of a function key varies, the status of the key should be displayed.
- 10) Easy Return to Initial Functions Where the functions assigned to a set of function keys change as a result of user selection, the user should be given an easy means to return to the initial functions.
- 11) Reprogrammable or Inactive Default Functions When keys with labeled default functions are reprogrammed or turned off, a visual indication should alert the user that the standard function is not currently accessible via that key.
- 12) Shifted Characters Shift keys should be not required to operate variable function keys.
- 13) Function Keys for Interim Command Entries Function Keys should be provided for interim command entries, i.e., for actions taken before the completion of a transaction.
- 14) Distinctive Labeling of Function Keys Each function key should be labeled informatively to designate the function it performs.
- 15) Distinctive Location Function Keys should be grouped in distinctive locations on the keyboard to facilitate their learning and use.
- 16) Consistent Assignment of Function Keys A function assigned to a particular key in a given task context should be assigned to the same key in other contexts.
- 17) Single Keying for Frequent Functions Keys controlling frequently used functions should permit single key action and should not require double (control/shift) keying.
- 18) Consistent Functions in different Operational Modes When a function key performs different operational modes, equivalent or similar functions should be assigned to the same keys.
- 19) User definition of Macro Commands Users should be allowed to assign a single to a defined series of control entries, and then to use that named "macro" for subsequent command entry.
- 20) Limiting User-Definition of Macros and Programmable Keys The use of user definable macros and programmable function keys should be limited.

### 4.2.2.2 Trackballs and Mice

- a) Dynamic Characteristics The controller should be able to produce any combination of x and y axis output values.
- b) Positive Centering If there is a "home position," the capability for an automatic return to that point should be provided.

- c) Single Monitor/Single Controller Cursor Travel Limits In a single monitor/single controller environment, movement of the controller should drive the follower to the edge of the screen only and not off the screen.
- d) Separation of Selectable Screen Items Selectable screen items or regions should be separated from each other by a sufficient distance to minimize inadvertent activation of adjacent items or regions.
- e) Selectable Tracking Speed The controller tracking speed (control-display ratio) should be user selectable from a predefined list of alternatives; there should be a moderate default speed.
- f) Selectable Inter-Click Interval If multiple clicks are required on a selection button, the user should be able to select the inter-click interval from a predefined list of alternatives. There should be a moderate default setting.
- g) Limb Support for Trackballs and Mice When trackballs and mice are used to make precise or continuous adjustments, hand, wrist, or arm supports should be provided.
- h) Mouse Shape The mouse should have no sharp edges but should be shaped roughly as a rectangular solid.
- i) Use of Mouse by Either Hand The controller should be operable with either the left or right hand.

## 4.2.2.3 Engineered Safety Features - Component Control System Soft Control Module

- a) Shape Touch targets should be rectangular, with the height less than or equal to the width.
- b) Appropriate Use of Touch-Screens Touch screens are not recommended if the task requires holding arm up to the screen for long periods of time.
- c) Feedback Two forms of feedback should be provided: (1) feedback concerning the position of the follower, and (2) feedback that the pointer has actuated and the input has been received by the system.
- d) Engineered safety features-component control system soft control module (ESCM) Resolution -See Subsection 4.1.1 Information FPD a).
- e) Follower Visibility for touch screens and light pens, the follower should be visible on screen while the pointer is touching the screen.
- f) Serial Command Response The system should accept only one command at a time.
- g) Feedback for Multiple Consoles Discriminable audible beeps (used to supply feedback) should be used when more than one touch screen, light pen, or graphics tablet is employed.
- h) Neutral Tint of Touch Overlays Touch screen overlays should have a neutral tint to avoid alteration of color codes.
- Touch Screen Luminance Transmission Touch screen displays should have sufficient luminance transmission to allow the display with touch screen installed to be clearly readable in the intended environment.
- j) Dimensions and Separation of Touch Zones To allow for finger size and parallax inaccuracy, the dimensions of response areas of touch screens should be a maximum height and width of 40 mm (1.5 inches) and a minimum height and width of 15 mm (0.6 inch), with a maximum separation distance of 6 mm (0.25 inch) and minimum of 3 mm (0.1 inch).

# 4.2.3 Conventional Control Device

### 4.2.3.1 Pushbuttons

- a) Dimension and Orientation The legend switch dimensions should conform to user dimensions. Orientation should conform to the user population stereotype.
- b) Position Pushbuttons in a row or matrix should be positioned in a logical order, or in an order related to the procedural sequence.
- c) Pushbutton Surface The surface of a pushbutton should offer slip resistance or be concave.
- d) Discriminability Legend pushbuttons should be readily distinguishable from legend lights.
- e) Barriers Barriers should be used when legend pushbuttons are contiguous.

# 4.2.3.2 Rotary Controls

- a) General
  - 1) Direction of Activation Rotary control settings should increase in value with a clockwise

rotation.

- 2) Rotary Control Shape Coding Shape coding should be employed if rotary controls used for widely different functions are placed on the same panel.
- 3) Coding Specifications Shape-coded rotary controls should be visually and tactually identifiable.
- 4) Rotating Knob Shape Options Rotating knob controls for different types of control actions should be distinguishable by sight and touch and not easily confused with each other.
- Rotary Action Control Rotary action controls should be used in situations where linear or pushbutton controls would be subject to inadvertent activation and fixed protective structures are impractical or inappropriate.
- b) Rotary Selector Controls
  - 1) Selection Rotary selector controls should be used when three or more detented positions are required, and may also be used for two-detented position operation.
  - Positioning Detents should be provided at each control position to ensure proper positioning of a discrete rotary control.
  - Readability Rotary controls should have a moving pointer and fixed position settings to maximize readability.
  - 4) Position Indication Position indication should be provided.
  - 5) Momentary Contact Rotary Selector Controls Knobs for spring-loaded momentary contact rotary selector controls should be large enough to be easily held against the spring torque, without fatigue, for as long as necessary to accomplish the control action.
- c) Rocker Switches
  - 1) Orientation Rocker switches should ordinarily be oriented vertically.
  - 2) Indication of Activation Activation should be indicated by a snap feel, an audible click or an integral light.
  - Resistance Control resistance should gradually increase, then drop to zero when the control snaps into position.
  - 4) Inadvertent Activation If it controls a critical function, the switch should be protected by channel guards or other means to prevent inadvertent activation.

# 5 HSI SYSTEMS

# 5.1 Soft Control for Information FPD and ESCM

## 5.1.1 General Soft Control Design Guidelines

- a) Coordinating Soft Control Use Among Operators If a soft control can be accessed from more than one location in the HSI, protective measures should ensure its coordinated use among multiple operators.
- b) Operation with Protective Clothing Soft controls should be designed to accommodate any protective clothing that operators may be required to wear.
- c) Availability Soft control access should be available from Information FPD, ESCM, and Computer-Based Procedures (CBPs) displays at the associated console.
- d) Format Chaining Soft control access from Information FPD, ESCM, and CBPs displays uses format chaining. Chaining should leave a highlight trail on the Information FPD or CBPs display indicating 1) the selected component, and 2) the selected functional group, as appropriate for the chain link.
- e) Adequate Display Space Adequate display space should be provided so that short-term monitoring and control tasks do not interfere with longer-term tasks.
- f) No Activation When Display is Inoperable Operators should not be able to activate a soft control if its display is not working.
- g) Representing Relationships between Control Components The display capabilities of soft controls should allow operators to quickly assess the status of individual control components and their relationships with other components.
- h) Making Options Distinct The user interface should be designed so that operators can, at a glance, distinguish options by such characteristics as context, visually distinct formats, and separation.
- i) Depicted as Unavailable Components within a functional group outside the confirmed channel should be depicted as unavailable.
- j) Soft control Codes & Conventions Soft control display codes & conventions should be same as related Information FPD, ESCM, and CBPs display. For example, graphical depiction of components on the soft control should be similar in shape, orientation etc. to the VDU image of the larger system.

# 5.1.2 Selection Display and Input for Soft Control

### 5.1.2.1 Selection Display

- a) Visually Distinct Selection Displays Displays used for selecting components and variables should be visually distinct to support choice of the correct display.
- b) Visually Distinct Components The representation of components and variables within selection displays should be visually distinct to support their correct selection.
- c) Identification of Loops on Multiple-Loop Controllers The loops of multiple-loop controls should be distinctly marked to prevent the selection or use of the wrong loop.

## 5.1.2.2 Input Fields

- Cues for Matching Input Fields to Selection Displays An operator looking at the input field for providing a control input should be able to determine which plant component or variable is being controlled.
- b) Labeling of Input Fields The input field should be labeled with sufficient information to uniquely identify its corresponding component.
- c) Coordination of Soft Controls with Process Displays Displays should be readily accessible from the input field so the operator can readily verify that the control actions have had the intended effect on plant systems and processes.

# 5.1.2.3 Input Formats

a) Appropriate Use of Discrete-Adjustment Interfaces - Discrete-adjustment interfaces should be

used for selecting among a set of individual settings or values.

- b) Labeling Selection Options in Discrete-Adjustment Interfaces The selection options in discrete input formats should be clearly labeled.
- c) Feedback for Discrete-Adjustment Interface with Multiple Settings Discrete-adjustment interfaces should indicate which setting was selected.
- d) Feedback for Discrete-Adjustment Interface with Continuous Operation If a discrete-adjustment interface has continuous operation, it should provide continuous feedback on the current state.
- Appropriate Use of Continuous-Adjustment Interfaces Continuous-adjustment interfaces should be used when precise adjustments along a continuum are needed or when many discrete settings are present.
- f) Appropriate Use of Soft Sliders A soft slider should be considered as an input device when the range of possible values and the ratio of a value to that range need to be displayed.
- g) Indicating the Range of Values on Soft Sliders The range of values should be indicated on horizontal sliders with the low value on the left and the high value on the right, and on vertical sliders with the low value on the bottom and the high value on the top.
- h) Displaying the Digital Value on Soft Sliders The numerical value to which a soft slider is set should be presented in digits on the soft slider.
- Dimensions of Soft Sliders The physical dimensions of the soft slider should allow the operator to read the current and target positions and position the slider with the required precision, accuracy, and response time.
- j) Depicting Critical Ranges on Soft Sliders When part of the range of values depicted by a soft slider represents critical information, such as alarm limits, those values should be coded to facilitate recognition.
- Appropriate Use of Arrow Buttons A set of arrow buttons should be considered as the input device when it is desirable to incrementally increase or decrease a variable from its previous value.
- I) Indicating Current Value for Arrow Buttons Arrow buttons should have a display indicating the current value of the variable being controlled.
- m) Uniform Changes in Values Via Arrow Buttons Each press of an arrow button should change the current value uniformly.
- n) Feedback Regarding Arrow Button Actuation Arrow buttons should provide salient feedback when they are actuated.
- o) Apparent Operation of Arrow Buttons Labeling and other coding should be used when the operation of the arrow buttons is not apparent.
- p) Reference Values for Continuous Variable Inputs Reference values should be provided to help the operator judge the appropriateness of values when entering continuous variable inputs.

## 5.1.3 Interaction Methods

### 5.1.3.1 General Interaction Methods Guidelines

- a) Minimizing Soft Control Modes The excessive use of modes in soft controls should be avoided.
- b) Distinctive Indication of Soft Control Modes When multiple modes exist, they should be distinctively marked so the operator can determine the current mode at a glance.
- c) Coordination of Destructive and Safety-Significant Commands Across Modes A command that produces a benign action in one mode should not cause a different action with serious negative consequences in another mode.
- d) Unique Commands for Destructive and Safety-Significant Commands Unique commands associated with actions that have important consequences should not be easily confused with other commands used in the same or different modes.
- e) Discrimination of Interface Management Actions and Process Control Actions The design of the user interface should clearly distinguish between interface management actions and process control actions.
- f) Reducing the Likelihood of Unintended Actuation For actions that can have significant negative consequences, the user interface should be designed to reduce the likelihood of unintended actuation by requiring deliberate action for their execution.

- g) Feedback for Selected Actions Before Execution The HSI should give the operator feedback indicating the action that was selected and allow the action to be canceled before it is executed.
- b) Use of Error-Mitigation Approaches Error-mitigation approaches should not be the sole means for achieving error tolerance, but should be used in conjunction with other means for error prevention and system-assisted error detection.
- i) Undo Features If undo features are provided, they should be consistently available.

## 5.1.3.2 Sequential Actions

- a) Indicating the Status of Sequential Actions HSI system should support operators in rapidly assessing the status of sequential actions in progress.
- b) Drawing Attention to Points Where Similar Sequences Diverge The design of the HSI should draw the operator's attention to points where operational sequences that have multiple steps in common begin to diverge from each other.
- c) Operator Interruption of Transaction Sequences The HSI should allow the operator to interrupt or terminate a current transaction sequence.
- d) Interrupted Sequence Prompt The HSI should support the operator in maintaining awareness or recalling tasks that were interrupted or suspended by giving a reminder.
- e) Resumption of Interrupted Sequences A minimum number of actions should be required for the operator to resume a control-action sequence that was temporarily suspended.

# 5.1.3.3 Verification and Confirmation Steps

- a) Separate Action for Verification Steps Verification steps should be separate from input actions.
- b) Confirmation of Goals When feasible, confirmation steps should draw operator attention to the goal of the action, not just to the action.

### 5.1.3.4 Interlocks, Lockouts, and Lockins

- a) Use of Interlocks, Lockouts, and Lockins Interlocks, lockouts, and lockins should be provided to restrict personnel actions that may affect plant safety.
- b) Operator Override of Interlocks, Lockouts, and Lockins The design of interlocks, lockouts, and lockins should not limit the operators' authority unless there is a clear safety reason.
- c) Visibility of Interlocks, Lockouts, and Lockins Interlocks, lockouts, and lockins should be designed to indicate which actions are being blocked and what conditions activated the block.
- d) Automatic Logging of the Activation of Interlocks, Lockouts, and Lockins The activation of an interlock, lockout, or lockin should be automatically logged.
- e) No Automatic Actuation of Blocked Actions An interlock, lockout, or lockin should not initiate an action that was previously blocked merely because the status of the triggering condition has changed.

# 5.1.3.5 Error Detection and Correction

- a) Warning Message Content Warning messages should draw operators' attention to the goal of the action, not just to the action.
- b) Automatic, Self-Correct Features for Interface Management Action Automatic, self-correcting features should only be used for interface management actions, such as retrieving displays.
- c) Undo Capabilities for Self-Correct Features Automatic, self-correcting features should only be used if they include good "Undo" capabilities, so that inappropriate changes made by the system can be reversed by the user.
- d) User of Inspection and Transfer Steps Inspection and transfer steps should be considered if inputs are complex, or if incorrect inputs can seriously affect safety.

### 5.1.3.6 Selecting Plant Variables or Components

- a) Identification of Plant Variables and Components The HSI should support the identification of plant variables and components based on recognition rather than relying strictly upon recall.
- b) Simple Input Actions for Selection The operator should be able to select a component or variable from a display by using simple input actions.
- c) Minimize Action-Sequence Errors for Selecting Plant Variables If a sequence of actions is

required to select a component or variable, the HSI should be designed to prevent misordered action-sequence errors.

d) Minimize the Number of Retrieval Steps for Controls that are Used Together - When a group of controls must be used together, their retrieval should require a minimal number of actions.

## 5.1.3.7 Control Inputs

- a) Automatic Reset of Multi-Variable Controls If an input device controls more than one variable, the operator should not have to reset the device to match the value of the new variable before executing a control action.
- b) Numerical Input Values The HSI should provide feedback to support the operator in verifying the correctness of numerical values entered.

## 5.1.3.8 Handing stored Data

- a) Minimize the Use of Irreversible Actions The design of the HSI should minimize the use of irreversible actions for handling stored data.
- b) Deferring Execution of Operations that are Destructive to Stored Information Whenever practical, irreversible operations that destroy stored information should be deferred and require a separate action for their execution rather than being carried out immediately.

## 5.1.3.9 System Response

- a) Actuation Feedback Soft controls should provide feedback about their operating state after activation.
- b) Operator Notification of Automatic Mode Changes Systems that can change mode automatically should provide feedback to make the operator aware of the current mode.
- c) Delaying System Response Where appropriate, systems that are sensitive to incorrect inputs should be designed to limit the rate at which these inputs can affect the process.

### 5.2 Computer-Based Procedures

### 5.2.1 Representation of Procedures

### 5.2.1.1 Identification of Procedures

- a) Procedure Title and Identification Information Each procedure should contain identifying information including title, procedure number, revision number, date, and organizational approval.
- b) High-Level Goals Each procedure should state its high-level goals and applicability, including its procedure category, e.g., emergency or abnormal.

### 5.2.1.2 Basic Steps of Procedures

- a) Concise Steps Procedure steps should be concise.
- b) Short Sentences Procedure steps should be written as short sentences.
- c) Active Voice Procedure steps should be written in active voice.
- d) Positive Commands Procedure steps should be written as positive commands.
- e) Simple Wording Short, simple words from standard American English should be used.
- f) Standard Punctuation Punctuation should conform to standard American English usage.
- g) Consistent Word References Words, phrases, and equipment names and numbers should be used consistently within and among procedures, drawings, other HSIs, and equipment labels.
- h) Abbreviations and Acronyms Abbreviations and acronyms should be used consistently and limited to those well known to the users.
- i) Units of Measures Numerical information should include units of measure.
- j) Numerical Precision Numbers should be specified at the appropriate precision.
- k) Number Ranges Ranges of numbers should be specified, rather than error bands.
- I) Use Arabic Numerals Arabic numerals should be used.
- m) Spelled Numbers Numbers that are spelled out should be consistently spelled under the same conditions.
- n) Presentation of Conditional Steps Conditional steps should be shown in traditional text formats

following the guidance in Appendix A of USNRC NUREG-0899, Rev.0.

o) Specification of Preconditions for Steps - The procedure should specify any conditions that must be met before an action can be undertaken.

## 5.2.1.3 Warnings, Cautions, Notes, and Supplementary Information

- a) Parallel Display with Procedure Step The warnings and cautions applicable to a single step (or to a series of steps) should be displayed when the step(s) is on the screen.
- b) Position Before Action Steps Warnings, cautions, and notes should be presented so that they will be read before the applicable action steps.
- c) Action References Warnings, cautions, and notes should not include implied or actual action steps.
- d) Distinction from Other Procedure Elements Warnings, cautions, and notes should be uniquely presented, so that they are easily distinguished from each other and from other display elements.
- e) Supplementary Information All supplementary information (such as tables and figures) required for a procedure step and available to the CBPs should be shown on the screen concurrently with the step, or on another easily viewed display.

## 5.2.1.4 Lists of Procedures

- a) Appropriate Application of Lists Groups of three or more related items (e.g., actions, conditions, components, criteria, and systems) should be presented as a list.
- b) Distinction from Other Procedure Elements Formatting should be used to differentiate items in a list from other procedure elements.
- c) Identification of Precedence The presence or absence of precedence among items in lists should be indicated.
- d) List Overviews Overviews should introduce each list.
- e) Assuring Users' Attention The method for assuring that each item in a list has received the users' attention should be consistent.

### 5.2.1.5 Organization and Formatting of Procedures

- a) Hierarchical, Logical Organization The procedures should be organized in a hierarchical, logical, consistent manner.
- b) Organization of Procedure Steps Each procedure should be organized into sections of related steps.
- c) Organization Format of Procedures The procedure's format should reflect its organization.
- d) Format of Procedures A consistent format should be used to display procedures.
- e) Partitioning Procedures A consistent approach to partitioning procedures should be used.
- f) Organization of Display Screen Each display screen should locate information and HSI features consistently.
- g) Continuously Presented Procedure Information The procedure's title and identification should be continuously presented.
- h) Continuously Presented Status of High-Level Goals The status of high-level procedure goals should be continuously presented.

### 5.2.2 Functionality of Procedures

### 5.2.2.1 Supervision and Control of Procedures

- a) Users' Control of Procedure Path Users should be in control of the sequence of steps that are followed.
- b) Users' Control of Pace of Procedures Users should be in control of the pace at which procedure steps are followed.
- c) Understandability of Analysis of Procedure Steps The methods by which CBPs analyze procedure steps should be consistent with the methods by which users analyze steps in procedure logic steps, so that the results are understandable.
- d) Users' Verification of CBPs Information The users should be able to verify the system's assessment of plant status.

e) Users' Override of CBPs - Users should be able to override any CBPs information, calculation, evaluation, or assessment.

## 5.2.2.2 Monitoring and Assessment of Procedures

- a) Automatic Identification of Procedures The CBPs should alert users when entry conditions to a procedure are satisfied.
- b) Automatic Monitoring of Plant Parameters and Equipment Status The CBPs should automatically provide accurate and valid information on the values of parameters and status of equipment, when they are available to the system.
- c) Frequent Monitoring The CBPs should frequently monitor procedure-defined parameters.
- d) Automatic Calculation of Procedure-Referenced Values The system should undertake calculations, such as subcooling margin, that are required when using procedures.
- e) Analysis of Step Logic The CBPs should evaluate the logic of each procedure step and show the results to the user.
- f) Continuous Analysis of Non-Current Step Logic Steps of continuous applicability, timedependent steps, and process-dependent steps should be monitored by the CBPs and the user should be alerted when conditions in those steps become effective.
- g) Coding of Logical Analysis When procedure's step logic indicates a violation of the step, the information should be coded to make that step more salient to users.
- h) Analysis of Cautions The conditions described in cautions should be automatically monitored by the CBPs system, and the user should be alerted when the caution is in effect.
- i) Coding Applicable Cautions CBPs should use coding to indicate when a caution is in effect.
- j) Users' Acknowledgment of Procedure Analyses User should make some from of acknowledgment of procedure steps and recommendations for terminations and transitions.
- k) Identification of User Input Requirements The CBPs should provide users with clear, timely indications when they need to input any information not available to it.
- Adjustable Level of Detail Users should be able to choose the level of detail with which procedures are presented.
- m) Context-Specific Guidance Procedure guidance should be context sensitive where possible.
- Assessment of High-Level Goal Status The CBPs should continuously assess and present the status of higher-level safety goals, such as critical safety functions, and alert the user to any challenges.
- o) Assessment of Conditions Terminating A Procedure The CBPs should automatically identify when conditions are met for transitioning or exiting from a procedure.

### 5.2.2.3 Monitoring Users' Actions

- a) Monitoring Users User responses to procedures should be monitored and recorded by the CBPs.
- Alert Users to Deviations in Procedure Users should be alerted if their input is incorrect, or when their actions are not consistent with CBPs evaluations.

# 5.2.2.4 Planning and Implementation

- a) Display of Action Status The status of procedure-related actions should be displayed by the CBPs.
- b) Timing of Procedures The CBP's timing, such as status update rates, screen changes, and navigation features, should be consistent with the time demands of the task.

# 5.2.3 Management and Support of Procedures

# 5.2.3.1 Path Monitoring of Procedures

- a) Monitoring Step Status There should be an indication of whether or not a step was completed.
- b) Alert User to Incomplete Procedure Steps Users should be alerted to incomplete procedure steps.
- c) Coding Current Location The current procedure step(s) should be indicated.
- d) Automatic Path Monitoring The pathway taken through procedures should be stored and made available to users.

e) Indication of Multiple Active Procedures - The user should be informed when multiple procedure steps are to be followed concurrently. A list of all currently active procedures should be available.

## 5.2.3.2 Procedure Navigation

- a) Flexible Navigation Navigation support should allow users to freely and easily move between procedure steps, to other parts of the same procedure, and to other procedures.
- b) Support Parallel Access to Information The CBPs should have the ability to access more than one piece of information at once.
- c) Navigational Links to Related Information Navigational links to cross-referenced information and to notes, cautions, warnings, reference material, and communication and help facilities should be provided.
- d) Access to Contingency Actions Users should be able to easily access appropriate contingency actions.

## 5.2.3.3 Help

- a) Explanation Facilities CBPs should have facilities to enable the user to determine how CBPs functions are performed.
- b) Help Facilities Help for performing procedure specified activities should be provided.
- c) Note Taking There should be a way for users to record their notes and comments in the CBPs.

## 5.2.4 Backup for CBPs

- a) Paper-Based Procedure Availability Paper-Based Procedure (PBP)s should be available in the event of CBPs failures.
- b) Consistency of PBPs and CBPs The content and presentation of procedure information in PBPs and CBPs should be consistent.
- c) Support for Transfer to PBPs Upon transfer to PBPs, a means should be provided to support the user's determination of currently open procedures, location in the procedures, completed and not completed steps, and currently monitored steps.

### 5.2.5 Integration of CBPs with Other HSI Components

The detailed CBPs design should be fully consistent with the rest of the HSI.

### 5.3 Alarm System

### 5.3.1 General Alarm System Design Guidelines

- a) Alarm Selection The following criteria should be included in the basis for selecting alarm conditions: -Monitoring critical safety functions and key parameters, -Preventing personnel hazards, -Avoiding significant damage to equipment having a safety function, -Assuring that technical specifications are met, -Monitoring emergency procedure decision points, and -Monitoring plant conditions appropriate to plant modes ranging from full power to shutdown.
- b) Timely Warning Alarm set points should be determined to ensure that the operating crew can monitor and take appropriate action for each category of alarms, e.g., respond to out-of-tolerance conditions, in a timely manner.
- c) Setpoint Determination and Nuisance Alarm Avoidance The determination of alarm setpoints should consider the trade-off between the timely alerting of an operator to off-normal conditions and the creation of nuisance alarms caused by establishing setpoints so close to the "normal" operating values that occasional excursions of no real consequence are to be expected.
- d) Darkboard Configuration Candidate alarms and setpoints should be chosen so that no alarms are active for the normal operating conditions of the plant.
- e) Assured Functionality Under High Alarm Conditions The alarm processing system should ensure that alarms which require immediate operator action or indicate a threat to plant critical safety functions are presented in a manner that supports rapid detection and understanding by the operator under all alarm loading conditions.
- f) Alarm Reduction The number of alarm messages presented to the crew during off-normal conditions should be reduced by alarm processing techniques (from a no-processing baseline) to

support the crew's ability to detect, understand, and act upon all alarms that are important to the plant condition within the necessary time.

- g) Alarm Signal Validation Sensor and other input signals should be validated to ensure that spurious alarms are not presented to plant personnel, due to sensor or processing system failure.
- h) Parameter Stability Processing The alarm system should incorporate the capability to apply time filtering and/or time delay to the alarm inputs to allow filtering of noise signals and to eliminate unneeded momentary alarms.
- Alarm-Status Separation Status indications, messages that indicate the status of plant systems but are not intended to alert the operator to the need to take action, generally should not be presented via the alarm system display because they increase the demands on the operators for reading and evaluating alarm system messages.
- j) First-Out Processing as an aid to diagnostic procedures and root cause analysis, provision should be made for identifying the initiating event associated with automatic plant trips through the use of first-out alarms.
- k) Mode Dependence Processing If a component's status or parameter value represents a fault in some plant modes and not others, it should be alarmed only in the appropriate modes.
- System Configuration Processing If a component's status or parameter value represents a fault in some system configurations and not others, it should be alarmed only in the appropriate configurations.
- m) Logical Consequences Processing If a single event invariably leads to subsequent alarmed events that are the direct consequence of this event, only the alarm message associated with the main event may be presented and the other alarm messages suppressed, so long as this does not interfere with the operators' use of alarm information.
- n) Intelligibility of Processed Alarm Information Processing methods should not be so complex that operators have difficulty evaluating the meaning or validity of the resulting alarm messages.
- o) Location of Alarm System Displays and Controls Alarm displays and controls should be located in close proximity so that the display can be read while operating the controls.
- p) Location of First-Out Alarms First-out displays should be located at the main console for the system and/or at a plant overview display visible to the crew.
- q) Location for Prompt Response Alarm displays and controls should be arranged and located such that the operating crew member(s) who must respond to an alarm can access the alarm information in sufficient time to respond adequately.
- Location for Access to Process Controls and Displays Visual alarm panels should be located near the controls and displays which are required for corrective or diagnostic action in response to the alarm.
- s) Alarm Prioritization
  - 1) Prioritization Criteria Alarm messages should be presented to the operators in prioritized from based on prioritization dimensions that include, for example, urgency (immediacy of required operator action) and challenges to plant safety.
  - 2) Access to Suppressed Alarms When alarm suppression is used, the operator should be able to access the alarm information that is not displayed.

# 5.3.2 Auditory Alert Subsystem

- a) Audio Signal for Alarms An auditory signal should be used to alert the operator to the existence of a new alarm, or any other condition of which the operator must be made immediately aware.
- b) Audible Signals for Alarm States The tones used for incoming alarms should be separate and distinct from tones used to signify "clearing" alarms.
- c) Reset of Auditory Alert The auditory alert mechanism should automatically reset when it has been silenced.
- d) Interference Among Signals Audio alarm signals should not conflict with other auditory codes or signals.
- e) Manual Disable/Adjustment of Signal Intensity Manual disable or adjustment of auditory signal intensity (loudness) should be avoided.
- f) Sound Sources The number and placement of loudspeakers should be such that auditory signals are free of distortion and are equally audible at any operator work station in the primary

operating area.

- g) Auditory Signal Discriminability Each audio signal should be unambiguous and easily distinguishable from every other tone in the control room.
- h) Audio Pattern Codes If sequences of tones are used to represent information, the patterns should be easily recognizable.
- i) Intensity Coding Coding of auditory signals by intensity (loudness) should not be used. Auditory signals should capture operator's attention without unduly startling them (i.e., alerts should interrupt, not disrupt, attention).
- j) Reminder Audible Signals If the tone associated with an unacknowledged alarm automatically turns of after an interval of item, a reminder tone should be presented to alert the user to the continued presence of an unacknowledged alarm.

### 5.3.3 Visual Display Subsystem

### 5.3.3.1 General Visual Display Subsystem Design Guidelines

- a) Display Functions The alarm display should support the operator's ability to rapidly discern:
  - 1) Priority (e.g., urgency for operator action and importance to plant safety),
  - 2) Distinct alarm states: new, acknowledged, and cleared,
  - 3) The first-out alarms for reactor trip,
  - 4) The need to access other displays to verify or clarify the alarm state, and
  - 5) The difference between alarms which can be canceled through ongoing corrective actions (i.e., by operations personnel) and alarms that require significant maintenance intervention.
- b) Coordination of Alarm Alerting and Informing Functions When alarm alerts are displayed separately from detailed alarm information, the design should support the operator in making rapid transitions between alerts and detailed information.
- c) Presentation of Alarm Priority with Detailed Alarm Information When alarm alerts are displayed separately from detailed alarm information, the detailed alarm information display should provide an indication of the priority and status of alarm condition.
- d) Use of Spatially-Dedicated, Continuously-Visible Displays Spatially-dedicated, continuouslyvisible (SDCV) alarm displays should be considered for:
  - 1) USNRC Regulatory Guide 1.97 Category 1 parameters,
  - 2) Alarms that require short-term response by the operator,
  - 3) Main alarms used by operators in diagnosing and responding to plant upsets, and
  - 4) Main alarms used by operators to maintain an overview of plant and system status.
- e) Alarm Coding Consistency Coding (e.g., flash-rate and color coding) conventions should be consistently applied throughout alarm displays (e.g., on tiles and on VDUs).
- Multi-Unit Alarms Alarms for any shared systems in multiple-unit plants should be duplicated in all control rooms.
- g) Coding Effectiveness The coding scheme used by the alarm system should assure rapid detection and interpretation by the operators under all control room operating conditions.
- h) Visual Coding for Alarms Visual coding should be used to direct operator attention to alarms and to indicate their status.
- i) Redundant Coding Dimensions Redundant codes (e.g., fast flashing or bright) should be used for alarms that require rapid operator action.
- j) For VDU displays, the bright state should be at least 100 percent brighter than the normal state
- k) Color Detectability Low-intensity (e.g., dark red) indications in the periphery of the visual field should be avoided where color coding is used, since they may not be readily detected.
- I) Spatial Coding Spatial coding may be used to indicate alarm importance.
- m) Suppressed Visual Codes If the visual coding used to indicate alarm status is automatically suppressed or delayed during high alarm volume conditions or the presence of more important alarms, they should be automatically presented after the more important alarms have been addressed.

# 5.3.3.2 Display of High-Priority Alarms

a) Importance/Significance - Alarms that have higher importance or greater safety significance

should be given greater priority in their presentation than less important or significant alarms.

b) Coding of Alarm Priority - A method of coding the visual signals for the various priority levels should be employed.

## 5.3.3.3 Display of Alarm Status

- a) Indication of Alarm Status New, acknowledged, and cleared alarm states should have unique presentations to support the operators' ability to rapidly distinguish them.
- b) New Alarms New alarms should be indicated both by visual (e.g., flashing) and audible means.
- c) Notice of Undisplayed New Alarms If the operator is not currently viewing the VDU display where new, unacknowledged alarm messages appear, the alarm system should notify the operator that a new alarm message is available, the priority of the alarm message, and the location where the alarm message can be found.
- d) Acknowledged Alarms After the operator has acknowledged an alarm (e.g., pressed the acknowledge button), the alarm display should change to a visually distinct acknowledged state and the alerting function (e.g., audible tone) should cease.
- e) Clearing Alarms/Ringback If the operator is required to take action when an alarm clears (i.e., the parameter returns to the normal range from an abnormal range), the return to normal conditions should be indicated by visual and audible means.
- f) Cleared Alarms That Re-Enter the Abnormal Range If an alarm has cleared but was not reset and the variable re-enters the abnormal range, then the condition should be presented as a new alarm.

## 5.3.3.4 Display of Shared Alarms

- a) Minimize Shared Alarms Alarms that are triggered by any one of an aggregate of individual alarms (e.g., 'Pump Trouble') and which require the operators to perform additional actions to determine the cause should be limited.
- b) Access to Shared Alarm Information The system should allow users to access the individual alarm information when a shared alarm activates.
- c) Shared Alarm Reflash If a new parameter deviation has occurred before a preceding alarm has cleared, the shared alarm should return to the new alarm state (e.g., flashing).

# 5.3.3.5 Alarm Messages

- a) Alarm Information Content The alarm should provide the following information:
  - 1) Alarm title or legend,
    - 2) Plant system or component involved (e.g., reactor coolant pump A),
    - 3) Parameter involved (e.g., temperature, pressure, voltage),
    - 4) Status of parameter (e.g., high, low, or inadequate),
    - 5) Alarm source, i.e., the particular sensor or group of sensors supplying the signal,
    - 6) Alarm priority, and
    - 7) Setpoint and parameter values.
- b) Alarm Text/Legend Alarm text should be clearly understandable, use standard terminology, and address conditions specifically.
- c) Alarm Messages SDCV Tile Format The format of messages on alarm tiles or tile-like displays should be consistent for all alarms.
- d) Alarm Source The content of each message should provide information that identifies the alarm source.
- e) Alarm Priority Each alarm message should indicate its priority.
- f) Setpoint Values If an alarm condition requires verification before action is taken, the relevant setpoint limits should be included in the alarm message when alarm information is presented on VDU or is printed.
- g) Parameter Values Deviant parameter values should be included in the alarm message where alarm information is presented on VDU or printer displays.
- Required Immediate Operator Actions Immediate operator actions should be presented or made available directly upon operator request when alarm information is presented on VDU or printer displays.
i) Reference to Procedures - Where alarm information is presented on VDU or printer displays, references to alarm response procedures should be provided.

### 5.3.3.6 Organization of Alarms

- a) SDCV Alarm Displays
  - 1) Functional Grouping of Alarms Alarms within a display should be grouped by function, system, or other logical organization.
  - Separation of Functional Groups Alarm functional groups should be visually distinct from one another.
  - Group Labels System/functional groups should be clearly delineated and labeled such that the operating crew can easily determine which systems have alarms that have not yet cleared and which system is affected by a particular incoming alarm.
  - 4) Logical Arrangement of Alarms Alarms should be ordered to depict naturally occurring relationships.
  - 5) Alarm Display Identification Label Each group of alarm displays should be identified by a label above the display.
- b) Alarm Message Lists
  - 1) Listing by Priority Lists of alarm messages should be segregated by alarm priority with highest priority alarms being listed first.
  - Message Listing Options In addition to priority grouping, operators should have the capability to group alarm messages according to operationally relevant categories, such as function, chronological order, and status (unacknowledged, acknowledged/active, cleared).
  - Message Overflow Alphanumeric alarm messages that overflow the first page of alarm messages should be kept on subsequent alarm pages.

### 5.3.4 Operator Response Subsystem

### 5.3.4.1 General Alarm Control Design Guidelines

- a) Provisions for Control Functions Separate controls should be provided for silence, acknowledgment, reset (acknowledging an alarm that has cleared and returning it to normal).
- b) Distinct Coding of Control Functions Alarm system controls should be distinctively coded for easy recognition.
- c) Consistent Layout of Control Group Each set of alarm system controls should have the functions in the same relative locations.
- d) Defeating Controls Alarm system control designs should not allow the operator to defeat the control.
- e) Access to New Undisplayed Alarms A VDU-based alarm system should provide rapid access to any new alarm messages that are not shown on the current display.

### 5.3.4.2 Alarm Control Type

- a) Silence Controls
  - 1) Automatic Silencing Auditory signals should be silenced automatically without manual operation after a specified period of time. (e.g., 10 seconds every minute) until all new or cleared alarms are acknowledged.
- b) Acknowledge Controls
  - 1) Effect of Acknowledge Function An alarm acknowledgement function should terminate the flashing of an alarm and have it continue at steady illumination until the alarm is cleared.
  - 2) Acknowledgement Locations Acknowledgement should be possible only from locations where the alarm message can be read.
  - 3) Acknowledgement of Alarm Messages Non-SDCV alarms should only be acknowledged when the alarm message is on the screen.
- c) Reset Controls
  - 1) Effect of Reset Function The reset function should place the alarm system in an unalarmed state after an alarm has cleared.
  - 2) Appropriate Use of Manual Reset A manual reset sequence should be used where it is

important to explicitly inform operators of a cleared condition that had once been deviant.

- Appropriate Use of Automatic Reset An automatic reset sequence should be available where operators have to respond to numerous alarms or where it is essential to quickly reset the system.
- 4) Reset Function Location The reset function should be effective only from locations at which plant personnel know which alarm that they are resetting.

### 5.3.4.3 Alarm Response Procedures (ARP)

- a) ARP Scope ARPs should be available for alarm conditions that require an operator response which affects the plant process control system or plant equipment.
- b) ARP Access Operators should have immediate access to ARPs from the location at which the alarm messages are read.
- c) ARP Content ARPs should contain the following information:
  - 1) The system/functional group to which the alarm belongs,
  - 2) The exact alarm text or legend,
  - The alarm source (i.e., the sensor(s) sensing the signal, including processing or signal validation logic, and the actuating device(s) for the alarm with a reference to a schematic diagram on which such devices can be found),
  - 4) Alarm setpoints,
  - 5) Priority,
  - 6) Potential underlying causes for the alarm (e.g., low water level feed flow deficient in the long term),
  - 7) Required immediate operator actions, including actions the operator can take to confirm the existence of the alarm condition,
  - 8) Actions which occur automatically when the alarm occurs (and which the operator should verify as having taken place),
  - 9) Follow-up actions, and
  - 10) Pertinent references.
- d) Information Consistency with The HSI Information in ARPs should be consistent with information on consoles, in the alarm system, in I&C procedures used to calibrate alarm setpoints, in controlling documents that determine setpoints (e.g., Technical Specifications and accident analyses), in P&IDs, and in other plant procedures.
- e) ARP Format The ARP format should:
  - 1) Highlight the ARP identifier on each page of the procedure,
  - 2) Highlight important items,
  - 3) Locate information categories in the same position on each page,
  - 4) Consistently present information throughout the ARP, and
  - 5) Minimize the need for operators to page back and forth to obtain the information.

# 5.3.5 Automatic Features

- a) Automated Alarm System Configuration If the alarm system automatically changes operational configurations under some alarm situations, then these configuration changes should be coupled with an alert to the operator and an indication that the configuration has changed.
- b) Operator-Selectable Alarm System Configuration If the alarm system provides operatorselectable operational configurations, then these configuration changes should be coupled with an indication of the present configuration.
- c) Acknowledgement of Alarm System Configuration Changes Operator acknowledgement (or confirmation) should be required if a significant alarm system configuration change is to be made either automatically or by operator selection.
- d) Operator-Defined Alarms/Setpoints The alarm system may provide temporary, operator-defined alarms and operator-defined set points for specific conditions where such alarms are determined to be of assistance to the operators in selected evolutions (e.g., temporary alarms to support increased monitoring of a problem component, or at other times when the operator wants to know of a parameter trend that is approaching a limit).
- e) Interference of Operator-Defined Alarms/Setpoints with Existing Alarms Operator-defined alarms

and setpoints should not override or interfere with the existing alarms and setpoints.

- f) Control of Operator-Defined Alarms/Setpoints The alarm system should provide clear indication of operator defined alarms and setpoints as distinct from the alarm/setpoints designed into the system.
- g) Automatic Mode-Defined Setpoints If an alarm system provides automatic adjustment of setpoints for different plant modes or conditions, it should be evaluated whether operator acknowledgement/confirmation of the significant changes is necessary.

### 5.3.6 Reliability, Test, Maintenance, and Failure Indication

### 5.3.6.1 Reliability

- a) Design for Reliability The alarm system should be designed so that no single failure will result in the loss of a large number of alarms.
- b) VDU Reliability Where alarms are presented on a VDU as the primary display, operators should be able to access the alarms from more than one VDU.

### 5.3.6.2 Test

- Testing Capabilities Test controls should be available to initiate operational test conditions for all essential aspects of the alarm system (including processing logic, audible alarms, and visual alarm indications).
- b) Testing Requirement Periodic testing of the alarm system should be required and controlled by administrative procedure.

### 5.3.6.3 Maintenance

- a) Design for Maintainability The alarm system should be designed so that maintenance activities can be performed with minimal interference with the activities of the operators.
- b) Tagged-Out Alarms Tagging out an alarm (taking it out of service) should require disabling of the associated visual and audio signals.
- c) Out-of-Service Alarm Indication Cues for prompt recognition of an out-of-service alarm should be designed into the system.

### 5.3.6.4 Failure Indication

Operators should be given prompt indication of a failure of the alarm system or its major subcomponents.

### 5.4 Communication System

# 5.4.1 General Communication Design Guidelines

- a) Accessibility Communications functions and/or equipment should be accessible from the user's normal working location.
- b) Instructions Instructions should be provided for use of each communication system, including suggested alternatives if a system becomes inoperable.
- c) Outgoing Emergency Messages Priority procedures should be established for the transmission of emergency messages from the control room by any of the communication systems.
- d) Incoming Emergency Messages Procedures should be established for handling communications during an emergency, and these procedures must be known by all operators.
- e) Minimal User Actions Communication procedures should be designed to minimize required user actions.
- f) Communication Flexibility Users should have flexibility in communications methods.
- g) Speech Transmission and Reproduction
  - Signal Processing If the environment or the speech transmission equipment is such that the signal-to-noise ratio of the speech is degraded, signal processing techniques should be used to maintain speech intelligibility.
  - Squelch Control When communication channels are to be continuously monitored, each channel should be provided with a signal-activated switching device (squelch control) to suppress channel noise during no-signal periods.

- Periodic Maintenance Tests Periodic tests should be performed on all communication systems to ensure that messages remain intelligible under changes in ambient noise levels that may have occurred since the last check.
- h) Equipment Configuration
  - 1) Equipment should be comfortable for prolonged use.
  - 2) If not cordless, devices should have cords long enough to prevent restriction of access to the console's far reaches. Cords should be non-kink or retractable.
  - 3) Communications devices should be located so their cords will not tend to traverse traffic paths in normal use.
  - 4) Phone and handset storage cradles should be designed or located to prevent their contents from being easily dislodged.
  - 5) Regular telephone style handsets should be equipped with cradle allowing the handset to be properly held on the operator's shoulder while keeping both hands free.
  - 6) Multiple commutations devices of similar general type at a station should be visually and/or audibly distinctive, to reduce confusion during periods of peak loading. Code assignments should be standardized for the entire facility.
- i) Equipment Controls
  - 1) Push-talk keys should be equally usable with either a left-or right-handed grip.
  - Channel gain and ring loudness should be adjustable at receiving stations/devices. Minimum settings of fixed installation devices should produce audible output levels under normal ambient noise levels.
- j) Noise Testing
  - 1) Noise testing must be performed under conditions matched to actual plant operating conditions.
  - Periodic maintenance tests and criteria should be specified in all communications systems detailed design documentation sufficient to ensure that the systems will be effective under anticipated worst-case conditions.
  - All communications systems and appropriate components (i.e., amplifiers, speakers, level gains, and other hardware whose usability is impact by noise) should be tested and adjustable after installation to accommodate the test results.

### 5.4.2 Speech-Based Communication

### 5.4.2.1 General Requirements

- a) Comfort Communication equipment to be worn should be designed to preclude discomfort.
- b) Hands-Free Operation Communication equipment should be designed to permit hands-free operation.
- c) Frequency Response Microphones and associated amplification equipment should be designed to respond optimally to that part of the speech spectrum most essential to speech intelligibility (i.e., 200 to 6,100 Hz).
- d) Microphone Dynamic Range The dynamic range of a microphone used with a selected amplifier should be great enough to admit variations in signal input of at least 50 dB.
- e) Microphone Noise Shields When ambient noise is high (85 dB(A) or greater), the microphone should be put in a noise shield.
- f) Noise-Canceling Microphones In very loud, low frequency noise environments (100 dB overall), noise-canceling microphones should be used.
- g) Speaker Frequency Range Loudspeakers, earpieces, and headphone elements should respond uniformly (plus or minus 5 dB) over the range 100 to 4,800 Hz.
- h) Binaural Headsets For High Noise Environments If listeners will be working in high ambient noise (85 dB(A) or above), binaural headsets should be provided rather than monaural headsets.
- Loudspeakers for Multi-Channel Monitoring When several channels are to be monitored simultaneously by means of loudspeakers, the speakers should be mounted at least 10 degrees apart in the horizontal plane frontal quadrant, ranging radially from 45 degrees left to 45 degrees right of the user's normal forward facing position.
- j) Volume Controls Accessible volume or gain controls should be provided for each communication

receiving channel (e.g., loudspeakers or headphones) with sufficient electrical power to drive sound pressure level to at least 100 dB overall when using two earphones.

# 5.4.2.2 Telephones

- a) Handset Size and Shape The size and shape of handsets should be compatible with operator's hand size and mouth-ear distance (standard telephone dimensions are acceptable).
- b) Handset Design Handset earpieces should maintain firm ear contact while the transmitter is positioned in front of the mouth.
- c) Retractable Handset Cords Cords should be of nonkink or self-retracting type.
- d) Handset Cord Length Cords should be of sufficient length to permit reasonable operator mobility.
- e) Handset Cord Position Cords should be positioned so as to avoid entangling critical controls or endangering passing traffic.
- f) Handset Cradles Vertically mounted handset cradles should be designed and located to prevent the handset from being knocked out of the cradle by passing traffic.
- g) Multiple Instruments Where multiple telephone instruments are located close together (e.g., on a single desk), they should be coded to indicate circuit or function.
- h) Press-to-Talk Button If a press-to-talk button is used, the button should be convenient to both left-and right-hand operation.
- i) Switching Mechanism Switching should be designed and/or programmed to minimize delay in making desired connections under both normal and emergency conditions.
- j) Telephone Ringing The volume of ringing should be adjustable at the individual telephone instrument.
- k) Announcing Use The transmitter should be compatible with the rest of the announcing system when used as the microphone input to the announcing system.
- Hot Lines Dedicated hot lines should be provided in the control for direct or minimum-dial connections with the technical support center, emergency facilities and off-site agencies as required. These phones should be conveniently located for the anticipated users, but should not occupy central workspace due to their infrequent use.

# 5.4.2.3 Radio Transceivers

- a) Appropriate Use Walkie-talkies should be used in both emergency and normal operations for two-way communications beyond the range of installed telephone connections or as a convenient alternative to the sound-powered telephone.
- b) Sound Quality Walkie-talkies should realize the same quality desired throughout all of the communications systems within the engineering constraints imposed by radio frequency spectrum availability and by design for easy portability.
- c) Area Coverage Modulation and a radio frequency should be chosen, as FCC regulations permit, to provide broad-area walkie-talkie communication to the control room.
- Portability to the extent permitted by design for effective electrical/radio frequency function, walkie-talkies should be small, light, and easy to carry. The microphone should be integrated into the transceiver package.
- e) Party Identification Procedures should provide for unambiguous identification of the speaker when there are more than two parties on a channel operating at separate locations.
- f) Battery Replenishment A supply of fresh replacement batteries should be stowed in an accessible, well-marked space.

# 5.4.2.4 Sound-Powered Phones

- a) Feedback Within engineering constraints imposed by sound-powering, the system should provide in-phase feedback to the user.
- b) Switching When used, patch panels should be conspicuously marked and located in reasonably accessible places.

# 5.4.2.5 Announcing Systems

a) Intelligibility and Coverage - The system should provide rapidly intelligible messages to all areas where personnel subject to a page may be located.

- b) Microphone Characteristics If the powered telephone system is used to provide microphone input to the announcing system, the telephone system should contain transmitters of quality compatible with that of the announcing system.
- c) Loudspeaker Location Speakers should be provided in the control room and other areas where control room personnel operations might be (e.g., restrooms, eating areas, and locker rooms).
- Speech Clarity Since proper speech over an announcing system differs from normal conversation, operators should be familiarized with the proper way to speak on the announcing system.
- e) Loudspeaker Volume Speaker volume should be adjusted to ensure that speaker communications will not prevent detection of auditory alarms.
- f) Priority Control room inputs to the plant announcing system should have priority over any other input.

# 5.4.2.6 Emergency Communications

- a) Backup Equipment Provisions should be made to assure complete internal and external communications capabilities during emergencies.
- b) Equipment Usability Communications equipment should be usable by personnel wearing protective gear without impediment to their tasks.
- c) Voice Communications with Masks Emergency face masks should be equipped with diaphragms that are specially designed to transmit speech.

### 5.4.3 Computer-Based Communication

### 5.4.3.1 General

- a) Interactive Communication Users should be able to communicate interactively with other users who are currently using the same system.
- b) Interaction with Ongoing Tasks Users should be able to communicate with each other without canceling ongoing tasks.
- c) Functional Integration Computer-based communications should be integrated with other information handling functions within a system.
- d) Consistent Procedures Procedures for sending and receiving messages should be consistent from one transaction to another.
- e) Control by Explicit User Action Both sending and receiving messages should be accomplished by explicit user action.
- f) Automatic Queuing The computer should provide automatic queuing of outgoing messages pending confirmation of transmission, and incoming messages pending their review and disposition.
- g) Interrupt Users should be able to interrupt message preparation, review, or disposition, and then resume any of those tasks from the point of interruption.
- Message Highlighting Software capabilities should be provided to annotate transmitted data with appropriate highlighting to emphasize alarm/alert conditions, priority indicators, or other significant information that could affect message handling.
- i) Automatic Record Keeping A log of data transmissions should be automatically maintained.

# 5.4.3.2 Preparing Messages

- a) Automatic Message Formatting When message formats should conform to a defined standard or structure, prestored formats should be provided to aid users in message preparation.
- b) Message Composition Compatible with Data Entry Procedures for composing messages should be compatible with general data entry procedures, especially those for text editing.
- c) Variable Message Length Users should be able to prepare messages of any length.
- d) Incorporate Existing Files Users should be able to incorporate an existing data file in a message, or to combine several files into a single message for transmission.
- e) Message Editing Users should be able to save and edit messages prior to transmission.

# 5.4.3.3 Sending Messages

- a) Destination Selection Users should be able to specify the destination(s) to which messages will be transmitted.
- b) Address Directory Users should be provided with a directory showing all acceptable forms of message addressing for each destination in the system, and for links to external systems.
- c) Aids for Directory Search Computer aids should be provided so that a user can search an address directory by specifying a complete or partial name.
- d) Extracting Directory Addresses Users should be able to extract selected addresses from a directory or select a distribution list for direct - insertion into a header in order to specify the destination(s) for a message.
- e) Automatic Addressing of Reply The appropriate address(es) should be provided automatically for users responding to messages.
- f) Assignment of Priority When messages will have different degrees of urgency, the sender of a message should be allowed to designate its relative priority.
- g) Information about Communication Status Users should be allowed access to status information concerning the identity of other system users currently on-line, and the availability of communication with external systems.
- h) Sender Identification When a message is sent, the computer should show the sender's address, and the date and time of message creation and/or transmission.
- i) Deferring Message for Automatic Transmission Users should be able to defer the transmission of prepared messages, to be released by a later action.
- Automatic Feedback Automatic feedback for data transmission confirming that messages have been sent or indicating transmission failures should be provided to permit effective user participation in message handling.
- k) Saving Undelivered Messages If message transmission is not successful, automatic storage of undelivered messages should be provided.
- Message Cancellation Users should be able to recall any message whose transmission has been initiated, if it has not yet been received by its addressee(s).
- m) User Review of Data Before Transmission When human judgment may be required to determine whether data are appropriate for transmission, users (or a system administrator) should be provided some means to review outgoing messages and confirm their release before transmission.
- n) Saving Transmitted Data Until Receipt is Confirmed A copy of any transmitted message should be saved automatically until correct receipt has been confirmed.

### 5.4.3.4 Receiving Messages

- a) Message Notification at Logon When users log on to a system, they should be notified of any transmissions received since their last use of the system.
- b) Display of Messages The display of messages from other users should be visually and spatially distinct from the display of system messages.
- c) Nondisruptive Message Notification Notification of incoming messages should be nondisruptive.
- d) Indicating Priority of Received Messages Where incoming messages will have different degrees of urgency, recipients should be notified of message priority and/or other pertinent information.
- e) Filters for Message Notification Users should be able to specify "filters" based on message source, type, or content, that will control what notification is provided for incoming messages.
- f) Time-Stamp Messages Messages should be time-stamped.
- g) Indication of Message Size Some indication of message size should be included at the beginning of each message.
- h) Indication of Message Overflow The user should be informed when a message has been truncated, such as when a message exceeds the available space.
- i) Message Storage and Retrieval Messages should be stored in a message queue that is available to the user.
- j) Information about Queued Messages Users should be able to review summary information about the type, source, priority, and size of queued incoming messages.
- k) User Selection of Messages The user should be allowed to select any message from an ordered queue with a simple action.

- Annotating Received Messages Users should be able to append notes to a received message, and ensure that the annotation will be displayed so that it will be distinct from the message itself.
- m) Specifying Device Destination Users should be able to choose the method of receipt, i.e., what device (file, display, printer) will be the local destination. If a specified receiving device is not operable, such as a printer that is not turned on, the user should be advised.

# 6 WORKSTATION AND WORKPLACE DESIGN

### 6.1 Console Design

#### 6.1.1 General Console Design Guidelines

- a) Availability of Indications and Controls Control rooms should have all the controls and displays needed to detect abnormal conditions and bring the facility to a safe condition, as required by Availability Analysis.
- b) Accessibility of Instrumentation and Controls The operators should not need to leave the controlling workspace to attend to instrumentation on back panels during operational sequences which require continuous monitoring or timely control actions. Actions that must be taken promptly to assure plant safety should be capable of being performed directly from the control room.
- c) Operator Freedom of Movement Operators should be able to move freely in the control room without overcoming obstacles such as filing cabinets, storage racks, or maintenance equipment. Adequate space should be available for the operator to freely get in and out from console operating positions.
- d) Communications Dimensions and placement of desks, consoles and panels should not hinder voice communication between the primary operator and any other person in the primary operating area in not hindered or compromised.
- e) Field of View Operators at desks/consoles in the controlling workspace should have an unobstructed view of all controls and displays on the consoles and the LDP.
- f) Procedure Laydown Space Procedure laydown space should be assigned for each console.
- g) Dimensions The guidelines apply to both operation and safety consoles.

#### 6.1.2 Sit-Down Console Design

### 6.1.2.1 Sit-Down Console Dimension

- a) Console Height to See Over Console height should be no more than approximately 69 cm (27 inches) above the seat to accommodate the 5th percentile adult female when the seated operator must see over the console. Assuming seat height is adjusted to 46 cm (18 inches), maximum console height therefore should be 114 cm (45 inches) above the floor.
- b) Seated Clearance A seated operator should have at least 91 cm (36 inches) separating a console and any surface or fixed object behind him. The seated operator should also have at least 76 cm (30 inches) of space for lateral movement.
- c) Seat Position Workstation seat position should not be permanently fixed, so that operators can adjust their location at the console. See also Section 6.1.2.3, Chairs.
- d) Leg and Foot Room Sufficient leg and foot room should be provided to enable seated operators to avoid awkward and uncomfortable positions.
- e) Writing Space Writing spaces should be at least 41 cm (16 inches) deep and 61 cm (24 inches) wide. If appropriate space is not provided on the panel for writing, a desk or other writing surface should be provided in the immediate work area. Writing space should supplement procedure laydown space.
- f) Control Height All controls on a sit-down console should be within the reach radius of the 5th percentile female.
- g) Benchboard Slope The benchboard slope, in conjunction with its depth, should be such that all controls are within the functional reach radius of the 5th percentile female and all displays and markings can be read.
- h) Display Height and Orientation All displays, including alarm indicators, should be within the upper limit of the visual field (75 degrees above the horizontal line of sight LOS) of the 5th percentile female, and should be mounted so that the angle from the line of sight to the display face is 45 degrees or greater.
- i) Location of Frequently Monitored Display Video displays which require frequent or continuous monitoring, or which may display important (e.g., alarm) information, should be located not more than 35 degrees to the left or right of the operator's straight-ahead (LOS), and not more than 20 degrees above and 40 degrees below the operators' horizontal LOS, as measured from the

normal operator workstation.

- j) Location of Infrequently Monitored Display Video displays which do not require frequent or continuous monitoring, and which will not display important (e.g., alarm) information, should be located not more than 95 degrees to the left or right of the operator's straight-ahead LOS, as measured from normal operator work stations which permit full operator head and eye rotation.
- k) VDU Viewing Distance The viewing distance should be 33-80 cm (13-31 inches), with 46-61 cm (18-24 inches) preferred.
- Use of Procedures and Other Reference Materials at Consoles Provision should be made so that the procedures, manuals, and other reference materials can be consulted easily while task sequences are performed at the consoles.

### 6.1.2.2 Desks

- a) Working Space Desks should provide enough clear working space for all materials required for task performance.
- b) Chair Positions The desk should allow for different chair positions as required, with adequate knee space.
- c) Operator Comfort The relationships of working surface height and area, knee room, and chair height should allow operators to work comfortably.

### 6.1.2.3 Chairs

- a) Backrests Console chairs should have firm back rests, supporting the lumbar and cervical regions.
- b) Mobility Chairs should pivot so that operator can readily adjust position.
- c) Armrests Console chairs should have armrests.
- Cushioning Console chairs should be well cushioned, with remaining resilience when the seat is occupied.
- e) Seat Adjustability For chairs at sit-down stations, seat height should generally be adjustable from 41 to 52 cm (16 20.5 inches).
- f) Footrests An adjustable footrest or heel catch should be provided to support the feet at a level no more than 18 inches below the seat surface. If a footrest is part of the chair, a circular design is recommended, diameter 18 inches. The footrest might be provided on the console base.

### 6.1.3 Stand-Up Console Design

### 6.1.3.1 Stand-Up Console Dimension

- a) Standing Clearance A single operator standing between two consoles should have at least 125cm (50 inches) between the consoles within which to move. Two operators working between two consoles should have at least 250 cm (96 inches) between the consoles.
- b) Control Height The highest control on a stand-up console should be within the highest reach of the 5th percentile female without stretching or using a stool or ladder, while the lowest controls should be within the lowest reach of the 95th percentile male without bending or stooping.
- c) Benchboard Slope The benchboard slope, in conjunction with its depth, should result in all controls being within the reach radius of the 5th percentile female.
- d) Control Distance from the Front Edge of the Console Controls should be set back a minimum of 7.6 cm (3 inches) from the front edge to protect against accidental activation.
- e) Display Height and Orientation All displays, including alarm indicators, should be within the upper limit of the visual field (75 degrees above the horizontal LOS) of the 5th percentile male, and should be mounted so that the angle from the line of sight to the display face is 45 degrees or greater.
- f) Location of Infrequently Monitored Display Video displays which do not require frequent or continuous monitoring, and which will not display important (e.g., alarm) information, should be located not more than 95 degrees to the left or right of the operator's straight-ahead LOS, as measured from normal operator workstations which permit full operator head and eye rotation.

# 6.1.4 Labeling, Demarcation, and Painting (coating)

Hierarchical labeling employing clearly visible lettering should be used. Labels should conform to good human factors practices in general, as outlined in USNRC NUREG-0700 (Rev.2). Painting should enhance system discrimination and minimize glare. Silk-screened lettering may be used on some panel and console inserts.

### 6.1.4.1 Hierarchical Labeling

- a) To prevent panel clutter and unnecessary repetition, a hierarchical labeling scheme should be used.
- b) System or subsystem name should be presented on an overall label for groups of controls and indications within these demarcated areas, and the system name should not be repeated on each individual identifying label.
- c) As labels go up the hierarchy, letter height and stroke width should increase.

### 6.1.4.2 General Labeling and Demarcation

Label colors, letter heights and stroke widths should be designed per panel label requirements for APR1400. Demarcation is also discussed in this Appendix D.

### 6.1.4.3 Label Material

- a) Labels should be engraved on a low-glare, non-warping material.
- b) Material should be non-flammable and reasonable equivalent consisting of a sandwich arrangement where the outer layers are the background color and the inner is the letter color which is engraved down to.

### 6.1.4.4 Attachment

- a) Labels should be attached so as to be solidly anchored under all temperature and wear conditions and not easily removable.
- b) Labels on the panel, console and cabinet should not be attached with screws or other methods to prevent permanent damage of panel metal, and to prevent label warping.
- c) Labels on the panel, console and cabinet should be attached with double sided tape, covering the entire rear surface of the nameplate. The tape should be Scotch 666 or equivalent (long lasting). A proven, durable glue or other attachment method which covers the entire back side of the label may be used provided it is demonstrated to be sturdy and long-lasting.

### 6.1.4.5 Placement and Language

- a) Labels should be in English and located to facilitate easy reading.
- b) Identification labels should be placed above the panel element they describe.
  - 1) Data and information labels for specific components should be below or adjacent right, with reference to the elements they describe. Other information labels (such as mimic destinations and sources) may be placed in any appropriate location.
  - 2) Labels should not be mounted on controls if it will cause them to be obscured by the operator hand.
  - 3) Labels should be placed close to the panel components they describe.
  - 4) Labels should be oriented horizontally and be non-curved.

### 6.1.4.6 Nomenclature and Style

- a) Labels should use plant standard nomenclature and abbreviations.
- b) Labels should use consistent nomenclature throughout the MCR, RSR and safety-related Local Control Panel. Only standardized symbols should be employed.
- c) Control direction should be indicated on labels by an arrow, where appropriate.
- d) Labels should use sans-serif lettering.

# 6.1.4.7 Format

- a) Labels should use consistent identification format as follows.
  - 1) line 1 System or Subsystem Name (if needed) or Component Name

- 2) line 2 Component (Element) Name and Variable
- 3) line 3 Component Number
- b) The engraving should be centered on the label.

### 6.1.4.8 Panel Paint (coating)

The color of NSSS and BOP cabinets located in the MCR should be distinct from the console (e.g., Warm Grey (Munsell No 8.4Y 8.3/0.5) is recommended).

### 6.2 Environment Design

Guidelines of this section are applicable to the MCR and RSR.

### 6.2.1 Temperature

The MCR and RSR should maintain temperatures of 20-26 °C (68-79 °F) for all seasons. Temperature difference from the head level to the floor level should not exceed 6 °C (10 °F).

### 6.2.2 Humidity

Humidity should be maintained at 30 to 60 % relative humidity. Humidity levels should not be adversely impacted by seasonal/climatic fluctuation. Therefore, humidification may be required during winter months and dehumidification during warmer months.

### 6.2.3 Ventilation

The ventilation system should be capable of introducing outdoor air into the MCR and RSR at a rate of at least 0.56 cubic meters per minute (20 cubic feet per minute) per occupant. Heating Ventilation and Air-Conditioning (HVAC) ducts should be designed such that hot or cold air should not blow directly on operators.

#### 6.2.4 Lighting and Illumination

### 6.2.4.1 General Lighting and Illumination Guidelines

- a) Supplemental Light Supplemental lighting should be provided for personnel performing specialized visual tasks in areas where fixed illumination is not adequate.
- b) Task Area Luminance Ratios to ensure effective visual performance, the task area luminance ratios should not be exceeded as below.

Areas	Luminance Ratio
Task Area (TA) vs. Adjacent darker surroundings	3:1
TA vs. Adjacent lighter surroundings	1:3
TA vs. more remote darker surfaces	10:1
TA vs. more remote lighter surface	1:10
Luminaries vs. Adjacent surface	20:1
Anywhere within normal field of view	40:1

- c) Shadowing To reduce operator fatigue and eyestrain, shadows should be avoided.
- d) Color Surface colors should be recognizable under both normal and emergency lighting conditions.

- e) Ambient Illumination and VDUs The ambient illumination in the VDU area that is necessary for other visual functions (e.g., setting controls, reading instruments) should not degrade the visibility of signals on the VDU.
- f) Use of Colored Ambient Illumination Colored ambient illumination should not be used if color coding is used in the workplace.
- g) Illumination of Areas Immediately Surrounding VDUs There should be no light source (direct or reflected) in the immediate surrounding area of the VDU that is of greater luminance than the VDU.

# 6.2.4.2 Task Area Lighting (optimal lighting)

1 foot candle (f/c) is counted as 10 lux (lx).

- a) Operation Console 300 to 1000 lx (700 lx)
- b) LDP Area 50 to 100 lx (100 lx)
- c) Safety Console & Auxiliary Panel 250 to 750 lx (500 lx)
- d) Remote Shutdown Room 300 to 1000 lx (700 lx)
- e) Technical Support Center 700 lx
- f) Instrument Shops, Labs, etc. 700 lx
- g) Meeting Room near MCR 400 to 900 lx (700 lx)

# 6.2.4.3 Emergency Lighting

- a) MCR and RSR ceiling The ceiling should have a "luminous ceiling" effect achieved through indirect lighting.
- b) Essential (diesel-powered) Lighting Essential lighting should be provided at designated egress ways and the MCR, and the RSR during a loss of normal lighting. Essential lighting levels should always exceed or equal minimum battery pack lighting levels.
- c) Emergency lighting Emergency lighting should provide light to the MCR and RSR at minimum levels specified below:
  - 1) In the MCR 100 to 300 lx (200 lx)
  - 2) In the RSR 100 to 300 lx (200 lx)

### 6.2.4.4 Reducing Glare and Reflectance

- a) Low reflectance flooring should be used.
- b) Wall coverings should be low glare.
- c) Panel paint should be of a neutral color such as beige and should be formulated for a flat or semigloss finish.
- VDU screens and other indicator surfaces employing glass or Plexiglas transparent coverings should utilize low glare materials or other glare reduction techniques (e.g., hoods, polarized glare filters, screen coatings, etc.).
- e) Labels should use low-glare material.
- f) Bare metal surfaces (e.g., indicator bezels) should have a non-reflective matte or brushed finish.

# 6.2.5 Auditory Environments

### 6.2.5.1 Noise

- a) Noise Levels in MCR and Workspaces
  - 1) Background Noise Background noise should not impair verbal communication between any two points in the primary operating area.
  - Further Reductions Where communications between the primary operating area and other control room locations are necessary, and voice transmission systems are not provided, further reductions in background noise should be implemented.
  - 3) Noise Distractions Noise distractions generated either inside or outside the control room should be minimized.
  - 4) Limit Nominal background noise levels should be less than 65 dB(A).
  - 5) Reverberation Time and Sound Absorption The acoustical treatment of the control room should limit reverberation time of fewer one second or less.

- b) Noise Levels in Equipment Spaces
  - 1) Unprotected Continuous Occupancy Nominal background noise levels should be less than 80 dB(A). Higher noise levels may require ear protection, limited stay times, or both.
  - Unprotected Peak Levels Park impulse or impact noise should not exceed 115 dB(A). Higher noise levels may require ear protection, limited stay times, or both.

### 6.3 Local Control Panel

Section 12.2, "Local Control Stations" of NUREG-0700 (Rev. 2) is applicable to the LCSs associated with IHAs. The following aspects of the LCSs will follow the guidance provided by NUREG-0700 (Rev.2) :

- Labeling
- Information Display
- Controls
- Communication
- Environment

# 7 MAINTAINABILITY OF DIGITAL SYSTEM

# 7.1 General Maintainability Guidelines

### 7.1.1 Minimizing Maintenance Demands

- a) Minimizing Testing and Servicing Requirements for periodic or repetitive testing and servicing of components should be avoided where the possibility of human errors may affect safety.
- b) Equipment Independence for Maintenance Units of equipment should be as independent as is practical, such that maintenance of one unit has minimal effects on the other equipment.
- c) Minimize Maintenance Time Equipment should be designed to minimize the time required for maintenance if having the equipment out of service can affect safety.
- d) Ease of Fault Detection The design of equipment should facilitate rapid, positive fault detection and isolation of defective items.
- e) Equipment Verification When feasible, equipment should permit verification of operational status before its installation and without the need for disassembly.
- f) Fault Detection Without Disassembly Equipment should permit fault detection and isolation without removing components, through the use of BIT, integrated diagnostics, or standard test equipment.
- g) Design for Repair by Module Replacement To reduce the likelihood of personnel errors in normal repairs conducted in difficult field environments, the design should support simple modular replacement in the field, and their repair in the shop.
- h) Overall Accessibility Equipment that is to be maintained should be visually and physically accessible to the maintainer.
- i) Standardized Designs for Construction Equipment used in assembling equipment, such as connectors, should be standardized as much as possible.
- j) Design Flexibility Equipment design should provide flexibility to allow future design modifications to be made without imposing high demands on personnel for installation and maintenance.
- k) Minimize Maintenance Equipment and Tools Units of equipment should be designed to minimize the numbers and types of auxiliary equipment and tools required to service them.
- I) Use Common Test Equipment and Tools Whenever possible, systems and units of equipment should be designed so they can be maintained with common test equipment and tools.
- m) Need for Special Skills Equipment should be designed to minimize the need for special skills on the part of the maintainers.
- n) Need for Special Training Equipment should be designed to minimize the need to specially train the maintainers.

# 7.1.2 Continuous Operation and On-Line Maintenance

- a) Local Indication of Redundant Equipment Status If equipment can automatically transfer operation between redundant units, local personnel who maintain that equipment should be informed of the transfer and the status of the redundant units.
- b) Degraded Operation Status and fault information should be provided to maintenance personnel and operators for equipment awaiting maintenance while operating in a degraded mode.

### 7.1.3 Supporting the Operator Role in Maintenance

- a) Monitoring and Trending Equipment Degradation To support personnel awareness of impending equipment failures, monitoring and trending capabilities should be provided where possible to identify the degradation of equipment.
- b) Operator Assistance in Testing and Repair Where practical, equipment should be designed to facilitate testing and repairs without requiring the assistance of the on-shift operator.
- c) Operator Indication of Testing or Repair Activities The operators should be provided with on indication that testing or repairs are underway.
- d) Indication for Equipment That Is Out of Service Means for indicating the status of equipment that is out of service should be provided.

# 7.1.4 Protecting Personnel from Hazards

- a) Designing for Safety of Maintainers Equipment should not present hazards to maintainers as they follow maintenance procedures.
- b) Covering Exposed Parts Protrusions and corners on equipment that maintainers might come into contact with should be covered with rubber or other appropriate materials.
- c) Energy Dissipation Before Maintenance Parts that retain hazardous levels of electrical potential or heat should be equipped with means to dissipate energy before to maintenance.
- d) Protecting Maintainers from Heat and Electrical Shock Equipment or parts that retain hazardous levels of heat or electrical potential during maintenance should be located where maintainers will not touch them during their work, or they should be shielded.
- e) Avoidance of Hazards for Adjustment Controls, Test Points, and Service Points Adjustment controls and test and service points should be located away from hazards.

### 7.1.5 Protecting Equipment and Components form Hazards

- a) Protecting Equipment from Hazards Equipment should be protected from potential exterior hazards resulting from personnel actions.
- b) Avoiding Damage to Protruding Parts Irregular protrusions on a unit of equipment should be easily removed to prevent damage by personnel during installation and maintenance.
- c) Avoiding Damage When Opening and Closing Equipment The parts and wiring of a module should be located and arranged so that personnel do not damage them when the module or the unit of equipment of which they are part is opened and closed.
- d) Avoiding Damage When Maintaining Internal Components Parts that are susceptible to damage by personnel should be located or shielded so that they will not be damaged during maintenance.

### 7.2 Instrument Cabinets and Racks

- a) Instrument Racks Instrument racks should support maintenance and testing by providing adequate physical and visual access to their contents.
- b) Cabinet Lighting Cabinets requiring maintenance inside the enclosure should have permanent lighting.
- c) Minimizing Field-Run Wiring The amount of field-run wiring should be minimized to avoid errors in identifying and connecting wires.
- d) Protective Electrical Grounds for Cabinets A protective ground should be provided.

# 7.3 Equipment Packaging

### 7.3.1 Modularization

- a) Modularization Units of equipment should be divided into as many modules as are practical and feasible to support personnel performance during maintenance.
- b) Physical and Functional Interchangeability If modules are physically interchangeable, they should also be functionally interchangeable to avoid errors in installing the wrong module.
- c) Distinguishing Non-interchangeable Modules The appearance of non-interchangeable modules should be distinguishable, and the difference should be apparent when the module is in its installed position.
- d) Replacement of Failed Components Equipment should be designed so that components that fail frequently can be easily replaced.
- e) Maintenance in Installed Location When possible, modules should be designed so that they can be maintained in their installed position, without requiring disconnection, disassembly, or removal of other modules.
- f) Unreliable Components If a module has parts that are significantly less reliable than the remaining ones, the unreliable parts should be accessible without removing the module.
- g) Removal and Testing Modules should be designed to permit testing when they are removed from their installed position.
- h) Installation and Testing Each module should allow separate installation and functional testing before the complete system is integrated.
- i) Installation and Calibration Modules should require little or no calibration immediately after installation.

- j) Interconnectivity The number of inputs and outputs associated with a module should be minimized, where possible, to reduce the likelihood of errors in installing connections or testing multiple inputs and outputs.
- k) Modularization Method The modularization of digital equipment should be based on a systematic method that can be readily understood by maintenance personnel.

### 7.3.1.1 Logical Flow Packaging

- a) Isolating Module Faults Via Single Input-Output Checks When logical flow packaging is used to modularize digital equipment, a module should be designed so that only single input and output checks are necessary to isolate a fault in it.
- b) Indication of Unidirectional Signal Flow When logical flow packaging is used to modularize digital equipment, the unidirectional signal flow within a module should be clearly indicated.

### 7.3.1.2 Circuit Packaging

- a) Locating Parts in A Single Module When circuit packaging is used to modularize digital equipment, all parts of a given circuit or group of logically related parts should be located in a single module to help personnel find and test them.
- b) Only One Circuit or Group of Related Parts per Module When circuit packaging is used to modularize digital equipment, a module should contain only one circuit or group of related parts to support testing and diagnosis.
- c) Packaging A Circuit as A Single Terminal-Board or Plug-in Module When circuit packaging is used to modularize digital equipment, the circuit should be packaged as a single terminal board or plug-in module, when possible, to support its testing and installation.
- d) Grouping Circuits to Minimize The Crossing of Signals When circuit packaging is used to modularize digital equipment, circuit should be grouped to minimize cross-crossing of signals among modules.

### 7.3.1.3 Component Packaging

- a) Grouping Components with Similar Replacement Schedule When using component packaging to modularize digital equipment, similar parts that are likely to require replacement at approximately the same time should be grouped together.
- b) Grouping Components with Similar Servicing Requirements When component packaging is used to modularize digital equipment, components requiring the same maintenance work should be grouped together, e.g., test points or components requiring a particular cleaning method.

### 7.3.1.4 Printed Circuit Boards

- a) Design for Removal and Replacement Printed circuit boards should be designed and mounted for ease of removal and the elimination of errors during replacement.
- b) Plug-in Printed Circuit Boards Plug-in printed circuit boards should be structurally rigid and easy to remove and replace, providing finger access and gripping aids if necessary.
- c) Feedback When Installing Plug-in Printed Circuit Boards Feedback should be provided to the maintainer when plug-in printed circuit boards are securely connected.
- d) Identification of Printed Circuit Boards and Parts Printed circuit boards should be marked to identify the board and the parts mounted on it.

# 7.3.2 Layout

# 7.3.2.1 Module Accessibility

- a) No Interference from Other Parts Modules should be laid out so that all parts can be removed and replaced without interference from or removal of other parts.
- b) No Stacking of Parts -To support accessibility, parts that make up a module should be mounted in an orderly, flat, two-dimensional array and should not be stacked one on top of another.
- c) Consistent Orientation If a module has more than one part of the same type that must be inserted in a particular orientation, all such parts should be oriented in the same direction, where practical.

- d) Spacing of Parts The parts that make up a module should be spaced and oriented so that required tools can be used without difficulty.
- e) Separation of Parts and Wiring on Printed Circuit Boards To support accessibility for testing parts on printed circuit boards, all parts should be mounted on one side of the board and all wiring, including printed circuits, should be located on the other side, where practical.
- f) Spacing of Terminals Terminals to which wires are to be soldered should be far enough apart so that work on one terminal does not damage neighboring terminals or nearby parts.
- g) Indicator Lights If a module has indicator lights, it should be possible to change them from the front panel, without opening or removing the module.
- h) Shutoff Switches If the module contains emergency shutoff switches, they should be positioned within easy reach, and they should be located or guarded to prevent inadvertent operation.
- Test, Adjustment and Connection Points Test points, adjustment points, and cable and line connectors should be located where the maintainer can see them easily and operate on them without interference.

### 7.3.2.2 Grouping

- a) Grouping Maintenance Display Devices All maintenance display devices relevant to a particular task should be grouped together and located where they can easily be seen.
- b) Separate Maintenance and Operational Display Devices If a unit of equipment contains both maintenance and operational display devices, the two types of devices should be separated.
- c) Separate Maintenance and Operational Displays in a Display Network If a display device contains displays for both maintenance and operations personnel, then the maintenance displays should have a separate location in the display network.

### 7.3.3 Mounting

- a) Support for Hinged Mounting If a module is mounted on hinges, supports should hold the module in the "out" or "open" position.
- b) Rests and Stands If a module contains parts that might be damaged when it is moved into position for maintenance, it should include rests or stands that are integral with the construction of the module to protect those parts.
- c) Preventing Mounting Errors by Physical Design Modules should be designed so that it is physically impossible to mount them incorrectly.
- d) Controls Modules should be mounted so that it is unnecessary to disconnect controls that may be needed for maintenance.
- e) Front Access Replaceable modules should be accessible through the front of the equipment, rather than the back, if the panel or console is not used by operators.
- f) Orientation of Modules within Cases If a module has a case, the proper orientation of the module within its case should be obvious, preferably through the physical design of the case, rather than through labeling.
- g) Connectors Electrical connections between modules should be simple and minimize the demands for manual dexterity.
- h) Standard Connectors Connectors should be standardized as much as possible.

# 7.4 Fuses and Circuit Breakers

- a) Location of Fuses and Circuit Breakers Fuses and circuit breakers should be grouped in a minimum number of centralized, readily accessible locations for removal, replacement, and resetting.
- b) Verification of an Open Circuit An indication should be given when a fuse or circuit breaker has opened a circuit.
- c) Individual Fused Units Fuses or circuit breakers should be provided so that each unit of a system is separately fused and adequately protected from harmful variations in voltages that personnel may cause.
- d) Worker Safety Fuse installations should be designed so that only the neutral ("cold") terminal of the fuse can be touched.
- e) Safeguarding The Circuit Fuses should be provided that safeguard the circuit if the wrong switch

or jack position is used.

- f) Easily Removed Fuse Holders Fuse holder cups or caps should be easily removed by hand.
- g) Identifying Fuses and Circuit Breakers Fuses and circuit breakers should be permanently labeled or marked.
- h) Indicating Fuse Ratings A fuse's rating should be indicated on the fuse and adjacent to the fuse holder.
- i) Identifying Affected Circuits The area of equipment served by a fuse or circuit breaker should be identified.

### 7.5 Labeling and Marking

- a) Standard Labels Equipment labels should be standardized as much as possible.
- b) Information Content of Labels and Markings for Modules Modules should be labeled or marked to supply information needed by maintainers.
- c) Visibility of Labels and Markings Labels and markings on parts or in cabinets should be placed so that the maintainer can see them without having to move or remove anything.
- d) Consistent Placement of Labels and Markings Labels and markings should be consistently placed in relation to the parts to which they refer.
- e) Luminescent Labels If labels must be read under very low ambient light, they may be marked in phosphorescent colors.
- f) Electrical Parts Small electrical parts that are attached to mounting boards, such as resistors and capacitors, should be labeled or marked on the mounting boards.
- g) Identification of Parts Parts should be identified with labels or markings.
- h) Identification of Terminals on Terminal Strips or Blocks The terminals of terminal strips or blocks should be labeled on the strip or block, or on the chassis, adjacent to the terminals.
- i) Identification of Terminals on Parts When parts have terminals (e.g., transformers, relays, and capacitors), each terminal should be identified by an adjacent label.
- j) Identification of Parts Accessible from Both Sides Receptacles that are accessible from both sides of a board or panel should be identified on both sides.
- k) Durability of Markings Markings should be durable enough to last the life of the equipment.
- I) Marking Stacked Parts If parts or modules are stacked, marking should permit identification of the individual parts or modules.
- m) Marking Enclosed or Shielded Parts, Modules, Test Points, and Service Points Enclosed or shielded parts, modules, test points, and service points should be marked both outside the enclosure or shield, and inside it.
- n) Hazard Warnings If there is any hazard from a part or module, a warning or caution label should be provided on it, on the case or cover, or both.
- o) Labeling Symmetrical Parts Parts that are symmetrical should be labeled or marked to indicate their proper orientation for mounting.
- p) Insertion Holes If a module has holes through which parts must be aligned and then inserted, labels showing the proper orientation of the part should be placed adjacent to the holes.
- q) Auxiliary Information for Parts Parts to which auxiliary information applies should be labeled with that information.

# 7.6 Adjustment Controls

- a) Misalignment Controls and displays should be designed to prevent misalignment that might be caused by vibration, service use, or accidental contact.
- b) Controls and Feedback Each adjustment control should provide feedback.
- c) Simultaneous Access to Controls and Displays Maintainers should have simultaneous access to an adjustment control and its associated display or other source of feedback.
- d) Differentiating Maintenance Controls from Operational Controls Maintenance and operational controls should be clearly differentiated.
- Location of Maintenance and Operational Controls The maintenance and operational controls should not appear on the same panel if maintenance and operation of a unit of equipment are performed by different sets of people.
- f) Independence of Adjustment Controls Where possible and practical, the adjustment of one

control should be independent of the adjustments of others.

- g) Sequential Adjustments If the adjustment of one control affects the adjustment of another, the controls should be arranged in sequential order, and labeled or marked to indicate the order of adjustment.
- h) Functionally Related Adjustments If a single control is used to affect multiple variables, then the user interface should be designed to prevent mode errors.
- i) Degree of Adjustment Controls should accommodate the degree of adjustment required; that is, gross adjustment, fine adjustment, or both.
- j) Mechanical Stops Adjustment controls intended to have a limited range of motion should have mechanical stops.
- k) Previous Settings If a task requires that a maintainer be able to quickly return a control to its previous setting, the control should have a scale and pointer, or equivalent.
- I) Preventing Inadvertent Adjustment Adjustment controls should be located and mounted so that they cannot be adjusted inadvertently.
- m) Critical or Sensitive Adjustments Critical or sensitive adjustments should incorporate features, such as locking devices, to prevent inadvertent or accidental adjustment.
- n) Hand or Arm Support If an adjustment control or the maintainer will be subject to vibration during adjustment, a suitable hand or arm support should be provided.

# 7.7 Test Points and Service Points

# 7.7.1 General Test Points and Service Points Guidelines

- a) Ease of Servicing Equipment should be designed so that it can be serviced in its installed position to prevent errors associated with disassembling and reassembling it.
- b) Appropriate Use of Test Points Test points should be provided on units of equipment as required to support personnel in checking, adjusting, and troubleshooting it.
- c) Single Adjustment Control Per Test Point A test point should not have more than one associated adjustment control.
- d) Ground Points Special grounding points should be provided, as needed, in locations in which surfaces have poor electrical grounding characteristics.

# 7.7.2 Location, Arrangement, and Marking

- a) Test Points for Units of Equipment Where possible, each input to and output from a unit of equipment should have test points to support testing and diagnosis of faults.
- b) Tracing Signals Test points should be provided to permit the systematic tracing of signals and voltages through a unit of equipment to support fault detection and diagnosis.
- c) Test and Service Point Accessibility All test and service points should be visible and physically accessible to the maintainer for checking and troubleshooting.
- d) Proximity of Controls, Displays, and Test Points Test points should be located in physical and visual proximity to the controls and displays used to make the adjustments.
- e) Proximity of Controls, Displays, and Service Points Service points should be located in physical and visual proximity to the controls used when adjusting them.
- f) Test and Service Point Location Test and service points should be provided, designed, and located in accordance with their frequency of use and any time-limits on maintenance.
- g) Compatibility of Test and Service Points Test and service points should be designed for compatibility with checking, troubleshooting, and servicing procedures, and with test and service equipment.
- h) Distinctive Connections Each type of test or service equipment should have distinctively different connectors or fittings to minimize the likelihood of error.
- i) Distinguishable Marking Test and service points should be designed and marked so that they are easily distinguishable from each other.

# 7.7.3 Accessibility

a) Access Openings for Test Equipment - Access openings necessary to connect test equipment should accommodate maintainers, equipment, and required tools.

b) Test Probe Guides - Suitable guides for test probes should be provided when test points are located internally to an enclosure.

### 7.8 Test Equipment

### 7.8.1 General Test Equipment Guidelines

- a) Built-in Test Capabilities All test capabilities for a unit of equipment should be built in, to the extent feasible, to reduce the likelihood of testing errors.
- b) Appropriate Use of Alarms If critical equipment is not regularly monitored, an alarm should be provided to indicate malfunctions or conditions that would cause personnel injury or equipment damage.
- c) Accuracy of Test Equipment The accuracy of test equipment should be consistent with testing requirements.
- d) Instructions Clearly written and easily understandable operating instructions for the test equipment should be available to the maintainer.
- e) Labels Equipment labels should identify all items the maintainer must be able to recognize, read, or use.
- f) Minimizing Errors The test equipment should be designed to minimize the occurrence of errors by the maintainer.
- g) Minimizing Hazards When possible, fail-safe features should be incorporated in test equipment to minimize dangers to maintainers or equipment.

### 7.8.2 Automatic Test Equipment

### 7.8.2.1 General

- a) Automated Aids Fault isolation, inspection, and checkout tasks should be automated to the extent practical to support personnel performance.
- b) On-Line Diagnostics Computer systems should have on-line diagnostic capabilities, if the detection and diagnosis of computer faults is required.

### 7.8.2.2 Test Intervals

- a) Continuous on-Line Self-Testing The capability for continuous on-line self-testing should be provided when practicable to support prompt detection of faults.
- b) Periodic Testing The capability for periodic functional testing that is manually initiated but executed automatically should be provided when personnel require control of the test intervals.

### 7.8.2.3 Bypasses for Plant and Test Equipment

- a) Automatic Bypass When a test is initiated manually, the correct bypasses required for testing should be established automatically, and the operators should be aware of all of them, where practical.
- b) Indicators for Test and Bypass Status Local indication of pass or fail for test and bypass status should be provided for periodic functional tests.
- c) Removal of Automatic Bypass When a periodic functional test sequence is completed, all bypasses established to allow the test to be performed should be automatically, to relieve the operator of this task, where practical.
- d) Bypassed Diagnosis Routines To support the diagnosis of faults, diagnosis routines that are bypassed during maintenance should be run again before equipment is put back in service.

### 7.8.2.4 Failure Indications

- a) Loss of Redundancy If part of a redundant system, unit of equipment, module, or component becomes inoperable, an alarm signaling the loss of redundancy should be provided to the user immediately.
- b) Overload Indications Overload indications should be provided for equipment subject to this condition.
- c) Identification of in-Tolerance Ranges When practical, the ranges for which test values are within

acceptable tolerance limits should be indicated on built-in test equipment.

- d) Out-of-Range Indicators If equipment has failed or is not operating within tolerance limits, an indication should be provided.
- e) Power Failure Indicators If a power failure occurs, an indication should be given.
- f) Open Circuit Indicators If a fuse or circuit breaker has opened a circuit, there should be an indication.
- g) Power-on Indicator A power-on indicator that extinguishes with loss of power should be provided.

### 7.8.2.5 Display of Test Results

- a) Inclusion of Fault Messages Fault messages should only be shown if they add value to the maintenance process.
- b) Direct Interpretation of Test Results Messages provided by test equipment should require a minimum amount of interpretation.
- c) Identification of Failure Location Test features should identify the location of the detected failure to the lowest replaceable module.
- Identification of Out-of-Tolerance Signals on Collating Test Equipment If equipment fails a test performed by collating test equipment, the test equipment should indicate which signal(s) are out of tolerance.

### 7.8.3 Test Equipment Hardware

### 7.8.3.1 General Test Equipment Hardware Guidelines

- a) Requirements for Test Equipment and Bench Mockups Test equipment and bench mockups should be treated like any other equipment with respect to the HFE design requirements for units, covers, cases, cables, connectors, test points, displays, and controls.
- b) Selector Switches Selector switches should be used rather than many, individual plug-in connections as long as the effects of switching do not degrade the desired information.
- c) Minimizing Test Equipment Accessories The number and types of test equipment accessories, such as connectors and test cables, should be minimized.
- d) Minimizing Test Equipment Controls, Displays, and Modes -Test equipment should be simple to operate and have a minimum number of controls, displays, and modes.
- e) Reducing The Number and Complexity of Steps The number and complexity of steps required to operate the test equipment should be minimized.
- f) Individual Operation Test equipment should be designed for operation by one person, if practical.
- g) Calibration Check Test equipment should be easily calibrated or equipped with a simple check to indicate whether or not it is out-of-calibration or malfunctioning.
- h) Avoid Temporary Equipment Configurations for Testing The use of temporary equipment configurations for periodic, functional testing of equipment should be avoided, where practical.

### 7.8.3.2 Portable Test Equipment

- a) Portable Diagnostic Tools Portable diagnostic equipment should be provided to aid in fault isolation when built-in equipment is not practical.
- b) Ease of Connection Portable test equipment should allow rapid and error-free connection to the equipment being tested.
- c) Calibration Information If maintenance personnel are required to verify that test equipment has been calibrated, then this information should be available to them.

### 7.8.3.3 Built-in Test Panel

- a) Test Point Connections Test points should permit the connection of the appropriate test equipment, such as voltage meters.
- b) Test Point Indication Labeling and Demarcation Test points should be clearly indicated on the test panel.

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# **APPENDIX A - Standard Abbreviation List/Engineering Unit/System Name**

This Appendix is divided into the following three Parts:

- Part 1: Standard Abbreviation List
- Part 2: Engineering Units and their Descriptions
- Part 3: <u>Table of System Names and Abbreviations</u> which contains the approved list of system codes that are used in the System Functional Descriptions. System abbreviations can be found in Part 1 of this Appendix.

# **APPENDIX A - Part 1**

Standard Abbreviation List

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
2-Sep	Separation Setpoint 2
%, PCT	Percent
&	And
(D)CRDR	Detail Control Room Design Review
1E	Electrical Equipment Classification of Class 1E
1ST, 1st	First
2ND	SECOND (After First)
3-D	Three Dimensional
A/D	Analog To Digital
A/E	Architect Engineering
A/T	Ampere Transfer
AAC	Alternate Alternating Current
AACDGB	Alternate AC Diesel Generator Building
AACDGS	Alternate AC Diesel Generator System
ААМ	Automatic-AND-Manual
АВ	Auxiliary Building
ABB	Auxiliary Boiler Building
ABCLA	Auxiliary Building Clean Area
ABCOA	Auxiliary Building Controlled Area
ABFD	Auxiliary Building Floor Drains
ABFOST	Auxiliary Boiler Fuel Oil Storage Tank
ABNL	Abnormal
ABOV	Above

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
ABS, A	Absolute
ABSR	Absorber
АВТ	Automatic Bus Transfer
ABWR	Advanced Boiling Water Reactor
AC	Alternating Current
ACB	Air Circuit Breaker
ACC	Accident
ACCEL	Accelerate
ACCS	Access
ACI	American Concrete Institute
ACK	Acknowledge
ACR	Advanced Control Room
ACT	Actuation
ACTV	Active
ACTVD	Activated
ACU	Air Cleaning Unit
ACUM	Accumulator
ACUMD	Accumulated
ADC	Analog To Digital Converter
ADCON	Addressable Constants
ADD	Additive
ADJ	Adjust
ADJCNT	Adjacent
ADMIN, Admin	Administration
ADSR	Adsorber

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
ADV	Atmospheric Dump Valve
AEB	Atomic Energy Bureau
AEC	Atomic Energy Commission
AF	Auxiliary Feedwater
AFAS	Auxiliary Feedwater Actuation Signal
AFAS-1	AFAS Signal Pertaining To Steam Generator 1
AFAS-2	AFAS Signal Pertaining To Steam Generator 2
AFD	Axial Flux Difference
AFP	Auxiliary Feedwater Pump
AFPTS	Auxiliary Feedwater Pump Turbine System
AFST	Auxiliary Feedwater Storage Tank
AFSTS	Auxiliary Feedwater Storage and Transfer System
AFT	After
AFWS	Auxiliary Feedwater System
AGCS	Automatic Generation Control System
AH	Air Heater
AHU	Air Handling Unit
AI	Analysis Indicator
AISC	American Institute of Steel Construction
AL	Aluminum
ALARA	As Low As Reasonably Achievable
ALGO	Algorithm
ALI	Analysis Light Indication
ALM, Alm	Alarm
ALMS	Acoustic Leak Monitoring System

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
ALMTXT	Alarm Text
ALT	Alternator
ALTE	Alternate
ALWR	Advanced Light Water Reactor
АМВ	Ambient
АМІ	Automatic Motion Inhibit
AMI	Accident Monitoring Instrumentation
АММ	Ammeter
AMMON, NH3	Ammonia
AMP(S)(Amp)	Ampere(s)
AMPL	Amplifier
AMU	Atomic Mass Unit
ANAL	Analysis
ANI	Anion
ANLG	Analog
ANN	Annunciator
ANS	American Nuclear Society
ANSI	American National Standards Institute
ANZR	Analyzer
AOATD	Abnormal Operations - Aux Trip Data
AOCID	Abnormal Operations - CEAC Inop Data
AOCOD	Abnormal Operations - COLSS OOS Data
AOD/SC	Abnormal Operations - Dropped/Slipped CEA
AOM	Automatic-OR-Manual
AOO	Anticipated Operational Occurrence

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
AOP	Abnormal Operating Procedures
AOT	Anticipated Operational Transient
AP	Auxiliary Power
APC-N	Auxiliary Process Cabinet-Non Safety
APC-S	Auxiliary Process Cabinet-Safety
APD	Axial Power Distribution
АРР, Арр	Application
APPROX	Approximately
APR	Average Power Range
APR	Advanced Power Reactor
APR1400	Advanced Power Reactor 1400
APS	Alternate Protection System
APWR	Advanced Pressurized Water Reactor
AQCS	Air Quality Control System
AQL	Acceptable Quality Level
AR	Area Radiation
ARC	Auxiliary Relay Cabinet
ARG	Argon
ARI	All Rod In
ARM	Area Radiation Monitor
ARO	All Rod Out
ARP	Alarm Response Procedure
AS	Auxiliary Steam
ASCE	American Society of Civil Engineers
ASI	Axial Shape Index

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
ASME	American Society of Mechanical Engineers
ASQ	Auto Sequential
ASS	Auto Startup System
ASS	Auxiliary Steam System
ASSY	Assembly
ASTM	American Society of Testing and Materials
ASU	Air Supply Unit
ATMOS	Atmosphere
ATS	Auto Turbine Startup
ATWS	Anticipated Transient Without Scram
AUCTD	Auctioneered
AUD	Audible
AUTO	Automatic
AUTOST	Autostart
AUX, Aux	Auxiliary
AUXT	Auxiliary Transformer
AV	Availability Verification
AVAIL, Avail	Available
AVG, Avg	Average
AVL	Approved Vendor List
AVT	All Volatile Treatment
AWD	Automatic Withdrawal Demand
AWP	Automatic Withdrawal Prohibit
AX	Axial
АХМ	Automatic-XOR-Manual

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
AZ	Azimuthal
ВА	Boric Acid
BABE	Boric Acid Batching Eductor
BABT	Boric Acid Batching Tank
BAC	Boric Acid Concentrator
BACIX	Boric Acid Condensate Ion Exchanger
BAF	Boric Acid Filter
BAL	Balance
BAMP	Boric Acid Makeup Pump
BARR	Barrier
BARS	Behaviorally Anchored Rating Scale
BAS	Breathing Air System
BAST	Boric Acid Storage Tank
BATT	Battery
BCK, Bck	Back
BCKUP	Back-Up
вст	Bushing Current Transformer
BDAS	Boron Dilution Alarm System
BDS	Blowdown System
BFR	Before
BFWV	Bypass Feedwater Valve
BG	Bottled Gas
BI	Boron Injection
BISI	Bypassed And Inoperable Status Indication
BISIS	Bypassed & Inoperable Status Indication System

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
BISTAB	Bistable
BKR	Breaker
вкwн	Backwash
BLD	Bleed
BLDG	Building
BLK	Block
BLKD	Blocked
BLO	Base Load Operation
BLOWDN	Blowdown
BLR	Boiler
BLWG	Blowing
BLWR	Blower
BMS	Boron Management System
BNK	BANK
BNR	Burner
BOC	Beginning of Cycle
BOL	Beginning of Life
вор	Balance of Plant
BOR	Boronometer
BOR,B	Boron
BORAT	Boration
вот	Bottom
BOTPS	Bearing Oil Transfer and Purification System
BPPCC	Boundary Point Power Correlation Coefficient
BR	Breathing

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
BRDG	Bridge
BRG	Bearing
BS	Backup System
BSN	Basin
BSTR	Booster
ВТА	Basic Task Analysis
ВТР	Branch Technical Position
BTU	British Thermal Unit
BTV	Bleed Trip Valve
BTWN	Between
BUSV	Bottom-Up Suitability Verification
BVPD	Bypass Feedwater Valve Position Demand
BVPS	Bypass Feedwater Valve Position Signal
BWD, Bwd	Backward
BWR	Boiling Water Reactor
BX	Box
ВҮР, Вур	Bypass
С	Carbon
°C	Celsius
C PROT	Cathodic Protection
C&ID	Control And Instrument Diagram
C/S	Cost Schedule
СА	Carbon Adsorber
CAB, Cab	Cabinet
CAD	Computer Aided Design

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
CALB, CALIB	Calibration
CALC	Calculation
CAOC	Constant Axial Offset Control
CAPY	Capacity
CAS	Central Alarm Station
CAT	Category
CAU	Chemical Addition Unit
CAUS	Caustic
СВ	Circuit Breaker
CBD	Continuous Blowdown
CBL	Cable
СВР	Computer Based Procedures
сс	Cubicle Cooler
ССС	Cross Channel Comparison
CCF	Common-cause Failure
CCG	Control Channel Gateway
ССР	Centrifugal Charging Pump
CCS	Component Control System
CCTV	Closed Circuit Television
CCTVS	Closed Circuit Television System
CCW(S)	Component Cooling Water (System)
ССЖНХВ	CCW Heat Exchanger Building
ccws	Component Cooling Water System
CDF	Core Damage Frequency
CDM	Critical Decision Method

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
CDS	Carbon Dioxide System
CDSR	Conceptual Design Summary Report
CDTY	Conductivity
CE	Combustion Engineering
CEA	Control Element Assembly
CEA(C)	Control Element Assembly (Calculator)
CEAC	Control Element Assembly Calculator
CEACSC	CRAC Subgroup Comparison Directory
CEAMI	Control Element Assembly Motion Inhibit
CEDM	Control Element Drive Mechanism
CEDM(CS)	Control Element Drive Mechanism (Control System)
CEDMCS	CEDM Control System
CENT	Centrifugal
CEOG	Combustion Engineering Owner's Group
CET	Core Exit Thermocouple
CETC, CET(S)	Core Exit Thermocouple(s)
CF/SPM	Critical Function/Success Path Monitoring
CFCS	Containment Fan Cooler System
CFHS	Chemical Feed and Handling System
CFM(S)	Critical Function Monitoring (System)
CFR	Code of Federal Regulation
CFVS	Containment Filtered Vent System
CG	Channelized Gateway
CGCS	Combustible Gas Control System
CH, Ch	Channel
Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
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CHAR	Charcoal
СНЕМ	Chemical
CHF	Critical Heat Flux
CHFR	Critical Heat Flux Ratio
СНК, СК	Check
CHLD	Chilled
CHLOR	Chloride
CHLORTN	Chlorination
CHLR	Chiller
СНМВ	Chamber
CHR	Charger
CHR	Core Heat Removal
CHRG	Charging
CHRS	Containment Hydrogen Recombiner System
СНЅТ	Chest
СНЅТѠМ	Chest Warm
СНТ	Cold Hydrostatic Test
CHWD	Chemical Water Drain
СІ	Containment Isolation
CIAS	Containment Isolation Actuation Signal
CIC	Compensated Ionization Chamber
CIRC	Circulating
CIS	Containment Isolation System
CIV	Containment Isolation Valve
CKT(S)	Circuit(s)

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
CL, CI	Chlorine
CLD	Control Logic Diagram
CLG, Clg	Cooling
CLNG	Cleaning
CLNT	Coolant
CLR	Cooler
CLRF	Clarifier
CLS	Close
CLSCR	Coalescer
CLSD	Closed
CMD	Command
CMFA	Common Mode Failure Analysis
СМІ	CEA Core Motion Inhibit
CMN	Common
СМРМТ	Compartment
CMPN	Compensated
CMPTD	Computed
CMS	Containment Monitoring System
CMTR	Certified Material Test Report
CNDSR	Condenser
CNDT	Conduit
CNMT	Containment
CNVR	Conveyer
CO2	Carbon Dioxide
COAG	Coagulant

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
COEFF	Coefficient
COL	Combined Operating License
COLL	Collector
COLLN	Collection
COLSS	Core Operating Limit Supervisory System
СОМ	Communication
COMAT	Computer Aided Test
СОМВ	Combustible
COMP	Component
COMR	Compressor
CONC	Concentration
COND	Condensate
CONDN	Condition
CONN	Connection
CONSTR	Construction
CONV	Convection
COP	Condensate Pump
CORR	Corrected
COSS	Computerized Operator Support System
СР	Construction Permit
СРВ	Compound Building
CPC	Core Protection Calculator
CPC OMD	CPC Operation Mode Directory
CPCS	Core Protection Calculator System
CPDS	CEA Position Display System

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
CPE	Charged Particle Equilibrium
CPIA	CEA Position Isolation Assembly
CPIAS	Containment Purge Isolation Actuation Signal
CPLG	Coupling
СРМ	Count Per Minute
СРР	Condensate Polishing Plant
CPPF	Critical Power Production Function
CPS	Computerized Procedure System/ Counts Per Second
CPSD	Composite Data
CPTR	Computer
CPU	Central Processing Unit
CR	Control Room
CRC	Cyclic Redundancy Check
CRDR	Control Room Design Review
CREVAS	Control Room Emergency Ventilation Actuation System
CRT	Cathode Ray Tube
CS	Confirm Switch
CS(S)	Containment Spray (System)
CSAS	Containment Spray Actuation Signal
CSF	Critical Safety Function
CSG	Casing
CSP	Containment Spray Pump
CSS	Containment Spray System
CST	Condensate Storage Tank
CSTS	Condensate Storage and Transfer System

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
СТ	Current Transformer
СТА	Crew Task Analysis
CTCS	Condenser Tube Cleaning System
CTN	Cation
СТОИТ	Cutout
СТРС	Containment Temp & Press Control
CTR	Center
CTRL(R)	Control(ler)
CTRLD	Controlled
CTS	Current Technical Specification
CU	Clean Up
CUB	Cubicle
CURR	Current
CV	Control Valve
CVAP	Comprehensive Vibration Assessment Program
CVCS	Chemical and Volume Control System
СЛН	Containment Vent Header
CVR	Cover
CVTR	Converter
CVTY	Cavity
CW	Circulating Water
CW(S)	Circulating Water (System)
CWC	Chilled Water Coil
CWD	Control Wiring Diagram
CWDH	Chemical Waste Drain Header

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
CWIS	Circulating Water Intake Structure
CWP	CEA Withdrawal Prohibit
CWP/B	CEA Withdrawal Prohibit Bypass
cws	Circulating Water System
CWT	Cooling Water Treatment
CYL	Cylinder
D/A	Digital To Analog
D/L TRD	DNBR/LDP Trend
D3	Diversity and Defense-in-depth
DA	Diagnostic Actions
DAC	Design Acceptance Criteria
DAS	Data Acquisition System
DAS	Diverse Actuation System
DBA	Design Basis Accident
DBD	Design Base Drawing
DBE	Design Basis Event
DC	Direct Current
DCD	Design Control Document
DCDF	Drawing Comment Distribution Form
DCM	Design Criteria Manual
DCN	Design Change Notice
DCPS	DC Power System
DCS	Distributed Control System
DCT	Duct
DDC	Direct Digital Control

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
DDCC	Design Document Control Center
DDE	Deep Dose Equivalent
DDG	Detail Design Guidance
DDPS	Digital Data Processing System
DEAER	Deaerator
DECAR	Decarbonator
DECON	Decontamination
DECR	Decrease
DEG	Degrees
DEGAS	Degasfier
DEH	Digital Electrohydraulic
DEM	Demand
DEMI, DEMIN	Demineralizer
DENERG	Deenergize
DEP	Dependent
DET	Detector
DETN	Detection
DEV	Deviation
DEWATER	Dewatering
DF	Decontamination Factor
DFBV	Downcomer Feedwater Bypass Valve
DFCV	Downcomer Feedwater Control Valve
DFOTS	Diesel Fuel Oil Transfer System
DG	Diesel Generator
DHRS	Decay Heat Removal System

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
DI	Design Implementation
Diagno	Diagnostic
DID	Defense-in-Depth
DIFF, Diff	Differential
DIG	Digital
DIHA	Deterministically-important Human Action
DIL	Dilute
DILU	Dilution
DIP	Design Implementation Plan
DIS	Disabled
DISCON	Disconnect
DISENG	Disengage
DISP	Display
DISTR, Distr	Distribution
DIT	Design Information Transmittal
DIV	Division
DIVE	Diversion
DIX	Deborating Ion Exchanger
DL	Data Link
DLY	Delay
DMA	Diverse Manual Actuation
DMPR	Damper
DMS	Data Management System
DNBR	Departure from Nucleate Boiling Ratio
DNBR	Departure from Nucleate Boiling

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
DNBRPT	DNBR Pretrip Setpoint
DNS	Density
DNSTRM	Downstream
DO	Diesel Oil
DO2	Dissolved Oxygen
DOMES	Domestic
DOR	Division Of Responsibility
DP,ΔP	Differential Pressure
DPLX	Duplex
DPS	Diverse Protection System
DRC	Dropped Rod (CEA) Contact
DRG	Design Review Guideline
DRM	Drum
DRN	Drain
DRN	Design Review Notice
DRNP	Drain Pump
DRV	Drive
DS	Disconnect Switch
DSCH, Dsch	Discharge
DSL	Diesel
DST	Deaerator Storage Tank
DT	Drain Tank
DURAT	Duration
DV	Drain Valve
DVI	Direct Vessel Injection

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
DWS	Domestic Water System
DWT	Demineralized Water Tank
E	East
E/I	Voltage To Current
E/P	Electrical To Pneumatic
EAB	Exclusion Area Boundary
EARO	Essential All Rods Out
EBOP	Emergency Bearing Oil Pump
ECA	Emergency Contingency Action
ECBC	Estimated Critical Boron Concentration
ECC	Eccentricity
ECCS	Emergency Core Cooling System
ECN	Engineering Change Notice
ECP	Estimated Critical Position
ECRP	Estimated Critical Rod Position
ECWMP	Essential Central Chilled Water Makeup Pump
ECWP	Essential Central Chilled Water Pump
ECWS	Essential Chilled Water System
EdF	Electricite de France
EDG	Emergency Diesel Generator
EDGB	Emergency Diesel Generator Building
EDGS	Emergency Diesel Generator System
EDT	Equipment Drain Tank
EFCV	Excess Flow Check Valve
EFD	Early Fault Detection

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
EFF	Efficiency
EFLU	Effluent
EFPD	Effective Full Power Day
EFPH	Effective Full Power Hour
EGL	Engineering Group Leader
EGS	Engineering Group Supervisor
EH	Electrohydraulic
EHC	Electrohydraulic Control
EL	Elevation
ELE	Element
ELECT	Electrical, Electric
ELECTRN	Electronic
ELVTR	Elevator
EM	Environmental Monitoring
EMC	Electromagnetic Compatibility
ЕМІ	Electromagnetic Interference
EMRG	Emergency
EMS	Energy Management System
EMT	Eye Movement Tracking
ENCAPS	Encapsulation
ENCLSR	Enclosure
ENERG	Energize
ENFMS	Excore Neutron Flux Monitoring System
ENG	Engine
ENGD	Engaged

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
ENGR	Engineering
EO	Emergency Oil
EO	Electrical Operator
EOC	End of Cycle
EOF	Emergency Operations Facility
EOL	End of Life
EOP	Emergency Operating Procedure
EOS	Electronic Overspeed System
EPA	Electrical Penetration Assembly
EPABX	Electronic Private Auto Branch Exchange
EPG	Emergency Procedure Guideline
EPRI	Electric Power Research Institute
EPZ	Emergency Planning Zone
EQ	Equipment Qualification
EQUIP, EQPT, Equip	Equipment
ER	Environmental Report
ERC	Emergency Response Capability
ERF	Emergency Response Facility
ERG	Emergency Response Guideline
ERR	Error
ERVC	External Reactor Vessel Cooling
ES	Earthing Switch
ESCC	Essential Component Cooling
ESCM	ESF-CCS Soft Control Module

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
ESDE	Excess Steam Demand Event
ESF	Engineered Safety Feature
ESF(S)	Engineered Safety Feature (System)
ESF-1	ESF Signal Cannot Be Overridden
ESF-2	ESF Signal Can Be Overridden
ESFAS	Engineered Safety Features Actuation System
ESF-CCS	Engineered Safety Feature-Component Control System
ESI	Equilibrium Shape Index
ESOP	Emergency Seal Oil Pump
ESS	Extraction Steam System
ESSEN, Essen	Essential
ESTB	Operator Established Alarm
ESW(S)	Essential Service Water (System)
ESWIS	ESW Intake Structure
ESWS	Essential Service Water System
ET	Emergency Trip
ETS	Electrical Trip Solenoid
EUR	European Utility Requirement
EVA	Early Valve Actuation
EVAC	Evacuation
EVAP	Evaporator
EVMS	Equipment Vibration Monitoring System
EWD	Elementary Wiring Diagram
EX2K	EX2100
EXC	Exciter

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
EXCH	Exchanger
EXCS	Excess
EXH, Exh	Exhaust
EXHD	Exhaust Hood
EXHSTR	Exhauster
EXP	Expansion
EXT	Extraction
EXTER	External
EXTRR	Extractor
°F	Fahrenheit
F.A.I	Failed As Is
F.C., F-C	Failed Closed
F.O.	Failed Open
FA	Functional Allocation
FA	Function Allocation
FAC	Facility
FAIL	Failure
FALT	Fault
FAS	Functional Analysis Summary
FC	Flow Controller
FCA	Fuel Cycle Analysis
FCAW	Flux Core Arc Welding
FCC	Flow Calibration Constant
FCLD	Functional Control Logic Diagram
FCN	Field Change Notice

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
F-COR	F-Correction
FCR	Field Change Request
FCT	Function Correlation Table
FCV	Flow Control Valve
FDAS	Fire Detection & Alarm System
FDBK	Feedback
FDR	Feeder
FDT	Function Definition Table
FE	Flow Element
FF	Front Face
FG	Flue Gas
FHA	Fuel Handling Area
FHEVAS	Fuel Handling Area Emergency Ventilation Actuation Signal
FHS	Fuel Handling System
FI	Flow Indicator
FID	Functional Interconnection Diagram
FIDAS	Fixed Incore Detector Amplifier System
FIK	Flow Indicating Control Station
FIMS	Fixed In-Core Monitoring System
FIV	Feedwater Isolation Valve
FL	Fuel
FLCEA	Full Length CEA
FLD	Field
FLG	Fouling
FLM	Flame

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
FLNG	Flange
FLO, Flo, F	Flow
FLR	Floor
FLSH	Flash
FLTR	Filter
FLU	Fluid
FLUO	Fluoride
FMEA	Failure Mode and Effects Analysis
FO	Fuel Oil
FOM	Fiber Optic Modem
FOS	Fuel Oil System
FP(P)	Fire Protection (Panel)
FPCC	Fuel Pool Cooling And Cleanup
FPD	Flat Panel Display
FPROM	Field Programmable ROM
FPS	Fire Protection System
FPTS	Feedwater Pump Turbine System
FPWTB	Fire Pump & Water Treatment Building
FQI	Flow Integrator Indicator
FQS	Flow Integrator Switch
FR	Flow Recorder
FRA	Functional Requirement Analysis
FRA/FA	Functional Requirements Analysis and Function Allocation
FRACT	Fraction
FREQ	Frequency

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
FRG	Functional Recovery Guidelines
FRNT	Front
FRP	Functional Recovery Procedure
FRS	Floor Response Spectra
FRZ	Freeze
FS	Feedwater System
FSAR	Final Safety Analysis Report
FT	Flow Transmitter
FUL	Full
FUNC, FUNCT	Function
FUT	Future
F-V	Fussell-Vesely
FW	Feedwater
FWC(S)	Feedwater Control (System)
FWCS	Feedwater Control System
FWD, Fwd	Forward
FWF	Feedwater Flow
FWLB	Feedwater Line Break
FWP	Feedwater Pump
FWSH	Flush Water Supply Header
FWST	Fresh Water Storage Tank
GA	Gas Analyzer
GACR	General Arrangement Changing Request
GCB	Gas Circuit Breaker
GCB	Generator Circuit Breaker

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
GCH	Gas Collection Header
GDC	General Design Criteria
GDT	Gas Decay Tank
GE	General Electric Company
GEN	Generator
GFFD	Gross Failed Fuel Detector
GH	Gatehouse
GIB	Gas Insulated Bus
GIS	Gas Insulated Substation
GLND	Gland
GLY	Glycol
GM	Gas Monitor
G-M	Geiger-Muller
GND	Ground
GNE	Generator End
GNRL	General
GNRLD	General Data
GOE	Governor End
GOP	General Operating Procedures
GOV	Governor
GPA	Group Position Average
GPH	Group Position Highest
GPM	Gallons Per Minute
GRAV	Gravity
GRBX	Gearbox

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
GRP	Group
GRS	Gaseous Radwaste System
GS	Gas Stripper
GSC	Generator Stator Cooling
GSCE	Generator Stator Cooling Exhauster
GSE	Gas Stripper Effluent
GSERMS	Gas Stripper Effluent Radiation Monitoring System
GSI	Generic Safety Issue
GSS	Gland Seal Steam
GST	Gas Surge Tank
GSWCT	Gland Seal Water Collection Tank
GTAW	Gas Tungsten Arc Welding
GTG	Generic Technical Guidance
GUI	Graphic User Interface
GV	Governor Valve
GWMS	Gaseous Waste Management System
GX	Group Controller
Gy	Gray
H, H2	Hydrogen
H/A	Handling Area
H/W	Hotwater
НА	Hour Average
НА	Human Actions
НС	Hand Controller
HCBD	High Capacity Blowdown

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
HCG	Human Centered Design Goal
HCGMS	H2 & Combustible Gas Monitoring System
НСР	Hard Copy Procedure
HCS	Hoist and Crane System
HCU	Hydraulic Control Unit
HD	Heater Drain
HD	HSI Design
HDL	Handle
HDLG	Handling
HDR	Header
HDS	Heater Drain System
HDTM	Human Factors Engineering Design Team Meeting
HED	Human Engineering Discrepancy
HELB	High Energy Line Break
HEP	Human Error Probability
НЕРА	High Efficiency Particulate Air
HF	Human Factors
HF V&V	Human Factors Verification and Validation
HFE	Human Factors Engineering
HFE DIP	HFE Design & Integration Plan
HFE IP	HFE Integration Plan
HFE PP	HFE Program Plan
HFE PRM	HFE Program Review Model
HFEPP	Human Factors Engineering Program Plan
HFG	Human Factors Group

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
HFP	Hydraulic Fluid Pump
HFT	Hot Functional Test
HG	Mercury
HGL	Hydraulic Grade Line
HHWL	High High Water Level
HI, Hi	High
HI/LO	High / Low
HIC, HIK	Hand Indicating Controller
HI-HI, HH, Hi-Hi	High-High
HI-HI-HI, Hi-Hi-Hi	High-High
НЈТС	Heated Junction Thermocouple
HJTC(S)	Heated Junction Thermocouple (System)
HL	Heat Loss
HLD(G)	Hold(Ing)
HLDUP	Holdup
HLO	High Level Override
HLTH	Health
HLW	High Level Waste
НМІ	Human Machine Interface
HMPF	Horizontal Multicell Pressure Filter
HMS	Hydrogen Monitoring system
HNDWHL	Handwheel
HOR	Horizontal
HP	High Pressure
HPES	Hydrogen Purge Exhaust System

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
НРМ	Human Performance Measurement
НРО	Health Physics Office
HPSI	High Pressure Safety Injection
HPSV	High Pressure Stop Valve
HR, Hr	Hour
HRA	Human Reliability Analysis
HRP	Halden Reactor Project
HRS	Hydrogen Recombiner System
HS	Handswitch
HS	Hydrogen System
HSDH	High Solids Drain Header
HSE	House
HSI	Human-System Interface
HSIDIP	Human-System Interface Design Implementation Plan
HSIS	Human-System Interface System
HSL	High Speed Link
HSNG	Housing
HSS	Hand Synchronize Switch
HST	Hoist
HSWH	High Solids Waste Header
НТ	Holdup Tank
HTG	Heating
HTR(S)	Heater(S)
HTS	Heat Tracing System
HUMF	Humidifier

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
HUMID	Humidity
HV	High Voltage
HVAC	Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning
HVACS	Heating, Venting & Air Conditioning System
HVPS	High Volume Purge System
HW	Hotwell
HWL	High Water Level
нх	Heat Exchanger
НҮСО	Hypochlorite
HYD, Hyd	Hydraulic
HYDROX	Hydroxide
HYDZ	Hydrazine
HZ	Hertz
I&C	Instrumentation And Control
I&C ER	I&C Equipment Room
I/O	Input/Output
IA	Instrument Air
IAD	Instrument Air Distribution Drawing
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
IAS	Instrument Air System
IC	In Core
ICC(MS)	Inadequate Core Cooling (Monitoring System)
ICI	In Core Instrumentation
ICICTA	Incore Instrumentation Cable Tray Assembly
ICRP	International Commission on Radiological Protection

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
ID	Inside Diameter
ID, Id	Identification
IDH	Ion Exchange Drain Header
IEDH	Ion Exchanger Drain Header
IEEE	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
IGN	Igniter, Ignition
IHA	Integrated Head Assembly
IHA	Important Human Action
11	Current Indicator
IID	Instrument Installation Details
ILD	Instrument Location Drawing
ILRT	Integrated Leak Rate Test
ILS	Interposing Logic System
IMP	Impulse
IN	Inch
INACCES	Inaccessible
INACT	Inactive
INBD	Inboard
INBLST	Inhibit List
INC	Incoming
INCR	Increase
IND	Indicator
INDN	Induction
INDP	Independent
INDVL	Individual

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
INFLU	Influent
INIT	Initiate
INJ, Inj	Injection
INLT	Inlet
INOP	Inoperable
INPO	Institute For Nuclear Power Operations
INR	Inner
INRT	Inerting
INSER	Insertion
INSP	Inspection
INST	Instrument
INT	Internal
INTCP	Intercept
INTD	Initiated
INTERM	Intermediate
INTK	Intake
IOD, I	lodine
ЮМ	Interoffice Memorandum
IOPOSRV	Inadvertent Operation of POSRV
IP	Intermediate Pressure
IP	Implementation Plan
IPB	Isolated Phase Bus
IPS	Information Processing System
IPSO	Integrated Process Status Overview
IR	Intermediate Range

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
IRD	Interface Requirement Document
IRM	Intermediate Range Monitor
IRMS	Intermediate Range Monitor Subsystem
IRN	Iron
IRWSS	In-Containment Refueling Water Storage System
IRWST	In-Containment Refueling Water Storage Tank
IS	Intake Structure
ISCS	Integrated Surveillance and Control System
ISD	Isometric Drawing
ISI	In-service Inspection
ISOL, Isol	Isolation
ISOTPE	Isotope
ISTS	Improved Standard Technical Specification
ISV	Integrated System Validation
ISV	Intermediate Stop Valve
ITA	Important to Availability(Software)
ITAAC	Inspections, Test, Analyses, and Acceptance Criteria
ITP	Interface and Test Processor
ITS	Improved Technical Specification
ITS	Issue Tracking System
IV	Intercept Valve
IVMS	Internals Vibration Monitoring System
IVV	Interim Verification & Validation
IWD	Interconnection Wiring Diagrams
IX	Ion Exchanger

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
JB	Junction Box
JI	Power Indicator
ЈКІ	Power Rate Change Indicator
JQI	Power Demand Meter
JR	Power Recorder
JRNL	Journal
JSD	Joint System Design
JT	Joint
JUNC	Junction
KAERI	Korea Atomic Energy Research Institute
KBS	Knowledge-Based System
KEPCO	Korea Electric Power Corporation
KEPIC	Korea Electric Power Industry Code
KHNP	Korea Hydro and Nuclear Power Co., Ltd
КІ	Time Indicator
KNBR	KEPCO Nuclear Review Board
KNFC	Korea Nuclear Fuel Company
KOPEC	KEPCO Engineering & Construction Company
KSI	Korea Standards Institute
KSNP	Korean Standard Nuclear Power Plant
KSNP+	Improved Korean Standard Nuclear Power Plant
L.C.	Locked Closed
L.O.	Locked Open
LA	Lightning Arrester
LAB	Laboratory

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
LB	Lube Oil
LBB	Leak Before Break
LBD	Level Instrument Bridle Drawing
LBLOCA	Large Break Loss of Coolant Accident
LBRNG	Low Bearing
LC	Level Controller
LC	Load Center
LCD	Liquid Crystal Display
LCL	Local
LCO	Limiting Conditions for Operation
LCP	Local Control Panel(S)
LCS	Local Control Station
LCV	Level Control Valve
LD	Lead
LDHX	Letdown Heat Exchanger
LDP	Large Display Panel
LDS	Leak Detection System
LED	Light Emitting Diode
LER	Licensee Event Report
LF	Left
LGT	Light
LGTR	Lighter
LH	Left Hand
LI	Level Indicator
LIK	Level Indicating Control Station

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
LIQ	Liquid
LJR	Level Multipoint Recorder
LK	Leak
LKD	Locked
LKOFF	Leak Off
LLRT	Local Leak Rate Test
LLWL	Low Low Water Level
LM	Locally Mounted
LMT	Limit
LMTER	Limiter
LMTNG	Limiting
LN	Line
LNR	Linear
L-O	Locked-Out
LO, Lo	Low
LOCA	Loss of Coolant Accident
LOD	Load
LOF	Loss Of Feedwater
LOFC	Loss Of Forced Circulation
LOFR	Loss Of Feedwater Recovery
LOG	Logarithmic
LO-LO, LL, Lo-Lo	Low-Low
LO-LO-LO, Lo-Lo- Lo	Low-Low
LOOP	Loss of Offsite Power

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
LOP	Loop
LOS	Line Of Sight
LOV	Loss Of Voltage
LP	Low Pressure
LPA	Low Pressure Turbine A
LPB	Low Pressure Turbine B
LPC	Low Pressure Turbine C
LPD	Local Power Density
LPMS	Loose Parts Monitoring System
LPR	Low Power Range
LPRM	Local Power Range Monitor
LPS	Lightning Protection System
LPSI	Low Pressure Safety Injection
LPZ	Low Population Zone
LR	Level Recorder
LRS	Liquid Radwaste System
LS	Level Switch
LSD	Level Setting Diagram
LSS	Local Sampling System
LSSS	Limiting Safety System Setting
LT	Level Transmitter
LTC	Long Term Cooling
LTDN, Ltdn	Letdown
LTG	Lighting
LTOP	Low Temperature Overpressure Protection

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
LTS	Local Test Switch
LUB	Lubricating
LUBO	Lubricating Oil
LV	Low Voltage
LVDT	Linear Variable Differential Transformer
LVL, L	Level
LVNG	Leaving
LVPS	Low Volume Purge System
LWA	Limited Work Authorization
LWL	Low Water Level
LWMS	Liquid Waste Management System
LWR	Light Water Reactor
LX	Loop Controller
M/A	Manual/Automatic
МАСН	Machine
MAI	Manual Individual
MAIC	Manual/Automatic Indicator Control
MAINT	Maintenance
MALF	Malfunction
MAN	Manual
MANGR	Manager
MANIP	Manipulator
MAST	Master
MAT	Memory Address Translator
MAX, Max	Maximum

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
Mb, Mb	Body Wave Magnitude
МВА	Material Balance Area
MBDS	Miscellaneous Building Drain System
MCA	Maximum Credible Accident
MCB(S)	Main Control Board(S)
MCBD	Measurement Channel Block Diagram
MCC	Motor Control Center
MCHFR	Minimum Critical Heat Flux Ratio
MCR	Main Control Room
MCRS	Main Control Room System
MD	Master Diagram
MDFP	Motor Driven Feed Pump
MDS	Makeup Demineralizer System
MDSP	Midspan
MECH	Mechanical
МЕРВ	Moderate Energy Pipe Break
MEZ	Mezzanine
MFG	Manufacturing
MFIV	Main Feed Pump Isolation Valve
MFLD	Manifold
MFP	Main Feed Pump
MFPT	Main Feed Pump Turbine
MFR	Manufacturer
MG(SETS)	Motor Generator (Sets)
MGN	Margin

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
MGP	Manual Group
МН	Mounting Height
МІ	Minimum Inventory
MIBRG	Motor Inboard Bearing
Mini F	Mini-Flow
Mini LDP	Mini-Large Display Panel
MINI, Min	Minimum
MISC	Miscellaneous
ML	Manufacturing License
MLWMS	Miscellaneous Liquid Waste Management System
MM HGA	Millimeters Mercury Absolute
ММІ	Man-Machine Interface
MMIS	Man-Machine Interface System
MMS	Meteorological Monitoring System
MN	Main
MOBRG	Motor Outboard Bearing
мос	Middle of Cycle
MOD	Modulation
MODU	Module
MOIST	Moisture
MON	Monitor
MOP	Main Oil Pump
MOST	Mechanical Overspeed Trip
MOV	Motor Operated Valve
MOVA	Maintenance Of Vital Auxiliary

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
МОХ	Mixed Oxide Fuel
MP	Main Power
МРВ	Main Power Block
MPC	Maximum Permissible Concentration
MPR	Monthly Progress Report
MPROCES	Microprocessor
MPS	Main Power System
MS	Motor Status
MS(S)	Main Steam (System)
MSADV	Main Steam Atmospheric Dump Valve
MSH	Makeup Supply Header
MSI(A)S	Main Steam Isolation (Actuation) Signal
MSIS	Main Steam Isolation System
MSIV	Main Steam Isolation Valve
MSL	Main Steam Line
MSLB	Main Steam Line Break
MSP	Motor Suction Pump
MSQ	Manual Sequential
MSR	Moisture Separator Reheater
MSS	Main Steam System
MSSV	Main Steam Safety Valve
MST	Multi Stud Tensioner
MSV	Main Stop Valve
MT	Main Transformer
MTAS	Main Turbine and Auxiliary System

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
MTBF	Mean Time Between Failure
MTBFO	Mean Time Between Forced Outage
MTD	Mounted
MTP	Maintenance and Test Panel
MTRG	Motoring
MTS	Material Tracking System
MTTF	Mean Time To Failure
MTTR	Mean Time to Repair
MU	Makeup
MUX, MX	Multiplexer
MVDC	Maintenance Vital Dc
MWE	Megawatts Electric
MWT	Megawatts Thermal
N	North
N/A	Not Applicable
N2	Nitrogen
NA	Sodium
NAPS	NSSS Application Software
NAR	Narrow
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NAT	Natural
NBL	Noble
NBR	Nucleate Boiling Ratio
NC	Normal Closed
NCC	Natural Circulation Cooldown

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
NCR	Nonconformance Report
NCWS	Nuclear Cooling Water System
NDE/NDT	Non-Destructive Test
NDL	Nuclear Data Link
NDT	Nil-Ductility Temperature
NDTT	Nil-Ductility Transition Temperature
NEG	Negative
NEUL	Neutral
NEUT	Neutron
NF 1E	Neutron Flux Information (Safety)
NF N1E	Neutron Flux Information (Non-Safety)
NF, N	Neutron Flux
NFANC	Neutron Flux Alarm and Control
NFC	Not Fully Closed
NFO	Not Fully Open
NFPA	National Fire Protection Association
NHSCA	N2 & H2 Storage Cylinder Area
NI(S)	Nuclear Instrumentation (System)
NIMS	NSSS Integrity Monitoring System
NMS	Neutron Monitoring System
NNPP 1&2	New Nuclear Power Plant Units 1&2
NNS	Non-nuclear Safety
NO	Normal Open
NOG	Normal Operating Guidelines
NON-1E	Electrical Equipment Classification of Non-Class 1E
Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
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NON-REGEN	Non-Regenerative
NORM	Normal
NOZ	Nozzle
NPA	Non-Post Accident
NPCS	NSSS Process Control System
NPS	Nuclear Power Station
NPSH	Net Positive Suction Head
NPSS	Normal Primary Sample Sink
NPSVCR	Normal Primary Sample Valve And Cooler Rack
NR	Narrow Range
NRC	U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
NS	Nitrogen System
NSPB	Non-segregated Phase Bus
NSR	Non-safety-related
NSSS	Nuclear Steam Supply System
NUC	Nuclear
NUM, #, NO.	Number
NUREG	Nuclear Regulation
O&M	Operations And Maintenance
O/C	Open/Close
O2	Oxygen
OA	Outside Air
ОВА	Operation Basis Accident
OBE	Operating Basis Earthquake
ОВІ	Operation Basis Incident

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
OBRG	Outboard Bearing
OBSTR	Obstruction
oc	Operation Console
ос	Overcurrent
ОСВ	Oil Circuit Breaker
OD	Outside Diameter
OER	Operating Experience Review
OF	Oil Filled
OFC	Office
OG	Operation Guideline
OHDR	Outlet Header
OIU	Operator Interface Unit
ок	Okay
OL	Operating License
OLTC	On Load Tap Changer
ОМ	Operator Module
oos	Out-Of-Service
OP	Operation
OPAS	Operator Performance Assessment System
OPER	Operating
OPN	Open
OPR	Operator
ORE	Occupational Radiation Exposure
ORIF	Orifice
ORP	Oil Reset Piston

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
OSC	Operating Support Center
OTLT	Outlet
OTS	Offshore Technical Support
OUTBD	Outboard
OUT-OF-SEQ	Out-Of-Sequence
OUTR	Outer
OUTS	Outside
OVR	Over
OVRFLO	Overflow
OVRLD	Overload
OVRRD	Override
OVRSP	Overspeed
OVVEW	Overview
P&ID	Piping & Instrumentation Diagram
P/N	Part Number
PA	Post Accident
PAL	Programmed Action List
PAM(I)	Post Accident Monitoring (Instrument)
PAMS	Post Accident Monitoring System
PAR	Passive Autocatalytic Recombiner
PARA	Parameter
PART	Particle, Particulate
PAS	Public Address System
PASS	Post Accident Sampling System
РВ	Pushbutton

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
PC	Pressure Controller
РСВ	Power Circuit Breaker
PCC	Process Control Cabinet
P-CCS	Process-Component Control System
PCI	Pellet/Cladding Interaction
PCKG	Package
PCP	Precipitator
PCS	Power Control System
PCT	Peak Cladding Temperature
PCV	Pressure Control (Or Regulating) Valve
PCWS	Plant Chilled Water System
PD	Positive Displacement
PD	Procedure Development Program Element
PDF	Project Design Flood
PDI	Differential Pressure Indicator
PDIL	Power Dependent Insertion Limit
PDK	Differential Pressure Control Station
PDL	Project Distribution List
PDT	Piping Design Table
PED	Procedure Editor system
PEG	Pegging
PEN	Penetration
PERF	Performance
PERM, Perm	Permissive
PF	Power Factor

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
РН	Ph Number(Effective Hydrogen Ion Concentration, Measures Acidity/Alkalinit)
PHAS	Phase
PHIX	Pre Hold-Up Ion Exchanger
PHIXS	Pre Hold-Up Ion Exchanger Strainer
PHOS	Phosphate
PHTG	Pre-Heating
PHTR	Pre-Heater
PHWR	Pressurized Heavy Water Reactor
PI	Pressure Indicator
PI	Process Instrumentation
РІК	Pressure Indicating Control Station
PIX	Purification Ion Exchanger
PJR	Pressure Multipoint Recorder
PKG	Packing
PL	Ten Minute Average
PLC	Programmable Logic Controller
PLCEA	Part Length Control Element Assembly
PLCS	Pressurizer Level Control System
PLD	Power Line Disturbance
PLEN	Plenum
PLS	Pressurizer Level Setpoint
PLSHNG	Polishing
PLSHR	Polisher
PLT	Pilot
PLTE	Plate

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
PLTN	Platen
PLU	Power Load Unbalance
PLWL	Probable Lowest Water Level
РМ	Project Manager
PMF	Probable Maximum Flood
РМН	Probable Maximum Hurricane
PMP	Probable Maximum Precipitation
PMP(S)	Pump(S)
PMSL	Probable Minimum Surge Level
PMT	Probable Maximum Typhoon
PMWL	Probable Maximum Water Level
PNDT	Pendant
PNEU	Pneumatic
PNL	Panel
PNS	Project Numbering System
PNSC	Plant Nuclear Safety Committee
PNT	Point
POAH	Point of Adding Heat
Point ID	Point Identification
POL	Power Operating Limit
POM1SS	Power Operation - Mode 1 Steady State
PONICD	Power Operation - NI Calibration Data
PORV	Power Operated Relief Valve
POS	Positive
POSIT	Position

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
POSRV	Pilot Operated Safety and Relief Valve
POST/CR	Power Operations - Shiftly ST Data & Shiftly CR Log Reading
РОТ	Potentiometer
PP	Plant Power
PPC	Process Protective Cabinet
PPCS	Pressurizer Pressure Control System
PPDIL	Prepower Dependent Insertion Limit
PPLCS	Pressurizer Pressure & Level Control System
РРМ	parts per million
РРМ	Project Procedure Manual
PPS	Plant Protection System
PPS	plant protection system
PPSCR	Post Accident Primary Sample Cooler Rack
PPSS	Post Accident Primary Sample Sink
PR	Pressure Recorder
PRA	Probabilistic Risk Assessment
Pre-Fab	Prefabrication
PRE-FLTR	Pre-Filter
PRESS, P, Press	Pressure
PREV	Prevention
PRFD	Preferred
PRG	Purge
PRIM	Primary
PRM	Process And Effluent Radiation Monitoring
PRMS	Process Radiation monitoring System

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
PRN	Procedure Review Notice
PROB	Probe
PROC	Process
PROC, Proc	Procedure
PROG	Program
PROM	Programmable Read Only Memory
PROP	Proportional
PROT	Protection
PROX	Proximitors
PRT	Pressurizer Relief Tank
PRTY	Purity
PRV	Process Representation Value
PS	Process Sampling
PSA	Probabilistic Safety Assessment
PSAR	Preliminary Safety Analysis Report
PSCEA	Part Strength Control Element Assembly
PSCP	Primary Sample Control Panel
PSCS	Passive Secondary Cooling System
PSD	Power Spectral Density
PSDS	Piping System Design Specification
PSEC	Secondary Pressure
PSF	Performance Shaping Factor
PSI	Preservice Inspection
PSIA	Pounds Per Square Inch Absolute
PSIG	Pounds Per Square Inch Gauge

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
PSS	Process Sampling System
PSV	Pressurizer Safety Valve
PT	Pressure Transmitter
ΡΤΑ	Preliminary Task Analysis
PTRIP, Ptrip	Pre-Trip
PTS	Part Strength
PU	Processing Unit
PURF	Purifier
PURFN	Purification
PV	Process Value
PW	Primary Water
PWHT	Postweld Heat Treatment
PWR	Power
PWR	Pressurized Water Reactor/ Power
PXS	Procedure eXecution System
PZR	Pressurizer
QA	Quality Assurance
QADP	Quality Assurance Of Design Procedure
QAR	Quality Assurance Representative
QC	Quality Control
QIAS	Qualified Indication and Alarm System
QIAS-N	Qualified Indication and Alarm System - Non-Safety
QIAS-P	Qualified Indication and Alarm System - P
QLTY	Quality
QNTY	Quantity

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
QPTR	Quadrant Power Tilt Ratio
QS	Quality Surveillance
QUAD	Quadrant
R/I	Racked In
R/O	Racked Out
RAD	Radiation, Radioactive
RAD	Roentgen Absorbed Dose
RAD, Rad	Radiation
RADWASTE	Radioactive Waste
RAI	Request for Additional Information
RAM	Random Access Memory
RAP	Reliability Assurance Program
RAT	Resin Additive Tank
RATO	Ratio
RAW	Risk Achievement Worth
RBM	Rod Block Monitor
RC	Remote Cabinet
RC(S)	Reactor Coolant (System)
RCB	Reactor Containment Building
RCC	Radwaste Control Console
RCCA	Rod Cluster Control Assembly
RCCS	Reactor Cavity Cooling System
RCD(R)	Record (Er)
RCDT	Reactor Coolant Drain Tank
RCFC	Reactor Containment Fan Cooler

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
RCFS	Reactor Cavity Filtration System
RCG	Radioactive Concentration Guide
RCGV(S)	Reactor Coolant Gas Vent (System)
RCGVS	Reactor Coolant Gas Vent System
RCL	Reactor Coolant Loop
RCM	Remote Control Module
RCOMB	Recombiner
RCP	Reactor Coolant Pump
RCPB	Reactor Coolant Pressure Boundary
RCPSSSS	Reactor Coolant Pump Shaft Speed Sensing System
RCPVMS	RCP Vibration Monitoring System
RCR	Radwaste Control Room
RCRS	Radwaste Control Room System
RCS	Reactor Coolant System
RCVR	Receiver
RD	Reactor Drain
RDB	Reload Data Block
RDF	Reactor Drain Filter
RDG	Radiation Design Guide
RDH	Recycle Drain Header
RDP	Reactor Drain Pump
RDS	Radioactive Drain System
RDT	Reactor Drain Tank
RE	Responsible Engineer
REACT	Reactivity

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
RECIRC, Recirc	Recirculation
RECY	Recycle
REF, Ref	Reference
REG	Regulate
REGN	Regenerator
REGR	Regulator
REINJ	Reinjection
REL	Relative
REM	Roentgen Equivalent Man
REP	Representative
REQ	Request
RES	Reserve
ReSR	Results Summary Report
RESTR	Restricting
RF	Rear Face
RFI	Radio Frequency Interference
RG	Regulatory Guide
RGHX	Regenerative Heat Exchanger
RGN	Region
RGT	Right
RH	Relative Humidity
RHTR	Reheater
RIHA	Risk Important Human Actions
RISR	Riser
RK	Rack

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
RL	Radioactivity Light Indication
RLF	Relief
RLMS	Reactor Vessel Level Monitoring System
RLS	Radioactive Laundry System
RLTD	Related
RLY	Relay
RM	Room
RMC	Radiation Monitoring Cabinet
RMS	Radiation Monitoring System
RMT	Remote
RMV	Remove
RMVL	Removal
RMW(P)	Reactor Makeup Water (Pump)
RMWT	Reactor Makeup Water Tank
RNG	Range
RO	Reactor Operator
ROK-AEB	Republic Of Korea-Atomic Energy Bureau
RP(S)	Reactor Protection (System)
RPC(S)	Reactor Power Cutback (System)
RPCCP	Reactor Power Cutback Control Panel
RPCS	Reactor Power Cutback System
RPS	Reactor Protection System
RPV	Reactor Pressure Vessel
RR	Radioactivity Recorder
RRS	Reactor Regulating System

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
RSC	Remote Shutdown Console
RSET	Reset
RSH	Resin Sluice Header
RSN	Resin
RSPS	Reed Switch Position System
RSPT	Reed Switch Position Transmitter
RSR	Remote Shutdown Room
RSS	Remote Sampling System
RSSH	Resin Sluice Supply Header
RST	Refueling Shutdown Tank
RSVR	Reservoir
RT	Rate
RTD	Resistance Temperature Detector
RTO	Reactor Trip Override
RTR	Rotor
RTRN	Return
RTS	Reactor Trip System
RTSG	Reactor Trip Switchgear
RTSR	Reload Transition Safety Report
RTSS	Reactor Trip Switchgear System
RTU	Remote Terminal Unit
RUN	Running
RUNBK	Runback
RV	Reactor Vessel
RVH	Reactor Vessel Head

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
RVI	Reactor Vessel Internal
RVL	Reactor Vessel Level
RVMS	Reactor Vibration Monitoring System
RWS	Raw Water System
RX, Rx	Reactor
S	South
S&L	Sergeant And Lundy
S&Q	Staffing and Qualifications
S/D	Shutdown
S/N	South/North
S/PM	Surveillance/Preventive Maintenance
S/U	Start-Up
SA	Situation Awareness
SAC	Station Air Compressor
SADD	Spray Additive
SAF	Safety
SAGAT	Situation Awareness Global Assessment Technique
SAM	Shape Annealing Matrix
SAMG	Severe Accident Management Guideline
SAMP	Sample
SAR	Safety Analysis Report
SART	Situation Awareness Rating Technique
SAS	Service Air System
SAT	Standby Auxiliary Transformer
SATD	Saturated

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
SATN	Saturation
SB	Service Building
SBCS	Steam Bypass Control System
SBLOCA	Small Break Loss of Coolant Accident
SBO	Station Blackout
SBP	Seawater Bypass Pump
SC	Soft Control
SCAN	Scanner
SCAV	Scavenging
SCC	Stress Corrosion Cracking
SCCS	Secondary Chemical Control System
SCHED	Scheduled
SCP	Shutdown Cooling Pump
SCR	Silicon Controlled Rectifier
SCRN	Screen
SCRNWSH	Screenwash
SCU	Statistical Combination of Uncertainty
SCW	Stator Cooling Water
SD	Side
SDC	System Design Criteria
SDC(S)	Shutdown Cooling (System)
SDCHX	Shutdown Cooling Heat Exchanger
SDDR	Suppliers' Deviation Disposition Request
SDRF	Supplier Document Review Form
SDS	Safety Depressurization System

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
SEC, S	SECOND (Time)
SECD	Secondary
SECT	Section
SECUR	Security
SEIS	Seismic
SEL	Selection
SEP	Separator
SEQ, Seq	Sequence
SER	Safety Evaluation Report
SERV	Service
SETPT, Setpt	Setpoint
SEW	Sewage
SF	Spent Fuel
SFA	System Functional Analysis
SFBV	Steam Feed Bypass Valve
SFD	System Functional Description
SFD	system functional description
SFGD	Safeguard
SFP	Spent Fuel Pool
SFPCCS	Spent Fuel Pool Cooling and Cleanup System
SFR	Startup Field Request
SG	Steam Generator
SGB	Standards, Guidelines and Bases
SGBD	Steam Generator Blowdown
SGBS	Steam Generator Blowdown System

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
SGFP	Steam Generator Feedwater Pump
SGFPT	Steam Generator Feedwater Pump Turbine
SGTR	Steam Generator Tube Rupture
SHAL	Shallow
SHFT	Shaft
SHL	Shell
SI(S)	Safety Injection (System)
SIAS	Safety Injection Actuation Signal
SIF	Seal Injection Filter
SIG	Signal
SIHX	Seal Injection Heat Exchanger
SIL	Silica
SIP	Safety Injection Pump
SISCS	Safety Injection/Shutdown Cooling System
SIT	Safety Injection Tank
SJAE	Steam Jet Air Ejector
SKIM	Skimmer
SKN 3&4	Shin-Kori Nuclear Power Plant Units 3&4
SL	Seal
SLB	Steam Line Break
SLC	Standby Liquid Control
SLD	Single Line Diagram
SLSV	Spring Loaded Safety Valve
SLU	Sluice
SLUG	Sludge

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
SM	Shift Manager
SMAW	Shielded Metal Arc Welding
SME	Subject Matter Expert
SMK	Smoke
SMM	Subcooling Margin Monitor
SMP	Sump
SMS	Seismic Monitoring System
SNUB	Snubber
SO	Seal Oil
SO4	Sulfate
SOC	Seal Oil Cooler
SOC	Sampling of Operational Conditions
SOD	System Operating Diagram
SODP	Shutdown Overview Display Panel
SOE	Sequence of Event
SOER	System Operating Experience Report
SOL	Solenoid
SOLN	Solution
SOP	System Operating Procedures
SOV	Solenoid Valve
SP	Static Pressure
SPA	Success Path Availability
SPADES+	Safety Parameter And Display Evaluation System +
SPCF	Specific
SPD	Speed

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
SPDS	Safety Parameter Display System
SPE	Steam Packing Exhauster
SPEC	Specification
SPF	Standard Project Flood
SPGR	Specific Gravity
SPKLR	Sprinkler
SPLA	Supplementary Protection Logic Assembly
SPLCN	Splicing
SPM	Success Path Monitoring
SPP	Success Path Performance
SPRDG	Spreading
SPRG	Sparging
SPTA	Standard Post Trip Actions
SPVOL	Specific Volume
SR	Source Range
SRCB	Switchyard Relay And Control Building
SRCE	Source
SRG	Safety Review Guide
SRGE	Surge
SRHD	Steam Reheat Header Drains
SRO	Senior Reactor Operator
SRP	Standard Review Plan
SRS	Solid Radwaste System
SRV	Safety-Relief Valve
SS	Shift Supervisor

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
SSAR	Standard Safety Analysis Report
SSAS	Solid State Actuation System
SSE	Safe Shutdown Earthquake
SSF	Steam Seal Feed
SSH	Steam Seal Header
SSLP	Stainless Steel Liner Plate
SSPE	Solid State Power Equipment
SSS	Sanitary Sewer System
SSTM	Sealing Steam
SSU	Sand Storm Unit
ST	Stop
STA	Shift Technical Advisor
STAC	Static
STAT	Status
STBY, SBY	Standby
STD	Standard
STG	Stage
sтк	Stuck
STM, Stm	Steam
STMV	Steam Valve
STOP	Stopped
STOR	Storage
STPERM	Start Permissive
STR	Stator
STRD	Started

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
STRIPR	Stripper
STRM	Stream
STRN	Strainer
STRT	Start
STRUC	Structure
STRWY	Stairway
SUBCOOL	Subcooling
SUBSTA	Substation
SUCT	Suction
SUD	Sudden
SUP, Sup	Supply
SUPP	Suppression
SUPRT	Support
SUPV	Supervisory
SURF	Surface
SURV	Surveillance
SUS	Startup Status
SUT	Start-Up Transformer
SV	Stop Valve
SWAT	Subject Workload Assessment Technique
SWCH, SW	Switch
SWGR	Switchgear
SWL	Sidewall
SWMS	Solid Waste Management System
sws	Startup Work Sheet

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
SWTR	Service Water
SWYD	Switchyard
SYNC	Synchronize
SYS, Sys	System
T/C, TC	Thermocouple
ТА	Task Analysis
ТАА	Transient and Accident Analysis
ТАСН	Tachometer
Tavg, T/avg	Temperature Average
тв	Turbine Building
TBAV	Turbine Bypass Atmospheric Valve
TBCCW	Turbine Building Closed Cooling Water
TBCCWS	Turbine Building Closed Cooling Water System
TBCV	Turbine Bypass Condenser Valve
TBDT	Turbidity
ТВЕ	Turbine End
TBN	Turbine
TBOCW	Turbine Building Open Cooling Water
TBOCWS	Turbine Building Open Cooling Water System
TBRNG	Thrust Bearing
ТВV	Turbine Bypass Valve
тс	Temperature Controller
тсв	Trip Circuit Breaker
тсі	Task Complexity Index
Tcold, Tc	Cold Leg Temperature

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
ТСV	Temperature Control Valve
TD	Time Delay
Tdev	Temperature Deviation
ТDH	Total Developed Head
TDS	Technical Data Sheet
TDSV	Top-Down Suitability verification
ТЕСН	Technical
TEDE	Total Effective Dose Equivalent
TEFC	Totally Enclosed Fan Cooled
TEMP, Temp, T	Temperature
TERM	Terminal
TERT	Tertiary
TFSP	Turbine First Stage Pressure
TG	Test Guideline
TG, T/G	Turbine Generator
TGB	Turbine Generator Building
TGBCCW(S)	Turbine Generator Building Closed Cooling Water(System)
TGBDS	Turbine Generator Building Drain System
TGBOCWS	Turbine Generator Building Open Cooling Water System
TGOP	Turning Gear Oil Pump
TGR	Turning Gear
TGSI	Turbine Generator Supervisory Instrumentation
TGSSS	Turbine Gland Steam Seal System
THERM	Thermal
THERP	Technique for Human Error rate Prediction

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
Thot, Th	Hot Leg Temperature
THROT	Throttle
THRSHD	Threshold
ТІ	Temperature Indicator
TID	Total Integrated Dose
ТІНА	Treatment of Important Human Actions
ТІК	Temperature Indicating Control Station
TJR	Temperature Multipoint Recorder
TK(S)	Tank(S)
TLD	Thermoluminescence Dosimeter
TLOFW	Total Loss of Feed Water
TLX	Task Load Index
ТМ	Time
TMPG	Tempering
TMPRY	Temporary
TMR	Timer
то	Turbine Oil
то	Turbine Operator
TOPSM	Transient Operations - Part Strength Monitoring
тот	Total
ТР	Test Procedures
TPC	Thermal Power Calibration Constant
TPSC	Transducer Power Supply Cabinet
TR	Temperature Recorder
TRAC	Tracing

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
TRAV	Travelling
TRBD	Turbid
TRBL	Trouble
TRD	Trend
TREAT	Treatment
Tref, T/ref	Temperature Reference
TRGR	Turbine Gear
TRN	Train
TRP	Trip
TRPD	Tripped
TRPL	Primary Trip Terminal Board
TRS	Test Response Spectra
TRSC	Travelling Screen
TRST	Thrust
TS	Turbine Side
TSC	Technical Support Center
TSCC	Tech Spec Channel Check
TSDMOP	Turbine Shaft Driven Main Oil Pump
TSP	Tri-Sodium Phosphate
TSREF	Temperature Shadowing Reference
TSSWS	Traveling Screen and Screen Wash System
TST	Test
ТТ	Temperature Transmitter
ТТА	Task Timing Analysis
TTD	Terminal Temperature Difference

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
TTPW	Power Conditioning Terminal Board
TV	Television
TVL	Tenth Value Layer
TWR	Tower
UAT	Unit Auxiliary Transformer
UBRNG	Upper Bearing
UCN	Ulchin Nuclear Power Plant
UCSR	Upper Cable Spread Room
UCVG	Control Module Contains the Controller
UFF	Under Flow Fraction
UHS	Ultimate Heat Sink
UI	Multivariable Indicator
UIC	Uncompensated Ion Chamber
UL	Multivariable Light Indication
ULTY	Utility
UNBAL	Unbalance
UNCERT(S)	Uncertainty(ies)
UNCMPN	Uncompensated
UNLD	Unload
UPPR	Upper
UPS	Uninterruptible Power Supplier
UPSTRM	Upstream
URC	Ultrasonic Resin Cleaner
URD	Utility Requirements Document
USI	Unresolved Safety Issue

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
UTDV	Update Time Dependent Variables
υυ	Multivariable Multifunction
UV, UNDERVOLT	Undervoltage
V&V	Verification and Validation
VA	Volt-ampere
VAC	Vacuum
VAIC	Analog Input/Output Board
VAOC	Analog Output Board
VAP	Vapor
VAPZ	Vaporizer
VAR, Var	Variable
VARHM	Varhour Meter
VBPSS	Vital Bus Power Supply System
VCB	Vacuum Circuit Breaker
VCMI	VME Bus Master Controller Board
VCRC	Discrete Input/Output Board
VCT	Volume Control Tank
VDC	Voltage Direct Current
VDU	Video Display Unit
VE/VT	Visual Examination/ Visual Test
VENT	Ventilation
VERF	Verification
VERT	Vertical
VESS	Vessel
VFC	Voltage To Frequency Converter

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
VGEN	Generator Monitor and Trip Board
VIB, Vib	Vibration
VLD	Valid
VLT	Vault
VLV(S)	Valve(S)
VM	Voltmeter
VMS	Vibration Monitoring System
VOL	Volume
VOLT, V	Volts
VOM	Volt-Ohm Meter
VOPT	Variable Over Power Trip
VPL	Valve Position Limiter
VPRC	Voltage To Pulse Rate Converter
VPRO	Emergency Turbine Protection Board
VPS	Vital Power System
VS	Ventilation System
VSS	Vessel And Closure Head Seating Surface
VT	Voltage Transformer
VTG	Voltage
vwo	Valve Wide Open
w	West
W/D	Withdrawal
W/O	Without
wc	Water Chemistry
WCT	Waste Condensate Tank

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
WD	Water Detection
WDBX	Windowbox
WDG	Winding
WDS	Workstation Disable Switch
WDT	Watchdog Timer
WDW	Window
WH	Warehouse
WHM	Watt-hour Meter
WLS	Wet Lay-Up Subsystem
WM(S)	Waste Management (System)
WMUP	Warm-Up
WR	Wide Range
WRB	Wide Range Boronometer
WSD	Workstation Display
WSTE	Waste
wт	Weight
WTB	Water Treatment Building
WTR	Water
WTRBX	Waterbox
WWTS	Waste Water Transfer System
ХСНК	Cross Check
XCON	Crossconnect
XDCR	Transducer
XFMR	Transformer
XFR	Transfer

Abbreviation	Standard Service Designation
XL	Special Light Indication
XMTR	Transmitter
XOVER	Crossover
XTIE	Crosstie

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Engineering Units and Descriptions

Description	Engineering Units
Ampere	А
Bar	bar
Becquerel	Bq
Becquerel per Centimeter Cubic	Bq/cm <sup>3</sup>
Centimeter	ст
Centimeter Cubic Per Gram	cm <sup>3</sup> /g
Centimeter H <sub>2</sub> O Absolute Per Second	cmH₂OA/s
Centimeter H <sub>2</sub> O (Gauge)	cmH₂O(G)
Centimeter H <sub>2</sub> O (Gauge) Per Second	cmH₂O(G)/s
Centimeter H <sub>2</sub> O Absolute	cmH₂OA
Centimeter H <sub>2</sub> O (Gauge)	cmH₂O(G)
Centimeter Hg (Absolute) Per Second	cmHgA/s
Centimeter Hg (Gauge)	cmHg(G)
Centimeter Hg (Gauge) Per Second	cmHg(G)/s
Centimeter Hg Absolute	cmHgA
Centimeter Per Hour	cm/h
Centimeter Per Second	cm/s
Centimeter Squared	cm <sup>2</sup>
Ci	Сі
Count Per Minute	cpm
Counts Per Second	cps
Counts Per Second Per Second	cps/s

Description	Engineering Units
Cubic Centimeter	cm <sup>3</sup>
Cubic Meter	m <sup>3</sup>
Decades Per Minute	dpm
Degree Celsius	°C
Degree Celsius Per Second	°C/s
Degree Kelvin	К
Delta React/React	ΔΚ/Κ
Dk/K/Degree Celsius	ΔK/K/°C
Gamma	γ
Gigawatt-Hour	GW∙h
Gram	g
Gram Per Centimeter Cubic	g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Hertz	Hz
Hour	h
kcal/cm. Squared-Second	kcal/cm <sup>2.</sup> s
kcal/Kilogram-Deg. Celsius	kcal/kg <sup>.º</sup> C
kcal/Kilogram-Deg.Celsius	kcal/kg <sup>.⁰</sup> C
kcal/Meter Cubic-Hour	kcal/m <sup>3.</sup> h
kcal/Meter Squared-Hour	kcal/m <sup>2</sup> ·h
kcal/Meter Squared-Hour-Deg. C	kcal/m <sup>2</sup> ·h·℃
kcal/Meter-Hour-Deg.C	kcal/m·h·℃
Kg/Cm. Squared	kg/cm <sup>2</sup>
Kg/Cm. Squared Absolute	kg/cm <sup>2</sup> A
Kg/Cm. Squared Absolute Per Second	kg/cm <sup>2</sup> A/s

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Description	Engineering Units
Kg/Cm. Squared (Gauge)	kg/cm <sup>2</sup> G
Kg/Cm. Squared (Gauge) Per Second	kg/cm <sup>2</sup> G/s
Kiloampere	kA
Kilocalory	kcal
Kilocalory Per Hour	kcal/h
Kilocalory Per Hour-Meter	kcal/h·m
Kilocalory Per Kilogram	kcal/kg
Kilogram	kg
Kilogram Per Meter	kg/m
Kilogram Per Meter-Second	kg/m∙s
Kilogram Per Second	kg/s
Kilogram-Meter Squared	kg·m <sup>2</sup>
Kilogram Per Hour	kg/h
Kilovar	kvar
Kilovolt	kV
Kilowatt	kW
Kilowatt Per Liter	kW/L
Kilowatt Per Meter	kW/m
Kilowatt-Hour	kW∙h
Liter	L
Liter Per Hour	L/h
Liter Per Minute	L/min
Liter Per Second	L/s
Megavar	Mvar

Description	Engineering Units
Megawatt	MW
Megawatt Per Meter	MW/m
Megawatt Per Minute	MW/min
Megawatt-Day Per Metric Ton	MW·d/t
Megawatt-Hour	MW∙h
Meter	m
Meter Per Hour	m/h
Meter Per Second	m/s
Meter Squared	m <sup>2</sup>
Meter Squared Per Second	m²/s
Meter per Second Squared	m/s²
Meter-Kilogram	m∙kg
Microampere	μΑ
Microcurie Per Centimeter Cubic	µCi/cm <sup>3</sup>
MicroSimense per Centimeter	µS/cm
Micrometer	μm
Milliampere	mA
Millimeter	mm
Millirem Per Hour	mrem/h
Milliroentgen Per Hour	mR/h
Minute	min
Neutron/Cm3-Cm./Second	n/cm <sup>2</sup> ·s
Ohm	Ω
Part Per Billion	ppb

Description	Engineering Units
Part Per Million	ppm
Paskal	Ра
Kilopascal	kPa
Megapascal	MPa
Percentage (Dimensionless)	%
Percentage (Dimensionless) Per Second	%/s
Percentage H <sub>2</sub> O	%H <sub>2</sub> O
Rad	rad
Rem(roentgen equivalent in man)	rem
Revolution Per Minute	rpm
Revolution per Min/Min.	rpm/min
Second	S
Sievert	Sv
Sievert per Hour	Sv/h
Ton (Metric, Tonne)	t
Ton Per Hour	t/h
Volt	V
Volt AC(alternating current)	V AC and Vac
Volt DC(direct current)	V DC and Vdc
Volt-Ampere	V·A
Watt Per Centimeter	W/cm
## **APPENDIX A – Part 3**

Table of System Names and Abbreviations

System Abbreviation	System Name/Description
АВ	Boric Acid Processing System
AF	Auxiliary Feedwater System
AL	Acoustic Leak Monitoring System
AP	Auxiliary Power System
AS	Auxiliary Steam System
АТ	Auxiliary Feedwater Pump Turbine System
AX	Auxiliary Feedwater Storage and Transfer System
ВІ	Bypassed And Inoperable Status Indication
СА	Condenser Vacuum System
сс	Component Cooling Water System
CD	Condensate System
CE	Control Element Drive Mechanism(CEDM) Control System
CF	Chemical Feed And Handling System
PC	Containment Isolation System
CL	Chlorination System
СМ	Containment Monitoring System
со	Carbon Dioxide System
СР	Condensate Polishing System
CQ	Communication System
CS	Containment Spray System
СТ	Condensate Storage and Transfer System
CV	Chemical And Volume Control System

System Abbreviation	System Name/Description
CW	Circulating Water System
DA	Alternate AC Diesel Generator System
DC	DC Distribution System
DE	Radioactive Drain System
DG	Emergency Diesel Generator System
DH	Decontamination Equipment System
DI	Display System
DM	Miscellaneous Building Drain System
DO	Diesel Fuel Oil Transfer System
DT	Turbine Generator Building Drain System
DV	Feedwater Heater Miscellaneous Drains And Vents
EA	Breathing Air System
EC	Excore Monitoring
ED	Non-Radioactive Equipment Vents and Drains System
EF	Engineered Safety Features Actuation System
EM	Seismic Monitoring System
ER	Emergency Response Facilities
ES	Extraction Steam System
FC	Spent Fuel Pool Cooling And Cleanup System
FD	Fire Detection And Alarm System
FE	Fuel Element System
FH	Fuel Handling And Transfer System
FO	Fuel Oil System
FP	Fire Protection System

System Abbreviation	System Name/Description
FS	Fuel Storage System
FT	Feedwater Pump Turbine System
FW	Feedwater System
GA	Main Generator And Aux System
GC	Generator Stator Cooling Water System
GD	Grounding System
GG	Generator Gas System
GP	Cathodic Protection System
GS	Turbine Grand Seal System
GW	Gaseous Radwaste System
НС	Hoists and Cranes System
HD	Heater Drains System
HG	Containment Hydrogen Control System
НМ	H2 & Combustible Gas Monitoring System
НТ	Heat Tracing System
НҮ	Hydrogen System
IA	Instrument Air System
IC	Incore Instrumentation System
IM	Inadequate Core Cooling Monitoring
IW	In-Containment Water Storage System
LD	Leak Detection System
LL	Lighting System
LM	Loose Parts Monitoring System
LN	Lighting Protection

System Abbreviation	System Name/Description
LP	Large Display Panel System
LV	Low Voltage System
МВ	Wall Mimic Board System
MD	Megawatt Demand Setter System
МІ	Miscellaneous System
MP	Main Power System
MS	Main Steam System
MV	Vibration Monitoring System
NB	4.16 Non-Class 1E System
NH	480 V MCC & Low Voltage Non-Class 1E System
NI	NSSS Integrity Monitoring System
NR	Excore Neutron Flux Monitoring System
NT	Nitrogen System
OG	Off Gas (Including Hydrogen Recombiner) System
ОТ	Bearing Oil Transfer And Purification System
PA	I&C Equipment Room
PF	4.16 kV Class 1E System
PO	Process-Component Control System
PE	Engineered Safety Feature-Component Control System
PG	480 V Load Center Class 1E System
РН	480 V MCC & Low Voltage Class 1E
PI	Control Rod Position Indication
PL	Local Control Panels
РМ	Main Control Room Console

System Abbreviation	System Name/Description
PP	Post-Accident Monitoring System
PQ	Plant Security Facility System
PR	Radiation Monitoring System
PS	Process Sampling System
PX	Primary Sampling System
QN	Qualified Indication and Alarm System-Non Safety
RB	Reactor Power Cutback System
RC	Reactor Coolant System
RD	Control Rod Drive System
RG	Reactor Coolant Gas Vent System
RL	Reactor Vessel Level Monitoring System
RP	Reactor Protection System
RR	Reactor Regulating System
RS	Remote Shutdown
RT	Reactor Cavity Filtration System
RW	Radwaste Control Room
RY	Reactor Coolant Pressurizer System
SA	Service Air System
SC	Shutdown Cooling System
SD	Steam Generator Blowdown System
SG	Switchyard AC Power System
SH	KHNP's Office Building Hot Water Supply System
SI	Safety Injection/Shutdown Cooling System
SL	Switchyard DC Power

System Abbreviation	System Name/Description
SP	Safety Depressurization System
SS	Automatic Generation Control System
ST	Sanitary Water Transfer System
SU	Sanitary Water Treatment System
SW	Travelling Screen And Screen Wash System
SX	Essential Service Water System
SY	Switchyard 400kV Power
ТА	Main Turbine And Auxiliary System
ТВ	Hydrogen & Carbon Dioxide Control System
ТІ	Transmission Interface System
TL	Transmission Line System
TN	T/G I&C System
то	Turbine Lube Oil System
TR	Waste Water Transfer System
TS	Turbine-Generator Supervisory System
TV	Closed Circuit Television
VB	Compound Building HVAC System
VC	Control Room HVAC System
VD	Emergency Diesel Generator Area HVAC System
VE	Electrical and I&C Equipment Areas HVAC System
VF	Fuel Handling Area HVAC System
VG	ESW Intake Structure/CCW HX Building HVAC System
∨н	CW Intake Structure HVAC System
VJ	Cold Machine Shop HVAC System

System Abbreviation	System Name/Description
νк	Auxiliary Building Controlled Area HVAC System
VN	Water/Wastewater Treatment and Chlorination Building HVAC System
VO	Auxiliary Building Clean Area HVAC System
VP	Reactor Containment Building HVAC System
VQ	Reactor Containment Building Purge System
VR	Low and Medium Level Radioactive Waste Storage Building HVAC System
VS	Seawater Bypass Pumps House HVAC System
VT	Turbine Generator Building HVAC System
VU	Miscellaneous Building HVAC System
WB	Seawater Bypass System
WD	Domestic Water System
WН	Turbine Generator Building Open Cooling Water System
WI	Plant Chilled Water System
WL	Raw Water System
WM	Makeup Demineralizer System
wo	Essential Chilled Water System
WQ	Diesel Generator Radiator Cooling System
WT	Turbine Generator Building Closed Cooling Water System
WV	Liquid Radwaste System
ww	Wastewater Treatment System
wx	Solid Radwaste System
WY	Radioactive Laundry System
AN	Alarm System
AR	Area Radiation Monitoring System

System Abbreviation	System Name/Description
СВ	Containment Filtered Vent System
CN	Soft Control System
CR	CEA Calculator System
CU	Core Protection Calculator System
сх	Plant Monitoring System
СҮ	Information Process System
CZ	Computerized Procedure System
DN	Non-Class 1E Diesel Generator System
DP	Diverse Protection System
ET	Unit Aux. and Stand-by Aux. Transformers System
EW	Welder Outlets System
GM	Gas Stripper Effluent Radiation Monitoring System
GT	Gas Turbine Generator System
HF	Human Factors Engineering
HJ	Heated/Unheated Junction Thermocouple System
IL	On-off Control System
IP	Instrument Power System
IS	Plant Security System
IT	Incore Instrumentation System
LR	Local Rack System
ММ	Meteorological Monitoring System
NC	NSSS Process Control System
NG	Local Rack System
NH	480V MCC & Low Voltage Non-class 1E System

System Abbreviation	System Name/Description
NM	Dynamic Mock-up System
NP	13.8KV Power System
РВ	Plant Protection System
PC	Containment Isolation System
PJ	Plant Control System
PN	NSSS Process Instrumentation System
PZ	Pressurizer Control System
QP	Qualified Indication & Alarm - P System
RA	Reactor Core System
RF	Reactor Cavity Flooding System
RH	RCP Shaft Speed Sensing System
RI	Reactor Internals System
RK	Reactor Trip Switchgear System
SB	Steam Bypass Control System
SM	Static Mock-up System
SU	Sanitary Water Treatment System
SZ	SWYD 154KV Power System
тс	Generator Shaft Seal Oil System
TG	Main Turbine Generator System
тн	Turbine Hydraulic Fluid System
ТМ	T/G Monitoring & Control System
VA	Auxiliary Building HVAC System
VI	Technical Support Center HVAC System
VM	Internal Vibration Monitoring System

System Abbreviation	System Name/Description
VR	Low & Medium Radio-Active Storage Bldg HVAC System
VY	Emergency Core Cooling System Equipment Room HVAC System

## **APPENDIX B - GLOSSARY**

Abbreviation – A shortened form of a word or phrase used for brevity.

**Acronym** – A word formed from the initial letter(s) of each of the successive or major parts of a compound term.

Advanced Alarm System – A primarily digital alarm system employing alarm processing logic and advanced control (e.g., on-screen controls) and display (e.g., VDU) technology. (This is in contrast to conventional alarm systems, which are largely based on analog instrument and control technologies.)

**Alert** – A signal that indicates a condition relating to the effective performance of duties. The condition or message requires the operator or maintainer to take immediate action.

Alphabetic – Pertaining to a character set that contains letters and other symbols, excluding numbers.

**Alphanumeric** – Pertaining to a character set that contains letters, digits, and usually other symbols, such as punctuation marks.

Alphanumeric Code – A set of letters and/or numbers used to identify a group of data (e.g., in a table).

Alphanumeric keyboard – A keyboard used for typing letters or numbers into the computer.

**Analytical Redundancy** – The calculation of expected parameter values using a model of system performance.

Anthropometry – A study and measurement of the physical dimensions of the human body

**Arrow Buttons** – A pair of buttons used to change a value by increments each time they are pressed. Often, the button that produces an increase is marked with an upward arrow and the button that produces a decrease is marked with a downward arrow.

**Audio** – Pertaining to acoustic, mechanical, or electrical frequencies corresponding to normally audible sound waves.

Auditory – Pertaining to the sense of hearing.

**Bar Chart (graph)** – A graphic figure in which numeric quantities are represented by the linear extent of parallel lines (or bars). The length of the line (or bar) is proportional to the numbers represented. Bar charts are useful for comparing separate entities or showing a variable sampled at intervals.

**Binary** - (1) Pertaining to a characteristic or property involving a selection, choice, or condition in which there are two possibilities. (2) Pertaining to the number representation system with two values.

Brightness - Attribute of a visual sensation according to which an area appears to emit more or less light.

Brightness ratio - The ratio of the luminance of two areas or surfaces.

**Button** – A type of hardware control device or a defined control region on the display screen which, when selected, causes some action.

**Caution Signal** – A signal that alerts the operator to an impending condition requiring attention, but not necessarily immediate action (See warning signal).

**Cascading Menu** – A type of hierarchical menu in which a submenu is attached to the right side of a menu item. Cascading menus can be added to drop-down menus, pop-up menus, or even other cascading menus.

**Character Set** – A set of unique representations called characters; e.g., the 26 letters of the English alphabet, and the 128 characters of the ASCII alphabet.

**Character Width** – The horizontal distance between a character's origin (a point on the base line used as a reference location) and the next character's origin.

Character – A letter, digit, or other symbol that is used as part of the organization, control, or

representation of data.

Circuit Breakers - Devices that protect equipment from excessive electrical current.

**Circuit Packaging** – A method for organizing equipment into modules in which all parts of a single circuit or logically related group of parts, and only that circuit or group, are placed in a separate module.

**Coding** – Use of a system of symbols, shapes, colors or other variable sensory stimuli to represent specific information. Coding may be used (a) for highlighting (i.e., to attract a user's attention to part of a display), (b) as a perceptual indicator of a data group, or (c) to symbolize a state or attribute of an object (e.g., to show a temperature level or for warning purposes).

**Cognitive Error** – A human error that results from the characteristics of human performance processing such as errors in diagnosis due to information overload.

**Coherence Mapping** – A map between the features in the representation and the physical and cognitive characteristics of the operator (how comprehensible the representation is to the operator).

**Color** – The aspect of objects or light sources that may be described in terms of hue, lightness (or brightness), and saturation.

**Combo Box** – A special type of text box with an attached list of options. Combo boxes allow the user to either select from the given list or type in an alternative response. These are two types of combo boxes, standard and drop-down.

**Command Language** – A type of dialogue in which a user composes entries, possibly with minimal prompting by the computer.

**Computer-Based Procedure Systems** – Systems that present plant procedures in computer-based rather than paper-based formats.

**Computerized Operator Support Systems** – Systems that use computer technology to support operators or maintenance personnel in situation assessment and response planning. They can monitor status and provide recommendations or warnings.

**Configural Display** – A display in which information dimensions are uniquely represented, but where new emergent properties are created from interactions between the dimensions. Configural display representations often use simple graphic forms, such as a polygon.

Contrast - Diversity of adjacent parts in color and intensity.

**Contrast Ratio** – The measured luminance at one point divided by the measured luminance at another, equal to Lt/Lb, (Ls-Lb)/Lb, or (1+Ls)/Lb, where

Lt = total luminance, or luminance of the image in the presence of background;

Ls = luminance of the symbol without background (luminance emitted by VDU in the case of VDU displays);

Lb = luminance of background.

Contrast ratio, rather than contrast, is often specified by display manufacturers because it is numerically larger (by one) than contrast.

**Control Entry** – User input for sequence control, such as function key activation, menu selection, command entry.

**Darkboard** – An alarm display concept in which the medium is dark (not alarmed) if all monitored plant parameters are in the normal range. The darkboard concept is a method of check-reading that allows operations personnel to understand that all parameters are in their normal range. Thus, an illuminated alarm-display device indicates a deviation from normal plant conditions.

Data Entry – User input of data for storage in, and/or processing by, the system.

Decibel (dBA) – Sound level in decibels, measured using A-weighting. The use of A-weighting causes

the frequency response of the sound level meter to mimic that of the human ear, i.e., response is maximum at about 2 kHz, less at very low or very high frequencies. A-weighted measurements correlate well with measures of speech interference and judgments of loudness. A-weighted decibels readings should be used to measure ambient sound levels and annunciator alarm levels.

**Demarcation** – When used as a method of depicting a group of items, a dark or contrasting line is placed around a functional or selected groups of controls and displays to emphasize their relatedness. When used as a way of separating non-related items a dark or contrasting straight line is placed between the non-related items.

**Density** – (Screen Density) The amount of the display screen that contains information; often expressed as a percentage of the total area.

**Description Error** – An error of execution (slip) that involves performing the wrong set of well-practiced actions for the situation. Description errors occur when the information that activates or triggers the action is either ambiguous or undetected.

**Diagram** – A special form of a picture in which details are only shown if they are necessary to perform a task. For example, an electrical wiring diagram for a facility would show wiring but not necessarily furniture or plumbing.

**Dialogue** – A structured series of interchanges between a user and a computer. A dialogue can be initiated by a computer (e.g., question and answer) or by a user (e.g., command language).

**Dimension** – A scale or categorization along which data may vary, taking different values at different times.

**Direct Manipulation** – The user manipulates symbols in the display by directly interacting with the symbol. The direct manipulation is generally performed by using a display structure, such as a pointer, and a cursor control device, such as a mouse.

**Display** – A specific integrated, organized set of information. A display can be an integration of several display formats (such as a system mimic which includes bar charts, trend graphs, and data fields).

**Display Device** – The hardware used to present the display to users. Examples include video display units and speakers for system messages.

**Display Element** – A basic component used to make up display formats, such as abbreviations, labels, icons, symbols, coding, and highlighting.

**Display Format** – The general class of information presentation. Examples of general classes are continuous text (such as a procedure display), mimics and piping and instrumentation diagram (P&ID) displays, trend graphs, and flowcharts.

**Display Network** – A group of display pages within an information system and their organizational structure.

**Display Page** – A defined set of information that is intended to be displayed as a single unit. Typical nuclear power plant display pages may combine several different formats on a single VDU screen, such as putting bar charts and digital displays in a graphic P&ID format. Display pages typically have a label and designation within the computer system so they can be assessed by operators as a single "display."

Display Selection - Refers to the specification of data outputs, either by a user or automatically.

**Display Structure** – Functional or information-presenting aspects of a display that are consistent in appearance and use across applications, e.g., providing reference to the user's location in an information system and display of control options available.

**Emergent Feature** – A high-level, global perceptual feature produced by the interactions among individual parts or graphical elements of a display (e.g., lines, contours, and shapes).

**Fault-Tolerant Digital Control Systems** – Digital systems with redundant processors that use fault diagnostic routines that can detect single faults and isolate the failed equipment. This ensures that the

equipment that is still operational takes over the control function.

**Field** – An area of the display screen reserved for the display of data or for user entry of a data item. In a database, a specified area used for a particular category of data, for example, equipment operational status.

Field Label – A displayed word or phrase that identifies the data display or entry field.

**Flowchart** – A diagram that illustrates sequential relations among elements or events. Flowcharts are often shown as boxes connected by arrows.

**Form** – A dialogue technique that presents category labels and requires the user to fill in the blanks. A formatted output to the user with blank spaces for inserting required or requested information.

Format – The arrangement of data.

Formatting – The process or act of arranging data.

Frequency Modulation – Sinusoidal variation of the frequency of a tone around a center frequency.

Frequency – Rate of signal oscillation in cycles per second (Hz or Hertz).

**Function** – (1) A software supported capability provided to a user to aid in performing a task. (2) A process or activity that is required to achieve a desired goal; see, e.g., safety function.

**Glare –** A consequence of bright light sources in the visual field that cause discomfort and/or a decrease in visual functioning. The effect is worse the closer the light source is to the line of gaze. Glare can be designed-out, by the thoughtful placement overhead lights and slightly slanting display surfaces.

**Glare by Reflection –** Glare produced by reflections, particularly when reflected images appear in the same or nearly the same direction as the object viewed.

**Gloss** – The extent to which light incident on a surface at angle x is reflected from that surface at angle – x (minus x) relative to a line perpendicular to the surface. A mirror has maximum gloss.

**Gloss Instrument** – A device that measures reflected light as a function of illumination and angle of view. The angle for which gloss is measured is typically 60 degrees.

**Graph** – A display that represents the variation of a variable in comparison with that of one or more other variables.

**Graphic Element** – A component part of a graphic display, such as a line, a circle, or a scale.

**Graphical Display** – A display that provides a pictorial representation of an object or a set of data. Graphical displays include line, solid object, and perspective drawings; bar, pie, and line charts and graphs; scatterplots; displayed meters; flowcharts and schematic diagrams.

**Graphics** – Data specially formatted to show spatial, temporal, or other relations among data sets.

**Grid** – A network of uniformly spaced horizontal and vertical lines for locating points by means of coordinates.

**Highlight** – A means of directing the user's attention to a feature of the display. Highlighting methods include image reversal (reverse video), brightness/boldness contrast, color, underlining, blinking, flashing arrows, and changes in font. Emphasizing displayed data or format features in some way, e.g., by using underlining, bold, or inverse video.

**Histogram** – A type of bar chart used to depict the frequency distribution for a continuous variable. The variable may be grouped into classes.

Icon – Pictorial, pictographic, or other nonverbal representation of objects or actions.

**Identification** – A code number or code name that uniquely identifies a record, block, tile, or other unit of information.

**Identifier** – A symbol whose purpose is to identify, indicate or name a body of data.

**Illumination –** The amount of light falling on a surface.

**Instrument Cabinets and Racks** – Enclosures that hold modules, components, and parts. They typically have access doors or removable panels for access to their contents.

**Integral Display** – A display that depicts the integration of information in such a way that the individual parameters used to generate the display are not explicitly represented in it.

**Interrupt** – Stopping an ongoing transaction to redirect the course of the processing. Examples of interrupt options are BACKUP, CANCEL, RESTART.

**Input Field** – The area in a display that is used to enter input. For example, a soft control may have an area in which operators can enter numerical data to adjust control setpoints or commands to execute actions.

**Interlock** – A feature that requires operator actions to proceed in a specific sequence. For example, action B must be performed after action A, and action C after action B.

**Justification** – The act of adjusting, arranging, or shifting digits to the left, right, or center to fit a prescribed pattern.

**Label** – Descriptor that is distinguishable from, and helps to identify, displayed screen structures or components.

**Labeling and Marking** – The use of labels and demarcations to identify units of equipment, modules, components, and parts.

**Layout** – The physical arrangement of the parts and components that make up a module or a unit of equipment.

**Legend** - (1) The textual content of a continuously present, spatially dedicated alarm display. (2) An explanatory list of symbols or highlighting used on a graph, chart, diagram, or map.

**Legibility** – The quality of a display that allows groups of characters and symbols to be easily discriminated and recognized.

**Lightness** – Brightness of an area judged relative to the brightness of similarly illuminated area that appears to be white or highly transmitting.

Line of Sight – The optical axis extending from the observers eyes to the target viewed.

**Lockin** – An electrical or mechanical feature that keeps an ongoing operation active by preventing personnel actions from terminating it. An example is a valve that is not throttleable, as such the valve will travel fully open or fully closed when demanded.

**Lockout** – A feature that prevents personnel from providing input that may have negative effects. Statically defined lockouts may restrict operators' inputs to a specific, predefined range or set of values. Context-sensitive lockouts may restrict input values based on the current situation.

**Luminance –** The luminous intensity per unit projected area of a given surface as viewed from a given direction. Measured in candelas per square meter or footlamberts.

**Menu** – A type of dialogue in which a user selects one item out of a list of displayed alternatives. Selection may be made by actions such as pointing and clicking and by depressing an adjacent function key.

Menu bar - A specialized function area that displays categories of alternatives of user responses.

**Metaphor** – Use of concepts and properties which are already familiar to the user and form which the user can predict function, behavior and organizational structure of the system.

**Mimic** – A display format combining graphics and alphanumerics used to integrate system components into functionally oriented diagrams that reflect the components' relationships.

**Mistake** – An error in intention formation, such as forming one that is not appropriate to the situation.

Mistakes are related to incorrectly assessing the situation or inadequately planning a response.

**Mode Error** – Performing an operation that is appropriate for one mode when the device is in another mode. Mode errors occur when the user believes the device is in one mode when it is in another one. An example of mode error is trying to remotely operate a valve manually when in the automatic mode.

Numeric – Pertaining to numerals or to representation by means of numerals.

**Object Display** – A type of integral display that uses a geometric object to represent parameter values graphically, but where the individual information dimensions or data contributing to the object are not displayed.

**Parameter** - (1) A power-conversion process variable or quantity that can assume any of a given set of physically feasible values. Plant parameters are typically measures of the performance of systems and processes of the plant, e.g., the parameter 'T-hot' is a measure of the temperature of reactor coolant that has passed through the reactor core. (2) A variable that is measured.

**Pie Charts** – A circle divided into sections (as pieces of a pie) to represent graphically the relative proportions of different parts of a whole. A circular chart cut by radii into segments illustrating magnitudes or frequencies.

**Pop-up Menu** – A menu whose items are normally "hidden" from the user's view until they are activated or brought into full view by a complete selection action. Pop-up menus remain visible until the user takes another action to hide the menu or make a selection.

Prompting – The process or act of assisting by suggestion.

**Pull-down Menu** – A menu whose items are normally hidden from the users view and accessed by the user holding the selection button down over the desired menu-bar label.

Radio Buttons – Single, two-state choices, which are mutually exclusive from each other.

**Reflash** – A method of alarm presentation that can be implemented any time an alarm condition is based on input from more than one plant parameter. Reflash causes an alarm display to re-enter the new alarm state when an associated plant parameter reaches its setpoint. The alarm display cannot return to normal until all related parameters return to their normal ranges.

Reflectance - The ratio of reflected light to incident light.

**Ringback** – An alarm display feature that provides a distinct cue such as a slow flash or audible tone to indicate that an alarm condition has cleared, i.e., the monitored parameter(s) has returned to its normal range.

Scale – A graduated series or scheme of rank or order.

Scaling – The positioning of displayed data elements with respect to a defined measurement standard.

**Scatterplot** – A scaled graph that shows relations among individual data points in a two- dimensional array. Scatterplots should not be used for plots of parameters that have the potential for rapid change.

**Scrolling Menu** – A menu usually containing many options that does not display all of the options at once. It includes a scroll-bar that permits the sequential display of all options. Scrolling menus are also called list boxes and scrolling lists.

**Slip** – An error in carrying out an intention. Slips result from "automatic" human behavior, when schemas, in the form of subconscious actions that are intended to accomplish the intention, get waylaid en route to execution. Thus, while one action is intended, another is accomplished. An expert's highly practiced behavior leads to the lack of focused attention that increases the likelihood of some forms of slips.

**Soft Control** – A control device that has connections with the control or display system mediated by software rather than direct physical connections. As a result, the functions of a soft control may be variable and context-dependent rather than statically defined. Also, the location of a soft control may be virtual (e.g., within the display system structure) rather than spatially dedicated. Soft controls include

devices activated from display devices (e.g., buttons and sliders on touch screens), multi-function control devices (e.g., knobs, buttons, keyboard keys, and switches that perform different functions depending upon the current condition of the plant, the control system, or the human-system interface), and devices activated via voice input.

Spacing - The distance between any two objects.

**Spatially Focused, Variable Location, Serial Display** – A display where alarms are presented in no fixed location and according to some logic, such as time or priority. Usually, the same display device can be used to present many different alarms (in contrast with SDCV display where a given location presents only one alarm). A scrolling message list is an example of this type of display.

**Spatially Dedicated, Continuously Visible (SDCV) Alarm Display** – An alarm display that is in a spatially dedicated position and is always visible whether in an alarmed or cleared state. Conventional alarm tiles are an example of an SDCV alarm display.

**Speech Display** – Speech messages (either computer-generated or a recorded human voice) presented through audio devices, such as speakers and headsets.

Split Bar – The divider placed across the middle of the window that separates the panes.

**Split Box** – A rectangular indicator located inside the scroll-bar of a split window or immediately above the scroll-bar of a split-able window.

String – A linear sequence of entities such as characters or physical elements.

**Stroke Width** – The width of a line comprising a character.

Symbol – A representation of something by reason of relationship, association, or convention.

**Table** – A rows and columns structure consisting of functional areas that contain data and that may or may not require input. Tables may be used to present a variety of types of information. A collection of data in a form suitable for ready reference.

**Tear-off Menu** – A menu that can be removed from the menu bar and moved to another location on the screen where it can remain on display. Tear-off menu are also called "tracked" or "pushpin" menus.

**Text** – The primary display for word processing consists of alphanumeric character strings in linear arrays, making up words, sentences, and paragraphs. The main body of printed or written matter on a page or in a message.

**Text Box** – Edit controls into which the user types information. Most text boxes are one line tall, but message.

Text Entry – Initial entry and subsequent editing of textual data.

Throttleable - The ability to adjust valve position fully open, incrementally open, fully closed or incrementally closed, to any midposition or end point.

**Tile** – A type of spatially dedicated, continuously visible alarm-display that changes state (i.e., brightness, color, and/or flash rate) to indicate the presence or absence of an alarm condition, and includes text to identify the nature of the alarm state.

**Transaction** – An action by a user followed by a response from the computer. Transaction is used here to represent the smallest functional unit of user-system interaction.

Variable – A quantity that can assume any of the given set of values.

**Video Display Unit** – An electronic device for the display of visual information in the form of text and/or graphics. Typically abbreviated VDU.

**Vigilance** – The process of monitoring is vigilance. An operator must maintain alertness during his/her vigil.

Visual Angle - A measure, in degrees, of the size of the retinal image subtended by a viewed object. It

represents the apparent size of an object based on the relationship between an object's distance from the viewer and its size (perpendicular to the viewer's line of sight). An object of constant size will subtend a smaller visual angle as it is moved farther from the viewer. Visual angle is typically defined in terms of minutes of visual arc.

**Warning Signal** – A signal that alerts the operator to a condition requiring immediate action (see caution signal).

Word – A character string or a bit string considered as an entity.

## **APPENDIX C** - The Standard Symbols for Video Display Unit

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## **APPENDIX D - Labeling Guidelines**

- 1.0 Labeling and Demarcation
- 1.1 General

Proper demarcation and labeling can significantly improve an operator's ability to use a set of controls and/or displays. Demarcation of functionally grouped controls and displays reduces operator search time. Demarcation also aids in defining or reinforcing the relationship between controls and their displays. Labeling the functionally grouped and demarcated controls/displays can reduce the wordiness of individual component labels and can increase information transfer.

Groups of functionally similar controls/displays should be enclosed by demarcation lines. The demarcated area should be labeled with a descriptive title as to the system or function of the demarcated controls. Each individual component should be labeled with its alpha-numeric designator and/or its descriptive name. The descriptive title of the demarcated group should not be repeated in the individual component labels. Letter size, label color, abbreviations and material should conform to the guidelines set forth below.

1.2 Abbreviations

Refer to Appendix A for preferred abbreviations.

- 1.3 Color Conventions for Labels
  - Caution Labels
    - Red labels with white letters: serious
    - Yellow labels with black letters: less serious
  - Emergency Control or Power Sources (such as Reactor Trip or Turbine Trip)
    White labels with red letters
  - ESF Manual Actuation Controls
    - White labels with red letters
  - o Identification Labels
    - White labels with black letters
    - Device names, instrument numbers, and system titles are all Identification (ID) labels as are functional (hierarchical) group labels.
  - Information Labels (including mimic source and destination)
    - Black letters on light grey background

### 1.4 Component Designations

1.4.1 Nomenclature should be consistent with procedures and flow diagrams.

1.4.2 Controls and displays should be identified by a descriptive name and alphanumeric designator where available.

1.4.3 Controls and displays in a mimic may be identified by its alpha-numeric designator if its position in the mimic describes its function.

#### 1.5 Demarcation

A thin strip of Warm Grey (Munsell No. 8.4Y 8.3/0.5) should be left in between systems or large groups of instruments demarcation shading colors. This strip should be used to designate a boundary of a system or a large group of instruments, whose background shading color is Olive Green (Munsell No. 7.8Y 7.7/3.1) for the NSSS and Grey (Munsell No. 7.4Y 6.7/0.5) for the BOP.

- Width of the strip is as follows:
  - For system or large group demarcation: 0.7 cm (0.28 inch)
  - For subsystem or small group demarcation: 0.4 cm (0.16 inch)
- o Group labels should be centered on the demarcation
- 1.6 Labeling Format-Lettering
  - Style Block Print

- Character Height = 0.004 x Reading Distance = Minimum Character Height (@ 15 min. of arc)
- Reading Distance = 93.4 cm
- Width = 1.52 cm (Height)
- Stroke Width = 0.42 cm (Height) for dark lettering on light background = 0.31 cm (Height) for light letters on dark background
- Descriptive name
  - Single Component 0.5 cm (0.2 inch)
  - Group of Components 1.0 cm (0.4 inch)
  - Panel or Cabinet 1.27 cm (0.5 inch)
  - Safety Console Section 2.54 cm (1.0 inch)

#### 1.7 Material

Label plates and mimic lines should be made of low glare material. In areas where the plate may be abused, stronger, less scratchable material is recommended.

#### 1.8 Mimics

A mimic is the use of lines to show the relationship between system and components or to show the direction of fluid flow or electrical distribution. Arrows, whose base is wider than the mimic line, should be used to show the direction of the fluid or electrical flow. Arrows should be used only when the flow is in one direction.

Fluid mimic lines should be black. Electrical mimic lines should conform to the following convention:

SY-765 kV - Orange 0 SY-154 kV Silver -0 MP-22 kV White 0 AP-13.8 kV -Red 0 AP-4.16 kV -Blue 0 AP-480 V Yellow -0

The start and end of each mimic should be identified; and if it connects to another mimic or extends to another panel, this should be indicated. Mimics should be made (cut) from the same 0.16 cm (1/16") thick material as labels.

### 1.9 Channel Identification

Regarding identification of redundant Class 1E components, the following method of identifying separation group channelized controls and indicators on the safety console should be applied. This is in accordance with USNRC Reg. Guide 1.75 and in keeping with KEPCO's color-coding for related plant equipment. Each channel A, B, C, or D device on the safety console should be identified by the following color-coded nameplates.

# 1. Class 1E Nameplate



This scheme gives operators the easiest method of identifying the channelized components.