

## REFUELING OPERATIONS

### CONTAINMENT BUILDING PENETRATIONS

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- 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, or manual valve, or
  2. Be capable of being closed by an OPERABLE automatic Containment Purge and Exhaust isolation valve.

APPLICABILITY: During CORE ALTERATIONS or movement of irradiated fuel within the containment.

#### ACTION:

With the requirements of the above specification not satisfied, immediately suspend all operations involving CORE ALTERATIONS or movement of irradiated fuel in the containment building. The provisions of Specification 3.0.3 are not applicable.

### SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

1.9.4 Each of the above required containment building penetrations shall be determined to be either in its closed/isolated condition or capable of being closed by an OPERABLE automatic Containment Purge and Exhaust isolation valve within 100 hours prior to the start of and at least once per 7 days during CORE ALTERATIONS or movement of irradiated fuel in the containment building by:

- a. Verifying the penetrations are in their closed/isolated condition, or
- b. Testing the Containment Purge and Exhaust isolation valves per the applicable portions of Specification 4.6.3.1.2.

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b. The Airlock Doors are controlled in the following manner:

1. A minimum of one door in each airlock is closed, or
2. Both airlock doors may be open provided:
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#### BASES

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#### 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

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#### 3/4.9.4 CONTAINMENT BUILDING PENETRATIONS

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