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C. Specific Activity

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The surveillance requirements 4.6.C.1 may be satisfied by a continuous monitoring system capable of determining the total iodine concentration in the coolant on a real time basis, and

annunciating at appropriate concentration levels such that sampling for isotopic analysis can be initiated. The design details of such a system must be submitted for evaluation and accepted by the Commission prior to its implementation and incorporation in these Technical Specifications.

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Materials in the Reactor Coolant System are primarily 304 stainless steel and Zircaloy fuel cladding. The reactor water chemistry limits are established to prevent damage to these materials. Limits are placed on chloride concentration and conductivity. The most important limit is that placed on chloride concentration to prevent stress corrosion cracking of the stainless steel. The attached graph, Fig. 4.6-1, illustrates the results of tests on stressed 304 stainless steel specimens. Failures occurred at concentrations above the curve; no failures occurred at concentrations below the curve. According to the data, allowable chloride concentrations could be set several orders of magnitude above the established limit, at the oxygen concentration (0.2-0.3 ppm) experienced during power operation. Zircaloy does not exhibit similar stress corrosion failures.

However, there are various conditions under which the dissolved oxygen content of the reactor coolant water could be higher than 0.2-0.3 ppm, such as refueling, reactor startup, and hot standby. During these periods with steaming rates less