

Criteria, Review, and Approach Document for the Assessment of Operational Readiness of Vital Safety Systems (VSS)

Reviewed by: _____ Date: _____

Site: LLNL

Facility: Plutonium Facility - Building 332

System: Building Structure

System Classification: Safety Class

System Safety Function: The safety function of the building structure is to protect the environment and the public from exposure to radioactive materials by serving as a final confinement barrier should other confinement barriers (i.e., gloveboxes, exhaust ducting, and rooms) fail to function. The building structure also serves the general purpose of protecting all safety SSCs inside the building from being subjected to natural phenomena hazards such as earthquakes and extreme wind. (See Building 332 SAR, Section 4.3.5.1).

OBJECTIVE

VSS-1

This vital safety system is operational and personnel and processes are in place that ensure its continued operational readiness.

Criteria and Discussion of Results

VSS 1.1 VSS safety functions are defined and understood by responsible line managers, and supporting information/documentation is available and adequate. System testing is adequate to ensure operability. (See Review Approach items 1, 2, 3 and 7.)

Discussion of Results – (List information/documentation that was unavailable or inadequate. Indicate whether the criterion was met.)

Answer VSS 1.1

The VSS safety functions are defined in Chapter 4 of Building 332 SAR.

Line Managers are responsible for understanding the VSS safety functions. System responsible individuals are trained and tested to ensure their understanding of the safety functions.

Building 332 Facility Safety Plans, Facility Operating Procedures, and Systems Drawings are available to provide supporting information and documentation on this VSS.

Building 332 SRPs and ACPs ensure operability of this vital safety system. In addition, daily inspections are used to ensure the condition of the VSS each working day.

The criteria within question VSS 1.1 were met.

VSS 1.2 The backlog for surveillance’s, tests, inspections, maintenance, repair, upgrades, or other work on the system is managed and kept to an appropriate minimum. (See Review Approach item 6.)

Discussion of Results – (Provide a discussion indicating whether the criterion was met.)

Answer VSS 1.2

There is no backlog of maintenance, corrective maintenance, surveillance’s, tests, inspections and corrective active actions for the building structures. However, there is a project in progress to modify wall penetrations for the lab waste piping. Penetrations between labs and one to the building’s exterior will be upgraded to better ensure the two hour fire barrier requirement is met.

The criteria within question VSS 1.2 were met for the building structure surveillance’s, tests, inspections, maintenance, repair, and the upgrade projects. All elements are managed and work delay is kept to an appropriate minimum.

VSS 1.3 Configuration Management and Maintenance programs effectively ensure operational availability of the system. (See Review Approach items 5, 8 and 9.)

Discussion of Results – (Address the maintenance program, document control, identification of system requirements and their bases, change control/work control, and assessments of the system. Indicate whether responsibility for operational readiness of this system is formally assigned.)

Answer VSS 1.3

Building 332 has a work control/design control process that assures work activities are properly requested, reviewed, and authorized before being performed and such work activities are performed in a formal and deliberate manner with emphasis on safety. In addition, ACP-B332-011, *Unreviewed Safety Questions (USQ) Procedure* provides guidance for evaluating proposed activities for potential Unreviewed Safety Questions.

All procedures within the Plutonium Facility are prepared using QOP-B332-001, *Preparation of Controlled Procedures*, and are reviewed, approved, and revised using QOP-B332-002, *Review, Approval and Revision of Unclassified Controlled Documents – Document Change Control Process*. All controlled procedures within the Building 332 are reviewed every three years.

For the past two years, the Work Control Process has been used to control changes to systems in Building 332. This process, which applies to all facility and program modifications, requires engineering design reviews, requires that "as-built" conditions are confirmed prior to beginning work, ensures the design basis is maintained and also is the mechanism for triggering drawing updates. Prior to 1998, less vigorous configuration management existed in Building 332. The facility is gathering drawings and documentation for an archiving initiative.

The Building 332 facility safety officer and the facility fire protection engineer conduct regular walkthroughs of the facility to ensure safety, ensure structural integrity, and to minimize fire loading conditions.

The criteria within question VSS 1.3 were met for configuration management and maintenance programs.

VSS 1.4 The system is operable and available to fulfill its safety function when required. (See Review Approach items 4 and 10.)

Discussion of Results – (Provide a discussion indicating whether the criterion was met.)

Answer VSS 1.4

The building structure is operable and available to fulfill its safety function when required. In the past three years, the building structure has not failed its test acceptance criteria; nor has it failed in response to facility operating conditions.

The criteria within question VSS 1.4 were met for system operability.