AP 1001  

Three Mile Island Nuclear Station  
Special Operating Procedure  

NOTE: Instructions and guidelines in AP 1001 must be followed when completing this form.

1. Title  
Operation of Vacuum Long Discharge Filter

2. Purpose (include purpose of SOP)  
Add additional guidance of operation of filter unit.

3. Attach procedure to this form written according to the following format.  
A. Limitations and Precautions  
   1. Nuclear Safety  
   2. Environmental Safety  
   3. Personnel Safety  
   4. Equipment Protection  
B. Prerequisites  
C. Procedure

4. Generated by  
F. J. Scheiman  
Date 5-19-76

Duration of SOP – Shall be no longer than 90 days from the effective date of the SOP or (a) or (b) below – whichever occurs first.

(a) SOP will be cancelled by incorporation into existing or new permanent procedure submitted by

(b) SOP is not valid after

(fill in circumstances which will result in SOP being cancelled)

6. (a) Is the procedure Nuclear Safety Related?  
If “yes”, complete Nuclear Safety Evaluation (Part 2 of this form)  
Yes □  No □

(b) Does the procedure affect Environmental Protection?  
If “yes”, complete Environmental Evaluation (Part 2 of this form)  
Yes □  No □

(c) Does the procedure affect radiation exposure to personnel?  
Yes □  No □  No □

NOTE: If all answers are “no”, the change may be approved by the Shift Supervisor. If any questions are answered “yes”, the changes must be approved by the Unit Superintendent.

7. Review and Approval  
Approved – Shift Supervisor  
Date 5-24-76

Reviewed – List names of POC contacted  
Date 5-24-76

Approved – Unit Superintendent  
Date 5-23-76

8. SOP is Cancelled  
□  □
OPERATION OF VACUUM PUMP DISCHARGE FILTER

OPERATING PROCEDURE

CONDENSER AIR EXTRACTION EXHAUST FILTRATION SYSTEM

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1.0 REFERENCES

1.1 Drawings applicable for operation:

1.1.1 Condenser Air Extraction Exhaust filtration flow diagram, B & R Dwg. N 011.

1.1.2 Condenser Air Extraction, B & R Dwg. 2010.

1.1.3 Aux Bldg. H & V, B & R Dwg. 2042.

1.2 Operating procedures applicable for operation:

1.2.1 Condenser air extraction, OP 2106-2.3.

1.3 Manufacturers Instruction Manuals.

1.3.1 Indeeco Electric Heating Coil Instruction & Maintenance Manual.

1.4 Applicable System Descriptions.

1.4.1 Condenser Air Extraction Exhaust Filtration System.

1.4.2 Condenser Air Extraction.

1.4.3 Aux. Bldg. H & V.

1.5 Curves, Tables, etc.

1.5.1 None

2.0 LIMITS AND PRECAUTIONS

2.1 Equipment.

2.1.1 To avoid excessive temperatures in the charcoal filter, do not increase the manual thermostat set point above 300°F.

2.1.2 Ensure that the heater interlock with the fan running signal is operational at all times.

2.2 Administrative.

2.2.1 Since the filter cabinet may become hot during operation, personnel should take precautions to avoid burns.

2.2.2 All health physics precautions should be observed when operating or maintaining filter unit.

2.2.3 All liquid drains should be closed to ensure that all releases
2.2.4 The filter differential pressures and radiation levels should be monitored to allow for optimum changing of filter elements.

2.2.5 If the filter fan trips, some vacuum pump discharge flow may exhaust into the turbine building. The filter bypass valve should be opened and the filter isolated.

3.0 PREREQUISITES

Initial each step after completion.

3.1 Condenser Air Extraction System Operational per 2106-2.3.

3.2 Aux. Bldg. H & V System operational per 2104-5.3

3.3 Valve lineup complete per Appendix A.

3.4 Power is available from MCC 2-31A and the breaker is closed for the air preheater (compartment 5B).

3.5 Power is available from MCC 2-31D and the breaker is closed for the filter exhaust fan (compartment 4E).

3.6 Auto thermostat set at 200°F.

3.7 Manual thermostat set at 300°F.

3.8 Insure water supply is available and valved up to the manual water spray system isolation valve.

3.9 Freon and DOP test performed satisfactorily on filters.

4.0 PROCEDURE

4.1 Startup

4.1.1 Start the filtration unit fan and heater by depressing the "Start" pushbutton at the unit.

4.1.2 Shut filtration bypass valve, V-3.

4.1.3 Start the condenser air exhaust system if not already operating.

4.2 Normal Operation

4.2.1 Monitor pressure drops across each filter.

4.2.2 Monitor radiation levels at the filter unit.
4.1.3 Monitor operation of the heater.

4.1.4 Monitor fan low flow signal.

NOTE: The above steps should be performed several times during each shift.

4.2.5 Daily add a solution of 10% Sodium Thiosulfate, 10% Sodium Hydroxide and 80% demin water to the filter drains.

4.3.1 If the exhaust air is not too contaminated to discharge, or if the Aux. Bldg. Supplementary filter trains are installed, proceed as per step 4.3.4. Stop the condenser vacuum pumps per 2106-2.3 if the radiation levels in the air stream are so high as to prohibit discharging to the air.

4.3.2 Push the "stop" pushbutton at the filter unit and verify that the heater is deenergized.

4.3.3 Close the inlet and outlet dampers.

Supplementary Instructions

4.3.4 If the vacuum pumps are to remain in operation, open the filter unit bypass valve V3.

4.3.5 Push the STOP pushbutton at the filter unit and verify that the heater is deenergized.

4.3.6 Close the inlet and outlet valves.

4.4 Special or Infrequent Operation

4.4.1 Operating fan trips.

CAUTION: If the operating fan trips, vacuum pump exhaust air may be exhausted into the turbine building through the gravity damper.

4.4.1.1 Open the filter vent bypass valve.

4.4.1.2 Close the filter unit inlet and outlet valves.

4.4.2 Hi temperature alarm from charcoal unit.

4.4.2.1 Deenergize electrical heater and fan.
CAUTION: Fumes and water discharge from filter unit may be radioactive.

4.4.2.2 Open filter bypass valve and close filter inlet valve and outlet valve.

4.4.2.3 Initiate water spray by opening manual isolation valve.

4.4.2.4 When charcoal is wet, terminate spray flow.
4.2.3 Monitor operation of the heater.

4.2.4 Monitor fan low flow signal.

NOTE: The above steps should be performed several times during each shift.

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