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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY  
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BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT 2  
AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 174  
License No. DPR-52

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
  - A. The application for amendment by Tennessee Valley Authority (the licensee) dated June 20, 1989, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
  - B. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission;
  - C. There is reasonable assurance (i) that the activities authorized by this amendment can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public, and (ii) that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations;
  - D. The issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public; and
  - E. The issuance of this amendment is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied.

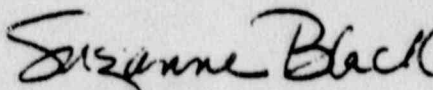
2. Accordingly, the license is amended by changes to the Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment and paragraph 2.C.(2) of Facility Operating License No. DPR-52 is hereby amended to read as follows:

(2) Technical Specifications

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendices A and B, as revised through Amendment No. 174, are hereby incorporated in the license. The licensee shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications.

3. This license amendment is effective as of its date of issuance and shall be implemented within 60 days from the date of issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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Attachment:  
Changes to the Technical  
Specifications

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## 3.5/4.5 CORE AND CONTAINMENT COOLING SYSTEMS

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#### 3.5 Core and Containment Cooling Systems

##### L. APRM Setpoints

1. Whenever the core thermal power is  $\geq 25\%$  of rated, the ratio of FRP/CMFLPD shall be  $\geq 1.0$ , or the APRM scram and rod block setpoint equations listed in Sections 2.1.A and 2.1.B shall be multiplied by FRP/CMFLPD as follows:

$$S_{\text{L}} (0.66W + 54\%) \frac{\text{FRP}}{\text{CMFLPD}}$$

$$S_{\text{RB}} (0.66W + 42\%) \left( \frac{\text{FRP}}{\text{CMFLPD}} \right)$$

2. When it is determined that 3.5.L.1 is not being met, 6 hours is allowed to correct the condition.
3. If 3.5.L.1 and 3.5.L.2 cannot be met, the reactor power shall be reduced to  $\leq 25\%$  of rated thermal power within 4 hours.

##### M. Core Thermal-Hydraulic Stability

1. The reactor shall not be operated at a thermal power and core flow inside of Regions I and II of Figure 3.5.M-1.
2. If Region I of Figure 3.5.M-1 is entered, immediately initiate a manual scram.
3. If Region II of Figure 3.5.M-1 is entered:

#### 4.5 Core and Containment Cooling Systems

##### L. APRM Setpoints

FRP/CMFLPD shall be determined daily when the reactor is  $\geq 25\%$  of rated thermal power.

##### M. Core Thermal-Hydraulic Stability

1. Verify that the reactor is outside of Region I and II of Figure 3.5.M-1:
  - a. Following any increase of more than 5% rated thermal power while initial core flow is less than 45% of rated, and
  - b. Following any decrease of more than 10% rated core flow while initial thermal power is greater than 40% of rated.

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3.5 Core and Containment Cooling Systems

4.5 Core and Containment Cooling Systems

3.5.M.3. (Cont'd)

- a. Immediately initiate action and exit the region within 2 hours by inserting control rods or by increasing core flow (starting a recirculation pump to exit the region is not an appropriate action), and
- b. While exiting the region, immediately initiate a manual scram if thermal-hydraulic instability is observed, as evidenced by APEM oscillations which exceed 10 percent peak-to-peak of rated or LPEM oscillations which exceed 30 percent peak-to-peak of scale. If periodic LPEM upscale or downscale alarms occur, immediately check the APEM's and individual LPEM's for evidence of thermal-hydraulic instability.

Table 3.5.I-1

## MAPLHGR VERSUS AVERAGE PLANAR EXPOSURE

Fuel Type: P8DRB284L QUAD+

<u>Average Planar Exposure (MWD/t)</u>	<u>MAPLHGR (kW/ft)</u>
200	11.2
1,000	11.3
5,000	11.8
10,000	12.0
15,000	12.0
20,000	11.8
25,000	11.2
30,000	10.8
35,000	10.2
40,000	9.5
45,000	8.8

Table 3.5.I-2

## MAPLHGR VERSUS AVERAGE PLANAR EXPOSURE

Fuel Type: P8DRB265H

<u>Average Planar Exposure (MWD/t)</u>	<u>MAPLHGR (kW/ft)</u>
200	11.5
1,000	11.6
5,000	11.9
10,000	12.1
15,000	12.1
20,000	11.9
25,000	11.3
30,000	10.7
35,000	10.2
40,000	9.6

Table 3.5.I-3

MAPLHGR VERSUS AVERAGE PLANAR EXPOSURE

Fuel Type: P8DRB284Z

<u>Average Planar Exposure (MWd/t)</u>	<u>MAPLHGR (kW/ft)</u>
200	11.2
1,000	11.2
5,000	11.7
10,000	12.0
15,000	12.0
20,000	11.8
25,000	11.1
30,000	10.4
35,000	9.8
40,000	9.1
45,000	8.5

Table 3.5.I-4

MAPLHGR VERSUS AVERAGE PLANAR EXPOSURE

Fuel Type: 8DRB284L

<u>Average Planar Exposure (MWd/t)</u>	<u>MAPLHGR (kW/ft)</u>
200	11.2
1,000	11.3
5,000	11.8
10,000	12.0
15,000	12.0
20,000	11.8
25,000	11.2
30,000	10.8
35,000	10.2
40,000	9.5

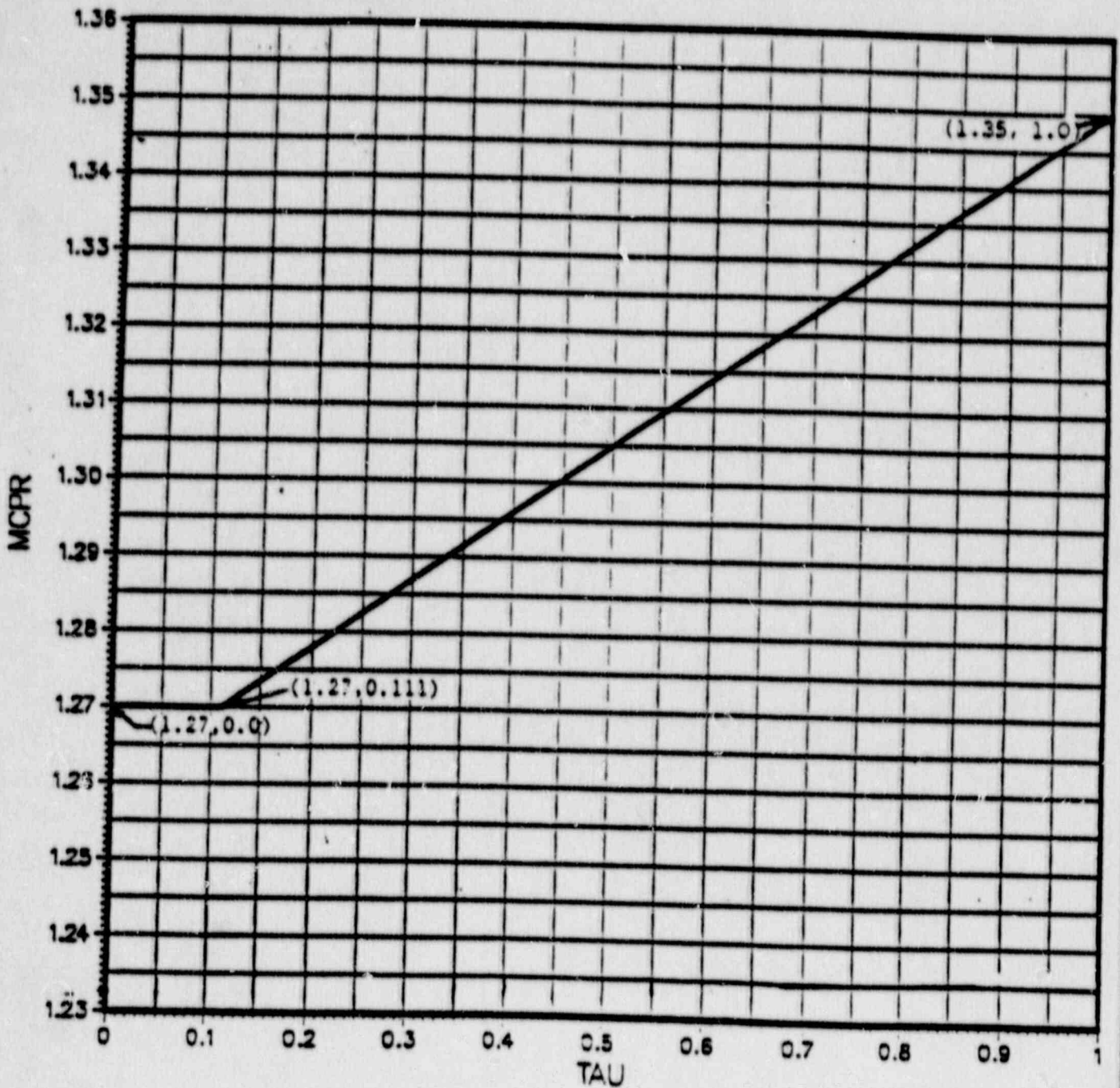
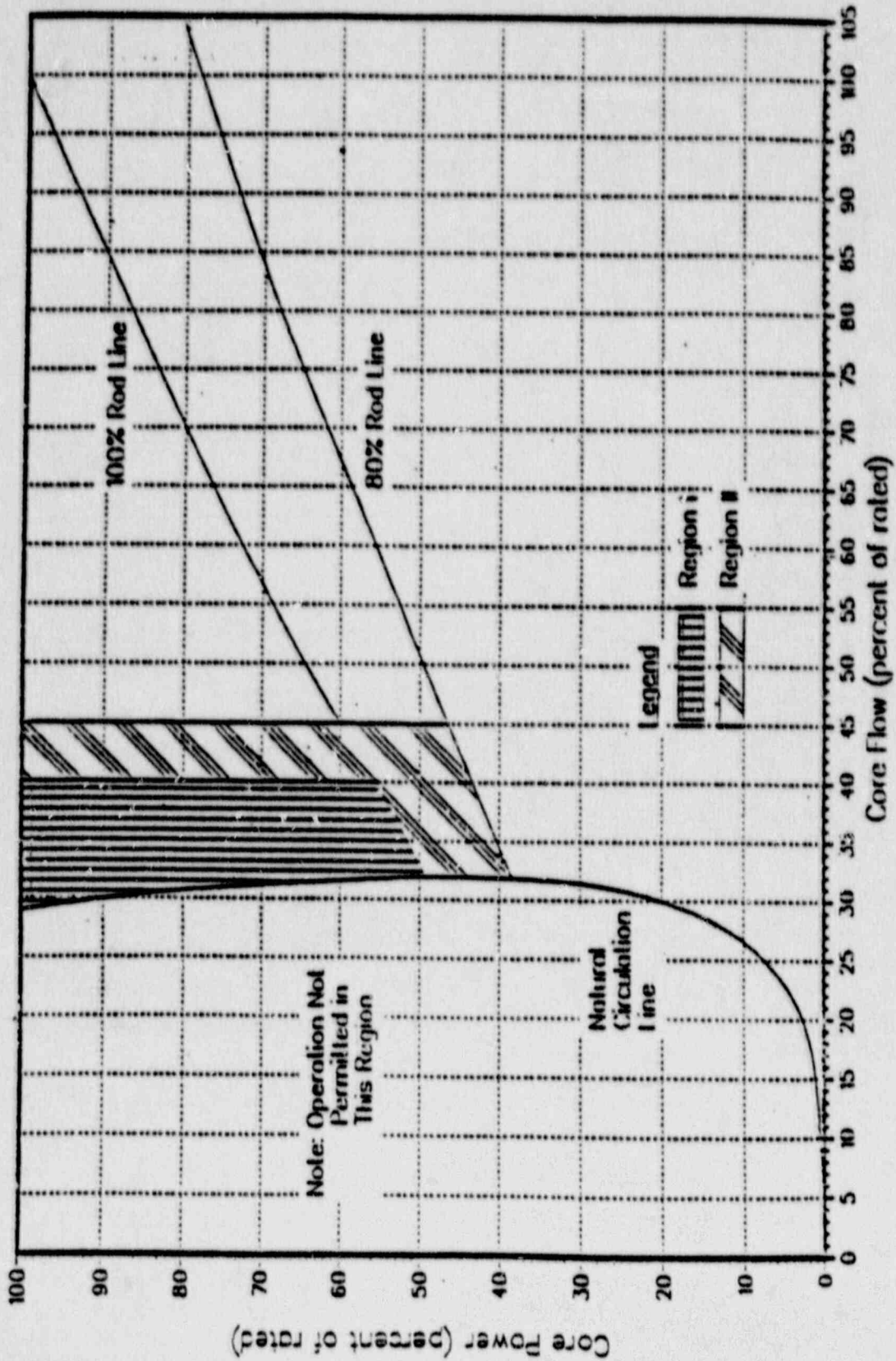


Figure 3.5.K-1 -  
MCPR Limits for P8 X 8R/8 X 8R/ QUAD+

Figure 3.5.M-1  
BFN Power/Flow Stability Regions



### 3.5 BASES (Cont'd)

of CMFLPD and FRP will increase the LHGR transient peak beyond that allowed by the 1-percent plastic strain limit. A 6-hour time period to achieve this condition is justified since the additional margin gained by the setback adjustment is above and beyond that ensured by the safety analysis.

#### 3.5.M. Core Thermal-Hydraulic Stability

The minimum margin to the onset of thermal-hydraulic instability occurs in Region I of Figure 3.5.M-1. A manually initiated scram upon entry into this region is sufficient to preclude core oscillations which could challenge the MCPR safety limit.

Because the probability of thermal-hydraulic oscillations is lower and the margin to the MCPR safety limit is greater in Region II than in Region I of figure 3.5.M-1, an immediate scram upon entry into the region is not necessary. However, in order to minimize the probability of core instability following entry into Region II, the operator will take immediate action to exit the region. Although formal surveillances are not performed while exiting Region II (delaying exit for surveillances is undesirable), an immediate manual scram will be initiated if evidence of thermal-hydraulic instability is observed.

Clear indications of thermal-hydraulic instability are APEM oscillations which exceed 10 percent peak-to-peak or LPEM oscillations which exceed 30 percent peak-to-peak (approximately equivalent to APEM oscillations of 10 percent during regional oscillations). Periodic LPEM upscale or downscale alarms may also be indicators of thermal hydraulic instability and will be immediately investigated.

During regional oscillations, the safety limit MCPR is not approached until APEM oscillations are 30 percent peak-to-peak or larger in magnitude. In addition, periodic upscale or downscale LPEM alarms will occur before regional oscillations are large enough to threaten the MCPR safety limit. Therefore, the criteria for initiating a manual scram described in the preceding paragraph are sufficient to ensure that the MCPR safety limit will not be violated in the event that core oscillations initiate while exiting Region II.

Normal operation of the reactor is restricted to thermal power and core flow conditions (i.e., outside Regions I and II) where thermal-hydraulic instabilities are very unlikely to occur.

#### 3.5.N. References

1. Loss-of-Coolant Accident Analysis for Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant Unit 2, NEDO - 24088-1 and Addenda.
2. "BWR Transient Analysis Model Utilizing the RETRAN Program," TVA-TR81-01-A.
3. Generic Reload Fuel Application, Licensing Topical Report, NEDE - 24011-P-A and Addenda.

#### 4.5 Core and Containment Cooling Systems Surveillance Frequencies

The testing interval for the core and containment cooling systems is based on industry practice, quantitative reliability analysis, judgment and practicality. The core cooling systems have not been designed to be fully testable during operation. For example, in the case of the HPCI, automatic initiation during power operation would result in pumping cold water into the reactor vessel which is not desirable. Complete ADS testing during power operation causes an undesirable loss-of-coolant inventory. To increase the availability of the core and containment cooling system, the components which make up the system, i.e., instrumentation, pumps, valves, etc., are tested frequently. The pumps and motor operated injection valves are also tested in accordance with Specification 1.0.MSI to assure their OPERABILITY. A simulated automatic actuation test once each cycle combined with testing of the pumps and injection valves in accordance with Specification 1.0.MSI is deemed to be adequate testing of these systems. Monthly alignment checks of valves that are not locked or sealed in position which affect the ability of the systems to perform their intended safety function are also verified to be in the proper position. Valves which automatically reposition themselves on an initiation signal are permitted to be in a position other than normal to facilitate other operational modes of the system.

When components and subsystems are out-of-service, overall core and containment cooling reliability is maintained by OPERABILITY of the remaining redundant equipment.

Whenever a CSCS system or loop is made inoperable, the other CSCS systems or loops that are required to be OPERABLE shall be considered OPERABLE if they are within the required surveillance testing frequency and there is no reason to suspect they are inoperable. If the function, system, or loop under test or calibration is found inoperable or exceeds the trip level setting, the LCO and the required surveillance testing for the system or loop shall apply.

#### Maximum Average Pladar LEGR, LEGR, and MCPR

The MAPLEGR, LEGR, and MCPR shall be checked daily to determine if fuel burnup, or control rod movement has caused changes in power distribution. Since changes due to burnup are slow, and only a few control rods are moved daily, a daily check of power distribution is adequate.



3.6.E. Jet Pumps

1. Whenever the reactor is in the STARTUP or RUN modes, all jet pumps shall be OPERABLE. If it is determined that a jet pump is inoperable, or if two or more jet pump flow instrument failures occur and cannot be corrected within 12 hours, an orderly shutdown shall be initiated and the reactor shall be shutdown in the COLD SHUTDOWN CONDITION within 24 hours.

4.6.D. Relief Valves

3. The integrity of the relief valve bellows shall be continuously monitored when valves incorporating the bellows design are installed.
4. At least one relief valve shall be disassembled and inspected each operating cycle.

E. Jet Pumps

1. Whenever there is recirculation flow with the reactor in the STARTUP or RUN modes with both recirculation pumps running, jet pump operability shall be checked daily by verifying that the following conditions do not occur simultaneously:
  - a. The two recirculation loops have a flow imbalance of 15% or more when the pumps are operated at the same speed.
  - b. The indicated value of core flow rate varies from the value derived from loop flow measurements by more than 10%.
  - c. The diffuser to lower plenum differential pressure reading on an individual jet pump varies from the mean of all jet pump differential pressures by more than 10%.

3.6/4.6 PRIMARY SYSTEM BOUNDARY

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3.6.F Recirculation Pump Operation

1. The reactor shall not be operated with one recirculation loop out of service for more than 24 hours. With the reactor operating, if one recirculation loop is out of service, the plant shall be placed in a **HOT SHUTDOWN CONDITION** within 24 hours unless the loop is sooner returned to service.
2. Following one pump operation, the discharge valve of the low speed pump may not be opened unless the speed of the faster pump is less than 50% of its rated speed.
3. When the reactor is not in the **RUN** mode, **REACTOR POWER OPERATION** with both recirculation pumps out-of-service for up to 12 hours is permitted. During such interval, restart of the recirculation pumps is permitted, provided the loop discharge temperature is within 75°F of the saturation temperature of the reactor

4.6.E. Jet Pumps

2. Whenever there is recirculation flow with the reactor in the **STARTUP** or **RUN** Mode and one recirculation pump is operating with the equalizer valve closed, the diffuser to lower plenum differential pressure shall be checked daily and the differential pressure of an individual jet pump in a loop shall not vary from the mean of all jet pump differential pressures in that loop by more than 10%.

4.6.F. Recirculation Pump Operation

1. Recirculation pump speeds shall be checked and logged at least once per day.
2. No additional surveillance required.
3. Before starting either recirculation pump during **REACTOR POWER OPERATION**, check and log the loop discharge temperature and dome saturation temperature.

### 3.6/4.6 PRIMARY SYSTEM BOUNDARY

#### LIMITING CONDITIONS FOR OPERATION

#### SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

#### 3.6.F Recirculation Pump Operation

##### 3.6.F.3 (Cont'd)

vessel water as determined by dome pressure. The total elapsed time in natural circulation and one pump operation must be no greater than 24 hours.

4. The reactor shall not be operated with both recirculation pumps out-of-service while the reactor is in the RUN mode. Following a trip of both recirculation pumps while in the RUN mode, immediately initiate a manual reactor scram.

#### 3.6.G Structural Integrity

1. The structural integrity of ASME Code Class 1, 2, and 3 equivalent components shall be maintained in accordance with Specification 4.6.G throughout the life of the plant.
  - a. With the structural integrity of any ASME Code Class 1 equivalent component, which is part of the primary system, not conforming to the above requirements, restore the structural integrity of the affected component to within its limit or maintain the reactor coolant system in either a COLD SHUTDOWN CONDITION or less than 50°F above the minimum temperature required by NDT considerations, until each indication of a defect has been investigated and evaluated.

#### 4.6.G Structural Integrity

1. Inservice inspection of ASME Code Class 1, Class 2, and Class 3 components shall be performed in accordance with Section XI of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code and applicable Addenda as required by 10 CFR 50, Section 50.55a(g), except where specific written relief has been granted by NEC pursuant to 10 CFR 50, Section 50.55a(g)(6)(i).
2. Additional inspections shall be performed on certain circumferential pipe welds as listed to provide additional protection against pipe whip, which could damage auxiliary and control systems.

3.6/4.6 PRIMARY SYSTEM BOUNDARY

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3.6.G Structural Integrity

3.6.G.1 (Cont'd)

b. With the structural integrity of any ASME Code Class 2 or 3 equivalent component not conforming to the above requirements, restore the structural integrity of the affected component to within its limit or isolate the affected component from all OPERABLE systems.

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

4.6.G Structural Integrity

4.6.G.2 (Cont'd)

Feedwater - GFW-9, KFW-13  
GFW-12, GFW-26,  
KFW-31, GFW-29,  
KFW-39, GFW-15,  
KFW-38, and GFW-32

Main  
Steam - GMS-6, KMS-24  
GMS-32, KMS-104,  
GMS-15 and  
GMS-24

RHR - DSRHR-4, DSRHR-7,  
DSRHR-6

Core  
Spray - TSC-407, TSC-423,  
TSCS-408, and  
TSC-424

Reactor  
Cleanup - DSEWC-4, DSEWC-3  
DSEWC-6, DSEWC-5

HPCI - THPCI - 70  
THPCI - 70A  
THPCI - 71  
THPCI - 72

## 3.6.E/4.6.E (Cont'd)

resistance to the recirculation pump is also reduced; hence, the affected drive pump will "run out" to a substantially higher flow rate (approximately 115 percent to 120 percent for a single nozzle failure). If the two loops are balanced in flow at the same pump speed, the resistance characteristics cannot have changed. Any imbalance between drive loop flow rates would be indicated by the plant process instrumentation. In addition, the affected jet pump would provide a leakage path past the core thus reducing the core flow rate. The reverse flow through the inactive jet pump would still be indicated by a positive differential pressure but the net effect would be a slight decrease (3 percent to 6 percent) in the total core flow measured. This decrease, together with the loop flow increase, would result in a lack of correlation between measured and derived core flow rate. Finally, the affected jet pump diffuser differential pressure signal would be reduced because the backflow would be less than the normal forward flow.

A nozzle-riser system failure could also generate the coincident failure of a jet pump diffuser body; however, the converse is not true. The lack of any substantial stress in the jet pump diffuser body makes failure impossible without an initial nozzle-riser system failure.

3.6.F/4.6.F Recirculation Pump Operation

Operation without forced recirculation is permitted for up to 12 hours when the reactor is not in the RUN mode. And the start of a recirculation pump from the natural circulation condition will not be permitted unless the temperature difference between the loop to be started and the core coolant temperature is less than 75°F. This reduces the positive reactivity insertion to an acceptably low value.

Requiring at least one recirculation pump to be operable while in the RUN mode provides protection against the potential occurrence of core thermal-hydraulic instabilities at low flow conditions.

Requiring the discharge valve of the lower speed loop to remain closed until the speed of the faster pump is below 50% of its rated speed provides assurance when going from one-to-two pump operation that excessive vibration of the jet pump risers will not occur.

3.6.G/4.6.G Structural Integrity

The requirements for the reactor coolant systems inservice inspection program have been identified by evaluating the need for a sampling examination of areas of high stress and highest probability of failure in the system and the need to meet as closely as possible the requirements of Section XI, of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code.

The program reflects the built-in limitations of access to the reactor coolant systems.

It is intended that the required examinations and inspection be completed during each 10-year interval. The periodic examinations are to be done during refueling outages or other extended plant shutdown periods.

3.6.G/4.6.G (Cont'd)

Only proven nondestructive testing techniques will be used.

More frequent inspections shall be performed on certain circumferential pipe welds as listed in Section 4.6.G.4 to provide additional protection against pipe whip. These welds were selected in respect to their distance from hangers or supports wherein a failure of the weld would permit the unsupported segments of pipe to strike the drywell wall or nearby auxiliary systems or control systems. Selection was based on judgment from actual plant observation of hanger and support locations and review of drawings. Inspection of all these welds during each 10-year inspection interval will result in three additional examinations above the requirements of Section XI of ASME Code.

An augmented inservice surveillance program is required to determine whether any stress corrosion has occurred in any stainless steel piping, stainless components, and highly-stressed alloy steel such as hanger springs, as a result of environmental conditions associated with the March 22, 1975 fire.

REFERENCES

1. Inservice Inspection and Testing (BFWP FSAR Subsection 4.12)
2. Inservice Inspection of Nuclear Reactor Coolant Systems, Section XI, ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code
3. ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section III (1968 Edition)
4. American Society for Nondestructive Testing No. SNT-TC-1A (1968 Edition)
5. Mechanical Maintenance Instruction 46 (Mechanical Equipment, Concrete, and Structural Steel Cleaning Procedure for Residue From Plant Fire - Units 1 and 2)
6. Mechanical Maintenance Instruction 53 (Evaluation of Corrosion Damage of Piping Components Which Were Exposed to Residue From March 22, 1975 Fire)
7. Plant Safety Analysis (BFWP FSAR Subsection 4.12)