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1.1 Definitions

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**ENGINEERED SAFETY  
FEATURE (ESF) RESPONSE  
TIME**

The ESF RESPONSE TIME shall be that time interval from when the monitored parameter exceeds its ESF actuation setpoint at the channel sensor until the ESF equipment is capable of performing its safety function (i.e., the valves travel to their required positions, pump discharge pressures reach their required values, etc.). Times shall include diesel generator starting and sequence loading delays, where applicable. The response time may be measured by means of any series of sequential, overlapping, or total steps so that the entire response time is measured. In lieu of measurement, response time may be verified for selected components provided that the components and the methodology for verification have been previously reviewed and approved by the NRC.

**LEAKAGE**

LEAKAGE shall be:

a. Identified LEAKAGE

1. LEAKAGE, such as that from pump seals or valve packing (except reactor coolant pump (RCP) seal water injection or leakoff), that is captured and conducted to collection systems or a sump or collecting tank;
2. LEAKAGE into the containment atmosphere from sources that are both specifically located and known either not to interfere with the operation of leakage detection systems or not to be pressure boundary LEAKAGE; or
3. Reactor Coolant System (RCS) LEAKAGE through a steam generator (SG) to the Secondary System;

b. Unidentified LEAKAGE

All LEAKAGE (except RCP seal water injection or leakoff) that is not identified LEAKAGE;

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#### c. Pressure Boundary LEAKAGE

LEAKAGE (except SG LEAKAGE) through a nonisolable fault in an RCS component body, pipe wall, or vessel wall.

### MASTER RELAY TEST

A MASTER RELAY TEST shall consist of energizing each master relay and verifying the OPERABILITY of each relay. The MASTER RELAY TEST shall include a continuity check of each associated slave relay.

### MODE

A MODE shall correspond to any one inclusive combination of core reactivity condition, power level, average reactor coolant temperature, and reactor vessel head closure bolt tensioning specified in Table 1.1-1 with fuel in the reactor vessel.

### OPERABLE — OPERABILITY

A system, subsystem, train, component, or device shall be OPERABLE or have OPERABILITY when it is capable of performing its specified safety function(s) and when all necessary attendant instrumentation, controls, normal or emergency electrical power, cooling and seal water, lubrication, and other auxiliary equipment that are required for the system, subsystem, train, component, or device to perform its specified safety function(s) are also capable of performing their related support function(s).

### PHYSICS TESTS

PHYSICS TESTS shall be those tests performed to measure the fundamental nuclear characteristics of the reactor core and related instrumentation. These tests are:

- a. Described in Chapter 14, Initial Tests and Operation, of the FSAR;
- b. Authorized under the provisions of 10 CFR 50.59; or
- c. Otherwise approved by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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### PRESSURE AND TEMPERATURE LIMITS REPORT (PTLR)

The PTLR is the unit specific document that provides the reactor vessel pressure and temperature limits, including heatup and cooldown rates, for the current reactor vessel fluence period. These pressure and temperature limits shall be determined for each fluence period in accordance with Specification 5.6.6. Plant operation within these operating limits is addressed in LCO 3.4.3, "RCS Pressure and Temperature (P/T) Limits."

### QUADRANT POWER TILT RATIO (QPTR)

QPTR shall be the ratio of the maximum upper excore detector calibrated output to the average of the upper excore detector calibrated outputs, or the ratio of the maximum lower excore detector calibrated output to the average of the lower excore detector calibrated outputs, whichever is greater.

### RATED THERMAL POWER (RTP)

RTP shall be a total reactor core heat transfer rate to the reactor coolant of 2775 MWt.

### REACTOR TRIP SYSTEM (RTS) RESPONSE TIME

The RTS RESPONSE TIME shall be that time interval from when the monitored parameter exceeds its RTS trip setpoint at the channel sensor until loss of stationary gripper coil voltage. The response time may be measured by means of any series of sequential, overlapping, or total steps so that the entire response time is measured. In lieu of measurement, response time may be verified for selected components provided that the components and the methodology for verification have been previously reviewed and approved by the NRC.

### SHUTDOWN MARGIN (SDM)

SDM shall be the instantaneous amount of reactivity by which the reactor is subcritical or would be subcritical from its present condition assuming:

- a. All rod cluster control assemblies (RCCAs) are fully inserted except for the single RCCA of highest reactivity worth, which is assumed to be fully withdrawn. With any RCCA not capable of being fully inserted, the reactivity worth of the RCCA must be accounted for in the determination of SDM; and

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### SHUTDOWN MARGIN (SDM) (continued)

- b. In MODES 1 and 2, the fuel and moderator temperatures are changed to the hot zero power temperatures.

### SLAVE RELAY TEST

A SLAVE RELAY TEST shall consist of energizing each slave relay and verifying the OPERABILITY of each slave relay. The SLAVE RELAY TEST shall include, as a minimum, a continuity check of associated testable actuation devices.

### STAGGERED TEST BASIS

A STAGGERED TEST BASIS shall consist of the testing of one of the systems, subsystems, channels, or other designated components during the interval specified by the Surveillance Frequency, so that all systems, subsystems, channels, or other designated components are tested during  $n$  Surveillance Frequency intervals, where  $n$  is the total number of systems, subsystems, channels, or other designated components in the associated function.

### THERMAL POWER

THERMAL POWER shall be the total reactor core heat transfer rate to the reactor coolant.

### TRIP ACTUATING DEVICE OPERATIONAL TEST (TADOT)

A TADOT shall consist of operating the trip actuating device and verifying the OPERABILITY of required alarm, interlock, and trip functions. The TADOT shall include adjustment, as necessary, of the trip actuating device so that it actuates at the required setpoint within the required accuracy.

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**SR 3.3.1.11**

SR 3.3.1.11 is the performance of a COT of RTS interlocks every 18 months. This COT is also intended to verify the interlock prior to startup, if not performed in the previous 92 days.

The 18 month Frequency is based on the known reliability of the interlocks and the multichannel redundancy available, and has been shown to be acceptable through operating experience. The 92-day Frequency for RTS Interlock COT performance prior to startup is consistent with the uncertainty allowances for rack drift in the setpoint calculations (Ref. 6) and the COT (SR 3.3.1.7 and SR 3.3.1.8) Surveillance Frequencies for the associated trip functions. Performance of the RTS Interlock COTs in conjunction with periodic actuation logic tests (SR 3.3.1.5) provides assurance that the total interlock function is OPERABLE prior to reactor startup and power ascension.

**SR 3.3.1.12**

SR 3.3.1.12 is the performance of a TADOT of the Manual Reactor Trip, RCP Breaker Position, and the SI Input from ESFAS. This TADOT is performed every 18 months. The test shall independently verify the OPERABILITY of the undervoltage and shunt trip mechanisms for the Manual Reactor Trip Function for the Reactor Trip Breakers and Reactor Trip Bypass Breakers. The Reactor Trip Bypass Breaker test shall include testing of the automatic undervoltage trip.

The Frequency is based on the known reliability of the Functions and the multichannel redundancy available, and has been shown to be acceptable through operating experience.

The SR is modified by a Note that excludes verification of setpoints from the TADOT. The Functions affected have no setpoints associated with them.

**SR 3.3.1.13**

SR 3.3.1.13 is the performance of a TADOT of Turbine Trip Functions prior to exceeding P-9. This TADOT consists of verifying that each channel indicates a Turbine trip before Latching the turbine and indicates no turbine trip after the turbine is latched prior to exceeding the P-9 interlock whenever the unit has been in MODE 3. A Note states that this Surveillance is not required if it has been performed within the

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previous 31 days. Verification of the Trip Setpoint does not have to be performed for this Surveillance. Performance of this test will ensure that the turbine trip Function is OPERABLE prior to exceeding the P-9 interlock. This test may be performed with the reactor at power below P-9 and/or prior to reactor startup.

**SR 3.3.1.14**

SR 3.3.1.14 verifies that the individual channel/train actuation response times are less than or equal to the maximum values assumed in the accident analysis. Response time testing acceptance criteria are included in FSAR, Table 7.2.5 (Ref. 8). Individual component response times are not typically modeled in the analyses.

The analyses model the overall or total elapsed time, from the point at which the parameter exceeds the trip setpoint value at the sensor to the point when the rods are free to fall (i.e., control and shutdown loss of control rod drive mechanism (CRDM) stationary gripper voltage, including gripper release delay time (Ref. 15)).

For channels that include dynamic transfer Functions (e.g., lag, lead/lag, rate/lag, etc.), the response time test may be performed with the transfer Function set to one, or with the time constants set to their nominal value. The test results must be compared to properly defined acceptance criteria.

Response time may be verified by actual response time tests in any series of sequential, overlapping or total channel measurements, or by summation of allocated sensor, signal processing and actuation logic response times with actual response time tests on the remainder of the channel in any series of sequential or overlapping measurements. Allocations for specific pressure and differential pressure sensor response times may be obtained from: (1) historical records based on acceptable response time tests (hydraulic, noise, or power interrupt tests), (2) in place, onsite, or offsite (e.g., vendor) test measurements, or (3) utilizing vendor engineering specifications.

WCAP-13632-P-A, Revision 2, "Elimination of Pressure Sensor Response Time Testing Requirements," (Ref. 16) provides the basis and methodology for using allocated sensor response times in the overall verification of the channel response time for specific sensors identified in the WCAP. Response time verification for other sensor

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types must be demonstrated by test.

WCAP-14036-P-A, Revision 1, "Elimination of Periodic Protection Channel Response Time Tests," (Ref. 17) provides the basis and methodology for using allocated signal processing and actuation logic response times in the overall verification of the protection system channel response time. The allocations for the sensor, signal conditioning and actuation logic response times must be verified prior to placing the component in operational service and re-verified following maintenance that may adversely affect response time. In general, electric repair work does not impact response time provided the parts used for repair are of the same type and value. Specific components identified in the WCAP may be replaced without verification testing. One example where time response could be affected is replacing the sensing assembly of a transmitter.

As appropriate, each channel's response must be verified every 18 months on a STAGGERED TEST BASIS. Each verification shall include at least one Logic train such that both Logic trains are verified at least once per 36 months. Testing of the final actuation devices is included in the testing. Response times cannot be determined during unit operation because equipment operation is required to measure response times. Experience has shown that these components usually pass this surveillance when performed at the 18 month Frequency. Therefore, the Frequency was concluded to be acceptable from a reliability standpoint.

SR 3.3.1.14 is modified by a Note stating that neutron detectors are excluded from RTS RESPONSE TIME testing. This Note is necessary because of the difficulty in generating an appropriate detector input signal. Excluding the detectors is acceptable because the principles of detector operation ensure a virtually instantaneous response.

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### **REFERENCES**

1. FSAR, Chapter 7.
2. FSAR, Chapter 6.
3. FSAR, Chapter 15.
4. IEEE-279-1971

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5. 10 CFR 50.49.
  6. WCAP 13751, FNP RTS/ESFAS Setpoint Methodology Study.
  7. WCAP-10271, "Evaluation of Surveillance Frequencies and Out of Service Times for the Reactor Protection Instrumentation System," and supplements to that report as approved by the NRC and documented in the SERs and SSER (letters to J.J. Sheppard from Cecil O. Thomas dated February 21, 1985; Roger A. Newton from Charles E. Rossi dated February 22, 1989; and Gerard T. Goering from Charles E. Rossi dated April 30, 1990).
  8. FSAR, Table 7.2.5.
  9. RPS Functional System Description (FSD) A-181007.
  10. WCAP 12925, Median Signal Selector (MSS).
  11. WCAP 13807/13808, Elimination of Feedwater Flow trip via Implementation of MSS.
  12. Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Power Plant Unit 1 (2) Precautions, Limitations and Setpoints U-266647 (U-280912).
  13. Westinghouse Technical Bulletin, ESBU-TB-92-14-R1, "Decalibration Effects Of Calorimetric Power Level Measurements On The NIS High Power Reactor Trip At Power Levels Less Than 70% RTP."
  14. NRC Generic Letter 85-09, "Technical Specifications For Generic Letter 83-28 [Required Actions Based On Generic Implications Of Salem ATWS Events], Item 43."
  15. Westinghouse Technical Bulletin, NSD-TB-92-03-R1, "Undervoltage Trip Protection."
  16. WCAP-13632-P-A, Revision 2, "Elimination of Pressure Sensor Response Time Testing Requirements," Jan., 1996.
  17. WCAP-14036-P-A, Revision 1, "Elimination of Periodic Protection Channel Response Time Tests," Oct., 1998.
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**SR 3.3.2.7**

SR 3.3.2.7 is the performance of a CHANNEL CALIBRATION.

A CHANNEL CALIBRATION is performed every 18 months, or approximately at every refueling. CHANNEL CALIBRATION is a complete check of the instrument loop, including the sensor. The test verifies that the channel responds to measured parameter within the necessary range and accuracy.

CHANNEL CALIBRATIONS must be performed consistent with the assumptions of the unit specific setpoint methodology. The "as found" values are evaluated to ensure consistency with (i.e., bounded by) the drift allowance used in the setpoint methodology.

The Frequency of 18 months is based on the assumption of an 18 month calibration interval in the determination of the magnitude of equipment drift in the setpoint methodology.

This SR is modified by a Note stating that this test should include verification that the time constants are adjusted to the prescribed values where applicable.

**SR 3.3.2.8**

SR 3.3.2.8 is the performance of a SLAVE RELAY TEST. The SLAVE RELAY TEST is the energizing of the slave relays. Contact operation is verified in one of two ways. Actuation equipment that may be operated in the design mitigation MODE is either allowed to function, or is placed in a condition where the relay contact operation can be verified without operation of the equipment. Actuation equipment that may not be operated in the design mitigation MODE is prevented from operation by the SLAVE RELAY TEST circuit or is tested when there will be no adverse impact on the plant. For this latter case, when using the SLAVE RELAY TEST circuit, contact operation is verified by a continuity check of the circuit containing the slave relay. This test is performed every 18 months. The Frequency is adequate, based on plant operating experience, considering instrument reliability and operating history data. While the ESFAS is designed to accommodate online testing at power, slave relay testing is normally conducted during refueling to minimize the potential for plant transients and unnecessary challenges to plant equipment.

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**SR 3.3.2.9**

This SR ensures the individual channel ESF RESPONSE TIMES are less than or equal to the maximum values assumed in the accident analysis. Response Time testing acceptance criteria are included in the FSAR, Table 7.3-16 (Ref. 9). Individual component response times are not typically modeled in the analyses. The analyses model the overall or total elapsed time, from the point at which the parameter exceeds the Trip Setpoint value at the sensor, to the point at which the equipment reaches the required functional state (e.g., pumps at rated discharge pressure, valves in full open or closed position).

For channels that include dynamic transfer functions (e.g., lag, lead/lag, rate/lag, etc.), the response time test may be performed with the transfer functions set to one or with the time constants set to their nominal value. The test results must be compared to properly defined acceptance criteria.

Response time may be verified by actual response time tests in any series of sequential, overlapping or total channel measurements, or by summation of allocated sensor, signal processing and actuation logic response times with actual response time tests on the remainder of the channel in any series of sequential or overlapping measurements. Allocations for specific pressure and differential pressure sensor response times may be obtained from: (1) historical records based on acceptable response time tests (hydraulic, noise, or power interrupt tests), (2) in place, onsite, or offsite (e.g., vendor) test measurements, or (3) utilizing vendor engineering specifications.

WCAP-13632-P-A, Revision 2, "Elimination of Pressure Sensor Response Time Testing Requirements," (Ref. 13) provides the basis and methodology for using allocated sensor response times in the overall verification of the channel response time for specific sensors identified in the WCAP. Response time verification for other sensor types must be demonstrated by test.

WCAP-14036-P-A, Revision 1, "Elimination of Periodic Protection Channel Response Time Tests," (Ref. 14) provides the basis and methodology for using allocated signal processing and actuation logic response times in the overall verification of the protection system channel response time. The allocations for the sensor, signal processing and actuation logic response times must be verified prior to placing the component in operational service and re-verified following maintenance that may adversely affect response time. In general,

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electric repair work does not impact response time provided the parts used for repair are of the same type and value. Specific components identified in the WCAP may be replaced without verification testing. One example where time response could be affected is replacing the sensing assembly of a transmitter.

ESF RESPONSE TIME tests are conducted on an 18 month STAGGERED TEST BASIS. Each verification shall include at least one Logic train such that both Logic trains are verified at least once per 36 months. Testing of the final actuation devices, which make up the bulk of the response time, is included in the testing of each channel. The final actuation device in one train is tested with each channel. Therefore, staggered testing results in response time verification of these devices every 18 months. The 18 month Frequency is consistent with the typical refueling cycle and is based on unit operating experience, which shows that random failures of instrumentation components causing serious response time degradation, but not channel failure, are infrequent occurrences.

This SR is modified by a Note that clarifies that the turbine driven AFW pump is tested within 24 hours after reaching 1005 psig in the SGs. Based on operating experience, 24 hours is a sufficient time duration for performance of the TDAFW pump response time test. A steam pressure of 1005 psig corresponds to the RCS no-load  $T_{avg}$  for MODE 2. Valid response time tests can be performed at lower SG pressures.

#### SR 3.3.2.10

SR 3.3.2.10 is the performance of a TADOT as described in SR 3.3.2.6, except that it is performed for the AFW pump start on trip of all MFW pumps Function and the Frequency is prior to reactor startup if not performed within the previous 92 days. This Frequency is based on operating experience.

The SR is modified by a Note that excludes verification of setpoints during the TADOT. The Function tested has no associated setpoint.

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### REFERENCES

1. FSAR, Chapter 6.
2. FSAR, Chapter 7.

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3. FSAR, Chapter 15.
  4. IEEE-279-1971.
  5. 10 CFR 50.49.
  6. WCAP 13751, FNP RTS/ESFAS Setpoint Methodology Study.
  7. NUREG-1218, April 1988.
  8. WCAP-10271-P-A, Supplement 2, Rev. 1, "Updated Approved Version," June 1990.
  9. FSAR, Table 7.3-16
  10. A 181007 Reactor Protection System FSD.
  11. Westinghouse Functional Diagrams U-166231 thru U-166245.
  12. Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Power Plant Unit 1 (2) Precautions, Limitations, and Setpoints U-266647 (U-280912).
  13. WCAP-13632-P-A, Revision 2, "Elimination of Pressure Sensor Response Time Testing Requirements," Jan., 1996.
  14. WCAP-14036-P-A, Revision 1, "Elimination of Periodic Protection Channel Response Time Tests," Oct., 1998.
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