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SUBJECT: LER 87-025-00: on 871011, containment vent & control room ventilation isolation. Caused by high levels of Rubidium in containment following unit shutdown. Containment activity level returned to normal levels. W/871112 ltr.

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On October 12, 1987, at 2015, with Unit 4 in Mode 3, Process Radiation Monitor (PRM) R-11, Containment Radioactive Particulate Monitor, actuated containment vent and the control room ventilation isolation. R-12, the Containment Radioactive Gaseous Monitor was verified to be reading normal. A particulate grab sample was taken, and a leak rate calculation was initiated. The particulate grab sample showed a higher than expected radiation level, which was mainly due to Rb-88. The results of the leak rate calculation indicated there was no unexpected RCS leakage. The containment activity level returned to normal levels by approximately 0100, October 13. An investigation of the increased level of Rb-88 radiation identified that the time of the increase coincided with the depressurization of the RCS, and with an increase in iodine activity in the RCS. Based on this, the likely cause of the higher than normal activity was a rapid unit shutdown and subsequent depressurization, due to a hurricane warning. This was exacerbated by a known leak in the fuel cladding. As Dose Equivalent Iodine level is considered to be an indicator of fuel cladding leakage, it will continue to be closely monitored when the unit goes critical, and during subsequent power operation.

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EVENT

On October 12, 1987, at 2015, with Unit 4 in Mode 3 (Hot Standby), Process Radiation Monitor (PRM) R-11, Containment Radioactive Particulate Monitor, (EIIIS:IL) increased above its setpoint and actuated the containment vent and the control room ventilation isolation logic. The containment vent isolated and the control room ventilation isolated and switched over to the recirculation mode, per design. No personnel were inside the containment building at this time.

The unit was shut down earlier that day at 1348, as a precautionary measure, because a hurricane warning was in effect for southeast Florida at that time.

Following the actuation, R-12, the Containment Radioactive Gaseous Monitor was verified to be reading normal levels of radiation. A particulate grab sample was taken, and a leak rate calculation was initiated. The particulate grab sample showed a higher than expected radiation level, which was mainly due to Rb-88. The activity level at the time of the R-11 actuation was determined to be 7.67E-07 uc/cc when the analysis results were back-decayed. The expected level under normal operation is approximately 5.0E-08 uc/cc. The results of the leak rate calculation indicated there was no unexpected Reactor Coolant System (RCS) (EIIIS:AB) leakage.

The containment activity level returned to normal levels by approximately 0100, October 13.

CAUSE OF EVENT

An investigation of the increased level of Rubidium-88 radiation identified that the time of the increase in the Rb-88 particulates coincided with the depressurization of the RCS, and with an increase in iodine activity in the RCS. Based on this, an evaluation performed by the Chemistry Department stated that the likely cause of the higher than normal activity was the rapid unit shutdown and subsequent depressurization due to the hurricane warning. This was exacerbated by a known leak in the fuel cladding. The leak in the cladding did not exceed any Technical Specification limits.

ANALYSIS OF EVENT

The containment vent and the control room ventilation isolation functioned per design. There was no release from the containment to the environment, nor were personnel present in the containment at the time of the event. An RCS leak rate calculation was performed and the results showed no unexpected RCS leakage. Based on the above the health and safety of the public were not affected.

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CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

- 1) R-12 was verified to not be showing increased gaseous activity.
- 2) A particulate grab sample was taken.
- 3) A leak rate calculation was performed, with satisfactory results, indicating that the increased activity was not due to unexpected leaks.
- 4) As Dose Equivalent Iodine level is considered to be an indicator of fuel cladding leakage, it will continue to be closely monitored when the unit goes critical, and during subsequent power operation.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

Similar Occurrences: None

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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Document Control Desk
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Gentlemen:

Re: Turkey Point Unit 4
Docket No. 50-251
Reportable Event: 87-25
Date of Event: October 12, 1987
Containment and Control Room Ventilation Isolation
Due to High Rubidium in Containment Following Unit Shutdown

The attached Licensee Event Report is being submitted pursuant to the requirements of 10 CFR 50.73 to provide notification of the subject event.

Very truly yours,


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