

**ATTACHMENT 3**

**PROPOSED TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION  
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REACTOR COOLANT SYSTEM  
STEAM GENERATORS

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS (Continued)

- 3) A tube inspection (pursuant to Specification 4.4.5.4a.8) shall be performed on each selected tube. If any selected tube does not permit the passage of the eddy current probe for a tube inspection, this shall be recorded and an adjacent tube shall be selected and subjected to a tube inspection.
  - 4) Tubes left in service as a result of application of the tube support plate alternate plugging criteria shall be inspected by bobbin coil probe during all future refueling outages.
- c. The tubes selected as the second and third samples (if required by Table 4.4-2) during each inservice inspection may be subjected to a partial tube inspection provided:
- 1) The tubes selected for these samples include the tubes from those areas of the tube sheet array where tubes with imperfections were previously found, and
  - 2) The inspections include those portions of the tubes where imperfections were previously found.
- d. For Unit 1, implementation of the tube support plate alternate plugging criteria limit requires a 100 percent bobbin coil inspection for all hot leg tube support plate intersections and all cold leg intersections down to the lowest cold leg tube support plate with outer diameter stress corrosion cracking (ODSCC) indications. The determination of the tube support plate intersections having ODSCC indications shall be based on the performance of at least a 20% random sampling of tubes inspected over their full length.

The results of each sample inspection shall be classified into one of the following three categories:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Inspection Results</u>
C-1	Less than 5% of the total tubes inspected are degraded tubes and none of the inspected tubes are defective.
C-2	One or more tubes, but not more than 1% of the total tubes inspected are defective, or between 5% and 10% of the total tubes inspected are degraded tubes.
C-3	More than 10% of the total tubes inspected are degraded tubes or more than 1% of the inspected tubes are defective.

Note: In all inspections, previously degraded tubes must exhibit significant (greater than 10%) further wall penetrations to be included in the above percentage calculations

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4.4.5.4 Acceptance Criteria

## a. As used in this specification:

- 1) Imperfection means an exception to the dimensions, finish, or contour of a tube from that required by fabrication drawings or specifications. Eddy-current testing indications below 20% of the nominal tube wall thickness, if detectable, may be considered as imperfections;
- 2) Degradation means a service-induced cracking, wastage, wear, or general corrosion occurring on either inside or outside of a tube;
- 3) Degraded Tube means a tube containing imperfections greater than or equal to 20% of the nominal wall thickness caused by degradation;
- 4) % Degradation means the percentage of the tube wall thickness affected or removed by degradation;
- 5) Defect means an imperfection of such severity that it exceeds the plugging limit. A tube containing a defect is defective;
- 6) Plugging Limit means the imperfection depth at or beyond which the tube shall be removed from service and is equal to 40% of the nominal tube wall thickness; (For Unit 1, this definition does not apply to the region of the tube subject to the tube support plate alternate plugging criteria limit, i.e., the tube support plate intersections. Specification 4.4.5.4.a.10 describes the plugging limit for use within the tube support plate intersection of the tube.)
- 7) Unserviceable describes the condition of a tube if it leaks or contains a defect large enough to affect its structural integrity in the event of an Operating Basis Earthquake, a loss-of-coolant accident, or a steam line or feedwater line break as specified in Specification 4.4.5.3c., above;
- 8) Tube Inspection means an inspection of the steam generator tube from the point of entry (hot leg side) completely around the U-bend to the top support of the cold leg; and
- 9) Preservice Inspection means an inspection of the full length of each tube in each steam generator performed by eddy current techniques prior to service to establish a baseline condition of the tubing. This inspection shall be performed prior to initial POWER OPERATION using the equipment and techniques expected to be used during subsequent inservice inspections.

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- 10) For Unit 1, the Tube Support Plate Alternate Plugging Criteria Limit is used for the disposition of a steam generator tube for continued service that is experiencing outer diameter stress corrosion cracking confined within the thickness of the tube support plates. At tube support plate intersections, the repair limit is based on maintaining steam generator tube serviceability as described below:
- a) Degradation attributed to outside diameter stress corrosion cracking within the bounds of the tube support plate with bobbin voltage less than or equal to 1.0 volt will be allowed to remain in service.
  - b) Degradation attributed to outside diameter stress corrosion cracking within the bounds of the tube support plate with bobbin voltage greater than 1.0 volt will be plugged except as noted in 4.4.5.4.a.10.c.
  - c) Indications of potential degradation attributed to outside diameter stress corrosion cracking within the bounds of the tube support plate with a bobbin voltage greater than 1.0 volt but less than or equal to 2.85 volts may remain in service if a rotating pancake coil inspection does not detect degradation. Indications of outside diameter stress corrosion cracking degradation with bobbin voltage greater than 2.85 volts will be plugged.
  - d) Tube intersections that fall within the tube support plate plastic deformation exclusion zones will be excluded from application of the voltage-based plugging criteria.
  - e) If an unscheduled mid-cycle inspection is performed, the mid-cycle repair limits apply instead of the limits identified in 4.4.5.4.10.a, 4.4.5.4.10.b, and 4.4.5.4.10.c. The mid-cycle repair limits will be determined from the equations for mid-cycle repair limits of NRC Generic Letter 95-05, Attachment 2.

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- b. The steam generator shall be determined OPERABLE after completing the corresponding actions (plug all tubes exceeding the plugging limit and all tubes containing through-wall cracks) required by Table 4.4-2.

4.4.5.5 Reports

- a. Within 15 days following the completion of each inservice inspection of steam generator tubes, the number of tubes plugged in each steam generator shall be reported to the Commission in a Special Report pursuant to Specification 6.9.2;
- b. The complete results of the steam generator tube inservice inspection shall be submitted to the Commission in a Special Report pursuant to Specification 6.9.2 within 12 months following the completion of the inspection. This Special Report shall include:
  - 1) Number and extent of tubes inspected,
  - 2) Location and percent of wall-thickness penetration for each indication of an imperfection, and
  - 3) Identification of tubes plugged.
- c. Results of steam generator tube inspections which fall into Category C-3 shall be reported in a Special Report to the Commission pursuant to Specification 6.9.2 within 30 days and prior to resumption of plant operation. This report shall provide a description of investigations conducted to determine cause of the tube degradation and corrective measures taken to prevent recurrence.
- d. For Unit 1, implementation of the voltage-based repair criteria to tube support plate intersections, reports to the Staff shall be made as follows:
  - 1) Notify the Staff prior to returning the steam generators to service should any of the following conditions arise:
    - a) If estimated leakage based on the actual measured end-of-cycle voltage distribution would have exceeded the leak limit (for postulated main steam line break utilizing licensing basis assumptions) during the previous Cycle.

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- b) If circumferential crack-like indications are detected at the tube support plate intersections.
  - c) If indications are identified that extend beyond the confines of the tube support plate.
  - d) If indications are identified are at the tube support plate elevations that are attributable to primary water stress corrosion cracking.
  - e) If the calculated conditional burst probability exceeds  $1 \times 10^{-2}$ , notify the NRC and provide an assessment of the safety significance of the occurrence.
- 2) The final results of the inspection and the tube integrity evaluation shall be reported to the Staff pursuant to Specification 6.9.2 within 90 days following restart (Mode 1).



REACTOR COOLANT SYSTEMOPERATIONAL LEAKAGELIMITING CONDITION FOR OPERATION

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3.4.6.2 Reactor Coolant System leakage shall be limited to:

- a. No PRESSURE BOUNDARY LEAKAGE,
- b. 1 gpm UNIDENTIFIED LEAKAGE,
- c. For Unit 1, 600 gallons per day total reactor-to-secondary leakage through all steam generators and 150 gallons per day through any one steam generator, and for Unit 2, 1 gpm total reactor-to-secondary leakage through all steam generators and 500 gallons per day through any one steam generator,
- d. 10 gpm IDENTIFIED LEAKAGE from the Reactor Coolant System, and
- e. 0.5 gpm leakage per nominal inch of valve size up to a maximum of 5 gpm at a Reactor Coolant System pressure of  $2235 \pm 20$  psig from any Reactor Coolant System Pressure Isolation Valve specified in Table 3.4-1.\*

APPLICABILITY: MODES 1, 2, 3, and 4.

ACTION:

- a. With any PRESSURE BOUNDARY LEAKAGE, be in at least HOT STANDBY within 6 hours and in COLD SHUTDOWN within the following 30 hours.
- b. With any Reactor Coolant System leakage greater than any one of the above limits, excluding PRESSURE BOUNDARY LEAKAGE and leakage from Reactor Coolant System Pressure Isolation Valves, reduce the leakage rate to within limits within 4 hours or be in at least HOT STANDBY within the next 6 hours and in COLD SHUTDOWN within the following 30 hours.
- c. With any Reactor Coolant System Pressure Isolation Valve leakage greater than the above limit, isolate the high pressure portion of the affected system from the low pressure portion within 4 hours by use of at least two closed manual or deactivated automatic valves, or be in at least HOT STANDBY within the next 6 hours and in COLD SHUTDOWN within the following 30 hours.

\* Test pressures less than 2235 psig but greater than 150 psig are allowed. Observed leakage shall be adjusted for the actual test pressure up to 2235 psig assuming the leakage to be directly proportional to pressure differential to the one-half power.

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The plant is expected to be operated in a manner such that the secondary coolant will be maintained within those chemistry limits found to ~~result in negligible~~ minimize corrosion of the steam generator tubes. Localized corrosion may likely result in stress corrosion cracking. The extent of cracking during plant operation would be limited by the 3.4.6.2.c limitation of steam generator tube leakage between the Reactor Coolant System and the Secondary Coolant System (~~primary-to-secondary leakage = 500 gallons per day per steam generator~~). Cracks having a primary-to-secondary leakage less than this limit during operation will have an adequate margin of safety to withstand the loads imposed during normal operation and by postulated accidents. Operating plants have demonstrated that primary-to-secondary leakage ~~of 500 as low as 150~~ gallons per day per steam generator can readily be detected ~~by radiation monitors of steam generator blowdown~~. Leakage in excess of this limit will require plant shutdown and an unscheduled inspection, during which the leaking tubes will be located and plugged.

Wastage-type defects are unlikely with proper chemistry treatment of the secondary coolant. However, even if a defect should develop in service, it will be found during scheduled inservice steam generator tube examinations. ~~Except as discussed below~~, plugging will be required for all tubes with imperfections exceeding the plugging limit of 40% of the tube nominal wall thickness. Steam generator tube inspections of operating plants have demonstrated the capability to reliably detect degradation that has penetrated 20% of the original tube wall thickness.

For Unit 1, tubes experiencing outer diameter stress corrosion cracking at the tube support plates (TSPs), where such cracking is confined to the thickness of the TSPs, will be dispositioned in accordance with Specification 4.4.5.4.a.11. Testing of tubes with ODSCC has demonstrated a high margin to failure and evaluations have shown that existing tube plugging criteria would cause unnecessary and inappropriate tube plugging. Unnecessarily plugged tubes can reduce steam generator heat removal capacity in both accident conditions and normal operations.

Whenever the results of any steam generator tubing inservice inspection fall into Category C-3, these results will be promptly reported to the Commission in a Special Report pursuant to Specification 6.9.2 within 30 days and prior to resumption of plant operation. Such cases will be considered by the Commission on a case-by-case basis and may result in a requirement for analysis, laboratory examinations, tests, additional eddy-current inspection, and revision of the Technical Specifications, if necessary.



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#### 3/4.4.6 REACTOR COOLANT SYSTEM LEAKAGE

##### 3/4.4.6.1 LEAKAGE DETECTION SYSTEMS

The RCS Leakage Detection Systems required by this specification are provided to monitor and detect leakage from the reactor coolant pressure boundary. These Detection Systems are consistent with the recommendations of Regulatory Guide 1.45, "Reactor Coolant Pressure Boundary Leakage Detection Systems," May 1973.

##### 3/4.4.6.2 OPERATIONAL LEAKAGE

PRESSURE BOUNDARY LEAKAGE of any magnitude is unacceptable since it may be indicative of an impending gross failure of the pressure boundary. Therefore, the presence of any PRESSURE BOUNDARY LEAKAGE requires the unit to be promptly placed in COLD SHUTDOWN.

Industry experience has shown that while a limited amount of leakage is expected from the RCS, the unidentified portion of this leakage can be reduced to a threshold value of less than 1 gpm. This threshold value is sufficiently low to ensure early detection of additional leakage.

For Unit 1, maintaining an operating leakage limit of 150 gpd per steam generator (600 gpd total) will minimize the potential for a large leakage event during a main steam line break. Based on the non-destructive examination uncertainties, bobbin coil voltage distribution, and crack growth rate from the previous inspection, the expected leak rate following a steam line rupture is limited to below the applicable dose limits in the faulted loop. Leakage in the intact loops will be limited to the operating limit of 150 gpd. If the projected end-of-cycle distribution of crack indications results in primary-to-secondary leakage greater than the applicable dose limits in the faulted loop during a postulated steam line break event, additional tubes must be removed from service in order to reduce the postulated steam line break leakage to below the applicable dose limits.

For Unit 2, the total steam generator tube leakage limit of 1 gpm for all steam generators not isolated from the RCS ensures that the dosage contribution from the tube leakage will be limited to a small fraction of 10 CFR Part 100 dose guideline values in the event of either a steam generator tube rupture or steam line break. The 1 gpm limit is consistent with the assumptions used in the analysis of these accidents. The 500 gpd leakage limit per steam generator ensures that steam generator tube integrity is maintained in the event of a main steam line rupture or under LOCA conditions.

# **ATTACHMENT 5**

## **SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT TUBE REPAIR CRITERIA FOR ODSCC at TUBE SUPPORT PLATES BAW-10204, REVISION 2**