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3.3 EMERGENCY CORE COOLING, REACTOR BUILDING EMERGENCY COOLING AND REACTOR BUILDING SPRAY SYSTEMS

Applicability

Applies to the emergency core cooling, reactor building emergency cooling and reactor building spray systems.

Objectivity

To define the conditions necessary to assure immediate availability of the emergency core cooling, reactor building emergency cooling and reactor building spray systems.

Specification

3.3.1 The following equipment shall be operable whenever containment integrity is established as required by Specification 3.6.1:

(A) One reactor building spray pump and its associated spray nozzle header.

(B) One train of reactor building emergency cooling.

(C) Two out of three service water pumps shall be operable, powered from independent essential busses, to provide redundant and independent flow paths.

(D) Two engineered safety feature actuated low pressure injection pumps shall be operable.

(E) Both low pressure injection coolers and their cooling water supplies shall be operable.

(F) Two BWST level instrument channels shall be operable.

(G) The borated water storage tank shall contain a level of 40.2 ± 1.8 ft. (387,400 ± 17,300 gallons) of water having a concentration of 2470 ± 200 ppm boron at a temperature not less than 40F. The manual valve on the discharge line from the borated water storage tank shall be locked open.

(H) The four reactor building emergency sump isolation valves to the LPI system shall be either manually or remote-manually operable.

(I) The engineered safety features valves associated with each of the above systems shall be operable or locked in the ES position.

3.3.2 In addition to 3.3.1 above, the following ECCS equipment shall be operable when the reactor coolant system is above 350F and irradiated fuel is in the core:

(A) Two out of three high pressure injection (makeup) pumps shall be maintained operable, powered from independent essential buses, to provide redundant and independent flow paths.

(B) Engineered safety features valves associated with 3.3.2.a above shall be operable or locked in the ES position.

3.3.3 In addition to 3.3.1 and 3.3.2 above, the following ECCS equipment shall be operable when the reactor coolant system is above 800 psig:

(A) The two core flooding tanks shall each contain an indicated minimum of 13 ± 0.4 feet (1040 ± 30 ft^3) of borated water at 600 ± 25 psig.

(B) Core flooding tank boron concentration shall not be less than 2270 ppm boron.

(C) The electrically operated discharge valves from the core flood tanks shall be open and breakers locked open and tagged.

(D) One of the two pressure instrument channels and one of the two level instrument channels per core flood tank shall be operable.

3.3.4 The reactor shall not be made critical unless the following equipment in addition to 3.3.1, 3.3.2, and 3.3.3 above is operable.

(A) Two reactor building spray pumps and their associated spray nozzle headers and two trains of reactor building emergency cooling. The two reactor building spray pumps shall be powered from operable independent emergency buses and the two reactor building emergency cooling trains shall be powered from operable independent emergency buses.

(B) The sodium hydroxide tank shall contain an indicated

$34^{+1.0}_{-0.8}$ ft. of $18^{+2.8}_{-3.0}$ wt % solution sodium hydroxide

(19,500 lb. ± 2500 lb.).

(C) All manual valves in the main discharge lines of the sodium hydroxide tanks shall be locked open.

(D) Engineered safety feature valves and interlocks associated with 3.3.1, 3.5.2, and 3.3.3 shall be operable or locked in the ES position.

3.3.5 Maintenance shall be allowed during power operation on any component(s) in the high pressure injection, low pressure injection, service water, reactor building spray and reactor building emergency cooling |

systems which will not remove more than one train of each system from service. Maintenance shall not be performed on components which would make the affected system train inoperable for more than 24 consecutive hours. Prior to initiating maintenance on any component of a train in any system, the redundant component of that system shall be demonstrated to be operable within 24 hours prior to the maintenance.

3.3.6 If the conditions of Specifications 3.3.1, 3.3.2, 3.3.3, 3.3.4 and 3.3.5 cannot be met except as noted in 3.3.7 below, reactor shutdown shall be initiated and the reactor shall be in hot shutdown condition within 36 hours, and, if not corrected, in cold shutdown condition within an additional 72 hours.

3.3.7 Exceptions to 3.3.6 shall be as follows:

(A) If the conditions of Specification 3.3.1(F) cannot be met, reactor operation is permissible only during the succeeding seven days unless such components are sooner made operable, provided that during such seven days the other BWST level instrument channel shall be operable.

(B) If the conditions of Specification 3.3.3(D) cannot be met, reactor operation is permissible only during the succeeding seven days unless such components are sooner made operable, provided that during such seven days the other CFT instrument channel (pressure of level) shall be operable.

(C) If the conditions of Specification 3.3.4(A) cannot be met because one train of the required reactor building emergency cooling is inoperable but both reactor building spray systems are operable, restore the inoperable train of cooling to operable status within 7 days or be in at least hot shutdown within the next 6 hours and in cold shutdown within the following 30 hours.

(D) If the conditions of Specification 3.3.4(A) cannot be met because two trains of the required reactor building emergency cooling are inoperable but both reactor building spray systems are operable, restore at least one train of cooling to operable status within 72 hours or be in at least hot shutdown within the next 6 hours and in cold shutdown within the following 30 hours. Restore both above required cooling trains to operable status within 7 days of initial loss or be in at least hot shutdown within the next 6 hours and in cold shutdown within the following 30 hours.

(E) If the conditions of Specification 3.3.4(A) cannot be met because one train of the required reactor building emergency cooling is inoperable and one reactor building spray system is inoperable, restore the inoperable spray system to operable status within 72 hours or be in at least hot shutdown within the next 6 hours and in cold shutdown within the following 30 hours. Restore the inoperable reactor building emergency cooling train to operable status within 7 days of initial loss or be in at least hot shutdown within the next 6 hours and in cold shutdown within the following 30 hours.

Bases

The requirements of Specification 3.3.1 assure that below 350°F, adequate long term core cooling is provided. Two low pressure injection pumps are specified. However, only one is necessary to supply emergency coolant to the reactor in the event of a loss-of-coolant accident.

The post-accident reactor building emergency cooling and long-term pressure reduction may be accomplished by two spray units or by a combination of one cooling train and one spray unit. Post-accident iodine removal may be accomplished by one of the two spray system strings. The specified requirements assure that the required post-accident components are available for both reactor building emergency cooling and iodine removal. Specification 3.3.1 assures that the required equipment is operable.

A train consists of two coolers and their associated fans which have sufficient capacity to meet post accident heat removal requirements. Conservatively each reactor building emergency cooling train consists of two fans powered from the same emergency bus and their associated coils, but other combinations may be justified by an engineering evaluation.

The borated water storage tank is used for three purposes:

(A) As a supply of borated water for accident conditions.

(B) As an alternate supply of borated water for reaching cold shutdown.([2])

(C) As a supply of borated water for flooding the fuel transfer canal during refueling operation.([3])

370,100 gallons of borated water are supplied for emergency core cooling and reactor building spray in the event of a loss-of-coolant accident. This amount fulfills requirements for emergency core cooling. Approximately 16,000 gallons of borated water are required to reach cold shutdown. The original nominal borated water storage tank capacity of 380,000 gallons is based on refueling volume requirements. Heaters maintain the borated water supply at a temperature to prevent crystallization and local freezing of the boric acid. The boron concentration is set at a value that will maintain the core at least 1 percent $\Delta k/k$ subcritical at 70°F without any control rods in the core. The concentration for 1% $\Delta k/k$ subcriticality is 1609 ppm boron in the core, while the minimum value specified in the borated water storage tank is 2270 ppm boron.

Specification 3.3.2 assures that above 350°F two high pressure injection pumps are also available to provide injection water as the energy of the reactor coolant system is increased.

Specification 3.3.3 assures that above 800 psig both core flooding tanks are operational. Since their design pressure is 600 ± 25 psig, they are not brought into the operational state until 800 psig to prevent spurious injection of borated water. Both core flooding tanks are specified as a single core flood tank has insufficient inventory to reflood the core.(1)

Specification 3.3.4 assures that prior to going critical the redundant train of reactor building emergency cooling and spray train are operable.

The spray system utilizes common suction lines with the low pressure injection system. If a single train of equipment is removed from either system, the other train must be assured to be operable in each system.

When the reactor is critical, maintenance is allowed per Specification 3.3.5. Operability of the specified components shall be based on the results of testing as required by Technical Specification 4.5. The maintenance period of up to 24 hours is acceptable if the operability of equipment redundant to that removed from service is demonstrated within 24 hours prior to removal. Exceptions to Specification 3.3.6 permit continued operation for seven days if one of two BWST level instrument channels is operable or if either the pressure or level instrument channel in the CFT instrument channel is operable.

In the event that the need for emergency core cooling should occur, functioning of one train (one high pressure injection pump, one low pressure injection pump, and both core flooding tanks) will protect the core and in the event of a main coolant loop severance, limit the peak clad temperature to less than 2300°F and the metal-water reaction to that representing less than 1 percent of the clad.

The service water system consists of two independent but interconnected, full capacity, 100% redundant systems, to ensure continuous heat removal.(4)

One service water pump is required for normal operation. The normal operating requirements are greater than the emergency requirements following a loss-of-coolant accident.

REFERENCES

(1) FSAR, Section 14.2.5

(2) FSAR, Section 3.2

(3) FSAR, Section 9.5.2

(4) FSAR, Section 9.3.1

(5) FSAR, Section 6.3

4.5.2 Reactor Building Cooling Systems

Applicability

Applies to testing of the reactor building emergency cooling systems.

Objective

To verify that the reactor building emergency cooling systems are operable.

Specification

4.5.2.1 System Tests

4.5.2.1.1 Reactor Building Spray System

(a) Once every 18 months, a system test shall be conducted to demonstrate proper operation of the system. A test signal will be applied to demonstrate actuation of the reactor building spray system (except for reactor building inlet valves to prevent water entering nozzles).

(b) Station compressed air or smoke will be introduced into the spray headers to verify the availability of the headers and spray nozzles at least every five years.

(c) The test will be considered satisfactory if visual observation and control board indication verifies that all components have responded to the actuation signal properly.

4.5.2.1.2 Reactor Building Cooling System

(a) At least once per 14 days, each reactor building emergency cooling train shall be tested to demonstrate proper operation of the system. The test shall be performed in accordance with the procedure summarized below:

(1) Verifying a service water flow rate of ≥ 1200 gpm to each train of the reactor building emergency cooling.

(2) Addition of a biocide to the service water during the surveillance in 4.5.2.1.2.a.1 above, whenever service water temperature is between 60F and 80F.

(b) At least once per 31 days, each reactor building emergency cooling train shall be tested to demonstrate proper operation of the system. The test shall be performed in accordance with the procedure summarized below:

(1) Starting (unless already operating) each operational cooling fan from the control room.

(2) Verifying that each operational cooling fan operates for at least 15 minutes.

(c) Once every 18 months, a system test shall be conducted to demonstrate proper operation of the system. The test shall be performed in accordance with the procedure summarized below:

(1) A test signal will be applied to actuate the reactor building emergency cooling operation.

(2) Verification of the engineered safety features function of the service water system which supplies the reactor building emergency coolers shall be made to demonstrate operability of the coolers.

(3) The test will be considered satisfactory if control board indication verifies that all components have responded to the actuation signal properly.

4.5.2.2 Component Tests

4.5.2.2.1 Pumps

At intervals not to exceed 3 months the reactor building spray pumps shall be started and operated to verify proper operation. Acceptable performance will be indicated if the pump starts, operates for fifteen minutes, and the discharge pressure and flow are within ±10% of a point on the pump head curve.

4.5.2.2.2 Valves

At intervals not to exceed three months each engineered safety features valve in the reactor building spray and reactor building emergency cooling system and each engineered safety features valve associated with reactor building emergency cooling in the service water system shall be tested to verify that it is operable.

Bases

The reactor building emergency cooling system and reactor building spray system are redundant to each other in providing post-accident cooling of the reactor building atmosphere to prevent the building pressure from exceeding the design pressure. As a result of this redundancy in cooling capability, the allowable out of service time requirements for the reactor building emergency cooling system have been appropriately adjusted. However, the allowable out of service time requirements for the reactor building spray system have been maintained consistent with that assigned other inoperable engineered safeguard equipment since the reactor building spray system also provides a mechanism for removing iodine from the reactor building atmosphere.

Addition of a biocide to service water is performed during reactor building emergency cooler surveillance to prevent buildup of Asian clams in the coolers when service water is pumped through the cooling coils. This is performed when service water temperature is between 60F and 80F since in this water temperature range Asian clams can spawn and produce larva which could pass through service water system strainers.

The delivery capability of one reactor building spray pump at a time can be tested by opening the valve in the line from the borated water storage tank, opening the corresponding valve in the test line, and starting the corresponding pump. Pump discharge pressure and flow indication demonstrate performance.

With the pumps shut down and the borated water storage tank outlet closed, the reactor building spray injection valves can each be opened and closed by operator action. With the reactor building spray inlet valves closed, low pressure air or smoke can be blown through the test connections of the reactor building spray nozzles to demonstrate that the flow paths are open.

The equipment, piping, valves, and instrumentation of the reactor building emergency cooling system are arranged so that they can be visually inspected. The cooling fans and coils and associated piping are located outside the secondary concrete shield. Personnel can enter the reactor building during power operations to inspect and maintain this equipment. The service water piping and valves outside the reactor building are inspectable at all times. Operational tests and inspections will be performed prior to initial startup.

Two service water pumps are normally operating. At least once per month operation of one pump is shifted to the third pump, so testing will be unnecessary.

As the reactor building fans are normally operating, starting for testing is unnecessary for those verified to be operating.

Reference

FSAR, Section 6