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2. Declare the CEA inoperable. After declaring the CEA inoperable, POWER OPERATION may continue for up to 7 days per occurrence with a total accumulated time of ≤ 14 days per calendar year provided the remainder of the CEAs in the group with the inoperable CEA are aligned to within 7.5 inches of the inoperable CEA while maintaining the allowable CEA sequence and insertion limits shown on Figure 3.1-2; the THERMAL POWER level shall be restricted pursuant to Specification 3.1.3.6 during subsequent operation.
- g. With more than one full length CEA inoperable or misaligned from any other CEA in its group by 15 inches (indicated position) or more, be in at least at least HOT STANDBY within 6 hours.

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

4.1.3.1.1 The position of each full length CEA shall be determined to be within 7.5 inches (indicated position) of all other CEAs in its group at least once per 12 hours except during time intervals when the Deviation Circuit and/or CEA Motion Inhibit are inoperable, then verify the individual CEA positions at least once per 4 hours.

4.1.3.1.2 Each full length CEA not fully inserted shall be determined to be OPERABLE by inserting it at least 7.5 inches at least once per 31 days. If the CEA has an inoperable position indication channel, the alternate indication system (pulse counter or voltage dividing network) will be used to monitor position. If a direct position indication (full out reed switch or voltage dividing network) cannot be restored within ten minutes from the commencement of CEA motion, or CEA withdrawal exceeds the surveillance testing insertion by > 25 inches the position of the CEA shall be assumed to have been > 15 inches from its group at the commencement of CEA motion and the applicable actions of T.S. 3.1.3.1 shall be taken.

4.1.3.1.3 The CEA Motion Inhibit shall be demonstrated OPERABLE at least once per 31 days by a functional test which verifies that the circuit maintains the CEA group overlap and sequencing requirements of Specification 3.1.3.6 and that the circuit also prevents any CEA from being misaligned from all other CEAs in its group by more than 7.5 inches (indicated position).

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inserted position, the "Full In" limit of the CEA with the inoperable indicator is actuated and verifies this CEA to be fully inserted. Subsequent operation shall be within the limits of Specification 3.1.3.6.

2. or, if the failure existed before entry into MODE 2 or occurs prior to an "all CEAs out" configuration, the CEA group(s) with inoperable position indicator channel must be moved to the "Full Out" position and verified to be fully withdrawn via a "Full Out" indicator. These actions must be completed within 10 hours of entry into MODE 2 and prior to exceeding 70% of the maximum allowable THERMAL POWER level for the existing Reactor Coolant Pump combination. The provisions of Specification 3.0.4 are not applicable.
- c. With a maximum of one reed switch position indicator channel per group or one pulse counting position indicator channel per group inoperable and the CEA(s) with the inoperable position indicator channel at either its fully inserted position or fully withdrawn position, operation may continue provided:
 1. The position of this CEA is verified immediately and at least once per 12 hours thereafter by its "Full In" or "Full Out" limit (as applicable).
 2. The affected CEA(s) is subsequently maintained fully inserted or fully withdrawn (as applicable). This requirement is exempted during CEA motion required for surveillance testing pursuant to Technical Specification 3.1.3.1.
 3. Subsequent operation is within the limits of Specifications 3.1.3.6 and 3.1.3.1
- d. With more than one pulse counting position indicator channels inoperable, operation in MODES 1 and 2 may continue for up to 24 hours provided all of the reed switch position indicator channels are OPERABLE.

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4.1.3.3 Each position indicator channel shall be determined to be OPERABLE by verifying the pulse counting position indicator channels and the reed switch position indicator channels agree within 4.5 inches at least once per 12 hours except during time intervals when the Deviation circuit is inoperable, then compare the pulse counting position indicator and reed switch position indicator channels at least once per 4 hours.

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Operability of the CEA position indicators is required to determine CEA positions and thereby ensure compliance with the CEA alignment and insertion limits and ensures proper operation of the rod block circuit. The CEA "Full In" and "Full Out" limits provide an additional independent means for determining the CEA positions when the CEAs are at either their fully inserted or fully withdrawn positions. Therefore, the ACTION statements applicable to inoperable CEA position indicators permit continued operations when the positions of CEAs with inoperable position indicators can be verified by the "Full In" or "Full Out" limits.

CEA positions and OPERABILITY of the CEA position indicators are required to be verified on a nominal basis of once per 12 hours with more frequent verifications required if an automatic monitoring channel is inoperable. These verification frequencies are adequate for assuring that the applicable LCO's are satisfied.

The surveillance requirements affecting CEAs with inoperable position indication channels allow 10 minutes for testing each affected CEA. This time limit was selected so that 1) the time would be long enough for the required testing, and 2) if all position indication were lost during testing the time would be short enough to allow a power reduction to 70% of maximum allowable thermal power within one hour from when the testing was initiated. The time limit ensures CEA misalignments occurring during CEA testing are corrected within the time requirements required by existing specifications.

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