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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 2011. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

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

- a) Integration of experience from the work with IAEA-TECDOC-1825:2017 “Benchmark analysis for condition monitoring test techniques of low voltage cables in nuclear power plants. Final results of a Coordinated Research Project”.
- b) Referral to IEC/IEEE 60780-323 instead of IEC 60780 and IEEE 323.

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## INTRODUCTION

### a) Technical background, main issues and organisation of this document

This part of this IEC/IEEE 62582 series focuses on methods for condition monitoring for management of ageing of electrical equipment installed in nuclear power plants and for application of the concept of qualified condition.

IEC/IEEE 6258-1 is the first part of the IEC/IEEE 62582 series of standards, containing background and guidelines for the application of methods for condition monitoring of electrical equipment important to safety of nuclear power plants. The detailed descriptions of the methods are given in the other parts, one part for each method. This document also includes some elements which are common to all methods.

IEC/IEEE 62582 series is issued with a joint logo which makes it applicable to the management of ageing of electrical equipment qualified to IEEE as well as IEC Standards.

Condition monitoring is a developing field and more methods will be added to the IEC/IEEE 62582 series when they are considered widely applied and a good reproducibility of the condition monitoring method can be demonstrated.

~~Historically, IEEE Std 323-2003 introduced the concept and role that conditionbased qualification could be used in equipment qualification as an adjunct to qualified life. In equipment qualification, the condition of the equipment for which acceptable performance was demonstrated is the qualified condition. The qualified condition is the condition of equipment, prior to the start of a design basis event, for which the equipment was demonstrated to meet the design requirements for the specified service conditions.~~

IEC/IEEE 60780-323 defined condition-based qualification which is an adjunct to type testing. The qualified condition is established by condition indicator(s) prior to the start of accident conditions for which the equipment was demonstrated to meet the design requirements for the specified service conditions. IEC/IEEE 60780-323 defined condition indicator.

Significant research has been performed on condition monitoring techniques and the use of these techniques in equipment qualification as noted in NUREG/CR-6704, Vol. 2 (BNL -NUREG-52610) [1],<sup>2</sup> JNES-SS-0903, 2009 [2] and IAEA-TECDOC-1825:2017 [3].

It is intended that this IEC/IEEE document be used by operators of nuclear power plants, systems evaluators and by licensors.

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

IEC/IEEE 62582-1 is the third level IEC SC 45A document tackling the issue of application of condition monitoring in equipment qualification and management of ageing of electrical I&C equipment in nuclear power plants.

IEC/IEEE 62582-1 is to be read in association with IEC/IEEE 60780-323, which provides general requirements for qualification of I&C systems and equipment that are used to perform functions important to safety in NPPs and nuclear facilities.

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

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<sup>2</sup> Numbers in square brackets refer to the Bibliography.



### c) Recommendations and limitations regarding the application of this document

It is important to note that this document establishes no additional functional requirements for safety systems.

This document discusses the general measurement technique for current condition monitoring methods and is not meant to cover any specific technologies.

### 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 document of the IEC SC 45A standard series is IEC 61513. It provides general requirements for I&C systems and equipment that are used to perform functions important to safety in NPPs. IEC 61513 structures the IEC SC 45A standard series.~~

~~IEC 61513 refers directly to other IEC SC 45A standards for general topics related to categorization of functions and classification of systems, qualification, separation of systems, defence against common cause failure, software aspects of computer based systems, hardware aspects of computer based systems, and control room design. The standards referenced directly at this second level should be considered together with IEC 61513 as a consistent document set.~~

The IEC SC 45A standard series comprises a hierarchy of four levels. The top-level documents of the IEC SC 45A standard series are IEC 61513 and IEC 63046.

IEC 61513 provides general requirements for instrumentation and control (I&C) systems and equipment that are used to perform functions important to safety in nuclear power plants (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 power systems for nuclear power plants.

IEC 61513 and IEC 63046 refer directly to other IEC SC 45A standards for general requirements for specific topics, such as categorization of functions and classification of systems, qualification, separation, defence against common cause failure, control room design, electromagnetic compatibility, human factors engineering, 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 requirements for specific equipment, technical methods, or **specific** activities. Usually these documents, which make reference to second-level documents for general **topics** requirements, can be used on their own.

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~~IEC 61513 has adopted a presentation format similar to the basic safety publication IEC 61508 with an overall safety life-cycle framework and a system life-cycle framework and provides an interpretation of the general requirements of IEC 61508-1, IEC 61508-2 and IEC 61508-4, for the nuclear application sector. Compliance with IEC 61513 will facilitate consistency with the requirements of IEC 61508 as they have been interpreted for the nuclear industry. In this framework IEC 60880 and IEC 62138 correspond to IEC 61508-3 for the nuclear application sector.~~

~~IEC 61513 refers to ISO as well as to IAEA 50-C-QA (now replaced by IAEA GS-R-3) for topics related to quality assurance (QA).~~

~~The IEC SC 45A standards series consistently implements and details the principles and basic safety aspects provided in the IAEA code on the safety of NPPs and in the IAEA safety series, in particular the Requirements NS-R-1, establishing safety requirements related to the design of Nuclear Power Plants, and the Safety Guide NS-G-1.3 dealing with instrumentation and control systems important to safety in Nuclear Power Plants. The terminology and definitions used by SC 45A standards are consistent with those used by the IAEA.~~

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, the IAEA safety guide SSG-51 dealing with human factors engineering in the design of NPPs and the implementing guide NSS42-G for computer security at nuclear facilities. The safety and security terminology and definitions used by the 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 9001 as well as to IAEA GSR part 2 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 rooms standards, IEC 63351 is the entry document for the human factors engineering standards and IEC 62342 is the entry document for the 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.

NOTE 2 IEC TR 63400 provides a more comprehensive description of the overall structure of the IEC SC 45A standards series and of its relationship with other standards bodies and standards.

# NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS – INSTRUMENTATION AND CONTROL IMPORTANT TO SAFETY – ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT CONDITION MONITORING METHODS –

## Part 1: General

### 1 ~~Scope and object~~

This part of the IEC/IEEE 62582 series contains requirements for application of the other parts of IEC/IEEE 62582 related to specific methods for condition monitoring in electrical equipment important to safety of nuclear power plants. It also includes requirements which are common to all methods. The procedures defined in IEC/IEEE 62582 are intended for detailed condition monitoring.

IEC/IEEE 62582 specifies condition monitoring methods in sufficient detail to enhance the accuracy and repeatability, and provide standard formats for reporting the results. The methods specified are applicable to electrical equipment containing ~~organic or~~ polymeric materials. Some methods are especially designed for the measurement of condition of a limited range of equipment whilst others can be applied to all types of equipment for which the ~~organic~~ polymeric parts are accessible.

Although the scope of IEC/IEEE 62582 is limited to the application of instrumentation and control systems important to safety, the condition monitoring methods ~~may~~ can also be applicable to other components which include ~~organic or~~ polymeric materials.

The different parts of IEC/IEEE 62582 are measurement standards, primarily for use in the management of ageing in initial qualification and after installation. For the technical background of condition monitoring methods, reference is made to other IEC standards, e.g. IEC 60544-5 [1]. Information on the role of condition monitoring in qualification of electrical equipment important to safety is found in IEC/IEEE ~~Std~~ 60780-323. General information on management of ageing can be found in IEC 62342 [5] and IEEE 1205 [6].

NOTE ~~The procedures defined in the IEC/IEEE 62582 are intended for detailed condition monitoring.~~ A simplified version of the procedures ~~may~~ can be appropriate for preliminary assessment of the need for detailed measurements.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

~~IEEE Std 323:2003, IEEE Standard for Qualifying Class 1E Equipment for Nuclear Power Generating Stations~~

IEC/IEEE 60780-323, *Nuclear facilities – Electrical equipment important to safety – Qualification*

IEC/IEEE 62582 (all parts), *Nuclear power plants – Instrumentation and control important to safety – Electrical equipment condition monitoring methods*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEEE Standards Dictionary Online: available at <http://dictionary.ieee.org>

#### 3.1

##### **condition indicator**

characteristic of a structure, system or component that can be observed, measured or trended to infer or directly indicate the current and future ability of the structure, system or component to function within acceptance criteria

[SOURCE: IAEA Nuclear Safety and Security Glossary, 20072022 (Interim) Edition]

#### 3.2

##### **condition monitoring**

continuous or periodic tests, inspections, measurement or trending of the performance or physical characteristics of structures, systems and components to indicate current or future performance and the potential for failure

[SOURCE: IAEA Safety Glossary, 20072018 Edition, modified – note removed.]

#### 3.3

##### **equipment qualification**

generation and maintenance of evidence to ensure that equipment will operate on demand, under specified service conditions, to meet system performance requirements

[SOURCE: IAEA Nuclear Safety and Security Glossary, 20072022 (Interim) Edition, modified – notes not included.]

#### 3.4

##### ~~**item important to safety**~~

~~item that is part of a safety group and/or whose malfunction or failure could lead to radiation exposure of the site personnel or members of the public~~

~~[IAEA Safety Glossary, 2007 Edition]~~

##### **equipment important to safety**

equipment that is part of a safety group and/or whose malfunction or failure could lead to undue radiation exposure of the site personnel or members of the public. Equipment including:

- those structures, systems and components that prevent anticipated operational occurrences from leading to accident conditions;
- those features that are provided to mitigate the consequences of malfunction or failure of structures, systems and components.

Note 1 to entry:

a) For usage consistent with IEC 61226 [11], equipment important to safety are as follows:

- 1) all I&C equipment performing Category A to Category C functions (in accordance with the IEC 61226 [11] categorisation scheme);
- 2) all electrical equipment necessary to ensure emergency energy supply to this equipment in case of a loss of normal power supply;