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Dear Sir:

The Enclosed Licensee Event Report from Byron Generating Station is being transmitted to you in accordance with the requirements of 10CFR50.73(a)(2)(i)(B).

This report is number 94-015; Docket No. 50-454.

Sincerely,

G.K. Schwartz
Station Manager
Byron Nuclear Power Station

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Enclosure: Licensee Event Report No. 94-015

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Title of Event: Senior Licensed Operator Absent From Control Room

Occurred: 10/14/94 / 0209
Date Time

OSR DISCIPLINES REQUIRED:

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11-2-94
VSE: DATE

Acceptance by Station Review:

R. Wagner / 11/1/94
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Approved by:

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Station Manager Date

LICENSEE EVENT REPORT (LER)

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TITLE
SENIOR LICENSED OPERATOR ABSENT FROM CONTROL ROOM

EVENT DATE			LER NUMBER			REPORT DATE			OTHER FACILITIES INVOLVED																			
MONTH	DAY	YEAR	YEAR	SEQ. NUMBER	REVISION	MONTH	DAY	YEAR	FACILITY NAMES	DOCKET NUMBER(S)																		
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OPERATING MODE 6		THIS REPORT IS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF 10 CFR 5: (CHECK ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING)												
POWER LEVEL 0		20.402(b)			20.405(e)			50.73(a)(2)(iv)			73.71(b)			
		20.405(a)(1)(i)			50.36(c)(1)			50.73(a)(2)(v)			73.71(c)			
		20.405(a)(1)(ii)			50.36(c)(2)			50.73(a)(2)(vii)			OTHER (Specify in Abstract below and in Text, NRC Form 366A)			
		20.405(a)(1)(iii)			50.73(a)(2)(i)			50.73(a)(2)(viii)(A)						
		20.405(a)(1)(iv)			50.73(a)(2)(ii)			50.73(a)(2)(viii)(B)						
		20.405(a)(1)(v)			50.73(a)(2)(iii)			50.73(a)(2)(ix)						

LICENSEE CONTACT FOR THIS LER														
NAME BRADLEY JACOBSEN, OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT, EXT. 2622										TELEPHONE NUMBER 8 1 5 2 3 4 - 5 4 4 1				

COMPLETE ONE LINE FOR EACH COMPONENT FAILURE DESCRIBED IN THIS REPORT											
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ABSTRACT (Limit to 1400 spaces, i.e., approximately fifteen single-space typewritten lines).

While relieving the Shift Control Room Engineer of duties as Senior Licensed Operator, a Shift Supervisor inadvertently left the Control Room for 22 minutes in violation of Technical Specification 6.2.2.

This event is reportable per 10CFR 50.73(a)(2)(i)(B) operations prohibited by Technical Specifications.

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A. PLANT CONDITIONS PRIOR TO EVENT:

Event Date/Time 10/14/94 / 0209

Unit 1 MODE 6 - Refueling Rx Power 0% RCS [AB] Temperature/Pressure 86°F

Unit 2 MODE 1 - Power Ops Rx Power 99% RCS [AB] Temperature/Pressure NOT/NOP

B. DESCRIPTION OF EVENT:

On October 14, 1994, at approximately 0200 hrs, the Unit 2 Shift Supervisor (SRO Licensed) was in the Control Room at the Unit 2 Desk. He was reviewing the procedure for swapping the 2B Main Feedwater Pump Oil Filter with the Equipment Attendant (non-licensed) who was going to perform the evolution. The Shift Control Room Engineer (SCRE) (SRO Licensed) asked the Unit 2 Shift Supervisor to relieve him for a few minutes while he, the SCRE, toured in the plant. The Shift Supervisor agreed and after a turnover, the Shift Supervisor assumed the duties of the Senior Licensed Operator and the SCRE exited the Control Room.

The Shift Supervisor then continued his discussion with the Equipment Attendant about swapping the Feedwater Pump Oil Filter. The Equipment Attendant indicated that he required additional assistance. The Shift Supervisor, distracted and not focusing on his responsibility as the Senior Licensed Operator in the SCRE's place, accompanied the Equipment Attendant, exited the Control Room at 0209 hrs, and proceeded down to the Feedwater Pump.

Some time later, a Nuclear Station Operator (RO Licensed) realized that the Shift Supervisor was not present in the Control Room and contacted the Shift Supervisor to have him return. The Shift Supervisor reentered the Control Room at 0231 hrs, after an absence of 22 minutes. This is in violation of Technical Specification 6.2.2, which requires that a Senior Licensed Operator be present in the Control Room at all times.

This event is reportable per 10CFR 50.73(a)(2)(i)(B) operations prohibited by Technical Specifications.

C. CAUSE OF EVENT:

The cause of this event was the Shift Supervisor letting himself become distracted, allowing his focus to slip from the responsibility of fulfilling the position of Senior Licensed Operator in the Control Room.

D. SAFETY ANALYSIS:

There were no safety consequences impacting plant or public safety as a result of this event. No off normal events occurred during the Shift Supervisor's absence. If an off normal event had occurred, another SRO License individual (Shift Engineer) was available in the Shift Engineer Office, adjacent to the Control Room.

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E. CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:

As an Immediate Corrective Action, an identification badge is being worn by the Control Room Supervisor to remind the Control Room Supervisor of his role and responsibilities as the Senior Licensed Operator and to identify him as that Senior Licensed Operator to all personnel in the Control Room. This identification badge is worn on the Security Door Access Card, and must be removed to insert the Access Card in the automatic access door controller. This badge will act as a physical barrier to prevent an individual from leaving the Control Room without turning over the duties of Senior Licensed Operator to another qualified individual.

Station Management has made all shift personnel aware that compliance with Technical Specifications is of paramount importance and of the significance of their responsibility in the role of Senior Licensed Operator in the Control Room. They have also been made aware of this specific event and the seriousness with which Station Management views it.

The Shift Supervisor, that was involved, has been counceled concerning his actions and the seriousness with which Station Management views performance which results in Technical Specification violations. The Shift Supervisor's immediate supervisor, the Shift Engineer, was also counceled about the seriousness of the Shift Supervisor's performance. Due to the importance that Station Management attaches to the event, the Shift Supervisor and the Shift Engineer have also received disciplinary action.

A Shift Engineer has been assigned to review these actions for effectiveness and look into additional corrective measures, such as possible Policy or Procedural changes to more clearly delineate the duties and responsibilities of the Senior Licensed Operator. (NTS #454-180-94-01500-01)

F. RECURRING EVENTS SEARCH AND ANALYSIS:

None

G. COMPONENT FAILURE DATA:

None