

APPENDIX F

**METHODOLOGY FOR COMPUTING THE UNAVAILABILITY INDEX,
THE UNRELIABILITY INDEX AND PERFORMANCE INDICATOR
VALIDITY**

This appendix provides the details of three calculations, calculation of the System Unavailability Index, the System Unreliability Index, and the criteria for determining when the Mitigating System Performance Index is unsuitable for use as a performance indicator.

System Unavailability Index (UAI) Due to Changes in Train Unavailability

Calculation of System UAI due to changes in train unavailability is as follows:

$$UAI = \sum_{j=1}^n UAI_{tj} \quad \text{Eq. 1}$$

where the summation is over the number of trains (n) and UAI_t is the unavailability index for a train.

Calculation of UAI_t for each train due to changes in train unavailability is as follows:

$$UAI_t = \frac{CDF_p \times FV_{UAp}}{UA_p} (UA_t - UA_{BLt}), \quad \text{Eq. 2}$$

where:

CDF_p is the plant-specific, internal events, at power Core Damage Frequency,

FV_{UAp} is the train-specific Fussel-Vesely value for unavailability,

UA_p is the plant-specific PRA value of unavailability for the train,

UA_t is the actual unavailability of train t , defined as:

$$UA_t = \frac{\text{Unavailable hours during the previous 12 quarters while critical}}{\text{Critical hours during the previous 12 quarters}}$$

and,

UA_{BL} is the historical baseline unavailability value for the train determined as described below.

UA_{BL} is the sum of two elements: planned and unplanned unavailability. Planned unavailability is the actual, plant-specific three-year total planned unavailability for the train for the years 1999 through 2001 (see clarifying notes for details).

This period is chosen as the most representative of how the plant intends to perform routine maintenance and surveillances at power. Unplanned unavailability is the historical industry average for unplanned unavailability for

1 the years 1999 through 2001. See Table 1 for historical train values for
 2 unplanned unavailability.

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4 **System Unreliability Index (URI) Due to Changes in Component Unreliability**

5 Unreliability is monitored at the component level and calculated at the system level.

6 Calculation of system URI due to changes in component unreliability is as follows:

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$$URI = CDF_p \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{FV_{URc}}{UR_{pc}} (UR_{Bc} - UR_{BLc}) \quad \text{Eq. 3}$$

8 Where the summation is over the number of active components (m) in the system, and:

9 CDF_p is the plant-specific internal events, at power, core damage frequency,

10 FV_{URc} is the component-specific Fussel-Vesely value for unreliability,

11 UR_{pc} is the plant-specific PRA value of component unreliability,

12 UR_{Bc} is the Bayesian corrected component unreliability for the most recent 12
 13 quarters,

14 and

15 UR_{BLc} is the historical industry baseline unreliability mean value for each
 16 monitored component in the train from Table 2.

17 Component unreliability is calculated as follows.

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$$UR_{Bc} = P_D + IT_m \quad \text{Eq. 4}$$

19 where:

20 P_D is the component failure on demand probability calculated based on data
 21 collected during the previous 12 quarters,

22 λ is the component failure rate (per hour) for failure to run calculated based on
 23 data collected during the previous 12 quarters,

24 and

25 T_m is the mission time for the component based on plant specific PRA model
 26 assumptions.

27 The first term on the right side of equation 4 is calculated as follows.¹

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$$P_D = \frac{(N_d + a)}{(a + b + D)} \quad \text{Eq. 5}$$

¹ Atwood, Corwin L., Constrained noninformative priors in risk assessment, *Reliability Engineering and System Safety*, 53 (1996; 37-46)

1 where:

2 N_d is the total number of failures on demand during the previous 12 quarters,
3 D is the total number of demands during the previous 12 quarters (actual ESF
4 demands plus estimated test and estimated operational/alignment demands. An
5 update to the estimated demands is required if a change to the basis for the
6 estimated demands results in a >25% change in the estimate),

7 and

8 a and b are parameters of the industry prior, derived from industry experience (see
9 Table 2).

10 In the second term on the right side of equation 4, λ is calculated as follows.

$$11 \quad I = \frac{(N_r + a)}{(T_r + b)} \quad \text{Eq. 6}$$

12 where:

13 N_r is the total number of failures to run during the previous 12 quarters,
14 T_r is the total number of run hours during the previous 12 quarters (actual ESF run
15 hours plus estimated test and estimated operational/alignment run hours. An
16 update to the estimated run hours is required if a change to the basis for the
17 estimated hours results in a >25% change in the estimate).

18 and

19 a and b are parameters of the industry prior, derived from industry experience (see
20 Table 2).

21 **Determination of systems for which the performance indicator is not valid**

22 The performance indicators rely on the existing testing programs as the source of the data
23 that is input to the calculations. Thus, the number of demands in the monitoring period is
24 based on the frequency of testing required by the current test programs. In most cases this
25 will provide a sufficient number of demands to result in a valid statistical result.

26 However, in some cases, the number of demands will be insufficient to resolve the
27 change in the performance index (1.0×10^{-6}) that corresponds to movement from a green
28 performance to a white performance level. In these cases, one failure is the difference
29 between baseline performance and performance in the white performance band. The
30 performance indicator is not suitable for monitoring such systems.

31 This section will define the method to be used to identify systems for which the
32 performance indicator is not valid, and will not be used.

33 The criteria to be used to identify an invalid performance indicator is:

34 If, for any failure mode for any component in a system, the risk increase
35 (Δ CDF) associated with the change in unreliability resulting from single

1 failure is larger than 1.0×10^{-6} , then the performance indicator will be
 2 considered invalid for that system.

3 The increase in risk associated with a component failure is the sum of the contribution
 4 from the decrease in calculated reliability as a result of the failure and the decrease in
 5 availability resulting from the time required to affect the repair of the failed component.
 6 The change in CDF that results from a demand type failure is given by:

$$7 \quad \Delta CDF = CDF_p \times \frac{FV_{URc}}{UR_{pc}} \times \frac{1}{a + b + D} + CDF_p \times \frac{FV_{UAp}}{UA_p} \times \frac{T_{MR}}{T_{CR}} . \quad \text{Eq. 7}$$

8 Likewise, the change in CDF per run type failure is given by:

$$9 \quad \Delta CDF = CDF_p \times \frac{FV_{URc}}{UR_{pc}} \times \frac{T_m}{b + T_r} + CDF_p \times \frac{FV_{UAp}}{UA_p} \times \frac{T_{MR}}{T_{CR}} \quad \text{Eq. 8}$$

10 In these expressions, the variables are as defined earlier and additionally

11 T_{MR} is the mean time to repair for the component

12 And

13 T_{CR} is the number of critical hours in the monitoring period.

14 The mean time to repair can be estimate as one-half the Technical Specification Allowed
 15 Outage Time for the component and the number of critical hours should correspond to the
 16 1999 – 2001 actual number of critical hours.

17 These equations are be used for all failure modes for each component in a system. If the
 18 resulting value of ΔCDF is greater than 1.0×10^{-6} for any failure mode of any component,
 19 then the performance indicator for that system is not considered valid.

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21 Definitions

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23 *Train Unavailability*: Train unavailability is the ratio of the hours the train was
 24 unavailable to perform its risk-significant functions due to preventive or corrective
 25 maintenance or test during the previous 12 quarters while critical to the number of critical
 26 hours during the previous 12 quarters. (Fault exposure hours are not included;
 27 unavailable hours are counted only for the time required to recover the train's risk-
 28 significant functions.)

29 *Train unavailable hours*: The hours the train was not able to perform its risk significant
 30 function due to maintenance, testing, equipment modification, electively removed from
 31 service, corrective maintenance, or the elapsed time between the discovery and the
 32 restoration to service of an equipment failure or human error that makes the train
 33 unavailable (such as a misalignment) while the reactor is critical.

34 *Fussel-Vesely (FV) Importance*:

1 The Fussel-Vesely importance for a feature (component, sub-system, train, etc.) of a
2 system is representative of the fractional contribution that feature makes to the to the total
3 risk of the system.

4 The Fussel-Vesely importance of a basic event or group of basic events that represent a
5 feature of a system is represented by:

$$6 \quad FV = 1 - \frac{R_i}{R_0}$$

7 Where:

8 R_0 is the base (reference) case overall model risk,

9 R_i is the decreased risk level with feature i completely reliable.

10 In this expression, the second term on the right represents the fraction of the reference
11 risk remaining assuming the feature of interest is perfect. Thus 1 minus the second term is
12 the fraction of the reference risk attributed to the feature of interest.

13 The Fussel-Vesely importance is calculated according to the following equation:

$$14 \quad FV = 1 - \frac{\bigcup_{j=1,n} C_i}{\bigcup_{j=1,m} C_0},$$

15 where the denominator represents the union of m minimal cutsets C_0 generated with the
16 reference (baseline) model, and the numerator represents the union of n minimal cutsets
17 C_i generated assuming events related to the feature are perfectly reliable, or their failure
18 probability is False.

19 *Critical hours:* The number of hours the reactor was critical during a specified period of
20 time.

21 *Component Unreliability:* Component unreliability is the probability that the component
22 would not perform its risk-significant functions when called upon during the previous 12
23 quarters.

24 *Active Component:* A component whose failure to change state renders the train incapable
25 of performing its risk-significant functions. In addition, all pumps and diesels in the
26 monitored systems are included as active components. (See clarifying notes.)

27 *Start demand:* Any demand for the component to successfully start to perform its risk-
28 significant functions, actual or test. (Exclude post maintenance tests, unless the cause of
29 failure was independent of the maintenance performed.)

30 *Run demand:* Any demand for the component, given that it has successfully started, to
31 run/operate for its mission time to perform its risk-significant functions. . (Exclude post
32 maintenance tests, unless the cause of failure was independent of the maintenance
33 performed.)

1 *EDG failure to start:* A failure to start includes those failures up to the point the EDG has
2 achieved rated speed and voltage. (Exclude post maintenance tests, unless the cause of
3 failure was independent of the maintenance performed.)

4 *EDG failure to load/run:* Given that it has successfully started, a failure of the EDG
5 output breaker to close, loads successfully sequence and to run/operate for one hour to
6 perform its risk-significant functions. This failure mode is treated as a demand failure for
7 calculation purposes. (Exclude post maintenance tests, unless the cause of failure was
8 independent of the maintenance performed.)

9 *EDG failure to run:* Given that it has successfully started and loaded and run for an hour,
10 a failure of an EDG to run/operate for its mission time to perform its risk-significant
11 functions. (Exclude post maintenance tests, unless the cause of failure was independent of
12 the maintenance performed.)

13 *Pump failure on demand:* A failure to start and run for at least one hour is counted as
14 failure on demand. (Exclude post maintenance tests, unless the cause of failure was
15 independent of the maintenance performed.)

16 *Pump failure to run:* Given that it has successfully started and run for an hour, a failure of
17 a pump to run/operate for its mission time to perform its risk-significant functions.
18 (Exclude post maintenance tests, unless the cause of failure was independent of the
19 maintenance performed.)

20 *Valve failure on demand:* A failure to open or close is counted as failure on demand.
21 (Exclude post maintenance tests, unless the cause of failure was independent of the
22 maintenance performed.)

23 *Discovered condition:* A condition that would prevent the component from performing its
24 risk-significant function that is identified through inspection, analysis, or evaluation.
25 Discovered conditions are counted as a demand and a failure.

26 **Clarifying Notes**

27 **Train Boundaries and Unavailable Hours**

28 Include all components that are required to satisfy the risk-significant function of the
29 train. For example, high-pressure injection may have both an injection mode with
30 suction from the refueling water storage tank and a recirculation mode with suction from
31 the containment sump. Some components may be included in the scope of more than one
32 train. For example, one set of flow regulating valves and isolation valves in a three-pump,
33 two-steam generator system are included in the motor-driven pump train with which they
34 are electrically associated, but they are also included (along with the redundant set of
35 valves) in the turbine-driven pump train. In these instances, the effects of unavailability
36 of the valves should be reported in both affected trains. Similarly, when two trains
37 provide flow to a common header, the effect of isolation or flow regulating valve failures
38 in paths connected to the header should be considered in both trains

1 Active Components

2 For unreliability, use the following criteria for determining those components that should
3 be monitored:

- 4 • Components that have to change state to achieve the risk significant function will be
5 included in the performance indicator. Active failures of check valves are excluded
6 from the performance indicator and will be evaluated in the NRC inspection program.
- 7 • Redundant valves within a train are not included in the performance indicator. Only
8 those valves whose failure alone can fail a train will be included. The PRA success
9 criteria are to be used to identify these valves.
- 10 • All pumps and diesels are included in the performance indicator

11 Table 3 defines the boundaries of components, and Figures F-1, F-2, and F-3 provide
12 examples of typical components. Each plant will determine their system boundaries,
13 active components, and support components, and have them available for NRC
14 inspection.

15 Failures of Non-Active Components

16 Failures of SSC's that are not included in the performance indicator will not be counted
17 as a failure or a demand. Failures of SSC's that cause an SSC within the scope of the
18 performance indicator to fail will not be counted as a failure or demand. An example
19 could be a manual suction isolation valve left closed which causes a pump to fail. This
20 would not be counted as a failure of the pump. Any mispositioning of the valve that
21 caused the train to be unavailable would be counted as unavailability from the time of
22 discovery. The significance of the mispositioned valve prior to discovery would be
23 addressed through the inspection process.

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25 Baseline Values

26 The baseline values for unreliability are contained in Table 2 and remain fixed.

27 The baseline values for unavailability include both plant-specific planned unavailability
28 values and unplanned unavailability values. The unplanned unavailability values are
29 contained in Table 1 and remain fixed. They are based on ROP PI industry data from
30 1999 through 2001. (Most baseline data used in PIs come from the 1995-1997 time
31 period. However, in this case, the 1999-2001 ROP data are preferable, because the ROP
32 data breaks out systems separately (some of the industry 1995-1997 INPO data combine
33 systems, such as HPCI and RCIC, and do not include PWR RHR). It is important to note
34 that the data for the two periods is very similar.)

35 Support cooling is based on.....

36 The baseline planned unavailability is based on actual plant-specific values for the period
37 1999 through 2001. These values are expected to remain fixed unless the plant
38 maintenance philosophy is substantially changed with respect to on-line maintenance or

1 preventive maintenance. In these cases, the planned unavailability baseline value can be
2 adjusted. A comment should be placed in the comment field of the quarterly report to
3 identify a substantial change in planned unavailability. To determine the planned
4 unavailability:

- 5 1. Record the total train unavailable hours reported under the Reactor Oversight Process
6 for 1999 through 2001.
- 7 2. Subtract any fault exposure hours still included in the 1999-2001 period.
- 8 3. Subtract unplanned unavailable hours
- 9 4. Add any on-line overhaul hours excluded in accordance with NEI 99-02.
- 10 5. Subtract any unavailable hours reported when the reactor was not critical.
- 11 6. Subtract hours cascaded onto monitored systems by support systems.
- 12 7. Divide the hours derived from steps 1-6 above by the total critical hours during 1999-
13 2001. This is the baseline planned unavailability

14 Baseline unavailability is the sum of planned unavailability from step 7 and unplanned
15 unavailability from Table 1.

16 Fussel-Vesely, Unavailability and Unreliability Discussion

17 Equations 2 and 3 include values for component or train level Fussel-Vesely, unreliability
18 and unavailability. Calculation of these quantities is generally complex, but in the
19 specific application used here, can be greatly simplified.

20 It is important to note that each of these equations actually always uses a ratio of two
21 values, FV_i/UA_i or FV_i/UR_i . This ratio is the Fussel-Vesely value for a train or
22 component divided by the associated unreliability or unavailability. The simplifying
23 feature of this application is that only those components (or the associated basic events)
24 that can fail a train are included in the performance indicator. Components within a train
25 that can fail the train are logically equivalent and the ratio FV/UR is a constant value for
26 any basic event in that train. It can also be shown that given a component or train that is
27 represented by multiple basic events that the ratio of the two values for the component or
28 train is equal to the ratio of values for any basic event within the train. Or:

$$29 \frac{FV_{be}}{UR_{be}} = \frac{FV_{URc}}{UR_{Pc}} = \frac{FV_t}{UR_t} = \text{Constant}$$

30 and

$$31 \frac{FV_{be}}{UA_{be}} = \frac{FV_{UAp}}{UA_p} = \text{Constant} .$$

32 Note that the constant value may be different for the unreliability ratio and the
33 unavailability ratio because the two types of events are frequently not logically
34 equivalent. For example recovery actions may be modeled in the PRA for one but not the
35 other.

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1 Thus, the process for determining the value of this ratio for any component or train is to
2 identify a basic event that fails the component or train, determine the failure probability
3 or unavailability for the event, determine the associated FV value for the event and then
4 calculate the ratio. Using the basic event in the component or train with the largest failure
5 probability (excluding common cause events which are not within the scope of this
6 performance indicator) will minimize the effects to truncation on the calculation.
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Table 1. Historical Unplanned Maintenance Unavailability Train Values
(Based on ROP Industrywide Data for 1999 through 2001)

SYSTEM	UNPLANNED UNAVAILABILITY/TRAIN
EAC	1.7 E-03
PWR HPSI	6.1 E-04
PWR AFW (TD)	9.1 E-04
PWR AFW (MD)	6.9 E-04
PWR AFW (DieselD)	7.6 E-04
PWR RHR	4.7 E-04
BWR HPCI	3.3 E-03
BWR HPCS	5.4 E-04
BWR RCIC	2.9 E-03
BWR RHR	1.2 E-03
Support Cooling	No Data Available

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Table 2. Industry Priors and Parameters for Unreliability

Component	Failure Mode	a ^a	b ^a	Industry Mean Value ^b	Source(s)
Motor-operated valve	Fail to open (or close)	5.0E-1	2.4E+2	2.1E-3	NUREG/CR-5500, Vol. 4,7,8,9
Air-operated valve	Fail to open (or close)	5.0E-1	2.5E+2	2.0E-3	NUREG/CR-4550, Vol. 1
Motor-driven pump, standby	Fail to start	5.0E-1	2.4E+2	2.1E-3	NUREG/CR-5500, Vol. 1,8,9
	Fail to run	5.0E-1	5.0E+3h	1.0E-4/h	NUREG/CR-5500, Vol. 1,8,9
Motor-driven pump, running or alternating	Fail to start	4.9E-1	1.6E+2	3.0E-3	NUREG/CR-4550, Vol. 1
	Fail to run	5.0E-1	1.7E+4h	3.0E-5/h	NUREG/CR-4550, Vol. 1
Turbine-driven pump, AFWS	Fail to start	4.7E-1	2.4E+1	1.9E-2	NUREG/CR-5500, Vol. 1
	Fail to run	5.0E-1	3.1E+2	1.6E-3/h	NUREG/CR-5500, Vol. 1
Turbine-driven pump, HPCI or RCIC	Fail to start	4.6E-1	1.7E+1	2.7E-2	NUREG/CR-5500, Vol. 4,7
	Fail to run	5.0E-1	3.1E+2h	1.6E-3/h	NUREG/CR-5500, Vol. 1,4,7
Diesel-driven pump, AFWS	Fail to start	4.7E-1	2.4E+1	1.9E-2	NUREG/CR-5500, Vol. 1
	Fail to run	5.0E-1	6.3E+2h	8.0E-4/h	NUREG/CR-4550, Vol. 1
Emergency diesel generator	Fail to start	4.8E-1	4.3E+1	1.1E-2	NUREG/CR-5500, Vol. 5
	Fail to load/run	5.0E-1	2.9E+2	1.7E-3 ^c	NUREG/CR-5500, Vol. 5
	Fail to run	5.0E-1	2.2E+3h	2.3E-4/h	NUREG/CR-5500, Vol. 5

1 a. A constrained, non-informative prior is assumed. For failure to run events, $a = 0.5$ and
2 $b = (a)/(\text{mean rate})$. For failure upon demand events, a is a function of the mean
3 probability:

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5	<u>Mean Probability</u>	<u>a</u>
6	0.0 to 0.0025	0.50
7	>0.0025 to 0.010	0.49
8	>0.010 to 0.016	0.48
9	>0.016 to 0.023	0.47
10	>0.023 to 0.027	0.46

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12 Then $b = (a)(1.0 + \text{mean probability})/(\text{mean probability})$.

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14 b. Failure to run events occurring within the first hour of operation are included within
15 the fail to start failure mode. Failure to run events occurring after the first hour of
16 operation are included within the fail to run failure mode. Unless otherwise noted, the
17 mean failure probabilities and rates include the probability of non-recovery. Types of
18 allowable recovery are outlined in the clarifying notes, under "Credit for Recovery
19 Actions."

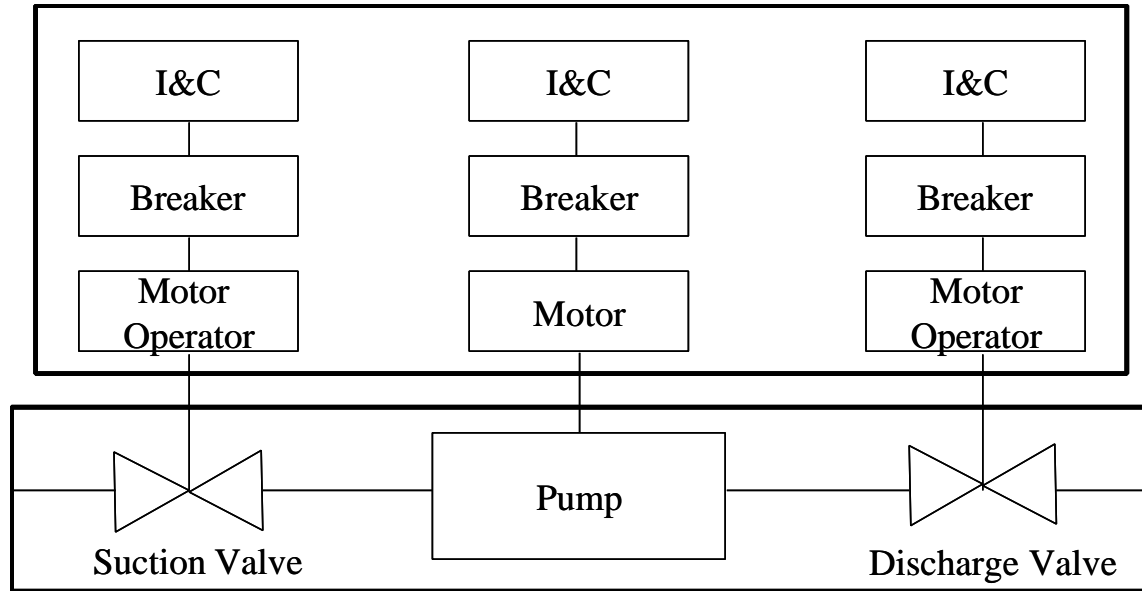
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21 c. Fail to load and run for one hour was calculated from the failure to run data in the
22 report indicated. The failure rate for 0.0 to 0.5 hour ($3.3E-3/h$) multiplied by 0.5 hour,
23 was added to the failure rate for 0.5 to 14 hours ($2.3E-4/h$) multiplied by 0.5 hour.

Table 3. Component Boundary Definition

Component	Component boundary
Diesel Generators	The diesel generator boundary includes the generator body, generator actuator, lubrication system (local), fuel system (local), cooling components (local), startup air system, exhaust and combustion air system, individual diesel generator control system, circuit breaker for supply to safeguard buses and their associated local control circuit (coil, auxiliary contacts, wiring and control circuit contacts) with the exception of all the contacts and relays which interact with other electrical or control systems.
Motor-Driven Pumps	The pump boundary includes the pump body, motor/actuator, lubrication system cooling components of the pump seals, the voltage supply breaker, and its associated local control circuit (coil, auxiliary contacts, wiring and control circuit contacts).
Turbine-Driven Pumps	The turbine-driven pump boundary includes the pump body, turbine/actuator, lubrication system (including pump), extractions, turbo-pump seal, cooling components, and local turbine control system (speed).
Motor-Operated Valves	The valve boundary includes the valve body, motor/actuator, the voltage supply breaker and its associated local open/close circuit (open/close switches, auxiliary and switch contacts, and wiring and switch energization contacts).
Air-Operated Valves	The valve boundary includes the valve body, the air operator, associated solenoid-operated valve, the power supply breaker or fuse for the solenoid valve, and its' associated control circuit (open/close switches and local auxiliary and switch contacts).

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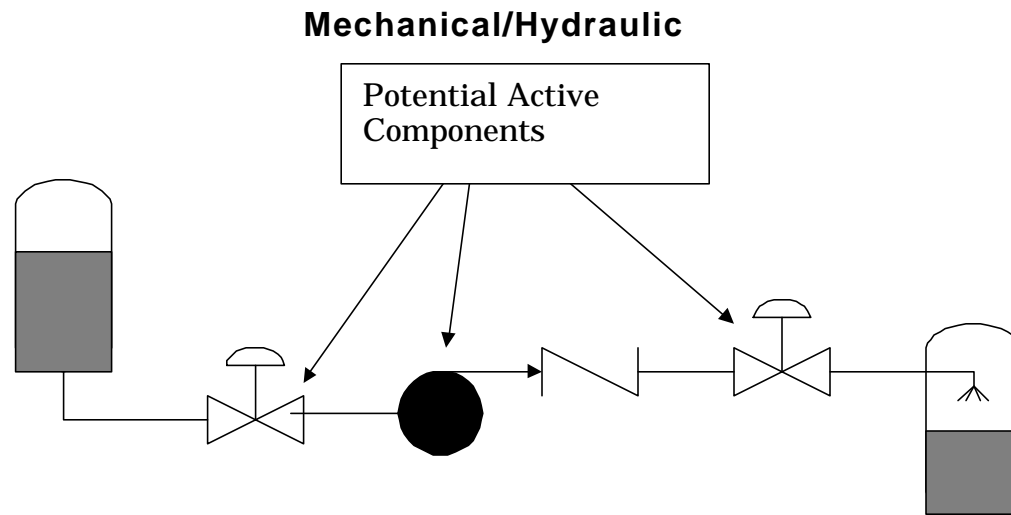
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Potential Active components: pump; suction and discharge valves

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Figure F-1

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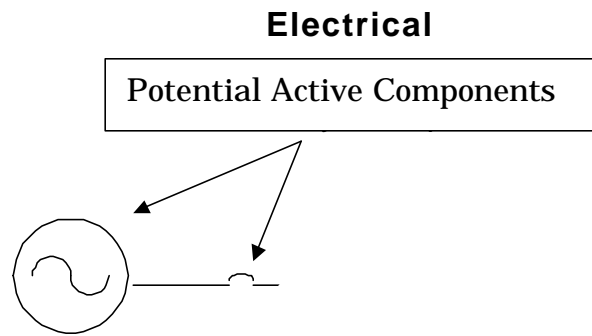
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