

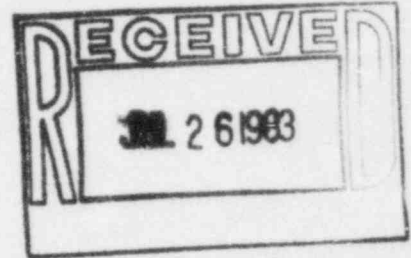


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Mr. John T. Collins, Regional Administrator
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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SUBJECT: I & E Inspection Report 83-15

REFERENCE: NRC Letter dated June 24, 1983

Dear Mr. Collins:

This letter is in response to the Notice of Violation received as a result of inspections conducted at Fort St. Vrain during the period May 1-31, 1983. The following response to the items contained in the Notice of Violation is hereby submitted:

Technical Specification 7.4.a, "Procedures, Administrative Controls," states, in part, that, ". . . written procedures shall be established, implemented, and maintained. . . ."

Preventive Maintenance Procedure PME 21, "Preventive Maintenance on Emergency Diesel Generator Breakers," Issue 4, dated March 16, 1983, states, under Section 5:

"5.1 Install breaker in cubicle to test position and test close and open from the Control Room."

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Administrative Procedure P-1, "Plant Operations," Issue 9, dated April 27, 1983, states, in part, that,

"4.4.1 A Station Log is maintained for each day with all entries made on a 24 hour clock basis. The log assures communication of information necessary to maintain continuity between shift changes of operating personnel. The Station Log serves as the official record of plant operations and conditions. It consists of:"

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"b) The Operator's Log in which the appropriate operators document:"

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"2) A logged chronological listing and description of events occurring during the shift that may be of concern to operating and supervising personnel"

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"4.7 EQUIPMENT CLEARANCES AND OPERATIONS DEVIATIONS

Procedure P-2 describes the system for issuing and controlling equipment clearances and operation deviations to assure that:"

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"4.7.2 Operations personnel are knowledgeable of equipment which is tagged and not available under clearance or off-normal operating condition."

Administrative Procedure P-2, "Equipment Clearances and System Deviations," Issue 6, dated March 20, 1983, states, in part, that,

"CLEARANCE HOLDER 18. Following the completion of work, if testing of the equipment is required, notifies his crew, signs his copy of the clearance card as surrendering for testing and gives it to the Shift Supervisor who notifies the Reactor Operator and instructs him on required actions."

Contrary to the above, on May 20, 1983, at approximately 1:00 p.m. MDT, the breaker was returned to its normal position and remotely closed onto a powered bus with the diesel generator set secured; the operator logs did not contain an entry of this event which resulted in the inoperability of a major safety-related component; the 1B emergency diesel generator breaker clearance was not controlled as required resulting in operator error; and the clearance was returned to the reactor operator apparently without the Shift Supervisor's knowledge.

This is a Severity Level IV Violation. (Supplement I. D.)
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- (1) The corrective steps which have been taken and the results achieved:

A meeting with all involved personnel was conducted and a formal report of the occurrence was written. This report describes the sequence of events and the procedural/personnel actions that should have taken place to prevent the occurrence.

The test procedure has been rewritten to more clearly identify the testing requirements for the breaker involved.

The requirement that clearances are to be returned to the Shift Supervisor has been reiterated in both the report and verbally.

Finally, the Control Room Operator Schedule has been temporarily revised to include three licensed operators in the Control Room. The most senior licensed operator has been charged with the responsibility of assuring proper test performance, and with training less experienced operators in this area.

- (2) Corrective steps which will be taken to avoid further violations:

The formal report of the occurrence will be made required reading material as distributed by the Operating Information Assessment Group. No further future actions are anticipated.

- (3) The date when full compliance will be achieved:

The review of the report by all personnel involved in clearances or testing will be completed by August 20, 1983.

Should you have any further questions, please contact Mr. L. Milton McBride, (303) 571-7436, ext. 201.

Very truly yours,

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