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18.0 HOISTING AND RIGGING IN HOSTILE ENVIRONMENTS

18.1 SCOPE

18.1.1 Normal Operations

Hoisting and rigging (H&R) activities can usually be accomplished where the environment will allow normal operations with access for hands-on equipment contact. In such situations, operations, maintenance, inspections, and tests shall be done in accordance with regular provisions of this manual.

18.1.2 Special Provisions

This section contains the special provisions for H&R operations and equipment in hostile environments where standard operating, maintenance, inspection, or test procedures cannot be followed as a result of radiation or contamination, toxic/hazardous chemicals or gasses, or temperature extremes.

18.2 EQUIPMENT AND OPERATIONS REVIEW

18.2.1 Prerequisite Review

The H&R equipment or operations shall be reviewed by a designated person to determine compliance with the requirements of this manual. If it is determined to be impossible or unreasonable for the requirements of this manual to be met as a result of hostile environmental conditions, then a hostile environment plan shall be prepared to document alternative compliance methods and procedures.

18.2.2 As Low As Reasonably Achievable

All H&R operations shall be consistent with the U.S. Department of Energy's radiation exposure policy of "as low as reasonably achievable" (ALARA).

18.2.3 First Priority

Safety of personnel shall remain the first priority.

18.3 HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT PLAN

18.3.1 Preparation

A hostile environment plan shall be prepared by a designated person and shall cover operations, equipment, inspection, testing, and maintenance. See Attachment 18.1 "Hostile Environment Plan."

18.3.2 Review/Approval Requirements

As a minimum, the plan shall be reviewed and approved (signed and dated) by responsible management at the facility where the crane/hoist or other equipment is located and responsible management of an overview organization (such as Safety or Quality Assurance). Depending upon the site-specific organizational structure, the following review/approvals are recommended:

1. *Facility manager
2. *Responsible management, oversight organization (safety or quality assurance/control)
3. Responsible operations manager
4. Equipment custodian
5. Cognizant engineer.

*Review/approval is mandatory.

18.3.3 Hostile Environment Plan Contents

The plan shall address only those actions or features that require deviation from the requirements of this manual because of a hostile environment, but shall contain the following information as a minimum:

1. The specific requirement(s) that are not in compliance
2. The difference between the requirement and actual conditions
3. Justification for not meeting this manual's requirements
4. A statement of actions or features to be used to compensate for the differences
5. Specific maintenance, inspections, and tests to be performed whenever access is possible
6. Replacement or retirement criteria for equipment that is designed to operate with minimum or no maintenance.

18.3.4 Additional Procedures

Detailed operation, inspection, testing, and maintenance procedures that state specific requirements and acceptance criteria shall be prepared based upon the hostile environment plan.

18.3.5 Hostile Environment Plan Distribution

The facility manager shall ensure that the approved hostile environment plan is distributed as follows:

1. U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office Hoisting and Rigging Program Manager, MSIN R3-78 (for information)
2. Equipment operators, maintenance organizations, and other organizations/personnel affected by the plan
3. Equipment history file.

NOTE: Hostile environment plans in the equipment history file shall be readily available to appointed personnel.

18.4 MARKING AND POSTING

Equipment that requires a hostile environment plan should be posted "Hostile Environment Plan--Special Maintenance and Operating Instructions."

18.5 INSPECTION AND MATERIAL LIMITATIONS

18.5.1 Hardware

Handling fixtures, rigging, and rigging accessories shall be marked, tagged, load tested, and otherwise qualified, as appropriate, in accordance with this manual before being exposed to the hostile environment.

18.5.2 Synthetic Fiber Slings

Synthetic fiber slings, including Kevlar¹, K-Spec², nylon, and polyester may be used in radiation areas only when the responsible person ensures that the absorbed dose shall not exceed 100,000 rads during the life of the sling.

¹ Kevlar is a registered trademark of DuPont de Nemours.

² K-Spec is a registered trademark of SlingMax.

ATTACHMENT 18.1 -1 TYPICAL HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT PLAN

Building: _____ **Location:** _____

Type crane/hoist: _____ (e.g., overhead top-running bridge and trolley; top-running bridge with underhung hoist; jib crane; monorail hoist; overhead hoist)

Capacity (main and auxiliary): _____

Power method: _____ (e.g., hand operated, electrical powered)

Manufacturer: _____

1.a. Paragraph number of the H&R manual requirement that will not be met: _____

(Copy the applicable paragraph)

1.b. Difference between manual requirement and what is to be allowed by this plan: _____

1.c. Justification for not meeting the manual requirement: _____

1.d. Actions or features to compensate for differences: _____

Include information regarding replacement or retirement criteria for this equipment. Also include information regarding any special design, maintenance, or test considerations that apply to this equipment. _____

[ADD ADDITIONAL SECTIONS TO THIS PLAN AS REQUIRED. (e.g., 2.a THROUGH 2.d.)]

APPROVALS

Facility Manager _____ Manager, Oversight Organization: _____
(signature/date) (signature/date)

- Other: _____
(signature/date)

** Modify approval cycle, see paragraph 18.3.2*

Place approved Hostile Environment Plan in Equipment History File

Make readily available to operating and maintenance personnel-

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