

- (4) The voltage and specific gravity of each cell of the Vented Lead Acid (VLA) battery shall be tested annually. A discharge test of the entire battery shall be performed once every 5 years.
- (5) A discharge test of the Valve-Regulated Lead Acid (VRLA) batteries shall be performed once every two years.

Basis

- (1) The NBSR is equipped with two diesel power generators, each capable of supplying full emergency load; therefore, only one of the generators shall be required. The diesel generators have proven to be very reliable over decades of service. The quarterly test frequencies are consistent with industry practice and are considered adequate to ensure continued reliable emergency power for emergency equipment.
- (2) This testing frequency of the operable generator will ensure that at least one of the required emergency generators will be operable.
- (3) An annual test of the emergency power equipment under a simulated complete loss of outside power will ensure the source will be available when needed.
- (4) and (5), Specific gravity and voltage checks of individual cells are the accepted method of ensuring that all cells of a VLA battery are in satisfactory condition. The annual frequency for these detailed checks is considered adequate to detect any significant changes in the ability of the battery to retain its charge. During initial installation, the station batteries were discharge tested to measure their capacity. Experience has shown that repeating these tests at the specified intervals is adequate to detect deterioration of the cells and loss of battery capacity.

4.7 Radiation Monitoring System and Effluents

4.7.1 Monitoring System

Applicability: Radiation monitoring equipment

Objective: To operability of radiation monitors.

Specifications

- (1) The gaseous effluent monitors for normal air, irradiated air and stack air shall be channel tested before startup, after a shutdown of longer than twenty-four (24) hours, or quarterly. Each of the above air monitors shall be channel calibrated annually.
- (2) The fission products monitor shall be channel tested monthly and channel calibrated annually.