

REFUELING OPERATIONS

3/4.9.4 CONTAINMENT BUILDING PENETRATIONS

LIMITING CONDITION FOR OPERATION

3.9.4 The containment building penetrations shall be in the following status:

- a. The equipment door closed and held in place by a minimum of four bolts,
- b. A minimum of one door in each airlock is closed, and both doors of both containment personnel airlocks may be open if:
 1. One personnel airlock door in each airlock is capable of closure, and
 2. One train of the Auxiliary Building Gas Treatment System is OPERABLE in accordance with Technical Specification 3.9.12, and
- c. Each penetration* providing direct access from the containment atmosphere to the outside atmosphere shall be either:
 1. Closed by an isolation valve, blind flange, manual valve, or equivalent, or
 2. Be capable of being closed by an OPERABLE automatic Containment Ventilation isolation valve.

APPLICABILITY:

3.9.4.a. Containment Building Equipment Door - During movement of recently irradiated fuel within the containment.

3.9.4.b. and c. Containment Building Airlock Doors and Penetrations - During movement of irradiated fuel within the containment.

ACTION:

1. With the requirements of the above specification not satisfied for the containment building equipment door, immediately suspend all operations involving movement of recently irradiated fuel in the containment building. The provisions of Specification 3.0.3 are not applicable.
2. With the requirements of the above specification not satisfied for containment airlock doors or penetrations, immediately suspend all operations involving movement of irradiated fuel in the containment building. The provisions of Specification 3.0.3 are not applicable.

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

4.9.4 Each of the above required containment building penetrations shall be determined to be either in its required condition or capable of being closed by an OPERABLE automatic Containment Ventilation isolation valve once per 7 days during movement of irradiated fuel in the containment building by:

- a. Verifying the penetrations are in their required condition, or
- b. Testing the Containment Ventilation isolation valves per the applicable portions of Specification 4.6.3.2.

* Penetration flow path(s) providing direct access from the containment atmosphere that transverse and terminate in the Auxiliary Building Secondary Containment Enclosure may be unisolated under administrative controls.

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BASES

3/4.9.1 BORON CONCENTRATION

The limitations on reactivity conditions during REFUELING ensure that: 1) the reactor will remain subcritical during CORE ALTERATIONS, and 2) a uniform boron concentration is maintained for reactivity control in the water volume having direct access to the reactor vessel. Maintaining the listed valves in the closed position precludes an uncontrolled boron dilution accident by closing the flow paths for possible sources of unborated water. These limitations are consistent with the initial conditions assumed for the boron dilution incident in the accident analyses.

3/4.9.2 INSTRUMENTATION

The OPERABILITY of the source range neutron flux monitors ensures that redundant monitoring capability is available to detect changes in the reactivity condition of the core.

3/4.9.3 DECAY TIME

The minimum requirement for reactor subcriticality prior to movement of irradiated fuel assemblies in the reactor pressure vessel 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.

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During movement of irradiated fuel assemblies, a single normal or contingency method to promptly close the containment building equipment door will be in place. Such prompt methods need not completely block the penetration or be capable of resisting pressure. The purpose is to enable ventilation systems to draw the release from a postulated fuel handling accident in the proper directions such that it can be treated and monitored.

The LCO is modified by a footnote allowing penetration flow paths with direct access from the containment atmosphere to the Auxiliary Building Secondary Containment Enclosure (ABSCE) to be unisolated under administrative controls. These flow paths must be within the ABSCE structure or in qualified piping that constitutes the ABSCE boundary and either terminate or have an isolation device within the ABSCE. Administrative controls ensure that 1) appropriate personnel are aware of the open status of the penetration flow path during movement of irradiated fuel assemblies within containment, 2) specified individuals are designated and readily available to isolate the flow path in the event of an FHA, and 3) one train of the ABGTS is OPERABLE in accordance with Technical Specification 3.9.12. As discussed above for the containment airlock doors, the basis for this allowance is the SQN analysis for an FHA in containment or the auxiliary building and the potential need for a manual start of the ABGTS for an FHA in containment. This allowance is not applicable to the containment ventilation isolation flow paths because of the potential motive force associated with the containment purge system that could result in additional releases of radioactivity. Additionally, this allowance is not applicable to those flow paths that terminate or are routed outside the ABSCE in piping that does not meet the requirements for an ABSCE boundary.

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