

December 16, 1999

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Sincerely,

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Proposed Changes to STS Section 1.4 and TSTF 284, R.2

Modify last sentence of first paragraph of insert 1 as follows:

Examples 1.4-3, 1.4-4, 1.4-5, and 1.4-6 discuss these special situations.

Replace last part of insert 1 beginning with the last sentence of the second paragraph:

Some Surveillances contain notes that modify the Frequency of performance or the conditions during which the acceptance criteria must be satisfied. For these Surveillances, the MODE-entry restrictions of SR 3.0.4 ~~restrictions would~~ may not apply. ~~if both the following conditions are satisfied:~~ a. ~~The~~Such a Surveillance is not required to be performed prior to entering a MODE or other specified condition in the Applicability of the associated LCO if any of the following three conditions are satisfied:

- a. The Surveillance is not required to be met in the MODE or other specified condition to be entered; or
- b. The Surveillance is required to be met in the MODE or other specified condition to be entered, but has been performed within the specified Frequency (i.e., it is current) and is known not to be failed; or
- c. The Surveillance is required to be met, but not performed, in the MODE or other specified condition to be entered, and is known not to be failed.

~~;~~and

~~b. The Surveillance is not required to be met or, even if required to be met, is not known to be failed.~~