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DEFINITIONS

REPORTABLE EVENT

1.7 A REPORTABLE EVENT shall be any of those conditions specified in Section 50.73 of 10 CFR Part 50.

CONTAINMENT INTEGRITY

1.8 CONTAINMENT INTEGRITY shall exist when:

- a. All penetrations required to be closed during accident conditions are either:
 1. Capable of being closed by the Safety Features Actuation System, or
 2. Closed by manual valves, blind flanges, or deactivated automatic valves secured in their closed positions, except those approved to be open under administrative controls,
- b. All equipment hatches are closed and sealed,
- c. Each air lock is in compliance with the requirements of Specification 3.6.1.3,
- d. The containment leakage rates are within the limits of Specification 3.6.1.2, and
- e. The sealing mechanism associated with each penetration (e.g., welds, bellows or O-rings) is OPERABLE.

CHANNEL CALIBRATION

1.9 A CHANNEL CALIBRATION shall be the adjustment, as necessary, of the channel output such that it responds with necessary range and accuracy to known values of the parameter which the channel monitors. The CHANNEL CALIBRATION shall encompass the entire channel including the sensor and alarm and/or trip functions, and shall include the CHANNEL FUNCTIONAL TEST. CHANNEL CALIBRATION may be performed by any series of sequential, overlapping or total channel steps such that the entire channel is calibrated.

CHANNEL CHECK

1.10 A CHANNEL CHECK shall be the qualitative assessment of channel behavior during operation by observation. This determination shall include, where possible, comparison of the channel indication and/or status with other indications and/or status derived from independent instrument channels measuring the same parameter.

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3.6.1.1 Primary CONTAINMENT INTEGRITY shall be maintained.

APPLICABILITY: MODES 1, 2, 3 and 4.

ACTION:

Without primary CONTAINMENT INTEGRITY, restore CONTAINMENT INTEGRITY within one hour or be in at least HOT STANDBY within the next 6 hours and in COLD SHUTDOWN within the following 30 hours.

C. By performing required visual examinations of the containment vessel and shield building in accordance with 10 CFR 50, Appendix J Option B, as modified by approved exemptions, and Regulatory Guide 1.163.

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

4.6.1.1 Primary CONTAINMENT INTEGRITY shall be demonstrated:

- a. At least once per 31 days by verifying that:
 1. All penetrations* not capable of being closed by OPERABLE containment automatic isolation valves and required to be closed during accident conditions are closed by valves, blind flanges, or deactivated automatic valves secured in their positions, except those valves that may be opened under administrative controls per Specification 3.6.3.1, and
 2. All equipment hatches are closed and sealed.
- b. By verifying that each containment air lock is in compliance with the requirements of Specification 3.6.1.3

*Except valves, blind flanges, and deactivated automatic valves which are located inside the Shield Building (including the annulus and containment) and are locked, sealed, or otherwise secured in the closed position. These penetrations shall be verified closed during each COLD SHUTDOWN except that verification of these penetrations being closed need not be performed more often than once per 92 days.

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CONTAINMENT LEAKAGE

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3.6.1.2 Containment leakage rates shall be limited to:

- a. An overall integrated leakage rate of $\leq L_a$, 0.50 percent by weight of the containment air per 24 hours at P_a , 38 psig.
- b. A combined leakage rate of $\leq 0.60 L_a$ for all penetrations and valves subject to Type B and C tests, when pressurized to P_a .
- c. A combined leakage rate of $\leq 0.03 L_a$ for all penetrations that are secondary containment bypass leakage paths, when pressurized to P_a .
- d. A single penetration leakage rate of $\leq 0.15 L_a$ for the containment purge and exhaust isolation valve special test.

APPLICABILITY: MODES 1, 2, 3 and 4.

ACTION:

- a. With either: (a) the measured overall integrated containment leakage rate exceeding $0.75 L_a$, (b) with the measured combined leakage rate for all penetrations and valves subject to Type B and C tests exceeding $0.60 L_a$, or (c) with the combined bypass leakage rate exceeding $0.03 L_a$, restore the leakage rate(s) to within the limit(s) prior to increasing the Reactor Coolant System temperature above 200°F.
- b. With a single containment purge and exhaust isolation valve penetration having leakage rate exceeding $0.15 L_a$; restore the leakage rate to within limits in 72 hours or be in at least HOT STANDBY within the next 6 hours and in COLD SHUTDOWN within the following 30 hours.

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SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

4.6.1.2 The containment leakage rates shall be demonstrated ^{as follows:} ~~at the following test schedule and shall be determined in conformance with the criteria specified in Appendix J of 10 CFR 50 using the methods and provisions of ANSI-N45.4-1972.~~

- a. ^{Perform} ~~Type A tests (Overall Integrated Containment Leakage Rate) shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements specified in Appendix J of 10 CFR 50, as modified by approved exemptions.~~
10 CFR 50, Appendix J Option B, as modified by approved exemptions, and Regulatory Guide 1.163.

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SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS (Continued)

b. Deleted If any periodic Type A test fails to meet $0.75 L_a$, the test schedule for subsequent Type A tests shall be reviewed and approved by the Commission. If two consecutive Type A tests fail to meet $0.75 L_a$, a Type A test shall be performed at least every 18 months until two consecutive Type A tests meet $0.75 L_a$.

c. Deleted The accuracy of each Type A test shall be verified by a supplemental test which:

1. Confirms the accuracy of the Type A test by verifying that the difference between supplemental and Type A test data is within $0.25 L_a$.
2. Has a duration sufficient to establish accurately the change in leakage between the Type A test and the supplemental test.
3. Requires that the rate at which gas is injected into the containment or bled from the containment during the supplemental test is between $0.75 L_a$ and $1.25 L_a$.

d. ^{Perform} Type B and C tests shall be conducted with gas at P_a , 38 psig, at intervals no greater than 24 months except for tests involving air locks, in accordance with 10 CFR 50, Appendix F Option A, as modified by approved exemptions.

e. The combined bypass leakage rate shall be determined to be $< 0.03 L_a$ by applicable Type B and C tests at least once every 24 months except for penetrations which are not individually testable; penetrations not individually testable shall be determined to have no detectable leakage when tested with soap bubbles while the containment is pressurized to P_a , 38 psig, during each Type A test.

f. Air locks shall be in compliance with the requirements of Specification 3/4.6.1.3.

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SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS (Continued)

- g. Each time the containment purge and exhaust isolation valves are opened, a special test shall be performed within 72 hours after valve closure or prior to entering MODE 4 from MODE 5, whichever is later. The special test is conducted by pressurizing the piping section including one valve inside and one valve outside the containment to a pressure greater or equal to 20 psig. The leakage rate per penetration shall not exceed $0.15 L_a$.
- h. The special test as defined in Surveillance Requirement 4.6.1.2.g shall be performed for the containment purge and isolation valves when the plant has been in any combination of MODES 3, 4, 5 or 6 for more than 72 hours provided that the test required by Surveillance Requirement 4.6.1.2.g has not been performed in the previous 6 months.
- i. ^{Deleted} All test leakage rates shall be calculated using observed data converted to absolute values. Error analyses shall be performed to select a balanced integrated leakage measurement system.
- j. The provisions of Specification 4.0.2 are not applicable.

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CONTAINMENT VESSEL STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY

LIMITING CONDITIONS FOR OPERATION

3.6.1.6 The structural integrity of the containment vessel shall be maintained at a level consistent with the acceptance criteria in Specification 4.6.1.6.

APPLICABILITY: MODES 1, 2, 3 and 4.

ACTION:

With the structural integrity of the containment vessel not conforming to the above requirements, restore the structural integrity to within the limits prior to increasing the Reactor Coolant System temperature above 200°F.

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

4.6.1.6 The structural integrity of the containment vessel shall be determined during the shutdown for each Type A containment leakage rate test (reference Specification 4.6.1.2) by a visual inspection of the accessible interior and exterior surfaces of the vessel and verifying no apparent changes in appearance of the surfaces or other abnormal degradation. Any abnormal degradation of the containment vessel detected during the above required inspections shall be reported to the Commission.

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SHIELD BUILDING STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY

LIMITING CONDITION FOR OPERATION

3.6.5.3 The structural integrity of the shield building shall be maintained at a level consistent with the acceptance criteria in Specification 4.6.5.3.

APPLICABILITY: MODES 1, 2, 3 and 4.

ACTION:

With the structural integrity of the shield building not conforming to the original acceptance standards, restore the structural integrity to within the limits prior to increasing the Reactor Coolant System temperature above 200°F.

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

4.6.5.3 The structural integrity of the shield building shall be determined during the shutdown for each Type A containment leakage rate test (reference Specification 4.6.1.2) by a visual inspection of the accessible interior and exterior surfaces of the shield building and verifying no apparent changes in appearance of the concrete surfaces or other abnormal degradation. Any abnormal degradation of the shield building detected during the above required inspections shall be reported to the Commission.

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3/4.6 CONTAINMENT SYSTEMS

BASES

3/4.6.1 PRIMARY CONTAINMENT

3/4.6.1.1 CONTAINMENT INTEGRITY

Primary CONTAINMENT INTEGRITY ensures that the release of radioactive materials from the containment atmosphere will be restricted to those leakage paths and associated leak rates assumed in the safety analyses. This restriction, in conjunction with the leakage rate limitation and air lock door requirements, will limit the site boundary radiation doses to within the limits of 10 CFR 100 during accident conditions.

3/4.6.1.2 CONTAINMENT LEAKAGE

The limitations on containment leakage rates ensure that the total containment leakage volume will not exceed the value assumed in the safety analyses at the peak accident pressure of 38 psig, P_a . As an added conservatism, the measured overall integrated leakage rate is further limited to $\leq 0.75 L_a$, during performance of the periodic tests to account for possible degradation of the containment leakage barriers between leakage tests.

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The surveillance testing for measuring leakage rates are consistent with the requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix J with the following exemption. The third test of each Type A testing set need not be conducted when the plant is shut down for the 10-year plant inservice inspections.

The special test for the containment purge and exhaust isolation valves is intended to detect gross degradation of seals on the valve seats. The special test is performed in addition to the Appendix J requirements.

USAR 6.2.4 identifies all penetrations that are secondary containment bypass leakage paths.

3/4.6.1.3 CONTAINMENT AIR LOCKS

The limitations on closure and leak rate for the containment air locks are required to meet the restrictions on CONTAINMENT INTEGRITY and containment leak rate. Surveillance testing of the air lock seals provide assurance that the overall air lock leakage will not become excessive due to seal damage during the intervals between air lock leakage tests.

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3/4.6.1.4 INTERNAL PRESSURE

The limitations on containment internal pressure ensure that 1) the containment structure is prevented from exceeding its design negative pressure differential with respect to the annulus atmosphere of 0.5 psi and 2) the containment peak pressure does not exceed the design pressure of 40 psig during LOCA conditions.

The maximum peak pressure obtained from a LOCA event is 37 psig. The limit of 1 psig for initial positive containment pressure will limit the total pressure to 38 psig which is less than the design pressure and is consistent with the safety analyses.

3/4.6.1.5 AIR TEMPERATURE

The limitations on containment average air temperature ensure that the overall containment average air temperature does not exceed the initial temperature condition assumed in the accident analysis for a LOCA.

3/4.6.1.6 CONTAINMENT VESSEL STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY

This limitation ensures that the structural integrity of the containment steel vessel will be maintained comparable to the original design standards for the life of the facility. Structural integrity is required to ensure that the vessel will withstand the maximum pressure of 38 psig in the event of a LOCA. A visual inspection in conjunction with Type A leakage tests is sufficient to demonstrate this capability.

3/4.6.1.7 CONTAINMENT VENTILATION SYSTEM

The limitation on use of the Containment Purge and Exhaust System limits the time this system may be in operation with the reactor coolant system temperature above 200°F. This restriction minimizes the time that a direct open path would exist from the containment atmosphere to the outside atmosphere and consequently reduces the probability that an accident dose would exceed 10 CFR 100 guideline values in the event of a LOCA occurring coincident with purge system operation. The use of this system is therefore restricted to non-routine usage not to exceed 90 hours in any consecutive 365 day period which is equivalent to approximately 1% of the total possible yearly unit operating time.

3/4.6.2 DEPRESSURIZATION AND COOLING SYSTEMS

3/4.6.2.1 CONTAINMENT SPRAY SYSTEM

The OPERABILITY of the containment spray system ensures that containment depressurization and cooling capability will be available in the event of a LOCA. The pressure reduction and resultant lower containment

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3/4.6.5.2 SHIELD BUILDING INTEGRITY

SHIELDING BUILDING INTEGRITY ensures that the release of radioactive material from the containment vessel will be restricted to those leakage paths and associated leak rates assumed in the safety analysis. The closure of the airtight doors and blowout panels listed in Table 4.6-1 ensure that the Emergency Ventilation System (EVS) can provide a negative pressure between 0.25 and 1.5 inches Water Gauge within the annulus between the shield building and containment vessel and within the interconnecting mechanical penetration rooms after a loss-of-coolant accident (LOCA). This restriction, in conjunction with the operation of the EVS, will limit the site boundary radiation doses to within the limits of 10 CFR 100 during accident conditions.

3/4.6.5 SHIELD BUILDING STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY

This limitation ensures that the structural integrity of the containment shield building will be maintained comparable to the original design standards for the life of the facility. ~~Structural integrity is required to provide 1) protection for the steel vessel from external missiles, 2) radiation shielding in the vent of a LOCA, and 3) an annulus surrounding the steel vessel that can be maintained at a negative pressure during accident conditions.~~

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