

Preliminary Issue List

Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station Augmented Inspection Team

NOTE: This is NOT an all-inclusive list.

- A single phase to ground fault resulted in loss of offsite power and three unit trip

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- Auxiliary Relay, Liberty Transmission Line Fault Detection/Protection System Failure
 - inadequate design resulted in single failure vulnerability
 - additional single failure design issues identified and corrected to extent practical
 - licensee also did not appear to make resolution of this issue a startup issue until the concern was raised by the AIT
- Unit 1 Atmospheric Dump Valve 185 Failure
 - control room operator distraction with minimal impact on event response
 - apparent cause being determined
- Unit 1 Letdown Heat Exchanger Isolation Failure
 - licensee performance deficiency associated with understanding implications of temporary modification installed in plant
 - little impact on control room response to event
 - some potential impact on fire response being reviewed by AIT
- Unit 1 and 3 General Electric Magne Blast Circuit Breaker Failures
 - complicated event recovery efforts by delaying the return of offsite power to ESF buses
 - licensee determined apparent cause as "breaker not cycled frequently enough"
 - AIT challenged licensee on apparent cause, raised concern regarding current functionality of breakers
 - resident staff following as potential operability issue
- Unit 2 Train "A" Emergency Diesel Generator Failure
 - resulted in a loss of power to Train "A" ESF busses following loss of offsite power
 - apparent cause was diode failure in exciter rectifier circuit
- Unit 2, Train "E" Positive Displacement Charging Pump Trip
 - operator error resulted in suction line isolation and protective trip of pump
 - AIT identified that auxiliary operator was delayed approximately 10 minutes at the RCA access point even after the operator explained he was on a time critical mission
 - when RCA access delay was discussed with licensee, AIT determined that the licensee was unaware of delay

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- Unit 3 Bypass Valve/Control Cabinet Malfunctions
 - good operator actions minimized impact on plant, was operator distraction
 - potential design modification issue being reviewed by AIT as apparent cause
- Unit 3 Reactor Coolant Pump Lube Oil Lift Pump Breaker Thermal Overload Trip
 - no impact on trip but some minor impacts on recovery
 - potential design issue associated with set point of thermal overloads
- Unit 3 Low Pressure Safety Injection System In-leakage (Check Valve V217)
 - little impact on event, operator distraction to take manual actions to prevent over pressurization
 - apparent cause was Borg-Warner check valve leakage, potential maintenance issue
- Unit 3 Variable Over Power Trip - Reactor Coolant Pump Speed Increase to 67 Hz
 - licensee investigating potential impacts on plant equipment
 - AIT raised questions about hydraulic affects, if any
- Technical Support Center Emergency Diesel Generator Failure
 - apparent cause was test switch out of position
 - maintenance personnel failed to use restoration procedure six days prior to event following testing
 - some impact on emergency response organization which needed to use alternate TSC
- Procedure Issue Associated with Minimum Amperage for Reactor Coolant Pumps
 - complicated recovery efforts by delaying RCP restoration
 - appears minimum amperage basis involved NPSH limits
 - high voltage in switchyard resulted in low amperage

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- Emergency Response Organization Notification Issues
 - some delay in notification occurred but little impact
 - apparent cause associated with procedure adequacy and communication failures
 - Initial Notification of State and Local Official Issues
 - Unit 1 and Unit 3 did meet their guidelines on timeliness of initial notification
 - little overall impact because Unit 2 Alert Notification was timely
 - apparent cause being reviewed