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FOREWORD

POM 101, Performance Related Outage Inspections, is the first standard in a planned series of power plant performance operation and maintenance standards. Related to and initially sponsored and staffed by the Performance Test Code Standards Committee, these standards do not prescribe testing activities, but if followed will assist in the improvement of power plant performance and reliability.

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INTRODUCTION

This Standard contains a series of sections, each pertaining to specific equipment and/or systems commonly found in power plants. Internal inspections covered in this document are intended to take place when the equipment is out of service. Each section of this Standard can be used independently and includes recommendations on what to look for during the inspection. For additional information on inspections that can be done when the unit is online, please consult ASME POM 102, Operating Walkdowns of Power Plants; it is the second standard in the planned series of POM standards and will be published soon.

PERFORMANCE-RELATED OUTAGE INSPECTIONS

1 OBJECT AND SCOPE

1.1 Object

This Standard provides guidelines for equipment inspections that are designed to ultimately improve the thermal performance or efficiency of the power plant. By following these guidelines, many issues identified during an inspection, upon resolution, will also improve the reliability of the plant.

1.2 Scope

This Standard provides guidelines for equipment inspections of power plants using fossil fuels during shutdown or outage periods. Some portions of this document may be applicable to other types of power plants.

2 ACRONYMS

The following acronyms are used in this Standard:

AH: Air Heater

ESP: ElectroStatic Precipitator

FD: Forced Draft

GT: Gas Turbine

HP: High Pressure

HRSG: Heat Recovery Steam Generator

IP: Intermediate Pressure

LOI: Loss On Ignition

LOTO: LockOut/TagOut

LP: Low Pressure

NDT: NonDestructive Testing

OEM: Original Equipment Manufacturer

P&ID: Process and Instrumentation Diagram

PPE: Personal Protective Equipment

SCR: Selective Catalytic Reduction system

SNCR: Selective NonCatalytic Reduction system

UBC: UnBurned Carbon

3 GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Equipment reliability and performance have parallels. Indications of poor performance are closely tied to those of reduced reliability. Abnormal wear patterns, poor cleanliness, increased corrosion and/or erosion, and mechanical failures, no matter how small, have effects on both unit reliability and unit performance. Identifying the sources and root cause(s) are the first steps in improving the overall performance of a piece of equipment and the power generating unit of which it is a part. While these inspection guidelines are written to ultimately enhance the plant's performance, all observations should be noted and acted upon.

Nonmandatory Appendices A through J provide details on activities to be completed prior to starting an outage inspection.

3.1 Safety Considerations

All plant safety procedures should be reviewed prior to inspecting equipment and shall be followed.

Prior to inspecting or entering any equipment, it is important to identify all potential hazards that may be encountered. All energy sources must be removed from service or isolated to ensure, without failure, that no energy can be released into the area or component inspected. Nearby equipment supporting sister units may remain in service. In sites with multiple units, ensure one is inspecting the correct piece of equipment. Maintain a safe distance from rotating equipment and moving parts that are encountered near the inspection area.

Refer to Nonmandatory Appendix K for some of the safety considerations.

3.2 Preinspection Activities

Prior to any inspection, the following documents and information should be gathered and reviewed:

(a) the last inspection report

(b) recent operating data from control system historian and other available archives

(c) recent operating history as recalled by current plant operations staff

(d) actual versus expected performance for the component(s) of interest

(e) as-built P&IDs and design specifications of the system(s) of interest

3.3 Inspection Plan

A plan or checklist for the inspection should be developed prior to starting the actual inspection, covering the objective of the inspection — whether this is a routine inspection or the specific details if a performance deficit has initiated the need for an extra inspection.