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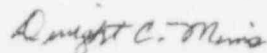
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Licensee Event Report 50-368/94-005-00

Gentlemen:

In accordance with 10CFR50.73(a)(2)(i)(B), enclosed is the subject report concerning entry into Technical Specification 3.0.3.

Very truly yours,



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COMPLETE ONE LINE FOR EACH COMPONENT FAILURE DESCRIBED IN THIS REPORT (13)

COMPONENT	MANUFACTURER	REPORTABLE TO NPRDS	CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANUFACTURER	REPORTABLE TO NPRDS

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On 21, 1994, at approximately 1407 hours, an ANO Instrumentation and Control technician performing the "B" channel Plant Protective System (PPS) monthly test procedure inadvertently reset the variable setpoint (VSP) for the "A" channel low steam generator (S/G) pressure trip causing Channel "A" trip setpoints below the minimum allowable Technical Specification (T.S.) value. Since channel bypass for testing, ANO-2 entered T.S. 3.0.3 based on two channels of PPS becoming inoperable simultaneously. The technician and the Control Board Operator (CBO) diagnosed the error and immediately suspended PPS testing. Channel "B" PPS was returned to operable status by removing it from bypass. Channel "A" of PPS was placed in T.S. 3.0.3 was exited at 1412. The S/G low pressure trips on channel "A" were not required value of 751 psia and channel "A" was declared operable at 1414. Cause of this event was a personnel error on the part of the I&C technician due to inattention to detail and lack of adequate self-checking during performance of the surveillance procedure. The technician involved was individually counseled by the line supervisor. In addition, the other I&C crews were briefed on the event and the practice of self-checking.

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is event, Arkansas Nuclear One Unit Two (ANO-2) was operating at 100 percent power. System (RCS) [AB] average temperature was approximately 572 degrees Fahrenheit and is 2200 psia. The monthly surveillance for "B" channel of the Plant Protective System progress.

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consists of four independent channels which monitor selected plant parameters and relations of limiting core conditions. The system provides reliable and rapid reactor engineered safety features operation if a trip setpoint is reached by any two of the Technical Specifications require a minimum of three channels of PPS to be operable (Mode 1).

of "B" channel PPS monthly surveillance procedure, the I&C technician at the dule in the front of the ANO-2 Control Room was directed by technicians at the "B" channel VSP for the low S/G pressure trip. The technician inadvertently reset lowering the "A" PPS S/G low pressure trip setpoints from 751 psia to This is below the minimum allowable T.S. value of 729.613 psia and resulted in inoperable simultaneously because the corresponding functions of channel "B" the surveillance.

ered T.S. 3.0.3 based on two channels of PPS being inoperable simultaneously. Control Board Operator (CBO) both recognized the error and immediately channel "B" PPS was returned to operable status by removing it from bypass. placed in bypass and T.S. 3.0.3 was exited at 1412. The S/G low pressure trip e reset to the required value of 751 psia. The "A" channel was removed from at 1414. The surveillance was subsequently completed satisfactorily at 1821

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TITLE (4) Entry into Technical Specification 3.0.3 Due to Two Channels of the Plant Protective System being Simultaneously Inoperable as a Result of a Personnel Error

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COMPLETE ONE LINE FOR EACH COMPONENT FAILURE DESCRIBED IN THIS REPORT (13)									
CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANUFACTURER	REPORTABLE TO NPRDS		CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	REPORTABLE TO NPRDS

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ABSTRACT (Limit to 1400 spaces, i.e., approximately 15 single-spaced typewritten lines)

On November 21, 1994, at approximately 1407 hours, an ANO Instrumentation and Control (I&C) technician performing the "B" channel Plant Protective System (PPS) monthly surveillance procedure inadvertently reset the variable setpoint (VSP) for the "A" channel of the low steam generator (S/G) pressure trip causing Channel "A" trip setpoints to be below the minimum allowable Technical Specification (T.S.) value. Since channel "B" was in bypass for testing, ANO-2 entered T.S. 3.0.3 based on two channels of PPS being inoperable simultaneously. The technician and the Control Board Operator (CBO) both recognized the error and immediately suspended PPS testing. Channel "B" PPS was returned to operable status by removing it from bypass. Channel "A" of PPS was placed in bypass and T.S. 3.0.3 was exited at 1412. The S/G low pressure trips on channel "A" were reset to the required value of 751 psia and channel "A" was declared operable at 1414. The root cause of this event was a personnel error on the part of the I&C technician involving inattention to detail and lack of adequate self-checking during performance of the "B" PPS surveillance procedure. The technician involved was individually counseled by his first line supervisor. In addition, the other I&C crews were briefed on the event and on the practice of self-checking.

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A. Plant Status

At the time of this event, Arkansas Nuclear One Unit Two (ANO-2) was operating at 100 percent power. Reactor Coolant System (RCS) [AB] average temperature was approximately 572 degrees Fahrenheit and RCS pressure was 2200 psia. The monthly surveillance for "B" channel of the Plant Protective System (PPS) [JC] was in progress.

B. Event Description

On November 21, 1994, at approximately 1407 hours, an ANO Instrumentation and Control (I&C) technician performing the "B" channel PPS monthly surveillance procedure inadvertently reset the variable setpoint (VSP) for the "A" channel of the low steam generator (S/G) pressure trip causing Channel "A" trip setpoints to be below the minimum allowable Technical Specification (T.S.) value.

The PPS system consists of four independent channels which monitor selected plant parameters and perform on-line calculations of limiting core conditions. The system provides reliable and rapid reactor trips and/or initiates engineered safety features operation if a trip setpoint is reached by any two of the four PPS channels. Technical Specifications require a minimum of three channels of PPS to be operable during power operations (Mode 1).

During the performance of "B" channel PPS monthly surveillance procedure, the I&C technician at the PPS remote control module in the front of the ANO-2 Control Room was directed by technicians at the PPS panel to reset the "B" channel VSP for the low S/G pressure trip. The technician inadvertently reset the "A" channel VSP, lowering the "A" PPS S/G low pressure trip setpoints from 751 psia to approximately 660 psia. This is below the minimum allowable T.S. value of 729.613 psia and resulted in two PPS channels being inoperable simultaneously because the corresponding functions of channel "B" PPS were in bypass for the surveillance.

At 1407 hours, ANO-2 entered T.S. 3.0.3 based on two channels of PPS being inoperable simultaneously. The technician and the Control Board Operator (CBO) both recognized the error and immediately suspended PPS testing. Channel "B" PPS was returned to operable status by removing it from bypass. Channel "A" of PPS was placed in bypass and T.S. 3.0.3 was exited at 1412. The S/G low pressure trip setpoints on channel "A" were reset to the required value of 751 psia. The "A" channel was removed from bypass and declared operable at 1414. The surveillance was subsequently completed satisfactorily at 1821 hours.

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C. Root Cause

The root cause of this event was a personnel error on the part of the I&C technician involving inattention to detail and lack of adequate self-checking during performance of the "B" PPS surveillance procedure. The direction to reset channel "B" functions was clearly understood and acknowledged by the technician who was experienced in the performance of the PPS monthly surveillance. The procedural steps were clear and the PPS remote control modules are well labeled and color coded. Peer checking by the CBO, although initiated during this surveillance, was not properly completed in the case of the initiating error for this event.

D. Corrective Actions

Prior to recommencing the "B" PPS Monthly Surveillance, the I&C crew involved in this event was briefed on the practice of self-checking.

The technician involved was individually counseled by his first line supervisor. In addition, the other I&C crews were briefed on the event and on the practice of self-checking.

This event will be reviewed with appropriate members of the Operations and Maintenance staffs of both units. Management expectations regarding peer checking between Operations and Maintenance during equipment manipulations will be communicated to appropriate maintenance personnel. These actions will be completed by March 1, 1995.

E. Safety Significance

This event was of short duration (five minutes) and the immediate recognition of the error by both the I&C technician and the CBO would have allowed compensatory measures to be taken if a transient had occurred while two of the four PPS channels were simultaneously inoperable. Also, the "C" and "D" PPS channels and functions from "A" and "B" PPS other than the low S/G pressure trip setpoints remained operable for the five minute duration of this event and would have functioned normally. For the above reasons, this event is considered to be of low safety significance.

F. Basis for Reportability

Entry into T.S. 3.0.3 is reportable pursuant to 10CFR50.73(a)(2)(i)(B) as an operation or condition prohibited by the plant's Technical Specifications.

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G. Additional Information

A review of the corrective action database revealed no previous events where human error during PPS testing caused less than the required minimum channels to be operable; therefore, this event is considered to be an isolated incident.

No instances of a similar event have been reported as Licensee Event Reports by ANO.

Energy Industry Identification System (EIIS) codes are identified in the text as [XX].