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International Standard IEC 60772 has been prepared by subcommittee 45A: Instrumentation, control and electrical power systems of nuclear facilities, of IEC technical committee 45: Nuclear instrumentation.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 1983. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) Adaptation of terminology and definitions to current available IAEA and IEC glossaries.
- b) Inclusion of new requirements with respect to DBEs and DECes.
- c) Inclusion of new requirements with respect to design, construction and material used for electrical penetration assembly.
- d) Inclusion of discussion of ageing models to be used for accelerated ageing due to temperature and radiation.

- e) Inclusion of requirements in accordance with current standards on switchgears and cables.
- f) Inclusion of definitions of characteristics for instrumentation electrical penetration assemblies.
- g) More demand of electrical measurement during DBE and DEC.

The text of this International Standard is based on the following documents:

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INTRODUCTION

a) Technical background, main issues and organisation of the Standard

This International Standard focuses on electrical penetration assemblies (EPAs) in containment structures. EPAs used in safety systems in nuclear facilities need to comply with various Standards in order to meet their safety functional requirements throughout their qualified life. This goal is accomplished by thorough designing, qualifying, manufacturing, testing, installation and commissioning.

Therefore, this IEC standard specifically focuses on the above-mentioned aspects. Other aspects, relating to quality assurance, reliability and selection including validation and verification activities are not part of this standard.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 1983. The current version of this standard is intended to accomplish the following:

- Respecting new technologies (e.g. fibre optic application for signal transfer in NPPs).
- Additional potential events/accidents scenarios are to be taken into consideration. For instance, DEC scenarios are now considered in the design requirements and qualification of electrical penetration assemblies.
- Adaptation to revised or new second level standards such as IEC 60980 or IEC/IEEE 60780-323.
- Respecting the utilisation of digital electronic equipment in I&C systems instead of relay-based devices requires that more detailed consideration shall be given to resistance against electromagnetic disturbances,
- Inclusion of the comprehensive considerations of design and materials. Herein approaches as stated in IEC 60216 series and IEC 60544 series are taken into account.
- Methods for the performance of on-going qualification/reassessing the qualified life as requested in the newest revision of IEC/IEEE 60780-323 are taken into account.

This revision incorporates current practices and lessons learned from the implementation of previous versions of this standard by the nuclear industry. As part of the pressure boundary of the containment the electrical penetration assembly is always equipment important to safety, which has to ensure the containment integrity. Also, the electrical function of the EPA has to be ensured under DBE and DEC condition when it is part of an actuator or measurement chain.

This Standard does not address the design, associated calculations and test conditions of the mechanical aspects of penetration assemblies; these are published in other Standards such as ASME and European Boiler and Vessel codes. Therefore, this Standard provides references to other Standards as necessary.

b) Situation of the current Standard in the structure of the IEC SC 45A standard series

IEC 60772 is a third level IEC SC 45A document which addresses the design, qualification, manufacturing, manufacturing testing, installation and commissioning of electrical penetration assemblies.

For more details on the structure of the IEC SC 45A standard series, see item d) of this introduction.

c) Recommendations and limitations regarding the application of the Standard

IEC/IEEE 60780-323 and IEC 60980 are second level standards that give guidance for specific aspects of functional qualification of electrical equipment important to safety; in particular to environmental and seismic qualification. IEC 60772 is to be read in conjunction with those two documents.

To ensure that the Standard will continue to be relevant in future years, the emphasis has been placed on issues of principle, rather than specific technologies. Therefore, it is the task of the manufacturer, architect engineer or operator to adapt this standard to the respective needs.

d) Description of the structure of the IEC SC 45A standard series and relationships with other IEC documents and other bodies documents (IAEA, ISO)

The top-level documents of the IEC SC 45A standard series are IEC 61513 and IEC 63046. IEC 61513 provides general requirements for I&C systems and equipment that are used to perform functions important to safety in NPPs. IEC 63046 provides general requirements for electrical power systems of NPPs; it covers power supply systems including the supply systems of the I&C systems. IEC 61513 and IEC 63046 are to be considered in conjunction and at the same level. IEC 61513 and IEC 63046 structure the IEC SC 45A standard series and shape a complete framework establishing general requirements for instrumentation, control and electrical systems for nuclear power plants.

IEC 61513 and IEC 63046 refer directly to other IEC SC 45A standards for general topics related to categorization of functions and classification of systems, qualification, separation, defence against common cause failure, control room design, electromagnetic compatibility, cybersecurity, software and hardware aspects for programmable digital systems, coordination of safety and security requirements and management of ageing. The standards referenced directly at this second level should be considered together with IEC 61513 and IEC 63046 as a consistent document set.

At a third level, IEC SC 45A standards not directly referenced by IEC 61513 or by IEC 63046 are standards related to specific equipment, technical methods, or specific activities. Usually these documents, which make references to second-level documents for general topics, can be used on their own.

A fourth level extending the IEC SC 45A standard series, corresponds to the Technical Reports which are not normative.

The IEC SC 45A standards series consistently implements and details the safety and security principles and basic aspects provided in the relevant IAEA safety standards and in the relevant documents of the IAEA nuclear security series (NSS). In particular this includes the IAEA requirements SSR-2/1, establishing safety requirements related to the design of nuclear power plants (NPPs), the IAEA safety guide SSG-30 dealing with the safety classification of structures, systems and components in NPPs, the IAEA safety guide SSG-39 dealing with the design of instrumentation and control systems for NPPs, the IAEA safety guide SSG-34 dealing with the design of electrical power systems for NPPs and the implementing guide NSS-7 for computer security at nuclear facilities. The safety and security terminology and definitions used by SC 45A standards are consistent with those used by the IAEA.

IEC 61513 and IEC 63046 have adopted a presentation format similar to the basic safety publication IEC 61508 with an overall life-cycle framework and a system life-cycle framework. Regarding nuclear safety, IEC 61513 and IEC 63046 provide the interpretation of the general requirements of IEC 61508-1, IEC 61508-2 and IEC 61508-4, for the nuclear application sector. In this framework IEC 60880, IEC 62138 and IEC 62566 correspond to IEC 61508-3 for the nuclear application sector. IEC 61513 and IEC 63046 refer to ISO as well as to IAEA GS-R-3 and IAEA GS-G-3.1 and IAEA GS-G-3.5 for topics related to quality assurance (QA). At level 2, regarding nuclear security, IEC 62645 is the entry document for the IEC SC 45A security standards. It builds upon the valid high level principles and main concepts of the generic security standards, in particular ISO/IEC 27001 and ISO/IEC 27002; it adapts them and completes them to fit the nuclear context and coordinates with the IEC 62443 series. At level 2, IEC 60964 is the entry document for the IEC SC 45A control room standards and IEC 62342 is the entry document for the IEC SC 45A ageing management standards.

NOTE 1 It is assumed that for the design of I&C systems in NPPs that implement conventional safety functions (e.g. to address worker safety, asset protection, chemical hazards, process energy hazards) international or national standards would be applied.

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NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS – INSTRUMENTATION SYSTEMS IMPORTANT TO SAFETY – ELECTRICAL PENETRATION ASSEMBLIES IN CONTAINMENT STRUCTURES

1 Scope

This document applies to electrical penetration assemblies (EPAs) in containment structures of nuclear power plants. It covers the engineering safety requirements to be met in the design, calculation, qualification, fabrication, assembly, testing, and installation of EPAs.

EPAs provide gas-tight and pressure-resistant penetrations through the containment for one or more electrical circuits. EPA requirements are divided into mechanical (e.g. containment integrity), and electrical or optical aspects regarding safety. The mechanical requirements are valid for all EPAs. The electrical or optical requirements are derived from the functional requirements of the connected systems, applied for monitoring and mitigating postulated events such as design basis events (DBE; e.g. loss of coolant accidents) and/or design extension conditions (DEC; e.g. severe accidents).

EPAs are distinguished by the type of electrical or optical circuit in which they are used. The derived types of EPAs are identified as follows:

- medium voltage power,
- low voltage power,
- control,
- instrumentation, and
- fibre optic.

For the purpose of this document, EPAs include:

- electrical conductors up to the connection interface inside and outside the containment (penetration conductors);
- the electrical insulation systems of penetration conductors including the electrical insulation of the connection interface;
- components for the resistance to environmental conditions, such as pressure resistance, gas tightness, temperature resistance, radiations resistance, seismic resistance enclosure of this EPA, and for connection with the containment wall;
- if required, permanently connected equipment for leak tightness monitoring;
- standard electrical connection interfaces such as cable lugs, terminals, and connectors;
- terminals and/or junction boxes (if necessary).

The components, which are not part of an EPA, include:

- components of the containment wall for the attachment of the EPA, such as sealing surfaces for bolting, or pipe connections, or nozzles requiring welding;
- cables and wires connected to the EPA conductors or connectors;
- terminal elements such as cable lugs, terminals, connectors or soldering sleeves attached to the cables and lines connected;
- leak test or evacuation devices connected temporarily to penetrations;
- the requirements for external circuits, connected to the EPA or the containment structure.

This document does not cover requirements for EPAs regarding operation and maintenance.