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Gentlemen:

In accordance with Appendix A, Beaver Valley Technical Specifications, the following Licensee Event Report is submitted:

LER 90-002-00, 10 CFR 50.73.a.2.i.B, "Failure to Perform Time Response Testing".

Very truly yours,

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ABSTRACT (Limit to 1400 spaces, i.e., approximately fifteen single space typewritten lines) (16)

On 1/17/90, the "B" Steam Generator Channel 3 Pressure Transmitter failed low and was declared inoperable. The transmitter was replaced and the channel was returned to service on 1/19/90. During supervisory review of the completed work package, it was discovered that the channel had been returned to service without completing the required time response testing on the new transmitter. The channel was immediately declared inoperable and out of service until the time response testing could be completed. This testing was performed and verified that the transmitter response was within the required specifications. The channel was declared operable and returned to service at this time. Review of the event determined that the post-maintenance testing program did not have a requirement for time response testing. The post-maintenance testing is being revised to require time response testing on required components. There were no safety implications due to this event. The time response testing verified that the channel was capable of performing its required function for the entire time when it was in service.

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Description of Event

On 1/17/90, steam pressure channel 3 for the "B" Steam Generator failed low. The channel was declared inoperable and its associated bistables tripped, as required by Technical Specification 3.3.2.1. As per the requirements, operation could continue under these conditions until the channel's next functional test, which was due 1/24/90. Investigation determined that the channel had failed due to a fault in its associated steam pressure transmitter [2MSS-PT485]. The transmitter was replaced and channel recalibrated. The channel was declared operable and returned to service on 1/19/90.

On 2/12/90, during supervisory review of the completed work package, it was discovered that time response testing had not been performed on the new pressure transmitter. Technical Specification 3.3.2.1 requires time response testing as a condition of operability. The channel was immediately declared inoperable and removed from service. Time response testing was initiated and completed on 2/13/90. The results of the test showed that the transmitter had an acceptable time response. It was determined that the channel was operable and capable of performing its design function. The channel was then returned to service.

Cause of Event

The event occurred because of a failure to complete a Technical Specification required post-maintenance test (i.e. time response test). The station's post-maintenance testing program did not specifically identify the need for time response testing as a normal operability verification for transmitters. At the time the pressure transmitter was replaced, the involved supervisors did not identify the requirement to complete time response testing.

Corrective Actions

The requirement to perform time response testing is being incorporated into the post-maintenance testing procedure and formal review process. All maintenance supervisory personnel will receive training on this revised procedure.

Previous Similar Events

There has been one previous reportable event involving a missed time response surveillance (Unit 1 LER 85-009). In this previous event, a scheduling error resulted in the Train "A" Reactor Trip Response Time Test not being performed within its required frequency. There has also been one previous event (Unit 2 LER 87-012) caused by inadequate post-maintenance testing. In LER 87-012, the Rod Control System was returned to service after regulation failure without post-maintenance testing. The fault recurred, resulting in a reactor trip.

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Safety Analysis

There were no safety implications due to this event. Testing performed on 2/13/90 verified that the transmitter's response time was within the required specifications. This demonstrated that the associated channel was capable of performing its design function for the entire period when it was in service.