

Surry Power Station, Unit 2
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Snubber Inspection Results

1. Description of Event:

With the unit at cold shutdown, snubbers 2-RH-HSS-20 and 2-WFPD-HSS-9 were determined to be inoperable by the end-of-interval inspection. The snubbers had no detectable fluid level. This condition is contrary to Technical Specification 3.20.A and is reportable in accordance with Technical Specification 6.6.2.b.(2).

2. Probable Consequences of Event:

The consequences of an inoperable snubber is an increase in the probability of structural damage to piping as a result of seismic or other event initiating dynamic loads. Snubber protection is required only during a low probability of events, therefore, the total loss of suppressor fluid from 2-RH-HSS-20 and 2-WFPD-HSS-9 had no effect upon the health and safety of the general public.

3. Cause of Event:

The cause of the low fluid level was leaking rod seals on both snubbers. The seals were EP material and had suffered mechanical damage, rather than aging effects from radiation or heat.

4. Immediate Corrective Action:

The failed snubbers were replaced with shop spares.

5. Scheduled Corrective Action:

No further corrective actions are scheduled at this time.

6. Action Taken to Prevent Recurrence:

Present intentions are to replace the "as found" inoperable snubbers with Q.C. accepted operable snubbers.

7. Generic Implications:

Leaking of snubber fluid is a problem, inherent to hydraulic systems, maintained within safe bounds by periodic inspection and routine maintenance. The loss of reservoir fluid, as in the case of hydraulic snubbers 2-RH-HSS-20 and 2-WFPD-HSS-9, is not considered a generic problem because of the infrequency of such occurrence at these snubber locations.