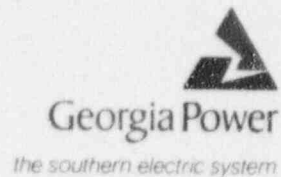


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Gentlemen:

VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT
LICENSEE EVENT REPORT
SURVEILLANCES NOT PERFORMED ON
WASTE GAS SYSTEM ANALYZERS

In accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 50.73, Georgia Power Company submits the enclosed report related to an event which was discovered on January 23, 1995.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: LER 50-425/1995-01

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A. REQUIREMENT FOR REPORT

This report is required per 10 CFR 50.73 (a)(2)(i) because the unit operated in a condition prohibited by the Technical Specifications (TS) when surveillances were not performed to verify the operability of hydrogen and oxygen analyzers in the waste gas processing system per TS 4.3.3.10.

B. UNIT STATUS AT TIME OF EVENT

At the time of this event, Unit 2 was operating in Mode 1 (power operation) at 100 percent of rated thermal power. Other than that described herein, there was no inoperable equipment that contributed to the occurrence of this event.

C. DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

A computer database is utilized at Plant Vogtle to prompt personnel to perform TS surveillances and to track the completion of those surveillances. The database ensures that task sheets will be issued, prior to the due dates, as a form of notification to advise personnel that surveillances must be performed.

Based on modifications in the waste gas processing system, new procedures were written for testing the Unit 2 hydrogen and oxygen analyzers. On August 22, 1994, the surveillance tracking coordinator (STC) performed a routine change of information in the surveillance tracking database. New surveillance numbers utilizing the new procedures were initiated for the surveillance testing of the Unit 2 hydrogen and oxygen analyzers. However, the surveillance due dates were inadvertently omitted. The old surveillance numbers that used the old procedure numbers were inactivated so that task sheets using the old procedure numbers would no longer be issued.

On January 23, 1995, the STC was performing routine data entry regarding similar changes in surveillance numbers and procedure numbers for the Unit 1 analyzers. He noticed that the Unit 2 surveillances had no due dates listed in the database. Upon investigation, he found that monthly and quarterly surveillances for the Unit 2 analyzers had not been performed since August 23, 1994, when the new procedures were used to test the new components prior to initially placing them in service. The Unit Shift Supervisor was advised at 1623 EST and a limiting condition for operation (LCO) was entered. By January 24, 1995, at 0750 EST, all of the necessary surveillance tests had been completed satisfactorily and the LCO was exited.

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D. CAUSE OF EVENT

The cause of this event was a cognitive personnel error on the part of the STC in not ensuring that due dates were assigned to the Unit 2 surveillances that were initiated on August 22, 1994. The lack of due dates prevented the computer from automatically issuing the task sheets that prompt personnel to perform the surveillances. Therefore, the required surveillance tests were not performed. Contributing to the occurrence of this event were inadequate reviews by a procedure writer and an administrative assistant. The procedure writer and administrative assistant reviewed a form describing the change and, on this form, the due date was left blank. The procedure writer and administrative assistant verified that the changed information was correct, but they did not question the blank due date. Per procedure, they were to verify that the information was correct. There were no unusual characteristics of the work location that contributed to the occurrence of these errors by the Georgia Power Company personnel involved.

Also contributing to the occurrence of this event was the lack of a computer program function to prompt personnel to add the necessary due date information.

E. ANALYSIS OF EVENT

The satisfactory performance of the surveillances on January 23, 1995, provides assurance that the analyzers were capable of performing their intended safety function during the interval when surveillance testing was not performed. Based on this consideration, there was no adverse effect on plant safety or on the health and safety of the public as a result of this event.

F. CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

- 1) The personnel involved were counseled regarding the importance of attention to detail in maintaining the surveillance database.
- 2) By February 22, 1995, appropriate personnel will be advised of this event and the need to maintain a questioning attitude.
- 3) A function has been added to the computer program to prompt personnel to add the necessary due date information when it is found to be missing.

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G. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Failed Components:
None
2. Previous Similar Events:
None
3. Energy Industry Identification System Code:
Waste Gas Processing System - WE