

CONTAINMENT SYSTEMS

CONTAINMENT VESSEL STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY

LIMITING CONDITION 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:

- a. With more than one tendon with an observed lift-off force between the predicted lower limit and 90% of the predicted lower limit or with one tendon below 90% of the predicted lower limit, restore the tendon(s) to the required level of integrity within 15 days and perform an engineering evaluation of the containment and provide a Special Report to the Commission within 30 days in accordance with Specification 6.9.2 or be in at least HOT STANDBY within the next 6 hours and in COLD SHUTDOWN within the following 30 hours.
- b. With any abnormal degradation of the structural integrity other than ACTION a. at a level below the acceptance criteria of Specification 4.6.1.6, restore the containment vessel to the required level of integrity within 72 hours and perform an engineering evaluation of the containment and provide a Special Report to the Commission within 15 days in accordance with Specification 6.9.2 or be in at least HOT STANDBY within the next 6 hours and in COLD SHUTDOWN within the following 30 hours.

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

4.6.1.6.1 Containment Vessel Tendons. The containment vessel tendons' structural integrity shall be demonstrated at the end of ^{1.5}~~1~~, ^{3.5}~~3~~, and ^{5.5}~~5~~ years following the initial containment vessel structural integrity test and at 5-year intervals thereafter. The tendons' structural integrity shall be demonstrated by:

- a. Determining that a random but representative sample of at least 11 tendons (4 inverted U and 7 hoop) each have an observed lift-off force within predicted limits for each. For each subsequent inspection one tendon from each group may be kept unchanged to develop a history and to correlate the observed data. If the observed lift-off force of any one tendon in the original sample population lies between the predicted lower limit and 90% of the predicted lower limit, two tendons, one on each side of this tendon should be checked for their lift-off forces. If both of these adjacent tendons are found to be within their predicted limits, all three tendons should be restored to the required level of integrity. This single deficiency may be considered unique and acceptable. Unless there is abnormal degradation of the containment vessel during the first three inspections, the sample population for subsequent inspections shall include at least 6 tendons (3 inverted U and 3 hoop);