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

- a) clarification of the way in which the standard is to be used in conjunction with related standards (in 1.4);
- b) replacement, when necessary, of HMI system by DPDS (abbreviation added in Clause 4);
- c) new titles for 5.2.2 and 5.2.3 to more closely represent their content;
- d) text improvement in 5.2.2, to present the CBP system as a part of the I&C architecture rather than a stand alone system;
- e) text improvement in 5.2.3 and 7.2 to clarify links between safety and CBP;

- f) new definition of CPB families in 5.3;
- g) addition of generic recommendations for computerization in 5.4.2;
- h) addition of generic recommendations for CBP guidance in 5.4.3;
- i) improvements regarding use of CBP in 5.4.4;
- j) addition of 5.6, named “Design extension conditions”;
- k) addition of reference standards in 6.2.1;
- l) addition of a criterion related to detail compatibility between CBP and operating formats in 6.2.2;
- m) addition of references related to HMI in 6.2.3;
- n) addition of 7.3 to deal with HMI aspects;
- o) text improvement regarding integration of the CBP system into the DPDS in 7.3;
- p) text improvement regarding implementation of the CBP into a system independent of the DPDS in 7.4;
- q) text improvement regarding the CBP system failure in 7.6;
- r) note added to detail the different types of feedbacks in 8.5.4;
- s) text improvement to detail interactions between operators and procedure based automation in 8.6.2;
- t) text improvement regarding design of CBP to control the plant in 8.6.3;
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INTRODUCTION

a) Technical background, main issues and organisation of the standard

This IEC standard focuses on computerisation of procedures used by the operating staff. Procedures have always contributed to a large extent to nuclear power plant (NPP) safety and availability and, now, the use of computer technology to provide enhanced guidance to the plant operators is increasing and becoming current practice. This standard also provides guidance for the decision of the extent to which the procedures should be computerised.

It is intended that the standard be used by nuclear power plant designers, utilities operating staff, systems evaluators and by regulatory inspectors.

In June 2013 during the IEC SC 45A meeting held in Moscow, the decision was made to revise IEC 62646 with the lessons learned from the Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO) Fukushima Daiichi accident and the late comments from the national committee of Canada. The resulting improvements are listed in the Foreword of the Standard.

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

IEC 62646 is the third level IEC SC 45A document tackling the generic issue of computerised procedures.

As indicated in the Foreword, IEC 62646 is to be read with IEC 60964 and IEC 61839. IEC 60964 – supported by IEC 61227, IEC 61771 and IEC 61772 – is the appropriate IEC SC 45A document providing guidance on operator controls, verification and validation of design, application of visual display units in the control room, whereas IEC 61839 establishes functional analysis and assignment guidance for allocating functions between operators and systems.

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

c) Recommendations and limitations regarding the application of the standard

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

This standard deals with technical requirements and human factor engineering related to computer-based procedures (CBP). However it does not provide detailed guidance on ergonomic design of control centres as it is treated in the ISO 11064 series of standards, nor on task allocation between humans and systems dealt with in IEC 61839 and on cyber security, which is developed in IEC 62645. It also excludes the organisation for maintenance of procedures.

Aspects for which requirements and recommendations have been provided in this standard are:

- the establishment of a policy for computerisation of procedures, especially which types of procedure should be computerised and to what extent. The different families of CBP to be aimed at, with their associated features, are then defined. Finally, the safety aspects of CBP are considered,
- the use of CBP inside and outside of the MCR (main control room), in possible conjunction with paper-based procedures, as well as the assistance provided to operator activities, including user coordination,
- safety and non safety design requirements for the digital system processing CBP, and considerations about what to do in case of failure of this system,

- detailed requirements and recommendations related to the functional features of CBP, from the basic ones to the most sophisticated ones, i.e. information, navigation, guidance and plant control,
- the CBP life cycle, from the set-up of the project to the CBP maintenance and the operator training via design and implementation.

To ensure that the standard will continue to be relevant in future years, the emphasis has been placed on issues of principle, rather than on 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 documents of the IEC SC 45A standard series are IEC 61513 and IEC 63046. IEC 61513 provides general requirements for I&C systems and equipment that are used to perform functions important to safety in NPP. IEC 63046 provides general requirements for electrical power systems of NPP; 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 systems for nuclear power plants.

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

A fourth level extending the IEC SC 45 standard series, corresponds to the Technical Reports which are not normative.

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 (NPP), the IAEA safety guide SSG-30 dealing with the safety classification of structures, systems and components in NPP, the IAEA safety guide SSG-39 dealing with the design of instrumentation and control systems for NPP, the IAEA safety guide SSG-34 dealing with the design of electrical power systems for NPP and the implementing guide NSS17 for computer security at nuclear facilities. The safety and security terminology and definitions used by 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 as well as to IAEA GS-R-3 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 27002; it adapts them and completes them to fit the nuclear context and coordinates with the IEC 62443 series. At level

2, regarding control rooms, IEC 60964 is the entry document for the IEC SC 45A control rooms standards and IEC 62342 is the entry document for the IEC SC 45A ageing management standards.

NOTE 1 It is assumed that for the design of I&C systems in NPP 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 SC 45A's domain was extended in 2013 to cover electrical systems. In 2014 and 2015 discussions were held in IEC SC 45A to decide how and where general requirement for the design of electrical systems were to be considered. IEC SC 45A experts recommended that an independent standard be developed at the same level as IEC 61513 to establish general requirements for electrical systems. Project IEC 63046 is now launched to cover this objective. When IEC 63046 will be published this NOTE 2 of the introduction of IEC SC 45A standards will be suppressed.

NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS – CONTROL ROOMS – COMPUTER-BASED PROCEDURES

1 Scope

1.1 Object of this standard

This standard establishes requirements for the whole life cycle of operating procedures that the designer wishes to computerise. It also provides guidance for making decisions about which types of procedures should be computerised and to what extent. Once computerised, procedures are designated as "computer-based procedures" (CBP).

1.2 Context leading to development and use of CPB

Enhancing safety, easing operation and increasing NPP availability have always been greatly valued aims which, during NPP operation, rely to a large extent on the operating staff and on operating procedures. Digital technology contributes not only by providing efficient ways of automating key functions but also enhances instrumentation, control and the plant's HMI.

In addition, the use of computer technology to provide formats of operating procedures to the plant operators¹, on-line and in real time, is increasing and becoming current practice. This can be done both for normal operating situations and also as advisory formats for use in abnormal situations. When properly implemented and kept up-to-date, such operating procedures can provide enhanced support for greater safety and operator effectiveness compared to paper-based procedures. Their preparation demands great care and close interaction with operators and plant designers, and will also need close co-operation with I&C designers.

CBP have many common points with paper-based procedures. This standard focuses only on what is specific to CBP.

1.3 CBP overview

Procedures provide the operators with two types of high level elements:

- information, i.e. explanations or data displayed in order to enable the operator to control the process, assess the plant situation, understand operating strategies and make appropriate decisions,
- guidance, i.e. a set of ordered steps that prompt and help the operator to monitor and control the plant processes, systems and equipment.

Information and guidance are combined to minimise operator errors and to optimise the efficiency of plant operation.

Information and guidance can be of a varying level of detail depending on the procedure policy, which aims to benefit from operator experience and existing guidelines.

Computerisation of procedures can provide, according to the specified design policy:

- enhanced process and plant equipment information,
- enhanced operator guidance,

¹ Operators may be male or female, so that in this standard, "he" is a shortcut for "he / she" and "his" is a shortcut for "his / her".

- additional functions to initiate and control automation sequences.

This standard provides guidance on and an overview of policy, philosophy and conceptual requirements for CBP implementation, including design objectives, assumptions, approaches, inputs, scope, CBP family types, key CBP features, and output documentation.

1.4 Use of this standard with related standards

This standard intends to deal with aspects that are:

- specific to computer-based procedures, i.e. that are not common with paper-based procedures. For example, establishing functional scenarios to validate procedures is not specific to CBP,
- not already dealt with in existing standards, i.e. HFE, life cycle of safety classified systems, allocation of tasks to human or machines.

In order to design CBP efficiently and properly, some important considerations at the conceptual design stage of CBPs are addressed in the following related standards:

a) functional analysis and assignment

IEC 61839 specifies functional analysis and assignment procedures and gives rules for developing criteria for the assignment of functions either to operators or to systems,

b) human factors design guidelines

IEC 61772:2009, especially Clauses 4 and 5, provides guidance on physical implementation of VDUs (see 4.1), display formats (see 4.4), and implementation into the MCR (see Clause 5). The ISO 11064 series of standards provides guidance on human-centered design activities throughout the life cycle of a computer-based interactive system.

In addition, IEC 60964 and IEC 60965, which provide requirements and recommendations for the main control room and supplementary control room arrangements, and IEC 61772, providing requirements and recommendations for implementing VDUs in control rooms, apply to the implementation of CBP in new nuclear power plants. Complementary advice for implementing CBP in case of main control room retrofitting is given in 6.2.3.

This standard assumes the simultaneous consideration of the requirements for:

- 1) computer security, which is necessary to protect the whole life cycle of CBP, but is not restricted to computerisation of procedures. Nevertheless, this topic should be considered when computerising operating means (IEC 62645 deals with cyber-security),
- 2) requirements on the implementation for CBP functions of software and hardware of computer systems for CBP which should be implemented in line with their safety class in compliance with IEC 60880, IEC 61226, IEC 62138 and IEC 61513,
- 3) the design of plant scenarios (including anticipated operating occurrences such as plant transients, plant upset conditions and/or initiating events) for validating CBPs,
- 4) the organisation for functional maintenance of procedures.

1.5 Organisation of this standard

Clause 2 lists the reference documents.

Clause 3 gives definitions relevant to this standard.

Clause 4 lists the abbreviations used in this standard.

Clause 5 provides an overview of CBP. It presents recommendations for the development of a policy for computerisation of procedures, based on the type of procedure to be implemented. Three generic types (termed “families”) are described, for which general and specific

guidance is provided. Guidance related to the safety requirements of CBP systems is also provided.

Clause 6 gives requirements for use in different contexts, including main control room (MCR) upgrading, and different environments, inside and outside of the MCR and possibly in conjunction with paper-based procedures. It then considers assistance to and coordination of operator activities.

Clause 7 deals with the digital system which processes CBP. It first considers safety and non safety requirements, then gives requirements for handling failures of this system.

Clause 8 focuses on the detailed requirements and recommendations related to the functional features of CBP, from the basic ones to the most sophisticated ones, i.e. information, navigation, guidance and plant control. Miscellaneous options that could ease CBP use are also given.

Clause 9 considers the CBP life cycle, from the set-up of the project to the CBP maintenance and the operator training via design and implementation.

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.

NOTE The output documentation requested by these normative standards that is related to CBP is not addressed in this standard.

IEC 60880, *Nuclear power plants – Instrumentation and control systems important to safety – Software aspects for computer-based systems performing category A functions*

IEC 60964:2009, *Nuclear power plants – Control rooms – Design*

IEC 60965:2016, *Nuclear power plants – Control rooms – Supplementary control room for reactor shutdown without access to the main control room*

IEC 61513, *Nuclear power plants – Instrumentation and control important to safety – General requirements for systems*

IEC 61772:2009, *Nuclear power plants – Control rooms – Application of visual display units (VDUs)*

IEC 61839, *Nuclear power plants – Design of control rooms – Functional analysis and assignment*

IEC 62138, *Nuclear power plants – Instrumentation and control important for safety – Software aspects for computer-based systems performing category B or C functions*

IEC 62241:2004, *Nuclear power plants – Main control room – Alarm functions and presentation*

ISO 11064 (all parts), *Ergonomic design of control centres*

ISO 11064-1, *Ergonomic design of control centres – Part 1: Principles for the design of control centres*

ISO 11064-3, *Ergonomic design of control centres – Part 3: Control room layout*

ISO 11064-4, *Ergonomic design of control centres – Part 4: Layout and dimensions of workstations*

ISO 11064-5, *Ergonomic design of control centres – Part 5: Displays and controls*

3 Terms and definitions

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

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

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>.

3.1

back-up system

alternative equipment for plant monitoring and control designed to be used in case of failure of the normally used HMI system

Note 1 to entry: The back-up system may become unavailable if a beyond design basis accident occurs.

3.2

CBP

computer-based procedures

interactive computer application used to present procedural guidance to plant operators and which may additionally contain dynamic process information including access to operator controls

Note 1 to entry: Unlike paper-based procedures which are static documents, CBP offer dynamic reading options. These options allow the operator to "navigate" from one step to others in different enhanced ways, to place bookmarks, and to use parallel displays.

3.3

CBP system

digital system implementing the CBP

Note 1 to entry: The CBP may be implemented in the HMI system, together with other plant control functions, or may be implemented in a standalone CBP computer.

3.4

DPDS

digital plant display system

digital system computing formats (display formats) dedicated to plant monitoring and control, for example flow diagrams, in order to have them displayed on VDUs

3.5

format (display format)

pictorial display of information on a visual display unit (VDU) such as message text, digital presentation, symbols, mimics, bar-charts, trend graphs, pointers, multi-angular presentation

[SOURCE: IEC 60964:2009, 3.7]

3.6

high-level mental processing

human act to process and/or interpret information to obtain reduced abstract information

[SOURCE: IEC 60964:2009, 3.12]

3.7

HMI

human machine interface

interface between operating staff and I&C system and computer systems linked with plant. The interface includes displays, controls, and the operator support system interface

[SOURCE: IEC 60964:2009, 3.13]

3.8

navigation

function, which supports the operators in locating the position of desired information in a VDU-based information system, and also in guiding the selection of displays

[SOURCE: IEC 62241:2004, 3.29]

3.9

OP

operating procedures

set of documents specifying operational tasks it is necessary to perform to achieve functional goals

[SOURCE: IEC 60964:2009, 3.19]

3.10

operating strategy

formalized approach defining high level ways, for example depressurization or cooling of the primary loop, to keep the unit in or to bring it back in a safe state and which aims at guiding the elaboration of operating procedures

3.11

paper-based procedures

OP (see 3.9) that are printed on paper sheets

3.12

PIE

postulated initiating event

event identified during design as capable of leading to anticipated operational occurrences or accident conditions

[SOURCE: IAEA Safety Glossary, 2007]

3.13

sequence

procedure sequence

set of elementary steps in a procedure that is to be completely executed in order to reach a functional objective

Note 1 to entry: A partial execution of a sequence could either lead to malfunction or failure of circuits or equipment or jeopardise the execution of a function.

Note 2 to entry: Generally, a procedure encompasses several sequences to achieve its global functional objective.

Note 3 to entry: A sequence may consist of a single step.

3.14**step**

single check of parameters, single action on an item of plant, or simple decision or oral message between operators to be made that is put forward by a procedure

3.15**SCR****supplementary control room**

location from which limited plant control and/or monitoring can be carried out to accomplish the safety functions identified by the safety analysis as required in the event of a loss of ability to perform those functions from the main control room

Note 1 to entry: For existing plants, the supplementary control room may be a special control room, but in many cases comprises a sets of control panels and displays in switchgear rooms or similar areas. In the latter case, the term 'supplementary control point' is used.

[SOURCE: IEC 60965:2016, 3.6]

3.16**VDU****visual display unit**

type of display incorporating a screen for presenting computer-driven images

Note 1 to entry: This note applies to the French language only.

[SOURCE: IEC 60964:2009, 3.31]

4 Abbreviated terms

CBP	computer-based procedures
DPDS	digital plant display system
HFE	human factors engineering
HMI	human machine interface
HVAC	heating, ventilation, and air conditioning
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
I&C	instrumentation and control
MCR	main control room
NPP	nuclear power plant
OP	operating procedures
PIE	postulated initiating event
SCR	supplementary control room
VDU	visual display unit
V&V	verification and validation

5 CBP policy and conceptual requirements**5.1 General**

Clause 5 provides guidance on defining:

- a clear policy on the scope of procedures, level of guidance and possible direct process control for example, taking into account experience from plant operation and human capabilities as well as organisational and technological issues,
- CBP family types,

- key CBP features,
- the output documentation.

5.2 Computerisation policy

5.2.1 General

Elaboration of a policy shall be part of specifying the control room concept, the overall I&C architecture, the definition of human factors policy and the utility operating principles (see IEC 60964:2009, Clause 5).

It should be supported by feedback of experience analysis, conceptual studies, possibly some prototyping, performed either as an input to the design or as an early step of the design.

The designer shall decide the types of procedures subject to computerisation and the extent of this computerisation.

The reasons for computerisation of procedures shall be stated in the governing project plan, as they will strongly influence which procedures will be computerised and to what extent. Implementing CBP will not necessarily resolve operating strategy or staffing problems, but a design study for a CBP may help to clarify the nature of those problems and help to identify ways for problem resolution at an early stage of the design process.

NOTE Possible consequences on operating staff organisation, main control room layout, operating strategies, procedure scope, automation design and development, etc., are out of the scope of this standard.

The types of procedures that may be computerised include:

- procedures guiding normal plant operation in normal conditions, for example plant start-up, or procedures guiding elementary tasks, pipework warm-through, or load reduction and return to power,
- accident procedures,
- alarm response procedures,
- fire handling procedures,
- loss of electrical power procedures, and any types of procedures dedicated to unusual conditions,
- periodic testing procedures designed according to IEC 60671, for example dedicated to flux calibration or to reactor trip, or any other periodic testing procedures.

Other documents may also be computerized:

- technical specifications,
- technical component sheets, offering easy access to specific device data on the screen-based DPDS.

5.2.2 Rationale underlying the implementation of CBP

In addition to the task analysis, functional analysis and assignment and human factors design guidance which are issues addressed by other IEC standards listed in Clause 2, the following technical aspects shall be considered in the project planning and from the early stages of design. These are:

- a) national regulatory issues,
- b) operating strategies:

this is a functional issue to be considered independently from computerisation, for example if a decision has to be made between state-based and event-based strategies in the event of an accident,

c) operating staff organisation:

when constructing a new plant or modernising an existing plant, CBP design may be made an integral part of the overall control room design or redesign, which makes it necessary to apply accepted human factors engineering methods,

d) operating staff experience feedback:

- 1) lessons learned from existing CBP or paper-based solution should be identified;
- 2) in addition, the designer may consider that only the operating strategy, or on the contrary, only the detailed part of the procedures, should be computerised,

e) operator training,

f) data issued from the plant instrumentation,

NOTE 1 The CBP guidance level depends on available instrumentation.

g) drawbacks and advantages of processing CBP and other functions in the same system should be carefully weighed with regard to HFE, digital system capacities and the MCR layout. In particular, the unavailability of both CBP and other operating functions occurring simultaneously is to be considered. According to IEC 61513, the whole architecture including the CBP system, as well as the CBP system itself, are to be considered.

NOTE 2 The CBP system can possibly interface with a lot of systems, so that possible failure modes and operator response considerations can be quite important.

A preliminary CBP policy and the types of procedures that could be computerised should be defined from these considerations.

5.2.3 The scope of CBP

IEC 61839 shall first be used to identify functions which are to be assigned to human operators.

To make a final decision on the types of procedures to be computerised and the degree or form of computerisation to be implemented (i.e. refer to CBP families in 5.3), IEC 61772:2009, Clauses 4 and 5, as well as the following issues should be considered in the conceptual design:

- identification of the types of procedures that could be processed simultaneously (i.e., by multiple operators) in normal operation, in case of fire, in case of a loss of electrical power supply, in case of a periodic test, in case of a PIE,
- the safety significance of guidance delivered by CBPs to the operator and operator response time limits assumed or required,
- assessment of the amount of display formats and VDUs necessary for these procedures,
- assessment of the maximum number of procedures that could be processed in parallel by a single operator or by the entire operating staff to operate in the case of an occurrence of the worst design basis combination of events,
- assessment of the maximum number of windows that could be displayed in parallel in the worst cases on a single workstation or on all room workstations,
- allocation of operating staff's tasks to CBP and paper-based procedures in a consistent way (e.g., for avoidance of operator errors).

The above assessment should be made considering the control room concept. Items to be considered are:

- a) the set of workstations and workplaces where CBP are intended to be used, in the main control room and at all other control points,
- b) the fact that a procedure could be temporarily abandoned without being terminated, for example in case of an alarm outbreak,
- c) the maximum amount of information to be displayed in a format,

- d) the performance of the CBP system, in particular regarding displays, memory capacities, navigation,
- e) adequate additional margins in order to facilitate future modifications.

In addition, the achievable system class (i.e. see IEC 61513) for the CBP system should be considered early in the design process when functional allocation decisions are being made. The achievable system class of the CBP system will often be determined by the feasibility of qualification of the various elements of the overall architecture within which the CBP system is being implemented. These elements typically include: the CBP system itself, the DPDS and control systems through which the CBP interfaces with the plant and underlying networks that support communications between these elements, and the CBP design itself.

These considerations may challenge aspects of the CBP implementation policy, the proposed CBP system design, its capability and operation or the associated cost-benefit case, as well as the shift organisation or the operating strategies.

The content and scope of human factors and organisation studies should be defined regarding both:

- 1) identification of the human resources necessary for the project, i.e. specialists to be integrated into the project team, specialists for verifying and validating, organisation of CBP maintenance,
- 2) the use of the final product, including maintenance facilities.

IEC 60964, IEC 61772, IEC 61839, IEC 62241, ISO 11064, especially ISO 11064-1, ISO 11064-3, ISO 11064-4 and ISO 11064-5 may be used to make a decision. IEC 60965 may be used if some CBP are to be implemented in a supplementary control room.

5.3 Families of CBP

Though procedures may be computerised in very different ways according to the design policy, the implementation should be treated as one of three generic families of CBP, as shown in Table 1. The three families are based on a consideration of:

- the intended level of operator guidance,
- the required process inputs and outputs.

Table 1 – CBP families

<i>Determining CBP family</i>		Level of operator assistance		
		No step tracking/manual progress	Automatic step tracking	Guidance capability
Type of CBP signal interfaces	No input of process information	1	<i>Not possible</i>	<i>Not possible</i>
	Manual input of process information	1	<i>Not possible</i>	2
	Automatic input of process information	2	2	2 or 3
	Action on process	3	3	3

The rows represent different levels of connectivity of the CBP system, from no process information to action on process. The columns represent different levels of computerisation and associated intelligence. In the most advanced level of operator assistance, the system is able to provide decision aids to the operator; this feature is called guidance capability (see 8.5). The intersections of rows and columns represent the possible options for CBP.

These three CBP families are characterised in the following way:

- Family 1: CBP which are essentially stand-alone replacements for paper-based procedures, presenting linked pages of static information and operating steps. The operator may have the possibility to input some data manually in order to ease the understanding of the procedure.

CBP of this family do not receive any process information automatically and possess no plant control capabilities.

- Family 2: CBP that may provide guidance to the operator based on information acquired by the CBP system. Every item of information may be integrated into the display formats presented. If advanced guidance is provided, for example in the form of decision assistance (see 8.5.4), then the CPB should belong to Family 3.
- Family 3: CBP presenting information and operating steps with full integration of on-line plant information, states and values, so that an actuator can be controlled by the operator from the CBP display, automatic control functions can be accessed from the CBP display, and automatic execution of sequences can be initiated by the operator from the CBP display.

The CPB family allocation and the associated argumentation shall be documented.

All families may include some facilities presented in 8.7.

NOTE 1 Manual input is meant to represent a limited amount of information, otherwise the task of inputting information would be too demanding for the operator.

A different CBP family may be selected for each type of procedure listed in 5.2.1 so far as a simple and clear engineering approach can be maintained.

The choice of CBP family type, the CBP design and the overall architecture within which the CBP is being implemented will affect how each CBP function is allocated (or partitioned) between the human operator, the other hardwired or computerized MCR HMIs, the CBP system, and the other various elements of the overall architecture. The functional allocation determines the reliance for safety (i.e. the dependency for safety, including necessary requirements for fail-safe or fail-detected behaviour) that will be placed on the CBP system and the various elements of the overall architecture that implement or contribute to each of the various CBP functions. Therefore the resulting required system class will be a direct result of the CBP design, including the CBP family type, and the functional allocation within the overall CBP architecture.

NOTE 2 Depending on the plant's I&C architecture, especially during a retrofit, it might not be possible to implement Family 2 and Family 3 CBP systems.

5.4 Overview of computerisation features

5.4.1 General

Computerisation is based on generic rules and requirements and on items related to operator guidance and plant control.

5.4.2 Global requirements for computerisation

For all families of procedures:

- CBP should provide features to display the global objective of a procedure and an overview of its sequences either permanently, or on operator request. On operator request, the CBP should display additional information for steps or sequences, such as preliminary actions, process and device considerations,
- the designer shall verify that the set of procedures and the related requirements on processing capacity are in line with the CBP system capabilities.

Regarding Family 1 CBP, the procedure computerisation should:

- a) be intuitive and as simple as possible,
- b) give a clear view of the functional objective,
- c) ensure that operators easily understand the operating strategy,
- d) ensure the context of CBP sequence is not lost to the operator,
- e) leave full responsibility to the operators,
- f) ease progression inside procedures and limit calls between procedures.

For Families 2 and 3 CBPs, the procedure computerisation should:

- 1) respect recommendations established for Family 1 CBP,
- 2) include the possibility for the operator to leave steps and sequences out, if they are not relevant to achieve the procedure high-level goal,
- 3) provide adequate checks (preferably automatic) and safety interlocks on plant or equipment states to ensure that requested sequences are permitted and safe at that time and inform the operator otherwise,
- 4) avoid implementation of safety overrides from within the CBP system (i.e. they should not be permitted),
- 5) support appropriate operator confirmations prior to execution of automatic sequences,
- 6) provide adequate and consistent information and display formats between members of the team who may be accessing independent CBP displays, and ensure any inconsistencies that may arise on independent CBP displays due to internal CBP system faults are detected and clearly indicated to the operator,
- 7) apply in the same way to all procedures of a given type, for example to all accident procedures or to all fire handling procedures,
- 8) be consistent for different types of procedures that could be processed in parallel.

5.4.3 Provision of guidance to operator

Guidance provided by CBP should remind operators of the functional objectives and of the detailed information on the proper sequence of steps of operational procedures as well as information and guidance on how to achieve each step and the overall objectives.

In addition to providing the operator with elementary process information, enhanced information on the process may be given through CBP access, diagnosis or decisions guidance.

Diagnosis or decision guidance may be:

- automated: a diagnosis/decision is suggested to the operator, who may then ask for detailed information about it,
- supported: CBP display flow charts which assist the operator to establish a diagnosis/decision. Information necessary to the operator to make elementary choices is made easy to find or is incorporated in flow charts so that the operator can validate successively each step.

To design CBP guidance, due consideration should be given to:

- a) plant states in which the CBP will be required to be used,
- b) frequency of events or situations. For example, enhanced guidance should be provided for rare events compared with that for daily operation,
- c) the operating policy. For example, the desire for high plant availability may lead to an increase in computerisation and automation,

- d) whether/when operator actions are required within a certain time limit (i.e. considering appropriate operator alarms or notifications that may be required, or conservative safe action(s) required in the event of failure of the operator to act),
- e) operating staff feedback and requirements.

The designer shall take account of the inherent CBP system capabilities, i.e. performance, look-and-feel, to define guidance.

Possibilities for the operator to ask for elementary information may be extended to calculations leading to high level summarised information.

CBP provide the operator with synthesised information and possibly some assistance as described in 8.7

5.4.4 Provision of procedure based automation

CBP may assist the operator in the control of the plant by:

- automatically prompting messages to the operator when predefined conditions are met,
- automatically executing sequences that have been initiated by an operator.

As for paper-based procedures, CBP should be defined considering:

- the allocation of functions between the operator and the CBP system, the plant automation system or the DPDS,
- that the procedure set for the back-up system is independent from the DPDS and from the CBP system,
- the ease of comprehension by the operator, especially in abnormal conditions.

Additional considerations to be taken into account are:

- a) except if designed as a back-up means, duplication of functions between the operator and the system should be avoided, and designs should be sought where the CBP system and the operator perform complementary functions,
- b) CBP display formats may include command possibilities or may forward operators actions to control display formats of the DPDS. Another option may be to authorise CBP commands by enabling them from the DPDS.

The operator's situation awareness shall be enhanced by:

- 1) displaying adequate information to keep the operator fully informed of the changing plant status:
important decisions should not be automated, the end of automated sequences should be signalled, any problems encountered during an automated sequence should be signalled, as well as process values reaching a predefined threshold,
- 2) providing the operator with the option to take control from the CBP at any moment,

NOTE Some situations could require the action of the CBP to be terminated, whereas others could lead the operator to take control for a limited number of steps,

- 3) taking operating team coordination into account:
sequences launched by two operators may have different execution times and should not lead to contradictory or competing actions.

5.5 Output documentation

The decision rationale and assumptions to implement CBP (as discussed in 5.1 to 5.4 above) shall be documented early in the project and include:

- the policy, conceptual requirements and philosophy for CBP implementation,

- the type of CBP, their objectives and scope,
- the CBP implementation approach and assumptions, including considerations of the DPDS,
- the CBP guidance options, including a description of the design inputs and other required information,
- the option(s) for procedure-based automation,
- the utility policy for operator training.

5.6 Design extension conditions

In case of an occurrence of a design extension condition, the CBP system shall not be assumed to be available (see NOTE). A set of paper-based procedures designed to cope with such an occurrence shall be available to operate the plant from the MCR, i.e. the CBP should not be designed to operate in these situations.

NOTE As it is not designed to cope with design extension conditions, it is assumed that the CBP system may become unavailable or unreliable at any time.

The update of the CBP and paper-based procedure sets shall be coordinated and aligned with backup procedures.

The operating teams shall be trained to use these procedure sets and exercises shall be performed periodically.

6 Contexts of use of CBP

6.1 General

Clause 6 gives requirements for the various contexts of use of CBP. It considers different use environments relative to the MCR and in possible conjunction with paper-based procedures. It then considers the requirements of the possible different forms of assistance to and coordination of operator's activities. It concludes with the expected documentation.

6.2 Application environments of CBP use

6.2.1 General

Subclause 6.2 considers the different environments where CBP can be used, either in new computerised control rooms, or for partial modernisation of conventional control rooms, in conjunction with paper-based procedures or local operation by the field operator.

The overall integration of CBP in the MCR and in other control points shall be done based on IEC 60964, IEC 60965 and IEC 61513. Application of VDU shall comply with IEC 61772. Alarm functions and presentation shall comply with IEC 62241. Software shall comply with IEC 60880 or IEC 62138 according to safety category.

6.2.2 Use of CBP in computerised control rooms

It shall be possible to separately control the display formats of the CBP system and other display formats of the DPDS.

Compatibility between CBP formats and operating formats of a DPDS should be ensured by:

- designing compatible HMI layouts and details for display formats, i.e. abbreviations, symbols, colours, etc.,
- avoiding discrepancies when operating formats and CBP formats refer to the same object, circuit or equipment,

- updating without significant time difference associated formats of the DPDS and CBP formats when displayed at the same time.

6.2.3 Use of CBP in a conventional or hybrid main control room

A “conventional control room” is one that has been designed without any digital equipment. A “hybrid control room” is one that encompasses digital devices to monitor and control part(s) of the plant, but not the whole plant. Conventional control rooms can be modernized to become hybrid control rooms. The extent of computerisation of a hybrid control room, excluding the whole plant control, may vary a lot according to the utility objectives.

To implement CBP in a conventional or hybrid control room, the constraints of the existing MCR, i.e. mainly free space, and the operator work areas shall be considered in addition to those of 5.2.3. Introducing devices to display CBP in a conventional MCR may require existing elements, indicators, push-buttons, etc., to be relocated in order to make room to install sets of VDUs and related equipment, such as keyboards, pads, tracker balls, etc.

NOTE Services such as HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) capacities are also considered.

As a specific challenge of conventional and hybrid control rooms, the concurrent use of CBP with discrete equipment, such as indicators, recorders, push buttons, auto-manual control stations, etc., should be studied. In addition, concurrent use of CBP and paper-based procedures has to be expected and shall be analysed.

Taking into account that the plant control computerisation is limited, CBP should be designed to provide information and guidance, i.e. they should belong to Family 1 or Family 2, and should comply with the requirements associated with these families.

In addition, specific provisions should be made to:

- design CBP HMI so that, in case of VDUs displaying information, the operator does not confuse CBP with any other displayed formats, especially in accident conditions. If there are no other digital display formats, ISO 11064-1, ISO 11064-3, ISO 11064-4 and ISO 11064-5 and IEC 61772:2009, especially Clause 4, shall be used to define any displayed formats that are required,
- enable the operators to read CBP from their working areas, either in front of the VDU or at some distance from the VDU.

6.2.4 Use of CBP in conjunction with paper-based procedures

CBP may be used together with paper-based procedures, either due to design reasons or for temporary reasons depending on the options defined according to 5.2.3.

EXAMPLE 1 Detailed operation remains paper-based whereas operating strategy is computerised.

EXAMPLE 2 Specific sets of paper-based procedures being used for example during outages, being used because a mistake has been detected in a computerised procedure and a set of paper-based procedures is used until a correct new computerised version is prepared.

Such situations shall be designed so that:

- there is no gap between CBP and paper-based procedures,
- possible overlaps between CBP and paper-based procedures are functionally justified,
- references and naming of CBP and paper-based procedures are consistent and do not lead to human errors,
- transfer between CBP and paper-based procedures is clear,
- traceability of actions done with both CBP and paper-based procedures is ensured,
- the situation remains easy to explain during staff changeover.

6.2.5 Use of CBP outside the main control room

If some local control rooms, the SCR for example, are computerised and operated with CBP, these latter shall be adapted to the operator's tasks.

Operation from local control points, if computerised, or from any types of portable devices, shall respect the requirements given in 6.4.

6.3 Forms of CBP assistance to operator activities

6.3.1 General

CBP shall be designed to allow for operators' responses to the conditions by taking account of the real plant situation, by monitoring the process and detecting events.

Procedures are designed to assist the operator by suggesting operation strategies and preparing possible actions regarding the plant state. Nevertheless, unexpected situations could happen so that the operator has to be able to achieve the high level goal set by a procedure even if some parts of it have become irrelevant.

For the purposes of this standard, the functions provided by CBP are divided into primary functions (e.g. the provision of information to the operator) and secondary functions (e.g. the management of windows and the navigation within the required information).

6.3.2 Assistance to primary activities of the operator

The following concepts of the CBP shall be considered during the design phase with a documented justification of the design decisions against each concept:

- compatibility with the operator's representation
HMI aspects are compatible with the operator's mental processing, i.e. with the operator's understanding, experience and expectation about the plant state and evolution and the way in which the CBP function
- situation representation
information displayed is easy to identify and to understand, accuracy of displayed values is consistent with accuracy of the sensed values, so that it helps mental processing and the progression of the operator towards the functional goal of the procedure. Data validity should be displayed
- HMI structure
HMI aspects are based on logical and consistent rules. The main HMI aspects are information presentation, sequences hierarchy within a procedure, terminology, assistance phraseology, lists structure, etc.
- compatibility with the activity
information displayed is relevant to the plant situation
- operator capabilities
the amount of information displayed allows the operator to understand it and there is enough time given to the operator to make proper decisions

Contextual information may be displayed to reinforce the relevance of information and to assist the operator's understanding.

6.3.3 Assistance to secondary activities of the operator

In order to simplify the operator tasks and allow him to concentrate on the primary tasks, the following aspects shall be considered during the design. The main design decisions against each aspect should be documented, including a justification:

- the operator's mental workload
memorisation of items, such as lists of codes, command codes, information to memorise from one page to another, is minimized
- the operator's actions
it is easy to perform an action and any redundant action is avoided

Secondary activities on CBP should be easy to perform in a reliable manner, so that accomplishing the primary activities is not degraded.

6.4 Assistance with operator coordination

CBP should make explicit the communication with respect to the sequences assigned to the individual member of the operating team, i.e. the communication necessary due to the task-sharing between the operators and the supervisor. Such coordination may be implemented by hold points in procedures, requesting oral dialogues and computerised acknowledgments.

Note that for example, when the supervisor is the only CBP user and then coordinates the other operators, or both the supervisor and the primary and secondary operators are provided with CBP, the procedure has to say what communications between them are necessary.

If several operators can simultaneously access the same CBP, rules shall be stated controlling the concurrent access to a single procedure. The following topics shall be defined:

- who can access it, regarding the authorisation level;
- which kind of access is allowed: read only, or full use;
- how a CBP is accessed, with regards to CBP being currently processed;
- how to prevent an operator from repeating or stopping an action already launched by another operator, especially when CBP are designed to control the plant. This may be achieved by reservation of procedures, which ensures that only one operator at a time can use CBP to control the plant, whereas all other operators are provided with read only access.

Procedure reservation requires a policy to be defined regarding possible calls of another procedure or of a sub-procedure;

- what CBP signals are provided, i.e. signals warning that a CBP is currently being used or signals indicating that a CBP is reserved for a long time without being used.

All or only specific procedures may be assigned to specific workstations.

CBP shall provide coordination of operators for parallel use of CBP in the main control room and in local control points. Possible digital communication failures should not decrease reliability and availability of CBP in the MCR and in local control points. Significant difference in progress between operators applying the same set of CBP should be signalled in order to avoid uncoordinated control of the process.

6.5 Output documentation

All options defined according to 6.3 and 6.4 should be documented in appropriate documents:

- a summary giving options and rationales for the design, development, validation or licensing phases,
- a summary for operators. It should be a reminder and easy to use in abnormal plant situations,
- a detailed document as a guideline for CBP design and maintenance.

This documentation shall be updated together with further CBP modifications to ensure completeness.

7 CBP system and functional requirements

7.1 General

Clause 7 deals with the digital system processing CBP, whether integrated in the DPDS operating the plant or independent from it. Safety and non safety requirements are considered.

It then gives requirements for the handling of failures of the CBP system. It concludes with output documentation.

Whatever the solution, screensavers shall not be used.

7.2 Safety requirements

It is necessary to consider carefully the fundamental safety role of a CBP, and if it has any role in safety at all, or if it is part of the defence in depth strategy of the plant as a whole. The CBP system shall not compromise the defence in depth of the I&C system of the plant.

Procedures, whether paper- or computer-based and whatever their level of guidance, are designed to be used by the operator and they shall not control the process without the operator's involvement (i.e. operator initiation and supervision). The operator is expected to act in an intelligent way, not to apply them automatically, and to remain solely responsible for their adequate use.

The safety classification of the CBP system may be class 1, 2 or 3 or even not safety classified according to IEC 61513. The class shall be attributed considering:

- a) the functional coverage of CBP,
- b) the CBP family type,

NOTE 1 The different family types of CBP are listed in 5.3.

- c) possible impacts on safety in case of:

- 1) loss of CBP,
- 2) erroneous guidance to operators or spurious control signals,

EXAMPLE The possible and acceptable failure modes of each CBP, the impacts on operator awareness and ability to respond to plant events, likelihood of operator error (e.g. due to time availability, complexity and safety significance of decision making etc.), and availability of back-up means to recover from the failure.

- d) availability of diverse information displayed to the operator, allowing confirmation of information displayed by the CBP. The operator should be trained to undertake such comparisons (see 9.9).

NOTE 2 Though IEC 61226:2009, 7.3.2.1, opens the possibility to perform manually category A functions by interfacing a CBP system with a class 1 system, the attention of the designer is drawn to the fact that this would necessitate significant analysis in support of the safety demonstration, especially from the HFE aspects.

CBP may be implemented in several sub-systems with different safety classifications.

The requirements and guidance given in IEC 61513, IEC 60880 and IEC 62138 shall be applied to the design and implementation of the overall I&C architecture including the CBP system, as well as for the CBP system itself. The level of redundancy of the CBP system shall be consistent with the safety class of the CBP system. The requirements given in IEC 61772:2009, 4.3, shall be applied.

NOTE 3 The achievable system class could limit the feasible options in terms of CBP design approach, including what CBP family types could be implemented. If the required system class cannot be achieved and qualified, an alternate approach will be considered. This could require changing the CBP family type, design approach and functional allocations. It could also require changing the CBP platform selection, changing the communications

mechanisms, or changing the overall architecture. Failure to consider such issues early in a CBP system implementation project can result in costly delays and the need for redesign.

In case no safety class is attributed to the CBP system, requirements commensurate to possible operating impacts should be defined based on the IEC standards listed in the preceding paragraph.

Adequate checking of sequences launched from the CBP shall be implemented in plant control systems. This shall include any interlocks needed to ensure safety.

Particular attention, during development and verification phases, shall be given to ensure that potential faults or failures of the CBP system cannot disable, inhibit or launch manual and automatic functions. Functional consequences of erroneous or desynchronized data received from other systems, in particular automation systems, should be investigated. Safety studies shall consider the overall I&C architecture including the CBP system as well as the CBP system itself.

7.3 HMI considerations

IEC 61772:2009, especially Clauses 4 and 5, and ISO 11064, especially ISO 11064-1, ISO 11064-3, ISO 11064-4 and ISO 11064-5, give guidance for HMI.

Regarding the HMI of CBP display formats, only three cases are possible:

- 1) a digital system, DPDS, is already used to operate the plant at the time the CBP and CBP system are being designed: the HMI of the two systems shall be compatible;
- 2) a digital system, DPDS, is being defined in parallel with the CBP and the CBP system: the HMI of the two systems shall be compatible. IEC 61772 and ISO 11064 should be used for designing the display formats of both systems;
- 3) there is no other digital system displaying information on screen to operate the plant. IEC 61772 and ISO 11064 shall be used to design the CBP display formats.

7.4 Integration of the CBP system into the DPDS

In order to integrate the CBP processing into the DPDS, it shall be verified that:

- the safety class of the DPDS is able to cope with the safety class of the CBP as defined according to considerations in 7.2,
- DPDS features comply with the requirements of 5.2.3,
- for “family 3” CBP implementing category B functions, both the plant display system and the communications links to and from it should meet IEC 61513 and IEC 62138 class 2 requirements,
- DPDS features comply with the requirements of Clause 8.

IEC 61772 requirements and recommendations shall be applied.

7.5 CBP system implemented externally to the DPDS

7.5.1 General

Subclause 7.5 complements the safety requirements stated in 7.2 and deals with connections between the CBP system and the DPDS.

For Family 2 and Family 3 CBP that interface with the plant through the DPDS, the CBP system and the DPDS should be attributed compatible safety classes and requirements unless a clear justification is provided otherwise.

For Family 3 CBP, the task allocation between the CBP system and plant control systems should be:

- the initiation of automatic sequences by the operator should be at the computer display level, as well as the hold point treatment,
- automatic sequences, possibly using plant inputs and actuators' feedbacks, launched from the CBP should be processed by plant control systems.

7.5.2 Sizing and dependability requirements

In addition to safety requirements, there are additional fields to be considered:

- the CBP system shall comply with the requirements of 5.2.3,
- reliability and availability requirements shall be compatible for the CBP system and the DPDS,
- self-tests shall be specified,
- spare capacity should be specified for possible extensions considering items such as memories, processor capacity, storage capacities, network capacities, number of connected workstations.

7.5.3 Connections between the CBP system and the DPDS

The architecture and system aspects shall be compliant with IEC 61513.

Provisions in order to avoid discrepancies between commands sent by both the CBP system and the DPDS shall be implemented or, at least, such discrepancies shall be signalled to the operator.

Considering that some variables issued from the process or equipment can be used both by the CBP system and the DPDS to process different functions and possibly be displayed in different formats, then:

- both systems should be analyzed together regarding failure modes as well as the back-up process in case of failure and periodic testing,
- the CBP system should not be jeopardized by possible failures of the DPDS, and vice versa,
- failure of the CBP system should be signalled by the DPDS and partial or total failures of the DPDS should be signalled by an independent alarm,
- failure of the interface between the two systems should be signalled at least by one of the two systems,
- the sending of orders from both systems to the same actuator, either simultaneously or within a few minutes, shall be signalled. Contradictory orders shall be signalled in a specific way,
- provisions should be taken to minimize time differences in updating dynamic parts of displays for the same object. A value in the range of 2 s may be considered acceptable, greater differences should be signalled.

7.5.4 Coherent maintenance of both systems

Maintenance from the hardware, software, configuration and application points of view shall be considered for both systems, including the requalification process.

7.6 CBP system failure

Generic considerations regarding failures in VDU displays are given in IEC 61772:2009, 4.3 and 4.4.

Operators shall be trained to have a questioning attitude regarding the CBP performance. To support them, self-monitoring and self-test provisions for detecting and signalling malfunction shall be implemented in the CBP system. Considering the possible consequences of

operators' misguidance, the coverage of the self-monitoring should be as high as possible. For Family 3 CBP, adequate fail-safe mechanisms should be provided where possible. To enforce detection of CBP malfunction, a part of the operating team may use paper-based procedures.

NOTE 1 The main ways to detect malfunctions are currently self-monitoring, implemented according to IEC 60671, independent monitoring mechanisms, and periodic surveillance performed by the staff.

If an operator suspects a malfunction of the CBP which has not been detected or annunciated by the system, for example unexpected parameter deviations, the CBP system, parts thereof, or underlying I&C subsystems may be considered unavailable.

In the event of failure of CBP important to safety or failure of a CBP system implementing safety-related (i.e. category B or C) functions, a diverse back-up means and an adapted procedure set shall be used. This back-up procedure set shall be compatible with the DPDS, if this latter is still available and used to operate the plant.

NOTE 2 The extent of the back-up means and the associated procedures will be typically restricted to the set of functions necessary to put and maintain the plant in a safe state, and to minimize impact on plant operation until the CBP system or DPDS is restored.

A diverse set of procedures designed to back-up the CBP system (e.g. such as paper-based manual procedures) shall take into account that this situation is rare and stressful, and shall aim to avoid operators' mistakes or misunderstandings by:

- being independent from the CBP system, both from technical and functional points of view, i.e. there is no reference to information existing only in the CBP system,
- relying on operating strategies similar to those of CBP,
- being designed for the same operating staff,
- using as far as possible the same vocabulary and graphic elements, and procedure presentation consistent with that of the CBP.

The back-up procedure set, and any associated back-up system, shall be easily accessible.

The back-up system, and the back-up procedure set, if computerised, shall have been designed, developed and validated according to their safety class and shall comply with Clause 9 requirements.

NOTE 3 Choosing a second set of CBP as a back-up is a great challenge for it implies a diverse CBP system featured with malfunction detection, more complex maintenance and operator training. For this reason paper-based procedures are usually preferred. To make such a decision, economical aspects are also considered.

If the CBP is implemented as a system separate from the DPDS, the following apply:

- the DPDS should monitor the CBP system and signal the detected faults to the control room staff,
- the DPDS should not be blocked in case of failure of the CBP system.

7.7 Output documentation

The system and functional requirements and related design rationale (options and decisions) for the overall architecture and CBP system approach shall be documented consistently with IEC 61513 requirements (and appropriate sub-tier standards such as IEC 62138) and in a manner consistent with the safety class of the system.

8 Detailed design requirements

8.1 General

Clause 8 provides guidance and describes requirements for a detailed design of CBP features, from the basic ones to the most sophisticated ones, i.e. information, navigation, guidance and plant control. Various options that could ease CBP use are also given.

8.2 Basic CBP features

8.2.1 General

To coordinate development, to avoid misinterpretation when using CBP, and to ease their maintenance, basic CBP features shall be defined at the very beginning of the project and shall be used throughout the CBP life cycle. They shall be used to design, develop and maintain the CBP set.

NOTE People who update CBP may be different from people who first developed them.

This activity should be performed by the integrated team introduced in 9.3. It should take into account feedback of experience, based on use of paper-based procedures and on known other cases of use of CBP.

Any further change to the features defined according to Clause 8 should be justified and formally accepted and documented.

8.2.2 Basic features necessary for CBP

The following basic CBP features should be defined in an accurate and unambiguous way:

- all technical terms, symbols and graphic elements,
- a glossary giving the meaning and use of every format element,
- symbols or drawings representing elementary CBP steps, as well as links between them,
- rules for processing the content of CBP steps,
- rules for allocating names to calculated or internal variables,

NOTE Variable names help the operator to understand the type and the use of a calculated variable.

- navigation rules between elementary steps, pages or sequences of a CBP and between CBP.

Elements such as “steps”, “indicators”, “decision boxes”, as well as combinations thereof, which are designed to be generically used, should be defined as re-useable elements, with a set of parameters to be specified.

For procedures that have been interrupted and re-entered, there should be some confirmation that the conditions and assumptions are still valid to continue the execution.

8.2.3 Presentation rules

In order to minimise the operator’s mental workload, and to be consistent with the generic requirements of 5.4.2, CBP presentation should be designed so that:

- local actions are clearly identified,
- an overview of the procedures currently executed and of currently interrupted procedures is provided to the operator,
- procedure presentation is consistent throughout the CBP and consistent with the presentation paradigms of the DPDS,

- the possibility of operator errors using both CBP and a DPDS to operate the plant are minimised,
- information needed to perform the procedure is readable from the working position of the operator,
- the most recently approved and issued version of a procedure is always presented.

Exceptions to these requirements shall be justified.

To minimise human errors, the format contents should:

- a) display the identification of the current procedure and of the current sequence within that procedure,
- b) identify clearly the achieved steps, active steps, and possible next steps,
- c) minimise the number of discrete actions to access a required format display,
- d) ease dialogue between operator and procedure.

8.2.4 CBP display format layout

The CBP display format layout should be designed so that:

- the identification of the procedure, i.e. title and functional coding, as well as the functional procedure objectives, are permanently visible as part of the procedure format and have a permanent location in the format;
- allocation of information follows the same method throughout all procedures;
- division of a procedure into sequences is done according to consistent rules;
- the importance of steps is displayed in a salient manner;
- warnings, cautions, and other information associated with a single step are visible whenever this step is displayed.

Any such warnings, cautions and information are presented in such a way that they have to be read, for example by using pop-up menus which have to be confirmed by the operator, before the operator is able to start performing this step. If used, pop-up windows should appear in predefined parts of formats, should not hide too much of a format and should be easy to move from one place to another or to iconize, close or memorize depending on the context. They shall not disturb the use of CBP, for example by skipping or masking or duplicating steps or sequences or by blocking formats on screens.

8.2.5 Requirements for presentation of individual display elements

Rules for presenting individual elements are as follows:

- information and action steps should look different,
- presentation of decision gates with their associated choices (e.g., "yes" or "no") should be uniform whatever the procedure,
- if an operator's response is required, the automation should not proceed without operator response.

Whenever procedure formats contain repetitive information elements, such as a set of plant components, a set of similar actions, etc., the presentation of these information elements should be in terms of lists. The design should ensure that:

- a) the list stands out from other parts of the procedure,
- b) the priority of items is clearly marked,
- c) all lists have a heading,
- d) the operator attention is attracted to the list.

8.3 Information presented by the CBP

8.3.1 General

Information about the CBP system should be available to the operator, for example designation, version, release date, page number. Such items should either be systematically displayed or should be displayed upon the operator's request.

All CBP families shall feature this kind of information,

- so that the operator is able to use the CBP guidance correctly,
- in order to keep the operator fully informed of the changing plant status.

Alarms and messages generated by a process or an installation incident shall be adapted to the operating phase where they can be displayed and shall not mislead the operator or create doubt in his mind.

Alarms generated by CBP shall be displayed in the same way as those generated by process or equipment events. IEC 62241 should be used as a design reference.

8.3.2 Information for Family 1 CBP

Family 1 CBP are similar to paper-based procedures in that they indicate process and equipment values to be monitored but do not display any dynamic information from the plant.

8.3.3 Information for Family 2 CBP

In order to provide an adequate understanding of the operation, CBP information for Family 2 CBP shall include all indications and inputs from the process and equipment that are:

- necessary to understand and perform the operating strategies,
- necessary to understand the context, plant state and displayed messages, relevant to the procedure.

The quality of CBP information should be ensured by:

- a) an update frequency of parameters adapted to the needs of the procedure,
- b) prompt presentation of possible conflict between inputs typed by an operator and acquired or computed values.

Cross-referenced information should be easily accessed by the operator. Paper-based procedure steps involved in the cross-checking of data should be carried over to the CBP solution.

Information availability should be indicated to the user. More generally, information status should be accessible, for example: available, inhibited for test, inhibited for maintenance, unavailable, inconsistent with other inputs.

Applying the design policy should lead to decisions on displaying:

- 1) summarised information,
- 2) information related to the plant state,
- 3) information chosen by the operator.

NOTE These options may require that additional values are calculated by the CBP system based on inputs or other internal values. It may also lead to a requirement to complement raw inputs by an indication of their reliability, resulting for example from cross-checking of different values.

Additional computed values should:

8.5 CBP guidance

8.5.1 General

CBP guidance relies on the same bases as paper-based procedures but is extended to achieve the computerisation policy. This guidance ranges from elementary information on the process to enhanced assistance for:

- CBP selection, accessibility and execution,
- diagnosis,
- decision making.

NOTE The guidance detail varies, partially due to the nature of procedures, for example accident procedures provide more guidance than normal operation procedures, and partially due to the expected operator knowledge, which relies on the training policy.

8.5.2 CBP selection, accessibility and execution

A CBP, like a paper-based one, should be selectable and accessible, depending on its nature:

- if the intention is a change of the plant state, for example start-up, outages,
- in response to an alarm or a process or equipment signal,
- periodically, for example surveillance procedures that are entered on every shift changeover.

Considering CBP, plant events or periodic events may signal automatically which type of CBP is to be accessed. A specific procedure may be recommended or automatically selected.

Access to the right procedure should be as direct as possible, i.e. a too complex selection path should be avoided.

CBP may also allow the operator to automatically monitor the process or equipment values and to define thresholds for these values. When a threshold is reached, a signal may be sent and, provided that neither the information needed nor the prerequisite actions and cautions are bypassed, the relevant CBP step may be directly accessed and displayed.

CBP should remain manually accessible and the initiating event should be displayed on operator's request.

8.5.3 Diagnosis assistance

Particular plant situations clearly specified by the designer, for example accidents or any event indicated by the deviation of safety parameters, may be identified during operation and signalled. The diagnosis of the plant situation should be presented by the CBP as a set of monitoring steps and decisions, leading to possible further investigations and recommended corrective actions.

The operator shall remain responsible for accepting the diagnosis and accessing the suggested procedure.

Details of the diagnosis should be displayed on operator's request.

8.5.4 Decision assistance

Decision assistance should be limited to steps requiring a decision. Information, such as inputs, alarms, trend curves, synthesised values, etc., that are then necessary shall be available and easy to display.

The operator shall remain responsible for making any decision.

To enhance decision assistance, the CBP should signal that:

- the suggested procedure has been launched,
- each step has been validated by an operator,
- each step has received a positive feedback signal,
- the operator's choice in the case of a decision gate matches the suggestion,
- the objectives of the considered procedure have been achieved.

Feedback signals from actuators and sensors may be used, for example in complex situations, to verify that the operator's actions match the CBP steps. If this option is chosen, inconsistencies should be signalled but shall not prevent any operator actions.

NOTE The main types of feedbacks to be considered are:

- feedbacks from controller to confirm plant or equipment states,
- feedbacks to confirm controller states, especially safety interlocks,
- feedbacks to confirm hardwired panel switch or alarm states,
- feedbacks to confirm status of other display indications or related permissive functions available to the operator,
- feedbacks to confirm internal states of CBP, controller, alarm status, other display systems, etc.

8.5.5 Computerisation of CBP guidance

Whatever the type and level of guidance, CBP shall be computerised so that:

- they display all necessary elements to enable the operator to understand and be in control of the plant in any situation,
- they provide a reasonable and pertinent level of information in order for the operator to assimilate it, and not be distracted or puzzled by inadequate assistance,
- they leave the operator responsible for his actions, either by requesting the operator to validate suggestions or to choose a course of actions different from the suggested actions,
- they provide on operator request the display of rationales for suggestions,
- they distinguish between suggestions and steps or information,
- they do not hide an important part of a format being displayed by less important information,
- freeze of information update, for example due to an equipment failure, is easily detected.

Assistance should be displayed on operator request and the operator should be able to switch it off at any time.

Provisions to disable temporarily the display of warning messages that could be issued by assistance functions should be given to the operator. It shall not be possible to inhibit process alarms.

The use of other procedures may be suggested, and links to them may be provided.

8.6 Procedure-based automation

8.6.1 General

CBP may be designed to automatically execute some operating tasks under the operator's control.

8.6.2 Interactions between operators and procedure based automation

The task allocation between operators and digital systems shall be based on IEC 61839, possibly justified by criteria relevant to a specific project. CBP shall be designed to:

- make the operator aware of the safety significance of the sequence,
- continuously inform the operator of what is being processed,
- enable the operator to take manual control at any time,
- support appropriate operator confirmations, for example by checking parameters, prior to execution of automatic sequences,
- provide adequate automatic (or require manual operator) checks on plant or equipment states to ensure requested sequences are permitted and safe at that time and in the current plant state,
- make the operator aware of time dependent operator actions, for example via task timers,
- inform the operator of the CBP state, for example read only, manual execution, automatic execution, etc.
- enable, after adequate checking of parameters, the operator to resume automatic execution after a manual interruption of a sequence,
- alert the operator to an unexpected event which could prevent the correct processing of the procedure. Means to display the cause of such an alert should be given to the operator.

Additional options should be investigated, for example CBP may enable operators to select parts of CBP they wish to be automatically followed.

8.6.3 Design of CBP to control the plant

In order to control the plant, CBP shall be designed so that:

- unless overridden by the operator automated sequences should begin and end within the same procedure,
- priority between control actions launched from CBP and control actions launched manually or from the DPDS is established in line with the priority rules for manual and automatic functions,
- sequences are predetermined and fixed. They may include hold points requiring operator's acknowledgment,
- the availability of equipment or of a circuit, when required to process a step, is first verified,
- automatic activities are time-stamped and archived, as well as manual operators commands.

For control sequences important to safety, adequate feedback confirmations (or alternatively request for manual operator confirmation, or both) of appropriate plant or equipment state prior to initiation of automated control sequences and again to confirm successful completion of control actuations should be provided. Deviations should be logged and alarms sent (as appropriate) to the operator.

If some procedures cannot be displayed by VDU, either because there are too many of them or because of limited VDU capacity, provisions should be made to enable them to:

- a) signal or send alarms for significant events,
- b) give periodic signs of life to indicate the procedures are still processing. Alternatively, some procedures may be automatically stopped or frozen depending on designers' specification,
- c) be displayed on operator's request.

Analyses should be undertaken during the design phase to demonstrate that operation is not jeopardised even if some procedures that are in operation are not continuously displayed on the VDU.

If a Family 3 CBP automation function is available from more than one HMI then appropriate warnings, interlocks and handover of control should be implemented to prevent more than one CBP display location having active control of the same sequence (or possibly an interfering sequence) at any one time.

NOTE This minimizes the number and complexity of possible failure modes between CBP display stations and other plant displays and/or controllers. It also reduces the likelihood of operator coordination error under such circumstances.

8.7 Other CBP facilities

For each type of procedure, different options should be considered:

- the option of including operator notes in the CBP may be provided. This corresponds to what operators are used to doing on paper procedures. These notes could be used, for example for indicating the need to temporarily deviate from the CBP under specific conditions that are to be detailed,
- the option of selecting relevant process values to be monitored may be given to the operator,
- traceability and archiving facilities may be provided. In case of infrequent plant situations, it may be decided to record and archive the situation management through the use of CBP in order to analyse it later,
- recording of activities. An automatic record of the actions taken in response to the CBP steps should be made,
- the option of adapting the guidance to the situation may be provided in order to enable the operators to choose a level of guidance adapted to their skill regarding specific CBP or sequences.

8.8 Output documentation

The detailed design shall be documented in a manner consistent with the requirements of IEC 61513, IEC 60880 and IEC 62138, as applicable, according to the safety category of the CBP functions being implemented.

All the options defined according to Clause 8 should be documented in appropriate documents, including:

- a summary of options and rationales for the design, development, validation or licensing phases,
- a summary for operators. It should be conceived as a reminder that is easy to use in abnormal plant situations,
- a detailed document to be used as a guideline for CBP design and maintenance.

This documentation shall be updated together with further CBP modifications to ensure completeness.

9 CBP life cycle

9.1 General

Clause 9 establishes requirements and recommendations for the whole CBP life cycle from the project organisation to the CBP maintenance and the operator training, with specific attention given to CBP verification and validation.

9.2 Project organisation

A project for computerisation of procedures brings together the HMI, operating strategies, and software engineering aspects. The organisational aspects of the HMI and operating strategies are similar to those of the paper-based procedures. The software aspects should, if the CBP system is important to safety, be established based on IEC 61513, considering it is similar to any other software development, and addresses safety classified CBP or non safety classified CBP.

The first task should then be to organise a project team with all necessary competences and to identify a decision committee.

Based on the CBP policy, the project team should take responsibility for:

- design of procedures,
- development of procedures,
- verification and validation of procedures,
- review and approval of procedures,
- revision of procedures.

Engineering tools should be used for ensuring quality and traceability during the typical procedure life cycle phases. In all the project phases, computerisation is of potential benefit and may facilitate the work to be accomplished, especially traceability and archiving of different versions.

Formal reviews should be organised, any recommendations addressed and the conclusions archived.

9.3 Project team

Different kinds of participants should be brought together in order to design, develop, test and especially validate CBP:

- procedure designers,
- human factors specialists,
- computer specialists, when needed,
- all categories of end users, i.e. supervisors, operators, possibly field operators.

The operators' experience and needs, as well as the flexibility and capacity of displays, should be taken into account when designing the CBP look-and-feel in order to make the CBP more readily adopted by the operator.

These experts should be integrated into a team and should begin to work together from the beginning of the project.

9.4 CBP detailed design and implementation quality assurance (QA)

The detailed design and implementation QA requirements of IEC 61513, IEC 60880, IEC 62138 and IEC 61772 shall be applied depending on the safety class of the CBP system. In case the CBP system is not safety classified, requirements for safety class 3 systems may be used.

Whatever its safety class, the system processing CBP shall be self-monitored and detected failures shall be signalled.

A quality assurance programme, taking account of CBP safety classification, shall be defined to verify that:

- the requirements of Clauses 6 to 8 are correctly taken into account,
- traceability of development is assured,
- archiving of developed software is regularly performed, and back-up files are available and reliable,
- coverage of tests is optimal, and traceability and archiving of tests results is ensured,
- versions are correctly managed.

9.5 Verification and validation programme

The verification and validation programme requirements of IEC 61513, IEC 60880, IEC 62138 and IEC 61772 shall be applied depending on the safety class of the CBP system. In case the CBP system is not safety classified, requirements for safety class 3 systems may be used.

The verification and validation (V&V) of CBP consists of:

- V&V of the CBP system, hardware and software parts, according to its safety classification,
- technical, or static, verification of CBP (see 9.6.2).
The CBP verification shall address both the compliance of the visual display formats with HMI specifications and the technical aspects which animate the procedures,
- functional and ergonomic validation of CBP, involving a full scale simulator and operators (see 9.6.3).

The first two activities may be scheduled throughout the development phase, whereas the last one should be performed using comprehensive and coherent subsets of CBP or using the complete CBP set.

A verification and validation programme shall be established early in the project to ensure that, throughout the development phase, the requirements of Clauses 6 to 8 are fulfilled, to identify the necessary resources, i.e. human and digital tools, and to prepare the final verification and validation of the complete product. Adequate recording provisions should also be planned.

9.6 Verification and validation of CBP

9.6.1 General

Subclause 9.6 addresses system verification and validation of the technical and ergonomic aspects of the CBP, assuming that detailed design verification, including the software aspects of the CBP unit and module level testing, has already been performed according to appropriate safety and quality requirements.

A quality organisation shall ensure that any detected failure is corrected in a proper way and that associated documentation is adequately updated.

Clarity of presentation and easiness of use for implementation of the options defined in Clause 6 should be evaluated early in the project in order not to be questioned during CBP development.

Functional scenarios shall be designed to represent significant process events or operating situations.

Equivalency between CBP procedures and paper procedures shall be validated.

NOTE 1 Functional scenarios are the master plans for validating paper or computer-based procedures. Unfortunately, it is impossible to demonstrate that they cover exhaustively all plants situations, so that they are carefully designed.

NOTE 2 Consideration of additional types of validation scenarios will be needed for CBPs (i.e. over and above paper-based procedures) to validate events arising due to faults (and subsequent failures) within the CBP implementation.

9.6.2 Technical verification of CBP

The CBP verification should aim to detect erroneous application of 8.2 features, such as:

- use of undefined symbols, words, graphs, etc.,
- inconsistencies between the variables names and the information displayed,
- inconsistencies between the text of a step and the guidance,
- inconsistencies between the text of a step and the associated command.

The verification should aim to detect erroneous procedure design or programming that would prevent a safety or operational objective from being achieved, such as:

- a) procedures loops,
- b) deadlocks: information from procedure B is awaited by procedure A while procedure B is waiting for information from procedure A,
- c) open or wrong links to pages or steps.

Provisions should be taken so that the technical verification of CBP:

- 1) is as exhaustive as technically possible and reasonable,
- 2) relies on methods and tools which minimize ambiguous human interpretations,
- 3) issues auditable results,
- 4) is traced and easy to analyse,
- 5) facilitates regression tests.

In order to detect both possible programming and operating errors, consideration should be given to automatically processing all or selected procedures to pilot predefined scenarios computed by a process simulator. These scenarios, including abnormal plant situations, are defined in order to activate as many CBP functionalities as possible.

9.6.3 Functional and ergonomic validation

Validation should be performed in the same way as for paper-based procedures. Validation should be completed in an MCR training facility representative of the real MCR and of the real CBP and DPDS with capability to adequately emulate plant conditions and scenarios, including upset conditions, emergency and accident conditions as appropriate, to stimulate and confirm the response of the CBP being tested.

Appropriately qualified and experienced MCR operators should be involved in the review and acceptance of the test plan for any safety-related CBP.

Appropriately qualified and experienced MCR operators shall be involved in conducting the actual validation test of safety-related CBP.

The functional and ergonomic validation should aim to ensure that:

- functional allocation of tasks between operators and machines is correct and effective,
- the operator can understand and apply CBP in a correct way,
- CBP help the operator to achieve the expected functions, even in case of abnormal situations,
- no operating strategy errors remain undetected,

- CBP improve the reliability of the operator actions and reduce the risk that the operator does not respect technical specifications,
- operators have a good representation of the process and of their progression in procedures at all times,
- the team coordination is correct,
- operators are able to monitor and detect any failure in the CBP system,
- operators are able to switch back and forth from CBP and the CBP system to the back-up procedures set,
- the CBP look-and-feel is compatible with the look-and-feel implemented in the DPDS.

During validation, specific computerisation issues that could arise shall be assessed, as follows:

a) navigation between pages

the operators may find it difficult to understand which part of a strategy they are applying and to plan their next actions by "leafing through" computerised pages,

b) "tunnel effect"

the operator may become unable to think on his own, whatever the reason. For example, the operator may have lost grasp of the strategy and applies CBP mechanically or too much concentration is required to use CBP correctly so that the operator no longer understands their content,

c) mental processing of operators

the operator should be able to understand fully and easily the plant state and the implications of the actions proposed by CBP,

d) communication between members of the operating staff, and possibly with people from outside the operating staff.

The behaviour of Families 2 or 3 type CBP should be recorded while operating a scenario and analyzed by a functional team regarding the consistency between expected operating actions and actions processed by the CBP emulator.

NOTE Recording the behaviour of CBPs enables comparison of different operating strategies in order to select the best one. It is also useful to build a reference file which can be used to test future versions of CBP.

9.6.4 Output documentation

The system verification and validation requirements and results shall be documented in a manner consistent with the requirements of IEC 61513, IEC 60880 and IEC 62138, as applicable, and according to the safety category of the CBP functions being implemented. They will typically be needed to support issuance or renewal of the operating license.

9.7 Implementation of CBP in NPP

CBP will be typically implemented as application software executed in an application-independent system software. The following statements refer to the deployment of this application software. Modification of the system software of the CBP system will typically imply additional constraints which are not presented here.

CBP shall be deployed in coherent and well identified sets. A set may encompass several types of procedures that are interdependent.

Each set shall be deployed on line in a single batch and without impacting plant operations. The processing should be highly automated.

To deploy a new CBP version, the following conditions shall be fulfilled:

- the verification and validation phase results have been taken into account,
- operators have been adequately trained and informed,
- if needed, it is possible to re-install the old CBP version.

In order to simplify on-site management of CBP, some specific considerations should be given during the CBP design and development phases to:

- a) on-line management facilities,
- b) change of CBP version, which should:
 - 1) be easy to deploy,
 - 2) not require a change in the plant state,
 - 3) not impact plant operation,
 - 4) not impact the DPDS, if any,
 - 5) not impact the operating system of the CBP system,
- c) old CBP version archiving.

Adequate quality, i.e. detailed processing and traceability, shall be provided for each deployment. Too frequent deployments of newly developed or revised CBP should be avoided.

Before deploying a new version, all operating shifts shall have been trained in its use.

CBP system incidents and CBP errors should be recorded and transmitted promptly to the maintenance organisation.

9.8 Output documentation

As a general requirement, the various outputs required for Clause 9 shall be documented in a manner consistent with the requirements of IEC 61513, IEC 60880 and IEC 62138, as applicable, according to the safety category of the CBP functions being implemented.

The requirements of IEC 61513, IEC 60880 and IEC 62138 should also be used as appropriate to issue adequate documentation regarding:

- the organisation set up for design, development and validation CBP, as well as the organisation of CBP maintenance once in operation, based on the requirements of 9.3 and 9.5,
- all software programming documents, and those of 9.4 and 9.5,
- the results of CBP verification and validation, see 9.6.
- the documentation that should be automated to ease non-regression tests in case of CBP updating,
- the deployment of CBP, see 9.7.

A review of the complete documentation, issued from Clauses 5 to 9, shall be conducted to ensure that it is complete and coherent.

It is important to recognize CBPs will need to be modified, maintained, and possibly upgraded or replaced in the future. Design basis knowledge will be needed at various times over the CBP system life cycle. It is important to document complete design requirements, including design criteria, key assumptions, rationale, and constraints.

9.9 Training of the operating staff

The fundamental objectives and organisation of the training shall be similar to those for paper-based procedures. Operators who participated in the CBP validation phases should help to elaborate the training programme.

The training shall additionally accustom the operator to:

- operate the plant with CBP, wherever they are implemented,
- ensure periodically the correct functioning of the CBP system, and to detect potential failures,
- migrate to the procedure back-up system and back-up procedures and to operate the plant with them.

In case paper-based procedures are used as back-up, the training shall compensate for the lack of experience in applying them.

Provisions should be made to collect feedback of experience and to capitalise on it for further use, for example to upgrade CBP and to improve the operator's training. Gathering the feedback of experience should take place from the onset of the project. Particular attention should be paid to the first months of operation with CBP.

9.10 CBP and CBP system maintenance

Maintenance instructions for hardware, software, configuration and application shall be provided for tests, for repairs, for spare parts and for requalification. The use of specific tools shall be documented. IEC 61513, IEC 60880 and IEC 62138, as applicable, shall be applied in case the CBP system is safety classified.

Provisions to comply with a specified repair time shall be taken.

A V&V programme as detailed in 9.5 shall be defined and performed adequately with any CBP or CBP system maintenance. An assessment of change impact shall be done to determine appropriate test scope coverage, including regression tests, to fully test the changes made each time. Training of operators prior to installation and commissioning of changes is also required.

Updating of CBP shall be prepared off-line and should be planned in the same way as for paper-based procedures.

For each implementation of major revisions, quality provisions should be made to detect errors as early as possible. Operators may be involved in the verification of the procedures.

The CBP system should provide a framework of system software that allows loading of CBP versions without unnecessary change in the operation provided by the CBP system itself.

Chronological documentation for operation, repair and maintenance of the CBP system, if autonomous, shall be maintained. Operation records and reports shall be evaluated with a defined periodicity in order to identify and initiate any maintenance or modification activities that might become necessary. If CBP are processed as a part of a DPDS, maintenance of the latter shall take into account CBP availability and reliability.

NOTE The exact requirements for documentation depend on the specific operating organisation.

9.11 Feedback of experience

The use of CBP should be integrated in the plant's operating experience review, especially for a new design or modification.

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