

REACTIVITY CONTROL SYSTEMSCEA DROP TIMELIMITING CONDITION FOR OPERATION

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- a.  $T_{avg}$  greater than or equal to 520°F, and
- b. All reactor coolant pumps operating.

APPLICABILITY: MODES 1 and 2.

ACTION:

With the drop time of any full length CEA determined to exceed the above limit, be in at least HOT STANDBY within six hours.

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

4.1.3.4 The CEA drop time of full length CEAs shall be demonstrated through measurement prior to reactor criticality:

- a. For all CEAs following each removal and reinstallation of the reactor vessel head,
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## REACTIVITY CONTROL SYSTEM

### BASES

#### MOVABLE CONTROL ASSEMBLIES (Continued)

The CPCs provide protection to the core in the event of a large misalignment (greater than or equal to 19 inches) of a CEA by applying appropriate penalty factors to the calculation to account for the misaligned CEA. However, this misalignment would cause distortion of the core power distribution. This distribution may, in turn, have a significant effect on 1) the available SHUTDOWN MARGIN, 2) the time dependent long term power distributions relative to those used in generating LCOs and LSSS setpoints, and 3) the ejected CEA worth used in the safety analysis. Therefore, the ACTION statement associated with the large misalignment of a CEA requires a prompt realignment of the misaligned CEA.

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Operability of at least two CEA position indicator channels is required to determine CEA positions and thereby ensure compliance with the CEA alignment and insertion limits. The CEA "Full In" and "Full Out" limits provide an additional independent means for determining the CEA positions when the CEAs are at either their fully inserted or fully withdrawn positions. Therefore, the ACTION statements applicable to inoperable CEA position indicators permit continued operations when the positions of CEAs with inoperable position indicators can be verified by the "Full In" or "Full Out" limits. Setting the "RSPT/CEAC Inoperable" addressable constant in the CPC's to indicate to the CPC's that one or both of the CEAC's is inoperable does not necessarily constitute the inoperability of the RSPT rod indications from the respective CEAC. Operability of the CEAC rod indications is determined from the normal surveillance.

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ATTACHMENT B

## REACTIVITY CONTROL SYSTEMS

### CEA DROP TIME

#### LIMITING CONDITION FOR OPERATION

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APPLICABILITY: MODES 1 and 2.

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(Seconds)

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