

LICENSEE EVENT REPORT

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While in a cold shutdown condition, during the conduct of Operations Surveillance Test F-ST-2A titled "RHR Pump Flow Rate Test (ISI)", Operations personnel noted reverse rotation of RHR pump 10-P-3A while the other pump in the same RHR loop (10-P-3C) was being operated. The testing was being conducted to satisfy the requirements of Technical Specifications Appendix A, Paragraph 4.5.A.3. Reverse rotation of the "A" pump indicated that its discharge check valve was not full closed. Therefore, the RHR system could not be considered to be fully operable due to existence of a leak flow path through the discharge check valve for the "A" pump.

RHR pump "A" was demonstrated capable of its required flow per Technical Specifications and RHR pump "C" (in the same loop) was also demonstrated capable of meeting its flow rate requirement when the discharge isolation valve associated with the A pump was closed. In addition, the pumps in the other RHR loop were operational and the core spray system was also in an operational condition, therefore, the event does not represent any significant hazard to the public health and safety.

Investigation and disassembly of the discharge check valve associated with the "A" pump revealed that the valve disc was not attached to the disc holder. At some earlier time the disc stem nut retaining pin had broken allowing the disc stem nut to back off of the disc stem. In order to prevent recurrence, the event has been discussed with the valve manufacturer to determine a more secure method of pinning the disc stem and nut. Repairs have not been completed at the date of this report, however, following repairs, proper operation of the check valve will be demonstrated by performance of F-ST-2A.

NOTE: LER 78-012, 78-109 and 78-111 are related events.

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