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LER No.: 50-321/1981-047
Licensee: Georgia Power Company
Facility: Edwin I. Hatch
Docket No.: 50-321

Narrative Report
for LER 50-321/1981-047

On June 4, 1981, with the Unit I Reactor in the startup mode at 120 psig and 0% thermal power, the RCIC Pump Operability Test, HNP-1-3405, was being performed. Upon starting the turbine, the Turbine Bearing Oil Low Pressure annunciator alarmed and the turbine was shutdown. RCIC was declared inoperable, since compliance with Tech Specs Section 4.5.E.2 and 3.5.E.1 for RCIC operability testing was not met. As per Tech Spec Section 3.5.E.2, HPCI was operable and no significant event occurred.

The reason for the alarm was due to a low oil level in the RCIC oil supply resulting from a small leak in the oil system. The leaks were from a loose connection on the Jacoby Tarbox Sight Flow Glass and a loose connection on the fitting on the governor oil gauge. The connection was tightened and the oil level restored. The RCIC Pump Operability Test, HNP-1-3405, was performed satisfactorily and RCIC was declared operable.

This is a non-repetitive event and there were no effects upon public health and safety due to this event. No inherent problems were found during the generic review.

The unit is now in full compliance.