### TABLE 3.3.6-1 (Continued)

# CONTROL ROD WITHDRAWAL BLOCK INSTRUMENTATION

#### ACTION STATEMENTS

- ACTION 60 Declare the RBM inoperable and take the ACTION required by Specification 3.1.4.3.
- ACTION 61 With the number of OPERABLE channels one or more less than required by the Minimum OPERABLE Channels per Trip Function requirement, place at least one inoperable channel in the tripped condition within one hour.
- ACTION 62 With number of OPERABLE channels less than required by the Minimum OPERABLE Channels per Trip Function requirement, place the inoperable channel in the tripped condition within one hour.
- ACTION 63 With the number of OPERABLE channels less than required by the Minimum OPERABLE Channels per Trip Function requirement, initiate a rod block.

#### NOTES

- \* With THERMAL POWER > 30% of RATED THERMAL POWER.
- \*\* With more than one control rod withdrawn. Not applicable to control rods removed per Specification 3.9.10.1 or 3.9.10.2.
- \*\*\* These channels are not required when sixteen or fewer fuel assemblies, adjacent to the SRMs, are in the core.
- (a) The RBM shall be automatically bypassed when a peripheral control rod is selected or the reference APRM channel indicates less than 30% of RATED THERMAL POWER.
- (b) This function shall be automatically bypassed if detector count rate is > 100 cps or the IRM channels are on range 3 or higher.
- (c) This function is automatically bypassed when the associated IRM channels are on range 8 or higher.
- (d) This function is automatically bypassed when the IRM channels are on range 3 or higher.
- (e) This function is automatically bypassed when the IRM channels are on range 1.

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### 3/4.9 REFUELING OPERATIONS

BASES

### 3/4.9.1 REACTOR MODE SWITCH

Locking the OPERABLE reactor mode switch in the Shutdown or Refuel position, as specified, ensures that the restrictions on control rod withdrawal and refueling platform movement during the refueling operations are properly activated. These conditions reinforce the refueling procedures and reduce the probability of inadvertent criticality, damage to reactor internals or fuel assemblies, and exposure of personnel to excessive radioactivity.

#### 3/4.9.2 INSTRUMENTATION

The OPERABILITY of at least two source range monitors ensures that redundant monitoring capability is available to detect changes in the reactivity condition of the core. The minimum count rate is not required when sixteen or fewer fuel assemblies are in the core. During a typical core reloading, two, three or four irradiated fuel assemblies will be loaded adjacent to each SRM to produce greater than the minimum required count rate. Loading sequences are selected to provide for a continuous multiplying medium to be established between the required operable SRMs and the location of the core alteration. This enhances the ability of the SRMs to respond to the loading of each fuel assembly. During a core unloading, the last fuel to be removed is that fuel adjacent to the SRMs.

#### 3/4.9.3 CONTROL ROD POSITION

The requirement that all control rods be inserted during other CORE ALTERATIONS ensures that fuel will not be loaded into a cell without a control rod.

#### 3/4.9.4 DECAY TIME

The minimum requirement for reactor subcriticality prior to fuel movement ensures that sufficient time has elapsed to allow the radioactive decay of the short lived fission products. This decay time is consistent with the assumptions used in the accident analyses.

### 3/4.9.5 COMMUNICATIONS

The requirement for communications capability ensures that refueling station personnel can be promptly informed of significant changes in the facility status or core reactivity condition during movement of fuel within the reactor pressure vessel.

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#### TABLE 3.3.6-1 CONTROL ROD BLOCK INSTRUMENTATION

TRIP	FUNCTION	MINIMUM OPERABLE CHANNELS PER TRIP FUNCTION	APPLICABLE OPERATIONAL CONDITIONS	ACTION		
	(a)					
1. 1	ROD BLOCK MONITOR					
1	a. Upscale	2	1.	60		
t	b. Inoperative	2	1.	60		
(	c. Downscale	2	1.	60		
2. 1	APRM					
1	A. Flow Blased Neutron Flux -					
	Upscale	4	1	61		
1	b. Inoperative	4	1.2.5	61		
(	Downscale	4	1	61		
(	d. Neutron Flux - Upscale, Startup	4	2,5	61		
3.	SOURCE RANGE MONITORS***					
	(b)					
	a. Detector not full-in	3	2	61		
		2	5	61		
	(c)					
t	b. Upscale	3	2	61		
		2	5	61		
	(c)					
(	c. Inoperative	3	2	61		
		2	5	61		
	(d)					
(	d. Downscale	2	5	61		
4. 1	INTERMEDIATE RANGE MONITORS					
	B. Detector not full-in	6	2.5	61		
	b. Upscale	6	2.5	61		
	c. Inoperative	6	2.5	61		
	(e)					
	d. Downscale	6	2,5	61		
5. 5	SCRAM DISCHARGE VOLUME					
	a. Water Level-High	2	1.2.5**	62		
6. 1	REACTOR COOLANT SYSTEM RECIRCULATION FLOW					
1	a. Upscale	2	1	62		
	b. Inoperative	2	1	62		
	c. Comparator	2	1	62		
7. 1	REACTOR MODE SWITCH SHUTDOWN POSITION	2	3.4	63		

\*See 3/4 3-59 \*\*See 3/4 3-59 \*\*\*See 3/4 3-59

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SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS (Continued)

b.	Performance of a CHANNEL FUNCTIONAL TEST:
	1. Within 24 hours prior to the start of CORE ALTERATIONS, and
	2. At least once per 7 days.
с.	Verifying that the channel count rate is at least 3.0 cps:*
	1. Prior to control rod withdrawal,
	<ol> <li>Prior to and at least once per 12 hours during CORE ALTERATIONS, and</li> </ol>
	3. At least once per 24 hours.
d.	Verifying, within 8 hours prior to and at least once per 12 hours during, that the RPS circuitry "shorting links" have been removed during:
	1. The time any control rod is withdrawn, ** or
	2. Shutdown margin demonstration.

\*May be reduced to 0.7 cps provided the signal-to-noise ratio is > 2. These channels are not required when sixteen or fewer fuel assemblies, adjacent to the SRMs, are in the core.

\*\*Not required for control rods removed per Specification 3.9.10.1
or 3.9.10.2.

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#### REFUELING OPERATIONS

3/4.9.2 INSTRUMENTATION

LIMITING CONDITION FOR OPERATION

3.9.2 At least two source range monitor (SRM) channels\* shall be OPERABLE and inserted to the normal operating level with:

- a. Continuous visual indication in the control room,
- b. At least one with audible alarm in the control room,
- c. One of the required SRM detectors located in the quadrant where CORE ALTERATIONS are being performed and the other required SRM detector located in an adjacent quadrant, and
- d. Unless adequate shutdown margin has been demonstrated, the shorting links shall be removed from the RPS circuitry prior to and during the time any control rod is withdrawn.\*\*

APPLICABILITY: OPERATIONAL CONDITION 5.

#### ACTION:

With the requirements of the above specification not satisfied, immediately suspend all operations involving CORE ALTERATIONS and insert all insertable control rods.

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

4.9.2 Each of the above required SRM channels shall be demonstrated OPERABLE by:

- a. At least once per 12 hours:
  - 1. Performance of a CHANNEL CHECK,
  - Verifying the detectors are inserted to the normal operating level, and
  - 3. During CORE ALTERATIONS, verifying that the detector of an OPERABLE SRM channel is located in the core quadrant where CORE ALTERATIONS are being performed and another is located in an adjacent quadrant.

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<sup>\*</sup>These channels are not required when sixteen or fewer fuel assemblies, adjacent to the SRMs, are in the core. The use of special movable detectors during CORE ALTERATIONS in place of the normal SRM nuclear detectors is permissible as long as these special detectors are connected to the normal SRM circuits.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Not required for control rods removed per Specification
3.9.10.1 or 3.9.10.2.

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(Limerick Generating Station,	:

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