

REACTIVITY CONTROL SYSTEMS

3/4.1.3 CONTROL RODS

CONTROL ROD OPERABILITY

LIMITING CONDITION FOR OPERATION

3.1.3.1 All control rods and scram discharge volume vent and drain valves shall be OPERABLE. |

APPLICABILITY: OPERATIONAL CONDITIONS 1, 2, and 3*** |

ACTION:

- a. With one control rod inoperable due to being immovable, as a result of excessive friction or mechanical interference, or known to be untrippable:
 1. Within 1 hour:
 - a) Verify that the inoperable control rod, if withdrawn, is separated from all other inoperable control rods by at least two control cells in all directions.
 - b) Disarm the associated directional control valves** either:
 - 1) Electrically, or
 - 2) Hydraulically by closing the drive water and exhaust water isolation valves.

Otherwise, be in at least HOT SHUTDOWN within the next 12 hours.
 2. Restore the inoperable control rod to OPERABLE status within 48 hours or be in at least HOT SHUTDOWN within the next 12 hours.
- b. With one or more control rods trippable but inoperable for causes other than addressed in ACTION a, above:
 1. If the inoperable control rod(s) is withdrawn, within 1 hour:
 - a) Verify that the inoperable withdrawn control rod(s) is separated from all other inoperable withdrawn control rods by at least two control cells in all directions, and
 - b) Demonstrate the insertion capability of the inoperable withdrawn control rod(s) by inserting the control rod(s) at least one notch by drive water pressure within the normal operating range*.

* The inoperable control rod may then be withdrawn to a position no further withdrawn than its position when found to be inoperable.

** May be rearmed intermittently, under administrative control, to permit testing associated with restoring the control rod to OPERABLE status.

*** OPERATIONAL CONDITION 3 is only applicable to the scram discharge volume vent and drain valves. |

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LIMITING CONDITION FOR OPERATION (Continued)

ACTION: (Continued)

Otherwise, insert the inoperable withdrawn control rod(s) and disarm the associated directional control valves** either:

- a) Electrically, or
 - b) Hydraulically by closing the drive water and exhaust water isolation valves.
2. If the inoperable control rod(s) is inserted, within 1 hour disarm the associated directional control valves** either:
- a) Electrically, or
 - b) Hydraulically by closing the drive water and exhaust water isolation valves.

Otherwise, be in at least HOT SHUTDOWN within the next 12 hours.

3. The provisions of Specification 3.0.4 are not applicable.
- c. With more than 8 control rods inoperable, be in at least HOT SHUTDOWN within 12 hours.
 - d. With one or more scram discharge volume (SDV) vent or drain lines with one valve inoperable, restore the inoperable valve(s) to OPERABLE status within 7 days or be in at least HOT SHUTDOWN within the next 12 hours*** and in COLD SHUTDOWN within the following 24 hours.
 - e. With one or more SDV vent or drain lines with both valves inoperable, isolate the associated line within 8 hours **** or be in at least HOT SHUTDOWN within the next 12 hours*** and in COLD SHUTDOWN within the following 24 hours.

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

4.1.3.1.1 The scram discharge volume drain and vent valves shall be demonstrated OPERABLE by:

- a. At least once per 31 days verifying each valve to be open,* and
- b. At least once per 92 days cycling each valve through at least one complete cycle of full travel.

* These valves may be closed intermittently for testing under administrative controls.

** May be rearmed intermittently, under administrative control, to permit testing associated with restoring the control rod to OPERABLE status.

*** Separate Action entry is allowed for each SDV vent and drain line.

**** An isolated line may be unisolated under administrative control to allow draining and venting of the SDV.

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SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS (Continued)

4.1.3.1.2 When above the preset power level of the RWM, all withdrawn control rods not required to have their directional control valves disarmed electrically or hydraulically shall be demonstrated OPERABLE by moving each control rod at least one notch:

- a. At least once per 7 days, and
- b. At least once per 24 hours when any control rod is immovable as a result of excessive friction or mechanical interference.

4.1.3.1.3 All control rods shall be demonstrated OPERABLE by performance of Surveillance Requirements 4.1.3.2, 4.1.3.4, 4.1.3.5, 4.1.3.6, and 4.1.3.7.

4.1.3.1.4 The scram discharge volume shall be determined OPERABLE by demonstrating:

- a. The scram discharge volume drain and vent valves OPERABLE at least once per 24 months, by verifying that the drain and vent valves;
 1. Close within 30 seconds after receipt of a signal for control rods to scram, and
 2. Open when the scram signal is reset.
- b. Proper level sensor response by performance of a CHANNEL FUNCTIONAL TEST of the scram discharge volume scram and control rod block level instrumentation at least once per 92 days.

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3/4.6.3 PRIMARY CONTAINMENT ISOLATION VALVES

LIMITING CONDITION FOR OPERATION

3.6.3 Each primary containment isolation valves and the instrumentation line excess flow check valves shall be OPERABLE.

APPLICABILITY: OPERATIONAL CONDITIONS 1, 2, and 3.

ACTION:

- a. With one or more of the primary containment isolation valves inoperable,** maintain at least one isolation valve OPERABLE in each affected penetration that is open and within 4 hours either:
 1. Restore the inoperable valve(s) to OPERABLE status, or
 2. Isolate each affected penetration by use of at least one de-activated automatic valve secured in the isolated position,* or
 3. Isolate each affected penetration by use of at least one closed manual valve or blind flange.*
 4. The provisions of Specification 3.0.4 are not applicable provided that within 4 hours the affected penetration is isolated in accordance with ACTION a.2. or a.3. above, and provided that the associated system, if applicable, is declared inoperable and the appropriate ACTION statements for that system are performed.

Otherwise, be in at least HOT SHUTDOWN within the next 12 hours and in COLD SHUTDOWN within the following 24 hours.

- b. With one or more of the instrumentation line excess flow check valves inoperable, operation may continue and the provisions of Specifications 3.0.3 and 3.0.4 are not applicable provided that within 4 hours either:
 1. The inoperable valve is returned to OPERABLE status, or
 2. The instrument line is isolated and the associated instrument is declared inoperable.

Otherwise, be in at least HOT SHUTDOWN within the next 12 hours and in COLD SHUTDOWN within the following 24 hours.

- c. With one or more scram discharge volume vent or drain valves inoperable, perform the applicable actions specified in Specification 3.1.3.1.

* Isolation valves closed to satisfy these requirements may be reopened on an intermittent basis under administrative control.

** Except for the scram discharge volume vent and drain valves.

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The specification of this section ensure that (1) the minimum SHUTDOWN MARGIN is maintained, (2) the control rod insertion times are consistent with those used in the accident analysis, and (3) the potential effects of the rod drop accident are limited. The ACTION statements permit variations from the basic requirements but at the same time impose more restrictive criteria for continued operation. A limitation on inoperable rods is set such that the resultant effect on total rod worth and scram shape will be kept to a minimum. The requirements for the various scram time measurements ensure that any indication of systematic problems with rod drives will be investigated on a timely basis.

Damage within the control rod drive mechanism could be a generic problem, therefore with a control rod immovable because of excessive friction or mechanical interference, operation of the reactor is limited to a time period which is reasonable to determine the cause of the inoperability and at the same time prevent operation with a large number of inoperable control rods.

Control rods that are inoperable for other reasons are permitted to be taken out of service provided that those in the nonfully-inserted position are consistent with the SHUTDOWN MARGIN requirements.

The number of control rods permitted to be inoperable could be more than the eight allowed by the specification, but the occurrence of eight inoperable rods could be indicative of a generic problem and the reactor must be shutdown for investigation and resolution of the problem.

The control rod system is designed to bring the reactor subcritical at a rate fast enough to prevent the MCPR from becoming less than the fuel cladding safety limit during the limiting power transient analyzed in Section 15.2 of the FSAR. This analysis shows that the negative reactivity rates resulting from the scram with the average response of all the drives as given in the specifications, provided the required protection and MCPR remains greater than the fuel cladding safety limit. The occurrence of scram times longer than those specified should be viewed as an indication of a systemic problem with the rod drives and therefore the surveillance interval is reduced in order to prevent operation of the reactor for long periods of time with a potentially serious problem.

Scram time testing at zero psig reactor coolant pressure is adequate to ensure that the control rod will perform its intended scram function during startup of the plant until scram time testing at 950 psig reactor coolant pressure is performed prior to exceeding 40% rated core thermal power.

The scram discharge volume is required to be OPERABLE so that it will be available when needed to accept discharge water from the control rods during a reactor scram and will isolate the reactor coolant system from the containment when required.

The OPERABILITY of all SDV vent and drain valves ensures that the SDV vent and drain valves will close during a scram to contain reactor water discharged to the SDV piping. The SDV has one common drain line and one common vent line. Since the vent and drain lines are provided with two valves in series, the single failure of one valve in

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the open position will not impair the isolation function of the system. Additionally, the valves are required to open on scram reset to ensure that a path is available for the SDV piping to drain freely at other times.

When one SDV vent or drain valve is inoperable in one or more lines, the valves must be restored to OPERABLE status within 7 days. The allowable outage time is reasonable, given the level of redundancy in the lines and the low probability of a scram occurring while the valve(s) are inoperable. The SDV is still isolable since the redundant valve in the affected line is OPERABLE. During these periods, the single failure criterion may not be preserved, and a higher risk exists to allow reactor water out of the primary system during a scram.

If both valves in a line are inoperable, the line must be isolated to contain the reactor coolant during a scram. When a line is isolated, the potential for an inadvertent scram due to high SDV level is increased. ACTION "e" is modified by a note ("****") that allows periodic draining and venting of the SDV when a line is isolated. During these periods, the line may be unisolated under administrative control. This allows any accumulated water in the line to be drained, to preclude a reactor scram on SDV high level. This is acceptable since the administrative controls ensure the valve can be closed quickly, by a dedicated operator, if a scram occurs with the valve open. The 8 hour allowable outage time to isolate the line is based on the low probability of a scram occurring while the line is not isolated and the unlikelihood of significant CRD seal leakage.

Control rods with inoperable accumulators are declared inoperable and Specification 3.1.3.1 then applies. This prevents a pattern of inoperable accumulators that would result in less reactivity insertion on a scram than has been analyzed even though control rods with inoperable accumulators may still be inserted with normal drive water pressure. Operability of the accumulator ensures that there is a means available to insert the control rods even under the most unfavorable depressurization of the reactor.

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DEPRESSURIZATION SYSTEMS (Continued)

The drywell-to-suppression chamber bypass test at a differential pressure of at least 4.0 psi verifies the overall bypass leakage area for simulated LOCA conditions is less than the specified limit. For those outages where the drywell-to-suppression chamber bypass leakage test is not conducted, the VB leakage test verifies that the VB leakage area is less than the bypass limit, with a 76% margin to the bypass limit to accommodate the remaining potential leakage area through the passive structural components. Previous drywell-to-suppression chamber bypass test data indicates that the bypass leakage through the passive structural components will be much less than the 76% margin. The VB leakage limit, combined with the negligible passive structural leakage area, ensures that the drywell-to-suppression chamber bypass leakage limit is met for those outages for which the drywell-to-suppression chamber bypass test is not scheduled.

3/4.6.3 PRIMARY CONTAINMENT ISOLATION VALVES

The OPERABILITY of the primary containment isolation valves ensures that the containment atmosphere will be isolated from the outside environment in the event of a release of radioactive material to the containment atmosphere or pressurization of the containment and is consistent with the requirements of GDC 54 through 57 of Appendix A of 10 CFR Part 50. Containment isolation within the time limits specified for those isolation valves designed to close automatically ensures that the release of radioactive material to the environment will be consistent with the assumptions used in the analyses for a LOCA.

The scram discharge volume vent and drain valves serve a dual function, one of which is primary containment isolation. Since the other safety functions of the scram discharge volume vent and drain valves would not be available if the normal PCIV actions were taken, actions are provided to direct the user to the scram discharge volume vent and drain operability requirements contained in Specification 3.1.3.1. However, since the scram discharge volume vent and drain valves are PCIVs, the Surveillance Requirements of Specification 4.6.3 still apply to these valves.

The opening of a containment isolation valve that was locked or sealed closed to satisfy Technical Specification 3.6.3 Action statements, may be reopened on an intermittent basis under administrative controls. These controls consist of stationing a dedicated individual at the controls of the valve, who is in continuous communication with the control room. In this way, the penetration can be rapidly isolated when a need for primary containment isolation is indicated.

Primary containment isolation valves governed by this Technical Specification are identified in Table 3.6.3-1 of the TRM.

This Surveillance Requirement requires a demonstration that a representative sample of reactor instrument line excess flow check valves (EFCVs) is OPERABLE by verifying that the valve actuates to the isolation position on a simulated instrument line break signal. The representative sample consists of an approximately equal number of EFCVs, such that each EFCV is tested at least once every 10 years. In addition, the EFCVs in the sample are representative of the various plant configurations, models, sizes, and operating environments. This ensures that any potentially common problem with a specific type or application of EFCV is detected at the earliest possible time. This Surveillance Requirement provides assurance that the instrumentation line EFCVs will perform so that predicted radiological consequences will not be exceeded during a postulated instrument line break event. The 10 year interval is based on other performance-based testing programs. Furthermore, any EFCV failures will be evaluated to determine if additional testing in the test interval is warranted to ensure overall reliability is maintained. Operating experience has demonstrated that these components are highly reliable and that failures to isolate are very infrequent. Therefore, testing of a representative sample was concluded to be acceptable from a reliability standpoint. For some EFCVs, this Surveillance can be performed with the reactor at power.

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3.1.3.1 All control rods and scram discharge volume vent and drain valves shall be OPERABLE. |

APPLICABILITY: OPERATIONAL CONDITIONS 1, 2, and 3*** |

ACTION:

- a. With one control rod inoperable due to being immovable, as a result of excessive friction or mechanical interference, or known to be untrippable:
 1. Within 1 hour:
 - a) Verify that the inoperable control rod, if withdrawn, is separated from all other inoperable control rods by at least two control cells in all directions.
 - b) Disarm the associated directional control valves** either:
 - 1) Electrically, or
 - 2) Hydraulically by closing the drive water and exhaust water isolation valves.

Otherwise, be in at least HOT SHUTDOWN within the next 12 hours.
 2. Restore the inoperable control rod to OPERABLE status within 48 hours or be in at least HOT SHUTDOWN within the next 12 hours.
- b. With one or more control rods trippable but inoperable for causes other than addressed in ACTION a, above:
 1. If the inoperable control rod(s) is withdrawn, within 1 hour:
 - a) Verify that the inoperable withdrawn control rod(s) is separated from all other inoperable withdrawn control rods by at least two control cells in all directions, and
 - b) Demonstrate the insertion capability of the inoperable withdrawn control rod(s) by inserting the control rod(s) at least one notch by drive water pressure within the normal operating range*.

*The inoperable control rod may then be withdrawn to a position no further withdrawn than its position when found to be inoperable.

**May be rearmed intermittently, under administrative control, to permit testing associated with restoring the control rod to OPERABLE status.

***OPERATIONAL CONDITION 3 is only applicable to the scram discharge volume vent and drain valves. |

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LIMITING CONDITION FOR OPERATION (Continued)

ACTION: (Continued)

Otherwise, insert the inoperable withdrawn control rod(s) and disarm the associated directional control valves** either:

- a) Electrically, or
 - b) Hydraulically by closing the drive water and exhaust water isolation valves.
2. If the inoperable control rod(s) is inserted, within 1 hour disarm the associated directional control valves** either:
- a) Electrically, or
 - b) Hydraulically by closing the drive water and exhaust water isolation valves.

Otherwise, be in at least HOT SHUTDOWN within the next 12 hours.

3. The provisions of Specification 3.0.4 are not applicable.
- c. With more than 8 control rods inoperable, be in at least HOT SHUTDOWN within 12 hours.
 - d. With one or more scram discharge volume (SDV) vent or drain lines with one valve inoperable, restore the inoperable valve(s) to OPERABLE status within 7 days or be in at least HOT SHUTDOWN within the next 12 hours*** and in COLD SHUTDOWN within the following 24 hours.
 - e. With one or more SDV vent or drain lines with both valves inoperable, isolate the associated line within 8 hours **** or be in at least HOT SHUTDOWN within the next 12 hours*** and in COLD SHUTDOWN within the following 24 hours.

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

4.1.3.1.1 The scram discharge volume drain and vent valves shall be demonstrated OPERABLE by:

- a. At least once per 31 days verifying each valve to be open,* and
- b. At least once per 92 days cycling each valve through at least one complete cycle of full travel.

* These valves may be closed intermittently for testing under administrative controls.

** May be rearmed intermittently, under administrative control, to permit testing associated with restoring the control rod to OPERABLE status.

***Separate Action entry is allowed for each SDV vent and drain line.

****An isolated line may be unisolated under administrative control to allow draining and venting of the SDV.

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SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS (Continued)

4.1.3.1.2 When above the preset power level of the RWM, all withdrawn control rods not required to have their directional control valves disarmed electrically or hydraulically shall be demonstrated OPERABLE by moving each control rod at least one notch:

- a. At least once per 7 days, and
- b. At least once per 24 hours when any control rod is immovable as a result of excessive friction or mechanical interference.

4.1.3.1.3 All control rods shall be demonstrated OPERABLE by performance of Surveillance Requirements 4.1.3.2, 4.1.3.4, 4.1.3.5, 4.1.3.6, and 4.1.3.7.

4.1.3.1.4 The scram discharge volume shall be determined OPERABLE by demonstrating:

- a. The scram discharge volume drain and vent valves OPERABLE at least once per 24 months, by verifying that the drain and vent valves:
 1. Close within 30 seconds after receipt of a signal for control rods to scram, and
 2. Open when the scram signal is reset.
- b. Proper level sensor response by performance of a CHANNEL FUNCTIONAL TEST of the scram discharge volume scram and control rod block level instrumentation at least once per 92 days.

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LIMITING CONDITION FOR OPERATION

3.6.3 Each primary containment isolation valves and the instrumentation line excess flow check valve shall be OPERABLE.

APPLICABILITY: OPERATIONAL CONDITIONS 1, 2, and 3.

ACTION:

- a. With one or more of the primary containment isolation valves inoperable,** maintain at least one isolation valve OPERABLE in each affected penetration that is open and within 4 hours either:

1. Restore the inoperable valve(s) to OPERABLE status, or
2. Isolate each affected penetration by use of at least one de-activated automatic valve secured in the isolated position,* or
3. Isolate each affected penetration by use of at least one closed manual valve or blind flange.*
4. The provisions of Specification 3.0.4 are not applicable provided that within 4 hours the affected penetration is isolated in accordance with ACTION a.2. or a.3. above, and provided that the associated system, if applicable, is declared inoperable and the appropriate ACTION statements for that system are performed.

Otherwise, be in at least HOT SHUTDOWN within the next 12 hours and in COLD SHUTDOWN within the following 24 hours.

- b. With one or more of the instrumentation line excess flow check valves inoperable, operation may continue and the provisions of Specifications 3.0.3 and 3.0.4 are not applicable provided that within 4 hours either:

1. The inoperable valve is returned to OPERABLE status, or
2. The instrument line is isolated and the associated instrument is declared inoperable.

Otherwise, be in at least HOT SHUTDOWN within the next 12 hours and in COLD SHUTDOWN within the following 24 hours.

- c. With one or more scram discharge volume vent or drain valves inoperable, perform the applicable actions specified in Specification 3.1.3.1.

* Isolation valves closed to satisfy these requirements may be reopened on an intermittent basis under administrative control.

** Except for the scram discharge volume vent and drain valves.

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The specification of this section ensure that (1) the minimum SHUTDOWN MARGIN is maintained, (2) the control rod insertion times are consistent with those used in the accident analysis, and (3) the potential effects of the rod drop accident are limited. The ACTION statements permit variations from the basic requirements but at the same time impose more restrictive criteria for continued operation. A limitation on inoperable rods is set such that the resultant effect on total rod worth and scram shape will be kept to a minimum. The requirements for the various scram time measurements ensure that any indication of systematic problems with rod drives will be investigated on a timely basis.

Damage within the control rod drive mechanism could be a generic problem, therefore with a control rod immovable because of excessive friction or mechanical interference, operation of the reactor is limited to a time period which is reasonable to determine the cause of the inoperability and at the same time prevent operation with a large number of inoperable control rods.

Control rods that are inoperable for other reasons are permitted to be taken out of service provided that those in the nonfully-inserted position are consistent with the SHUTDOWN MARGIN requirements.

The number of control rods permitted to be inoperable could be more than the eight allowed by the specification, but the occurrence of eight inoperable rods could be indicative of a generic problem and the reactor must be shutdown for investigation and resolution of the problem.

The control rod system is designed to bring the reactor subcritical at a rate fast enough to prevent the MCPR from becoming less than the fuel cladding safety limit during the limiting power transient analyzed in Section 15.2 of the FSAR. This analysis shows that the negative reactivity rates resulting from the scram with the average response of all the drives as given in the specifications, provided the required protection and MCPR remains greater than the fuel cladding safety limit. The occurrence of scram times longer than those specified should be viewed as an indication of a systemic problem with the rod drives and therefore the surveillance interval is reduced in order to prevent operation of the reactor for long periods of time with a potentially serious problem.

Scram time testing at zero psig reactor coolant pressure is adequate to ensure that the control rod will perform its intended scram function during startup of the plant until scram time testing at 950 psig reactor coolant pressure is performed prior to exceeding 40% rated core thermal power.

The scram discharge volume is required to be OPERABLE so that it will be available when needed to accept discharge water from the control rods during a reactor scram and will isolate the reactor coolant system from the containment when required.

The OPERABILITY of all SDV vent and drain valves ensures that the SDV vent and drain valves will close during a scram to contain reactor water discharged to the SDV piping. The SDV has one common drain line and one common vent line. Since the vent and drain lines are provided with two valves in series, the single

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failure of one valve in the open position will not impair the isolation function of the system. Additionally, the valves are required to open on scram reset to ensure that a path is available for the SDV piping to drain freely at other times.

When one SDV vent or drain valve is inoperable in one or more lines, the valves must be restored to OPERABLE status within 7 days. The allowable outage time is reasonable, given the level of redundancy in the lines and the low probability of a scram occurring while the valve(s) are inoperable. The SDV is still isolable since the redundant valve in the affected line is OPERABLE. During these periods, the single failure criterion may not be preserved, and a higher risk exists to allow reactor water out of the primary system during a scram.

If both valves in a line are inoperable, the line must be isolated to contain the reactor coolant during a scram. When a line is isolated, the potential for an inadvertent scram due to high SDV level is increased. ACTION "e" is modified by a note ("****") that allows periodic draining and venting of the SDV when a line is isolated. During these periods, the line may be unisolated under administrative control. This allows any accumulated water in the line to be drained, to preclude a reactor scram on SDV high level. This is acceptable since the administrative controls ensure the valve can be closed quickly, by a dedicated operator, if a scram occurs with the valve open. The 8 hour allowable outage time to isolate the line is based on the low probability of a scram occurring while the line is not isolated and the unlikelihood of significant CRD seal leakage.

Control rods with inoperable accumulators are declared inoperable and Specification 3.1.3.1 then applies. This prevents a pattern of inoperable accumulators that would result in less reactivity insertion on a scram than has been analyzed even though control rods with inoperable accumulators may still be inserted with normal drive water pressure. Operability of the accumulator ensures that there is a means available to insert the control rods even under the most unfavorable depressurization of the reactor.

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The drywell-to-suppression chamber bypass test at a differential pressure of at least 4.0 psi verifies the overall bypass leakage area for simulated LOCA conditions is less than the specified limit. For those outages where the drywell-to-suppression chamber bypass leakage test is not conducted, the VB leakage test verifies that the VB leakage area is less than the bypass limit, with a 76% margin to the bypass limit to accommodate the remaining potential leakage area through the passive structural components. Previous drywell-to-suppression chamber bypass test data indicates that the bypass leakage through the passive structural components will be much less than the 76% margin. The VB leakage limit, combined with the negligible passive structural leakage area, ensures that the drywell-to-suppression chamber bypass leakage limit is met for those outages for which the drywell-to-suppression chamber bypass test is not scheduled.

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The OPERABILITY of the primary containment isolation valves ensures that the containment atmosphere will be isolated from the outside environment in the event of a release of radioactive material to the containment atmosphere or pressurization of the containment and is consistent with the requirements of GDC 54 through 57 of Appendix A of 10 CFR Part 50. Containment isolation within the time limits specified for those isolation valves designed to close automatically ensures that the release of radioactive material to the environment will be consistent with the assumptions used in the analyses for a LOCA.

The scram discharge volume vent and drain valves serve a dual function, one of which is primary containment isolation. Since the other safety functions of the scram discharge volume vent and drain valves would not be available if the normal PCIV actions were taken, actions are provided to direct the user to the scram discharge volume vent and drain operability requirements contained in Specification 3.1.3.1. However, since the scram discharge volume vent and drain valves are PCIVs, the Surveillance Requirements of Specification 4.6.3 still apply to these valves.

The opening of a containment isolation valve that was locked or sealed closed to satisfy Technical Specification 3.6.3 Action statements, may be reopened on an intermittent basis under administrative controls. These controls consist of stationing a dedicated individual at the controls of the valve, who is in continuous communication with the control room. In this way, the penetration can be rapidly isolated when a need for primary containment isolation is indicated.

Primary containment isolation valves governed by this Technical Specification are identified in Table 3.6.3-1 of the TRM.

This Surveillance Requirement requires a demonstration that a representative sample of reactor instrument line excess flow check valves (EFCVs) is OPERABLE by verifying that the valve actuates to the isolation position on a simulated instrument line break signal. The representative sample consists of an approximately equal number of EFCVs, such that each EFCV is tested at least once every 10 years. In addition, the EFCVs in the sample are representative of the various plant configurations, models, sizes, and operating environments. This ensures that any potentially common problem with a specific type or application of EFCV is detected at the earliest possible time. This Surveillance Requirement provides assurance that the instrumentation line EFCVs will perform so that predicted radiological consequences will not be exceeded during a postulated instrument line break event. The 10 year interval is based on other performance-based testing programs. Furthermore, any EFCV failures will be evaluated to determine if additional testing in the test interval is warranted to ensure overall reliability is maintained. Operating experience has demonstrated that these components are highly reliable and that failures to isolate are very infrequent. Therefore, testing of a representative sample was concluded to be acceptable from a reliability standpoint. For some EFCVs, this Surveillance can be performed with the reactor at power.