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 to failure of airlock equalizing valve.

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LICENSEE EVENT REPORT 89-015-00

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## LICENSEE EVENT REPORT (LER)

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TITLE (4) BREACH OF CONTAINMENT INTEGRITY DUE TO FAILURE OF AIRLOCK EQUALIZING VALVE																
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ABSTRACT (Limit to 1400 spaces, i.e., approximately fifteen single-space typewritten lines) (16)

On November 28, 1989, Unit No. 2 was in cold shutdown. As a result of the performance of the Containment Personnel Airlock Test, it was determined that leakage existed through a valve used to relieve pressure from the airlock. This leakage, combined with other small leakage paths in the airlock, constituted a breach of containment integrity as defined by Technical Specifications. The cause of the primary leakage was attributed to excessive wear on the valve internals. Repairs to the identified leakage sources were made, and the airlock test was satisfactorily completed. This LER is submitted pursuant to 10CFR50.73(a)(2)(ii).

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I. Description of Event

On November 28, 1989, Unit No. 2 was in cold shutdown for work on the Auxiliary Feedwater System.' The licensee was performing scheduled surveillance test EST-010, "Containment Personnel Airlock Leakage Test." This test requires securing the two containment access doors and pressurizing the airlock to determine the total containment leakage through the passageway. During testing, it was discovered that some small leakage paths existed which, when combined, caused the test results to exceed the acceptance criteria. At 1345 hours, it was determined that this condition would have constituted a breach of containment integrity, as defined by Technical Specification 1.7.c, when containment entries were made during power operation.

The NRC was notified via the ENS of this condition on November 28, 1989, at 1736 hours, pursuant to 10CFR50.72(b)(2)(i), as a degradation of a principal safety barrier.

This report is submitted pursuant to 10CFR50.73(a)(2)(ii).

II. Cause of Event

The primary cause of this event is attributed to failure of a three inch ball valve located on the outer door inside the personnel hatch bulkhead, combined with other miscellaneous leak paths on both the inner and outer door assemblies. This is one of two valves (one for each door) which are used as airlock equalization ports, and are original plant equipment. Over the life of the valve, dust accumulation in the valve had caused excessive wear on the internal stainless steel ball and its seating surface. This wear resulted in a leakage path through the valve. The other leakage paths consisted of handwheel packing and a loose pipe cap on an unused fitting on the inner door.

'H. B. Robinson Unit No. 2 is a Westinghouse pressurized water reactor nuclear power plant in commercial since March, 1971.

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III. Analysis of Event

Periodic testing to determine total leakage through the containment personnel airlock fulfills the requirements of 10CFR50, Appendix J for type B test, and the requirements of Technical Specification 4.4.1.2. This is a sensitive leak rate test at 46 psig, and is performed every six months. Repairs and retests are performed whenever the combined leakage rate from containment penetrations served by the Penetration Pressurization System (including the personnel airlock) exceeds 1.57 scfm.

The results of EST-010 appear to exceed Technical Specification 4.4.1.2.b sensitive leak rate testing limits of 30 percent of the maximum allowable leak rate (Lp) for Penetration Pressurization System leakage. However, it is unlikely that the technical specification limit for total containment leakage could have been exceeded (0.1 weight percent of containment volume in 24 hours) for the following reasons:

- (1) The air lock is tested by pressurizing the inner space.
- (2) Some leakage escaped into containment via the inner door assembly, and out through the outer door assembly.
- (3) The amount of leakage in either direction cannot be quantified.
- (4) Both doors are normally closed when the reactor is above 200 degrees, except for brief periods for containment inspections and minor maintenance activities.

This report is being conservatively provided due to the inability to precisely determine the direction of the airlock leakage. Therefore, it has been assumed that the 30 percent of Lp for the sensitive leak rate test was exceeded.

This event was reported as a breach of a principal safety barrier. This report is submitted pursuant to 10CFR50.73(a)(2)(ii).

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IV. Corrective Action

Both airlock valves were removed from the personnel hatch and repaired. The valves were reinstalled, concurrent with other normal repair activities on the airlock. A final containment personnel airlock leakage test was then satisfactorily conducted, resulting in a total leak rate of .04 scfm. The system was returned to service on December 10, 1989.

To prevent recurrence of this event, a Preventative Maintenance (PM) procedure will be developed to periodically check components within the containment personnel airlock. These activities will be performed after the as-found leakage is determined and documented per the local leak rate testing program. The subsequent leak rate test procedure will be implemented during April, 1990, prior to the next scheduled airlock test.

V. Additional InformationA. Failed Component Information

The failed component was a three inch Jamesbury valve, model D150P36TTPF.

B. Previous Similar Events

None.