

An approach for implementing Risk- Informed evaluation on Check Valves in Taiwan BWR type Nuclear Power Plant

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Introduction

- Risk-Informed relevant implementations have been utilized throughout Nuclear Industry Since 1994.
- Implementing Risk-informed Inservice Testing, **RI-IST**, can be an alternative testing program of current ASME Section BPVC XI and 10 CFR 50.55a.
- Using RI-IST can concentrate testing resources on the **High Safety Significance Component (HSSC)** 、reduce unnecessary testing burden and achieve cost saving both for the plant's operation and maintenance under the expectation of nuclear safety.



Background

- BWR and PWR NPPs equip with numbers of Valves and Pumps throughout systems. Current testing program is in accordance with 10CFR50.55a and ASME XI implementing overall test and maintenance.
- Nuclear Industry has gradually incorporated with **Performance Based** aspect into ASME OM and USNRC R.G.1.174 、 R.G.1.175 as alternatives for the licensing change basis to the licensee.
- Implementing Risk-Informed relevant implementations can find the vulnerability of plant's Structure 、 System and Component (SSCs). Concentrates testing resource on HSSCs effectively and Achieves the philosophy of defense-In-depth

Objects

- Choosing check valves as objects implement Risk-Informed evaluation for BWR-4 NPP under current IST program.
 - Refers current Regulatory Guide and ASME OM and follows NUREG-1150's IPE implementing risk assessment.
 - Choosing C.S. unit 1 **100 pieces** of Check Valves, incorporate current PRA models and traceable maintaining records or data over last decade as evaluation sources.
 - Utilizing WinNupra solves PRA modeled equations for **28 check valves** which designed under current PRA and assesses non PRA modeled **72 check valves** by using traditional engineering analysis.



- From the evaluating outcome in PRA modeled check valves, classify its safety significance in accordance with **NUMARC 93-01** regulation.
- From non PRA modeled 72 CVs, by using traditional engineering analysis, assess its **Failure Probability** in order to provide failure probability relevant evidence based on the performance based to the licensee.



Risk-Informed Analysis

- Risk-Informed application based upon **Quantitative** or **Qualitative** analysis acquiring NPP'S Risk Insight.
- Through the findings of SSCs safety significance, utilizes **Deterministic** or **Probabilistic** analysis to conclude final implementation for licensee as licensing change basis.
- This study includes 3 major processes as follow :



Step 1 : Selecting objects

- Employing current C.S. NPP IST program, defines **safety related 100 pieces CVs** as evaluation objects.
- Under the definition of current IST program. Check valves can be defined into Type A , B and C three categories.



Step 2 : Implementing PRA analysis

- Evaluating **Safety Significance** and **Core Damage Frequency (CDF)** from PRA modeled CVs under current IST program - 28 CVs.
- Utilizing **WinNUPRA** software package solving CVs cutsets.



Step 2 : Implementing PRA analysis Cont'

➤ **Risk Achievement Worth (RAW)** as measuring index :

Assuming event i occurred ($p=1$), the contribution to the total core damage frequency (CDF) defines:

$$RAW_i = Q_i^+ / Q_{\text{total}} = CDF^+ / CDF_{\text{total}}$$

Q_i^+ defines when the cutsets combination of event i occurred ,the total risk contribution or total CDF contribution. ; Q defines as total cutsets .

➤ Based on the regulation of NUMARC 93-01 year 2000 version 3, Classifies the safety significance as shown on [Table 1](#). ◦



Step 2 : Implementing PRA analysis Cont'

- The result of RAW from 28 PRA modeled CVs refer as [Table 2](#)
- Level 1 Internal Event Total CDF and Δ CDF contribution result refer as [Table 3](#).
- From the Table 2 result:
 - 10 quarterly test and 4 outage test CVs can be classified into **Low Safety Significant Components (LSSCs)** due to $RAW < 2$ threshold.
 - 14 quarterly test CVs due to $RAW > 2$; therefore, can be classified into **High Safety Significant Components (HSSCs)**.



Step 3 : Implementing Traditional Engineering Analysis

- Based on the **R.G. 1.175** regulatory requirements, 72 pieces of non PRA molded CVs should be evaluated by traditional analysis in order to proceed qualitative or quantitative assessment.
- Reviewing the performance of 72 non PRA modeled Check Valves from last both 7 outage relevant reports and MMCS.
- Treating these 72 Check Valves as one evaluating group then implementing failure probability analysis by using **Statistics**.



Step 3 : Implementing Traditional Engineering Analysis Cont'

- Based on the performance data from last 7 outages: **Due to no failure evidence found**, **confidence limit** should be established before implementing failure probability distribution analysis shown as below :

$$P^+ = 1 - r^{1/n}$$

P^+ defines the confident upper limit of P ; therefore, it has $1-r$ confident that assures P value smaller than P^+ .



Step 3 : Implementing Traditional Engineering Analysis Cont'

- Each quarterly test and outage test Check Valve under current IST program will be tested 48 times and 8 times over next 10 years.
- Under 99% of confidence level, P+ for quarterly and outage test Check Valves are 9.148E-2 and 4.377E-1.
- Apply P+ values into Binomial distribution of point estimation shown as below for assessing failure probability distribution

$$P(r) = \binom{n}{r} p^r (1-p)^{n-r}$$

$$r=0,1,\dots,n$$

Step 3 : Implementing Traditional Engineering Analysis Cont'

- With obtained failure probability from Binomial distribution for the quarterly test CVs, the maximum failed probability occurs at **4 times** and failed probability value contributes to **2.000E-1** in the next 10 years
- Outage test based Check Valves maximum failed probability occurs at **3 times** and failed probability value contributes to **2.634E-1**.



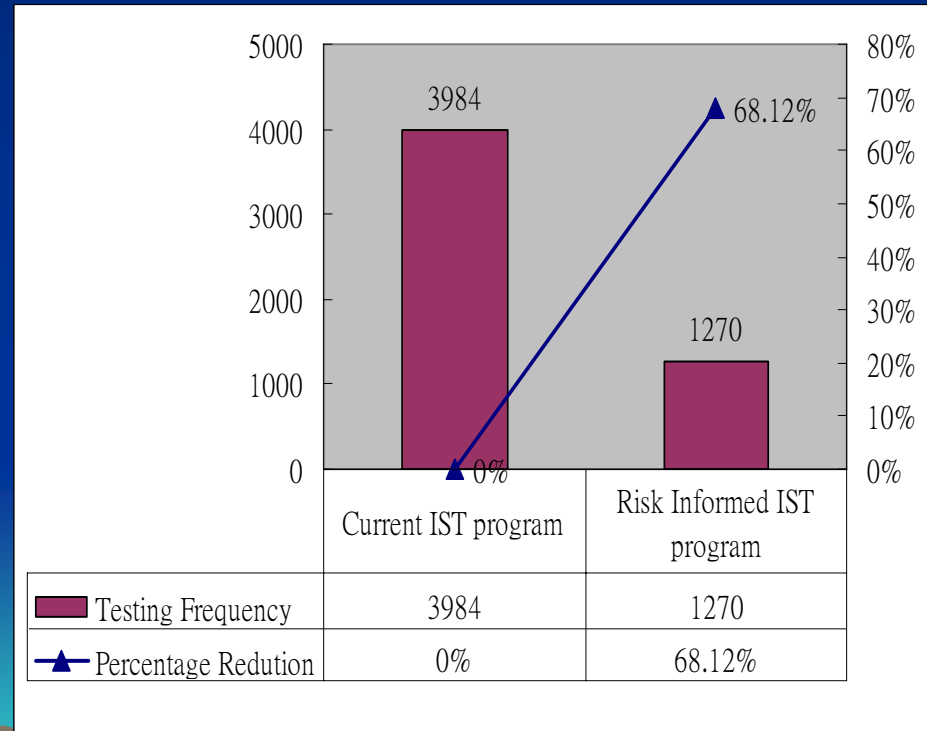
Results

- Safety significance results obtained from the previously analysis, 14 Check Valves can be classified into HSSC and 86 Check Valves can be classified as LSSC:

| HSSC | LSSC |
|---|--|
| 14 Pieces 14 quarterly test under current IST program | 86 Pieces 66 quarterly test, 18 outage test and 2 pieces without test regulation under current IST program |

➤ Integrating both PRA modeled and non PRA modeled Check Valves under current IST program, total testing frequency relief recommendation can be reduced from **3984** times down to **1270** times over next decade and reduction percentage up to **68.12%** , shown as below:

| 100CVs | Testing frequencies | Percentage reduction |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Current IST program | 3984 | 0% |
| Risk-informed recommendation | 1207 | 68.12% |



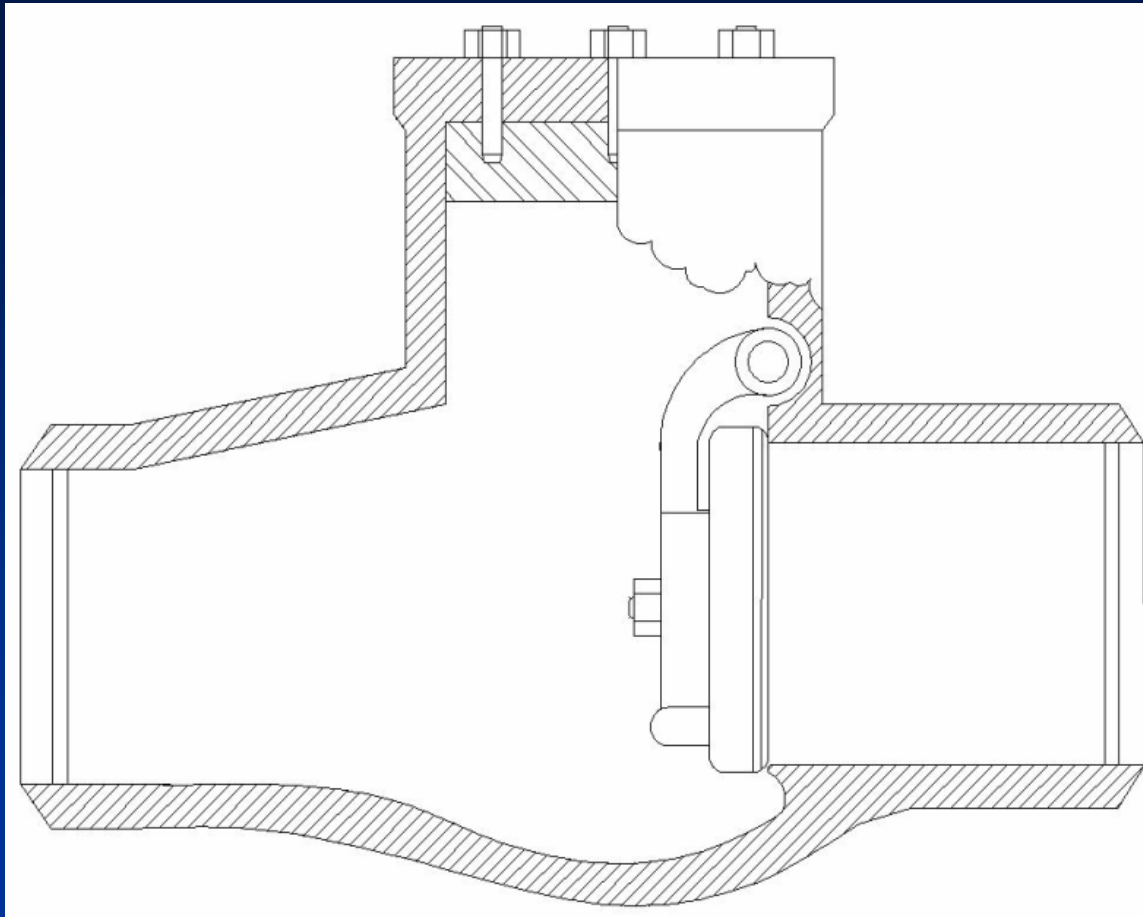
Conclusion

- Based on the traditional analysis result, it can provide licensee to team up **Expert Panel** implementing further more qualitative assessment for 72 non PRA modeled CVs in order to classify these CVs into HSSC or LSSC category.
- Verification and Validation process can be determined by **Peer Review** process in order to meet the requirements from relevant regulatory criteria.
- According to the analysis findings of this study, it can incorporate with **10CFR 50.69 (RISC 1~4)**, **NUREG-1801** (Aging Lesson learned) and **AP-913**(Equipment Reliability Process Description) into Risk-Informed evaluation in order to achieve the goal and expectation for RI-IST in the future.



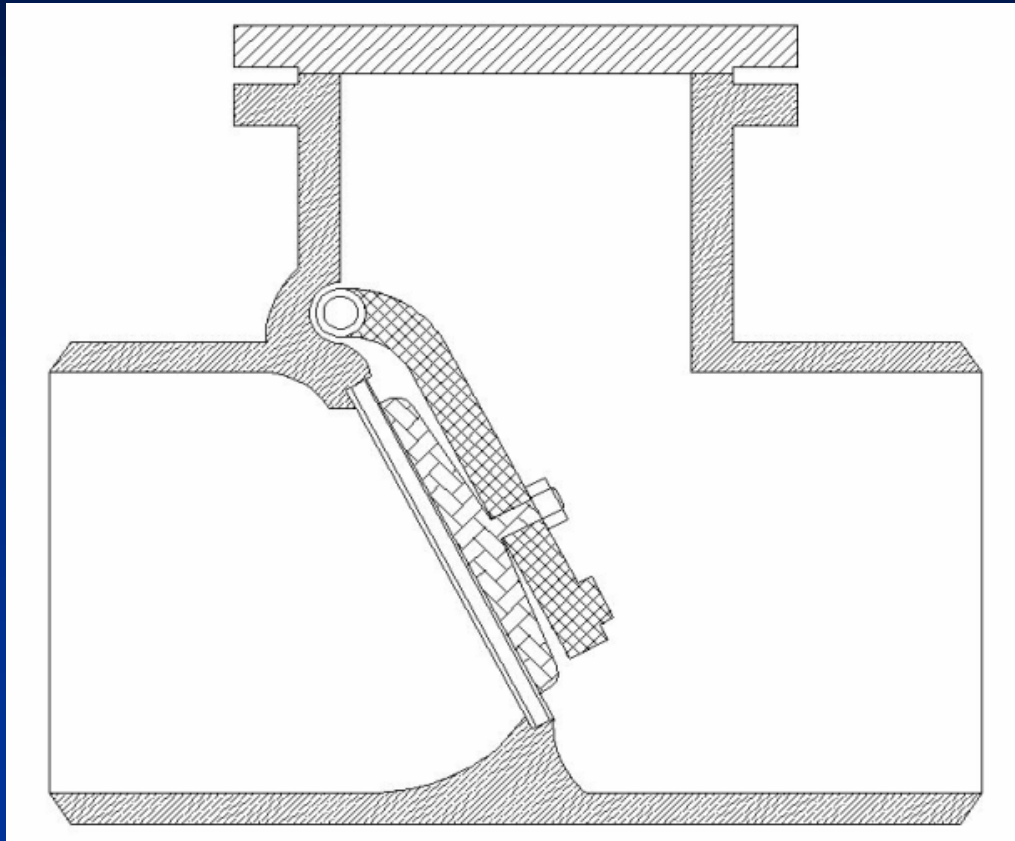
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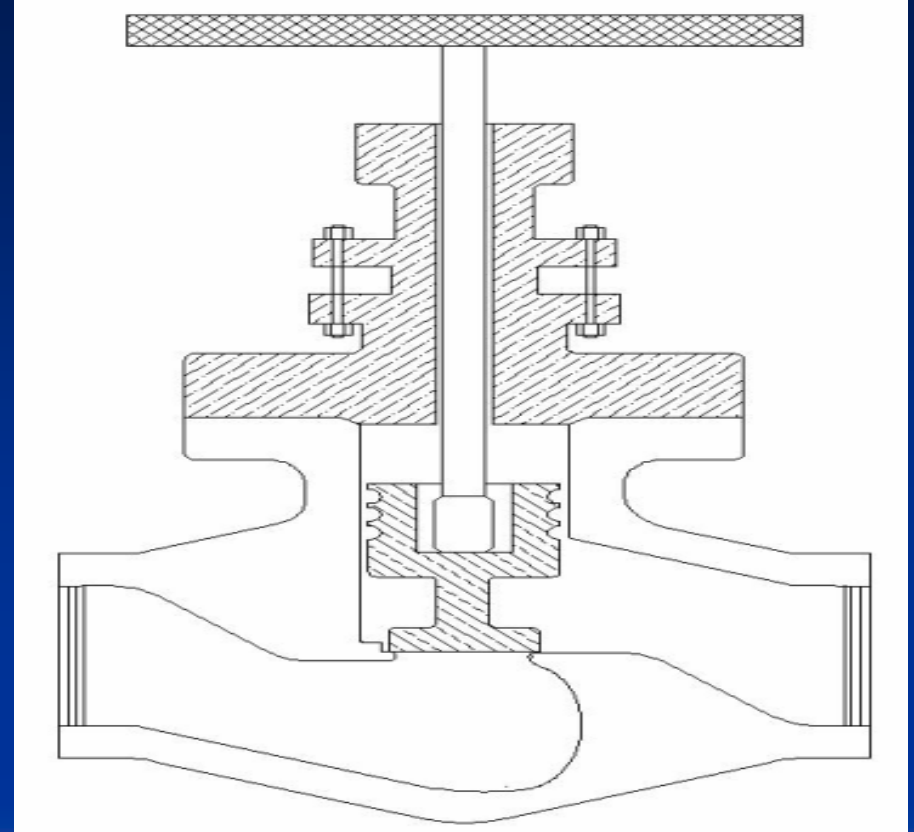
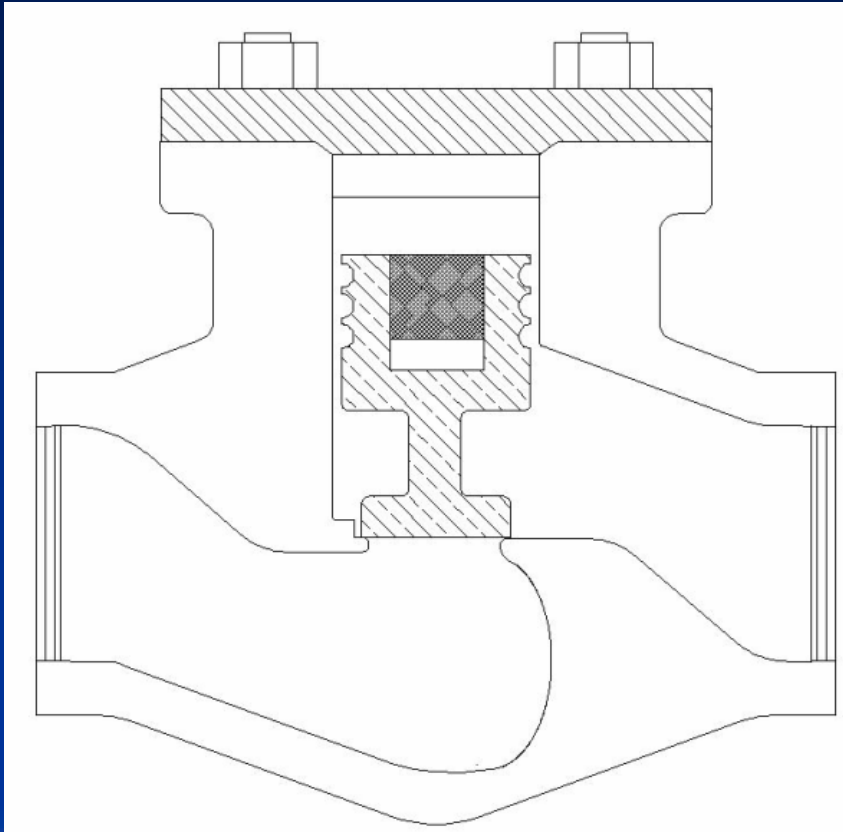
Type A : Swing Check Valve suitable applying on high temperature and pressure pipes.





Type B : Swing Check Valve suitable applying on high temperature and pressure pipes.





Type C : Global check or Global Stop Check Valves
Same function as Type B CV accompany with
stop function

Table 1 NUMARC 93-01 Year 2000 version 3

| Risk Significance measuring indices | Classifying standard |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Risk Reduction Worth (RRW) | |
| System Level | >1.05 |
| Component Level | >1.005 |
| Fussel-Vesely importance | |
| System Level | >0.05 |
| Component Level | >0.005 |
| Risk Achievement Worth (RAW) | |
| System/Component Level | >2 |

Table2 28 CVs RAW sorting result

| CV ID | RAW |
|----------------|------|
| CVDNE41-F049 | 7.07 |
| CVDNE41-F077 | 7.07 |
| CVDNE41-F076 | 7.07 |
| CVDNE41-F005 | 7.07 |
| CVDNE41-F019 | 7.02 |
| CVDB104-V-368B | 5.01 |
| CVDNE51-F011 | 4.99 |
| CVDNE51-F063 | 4.99 |
| CVDNE51-F014 | 4.99 |
| CVDNE51-F064 | 4.99 |
| CVDNE51-F040 | 4.99 |
| CVDA104-V-368A | 4.71 |
| CVDB104-V283B | 3.69 |
| CVDA104-V283A | 3.44 |

| CV ID | RAW |
|---------------|------|
| CVDAE11-F005A | 1.64 |
| CVDBE11-F005B | 1.62 |
| CVDNE51-F030 | 1.62 |
| CVDNC41-F006 | 1.58 |
| CVDNC41-F007 | 1.58 |
| CVDNE41-F045 | 1.47 |
| CVDAC41-F033A | 1.06 |
| CVDCE11-F031C | 1.01 |
| CVDAE11-F031A | 1.01 |
| CVDBC41-F033B | 1.01 |
| CVDBE11-F031B | 1.01 |
| CVDDE11-F031D | 1.01 |
| CVDAE21-F003A | 1.00 |
| CVDBE21-F003B | 1.00 |

RAW >2 3.44~7.07 14 pieces

RAW <2 1.00~1.64 14 pieces



Table 3 Total CDF and Δ CDF contribution of 28 CVs

| CV ID | Baseline CDF | Total CDF | Δ CDF |
|----------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| CVDNE41-F049 | 3.930 E-06 | 2.780E-05 | 2.387E-05 |
| CVDNE41-F077 | 3.930 E-06 | 2.780E-05 | 2.387E-05 |
| CVDNE41-F076 | 3.930 E-06 | 2.780E-05 | 2.387E-05 |
| CVDNE41-F005 | 3.930 E-06 | 2.780E-05 | 2.387E-05 |
| CVDNE41-F019 | 3.930 E-06 | 2.760E-05 | 2.367E-05 |
| CVDB104-V-368B | 3.930 E-06 | 1.970E-05 | 1.577E-05 |
| CVDNE51-F011 | 3.930 E-06 | 1.960E-05 | 1.567E-05 |
| CVDNE51-F063 | 3.930 E-06 | 1.960E-05 | 1.567E-05 |
| CVDNE51-F014 | 3.930 E-06 | 1.960E-05 | 1.567E-05 |
| CVDNE51-F064 | 3.930 E-06 | 1.960E-05 | 1.567E-05 |
| CVDNE51-F040 | 3.930 E-06 | 1.960E-05 | 1.567E-05 |
| CVDA104-V-368A | 3.930 E-06 | 1.850E-05 | 1.457E-05 |
| CVDB104-V283B | 3.930 E-06 | 1.450E-05 | 1.057E-05 |
| CVDA104-V283A | 3.930 E-06 | 1.350E-05 | 9.570E-06 |

Table 3 Total CDF and Δ CDF contribution of 28 CVs Cont'

| CV ID | Baseline CDF | Total CDF | Δ CDF |
|---------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| CVDAE11-F005A | 3.930 E-06 | 6.440E-06 | 2.510E-06 |
| CVDBE11-F005B | 3.930 E-06 | 6.380E-06 | 2.450E-06 |
| CVDNE51-F030 | 3.930 E-06 | 6.350E-06 | 2.420E-06 |
| CVDNC41-F006 | 3.930 E-06 | 6.200E-06 | 2.270E-06 |
| CVDNC41-F007 | 3.930 E-06 | 6.200E-06 | 2.270E-06 |
| CVDNE41-F045 | 3.930 E-06 | 5.790E-06 | 1.860E-06 |
| CVDAC41-F033A | 3.930 E-06 | 4.170E-06 | 2.400E-07 |
| CVDCE11-F031C | 3.930 E-06 | 3.960E-06 | 3.000E-08 |
| CVDAE11-F031A | 3.930 E-06 | 3.960E-06 | 3.000E-08 |
| CVDBC41-F033B | 3.930 E-06 | 3.950E-06 | 2.000E-08 |
| CVDBE11-F031B | 3.930 E-06 | 3.950E-06 | 2.000E-08 |
| CVDDE11-F031D | 3.930 E-06 | 3.950E-06 | 2.000E-08 |
| CVDAE21-F003A | 3.930 E-06 | 3.930E-06 | 0.000E+00 |
| CVDBE21-F003B | 3.930 E-06 | 3.930E-06 | 0.000E+00 |



Failure probability of quarterly test CV over next decade

| C.L. Failure time | 99% | 95% | 90% | 85% |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | 4.833E-02 | 1.546E-01 | 2.359E-01 | 2.903E-01 |
| 2 | 1.144E-01 | 2.339E-01 | 2.724E-01 | 2.750E-01 |
| 3 | 1.766E-01 | 2.310E-01 | 2.052E-01 | 1.700E-01 |
| 4 | 2.000E-01 | 1.673E-01 | 1.135E-01 | 7.710E-02 |
| 5 | 1.773E-01 | 9.483E-02 | 4.906E-02 | 2.735E-02 |
| 6 | 1.279E-01 | 4.377E-02 | 1.728E-02 | 7.902E-03 |
| 7 | 7.728E-02 | 1.691E-02 | 5.094E-03 | 1.911E-03 |
| 8 | 3.988E-02 | 5.582E-03 | 1.283E-03 | 3.949E-04 |
| 9 | 1.785E-02 | 1.598E-03 | 2.802E-04 | 7.076E-05 |
| 10 | 7.009E-03 | 4.013E-04 | 5.370E-05 | 1.113E-05 |
| ⋮ | ⋮ | ⋮ | ⋮ | ⋮ |
| 45 | 2.361E-43 | 2.171E-51 | 2.251E-56 | 4.568E-60 |
| 46 | 1.550E-45 | 9.117E-54 | 7.214E-59 | 1.201E-62 |
| 47 | 6.643E-48 | 2.498E-56 | 1.508E-61 | 2.060E-65 |
| 48 | 1.394E-50 | 3.352E-59 | 1.544E-64 | 1.730E-68 |

Failure probability of outage test CV over next decade

| C.L. \ Failure time | 99% | 95% | 90% | 85% |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | 6.223E-02 | 1.817E-01 | 2.668E-01 | 3.211E-01 |
| 2 | 1.696E-01 | 2.888E-01 | 3.115E-01 | 3.008E-01 |
| 3 | 2.634E-01 | 2.624E-01 | 2.078E-01 | 1.610E-01 |
| 4 | 2.568E-01 | 1.490E-01 | 8.662E-02 | 5.386E-02 |
| 5 | 1.599E-01 | 5.413E-02 | 2.310E-02 | 1.153E-02 |
| 6 | 6.223E-02 | 1.230E-02 | 3.854E-03 | 1.543E-03 |
| 7 | 1.384E-02 | 1.595E-03 | 3.672E-04 | 1.180E-04 |
| 8 | 1.346E-03 | 9.059E-05 | 1.531E-05 | 3.947E-07 |

