

To: James P. O'Reilly
Directorate of Regulatory Operations
Region I
631 Park Avenue
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406

From: Jersey Central Power & Light Company
Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station Docket #50-219
Forked River, New Jersey 08731

Subject: Preliminary Abnormal Occurrence Report No. 73-24.

The following is a preliminary report being submitted in
compliance with the Technical Specifications, paragraph
6.6.2.

Preliminary Approval:

J. T. Carroll, Jr. 9/28/73
J. T. Carroll, Jr. Date

cc: Mr. A. Giambusso

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SUBJECT: Violation of the Technical Specifications, paragraph 1.15.E, failure of Main Steam Isolation Valves NS04A and NS04B to meet acceptable leakage as specified in Technical Specification 4.5.F.1.D.

This event is considered to be an abnormal occurrence as defined in the Technical Specifications, paragraph 1.15.E. Notification of this event as required by the Technical Specifications, paragraph 6.6.2.a, was made to AEC Region 1, Directorate of Regulatory Operations, on Friday, September 28, 1973, at 3:50 p.m., and by telecopier on Friday, September 28, 1973, at 5:00 p.m.

SITUATION: At 1301 on September 27, 1973, Main Steam Isolation Valve NS04B was tested for leakage and the leakage was measured to be approximately 15.15 SCFH.

At 2035 on September 27, 1973, Main Steam Isolation Valve NS04A was tested for leakage and the leakage was measured to be approximately 96.59 SCFH.

Both valves, NS04A and NS04B, were operated following the reactor shutdown and prior to being checked for leakage. Operation of the valves during the shutdown was required to allow adequate

ventilation of the reactor vessel, through the main steam lines, while performing maintenance on NS03B, in order to minimize radiogas concentrations in the drywell.

CAUSE: Leakage past the valve packing was detected on both NS04A and NS04B which contributed substantially to the leak rate. Repairs to the packing and a retest of the valves is required to determine whether any other cause contributed to the excessive valve leakage.

REMEDIAL ACTION:

To be determined.

SAFETY SIGNIFICANCE:

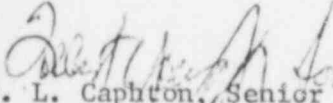
To be submitted following evaluation.

Prepared by:

E. J. [Signature]

Date:

9-28-73

TO (Name and unit) H. D. Thornburg, Chief, FS&EB	INITIALS DATE	REMARKS Licensee: Jersey Central Power & Light Co. Docket No.: 50-219 Abnormal Occurrence: AO-73-24
TO (Name and unit) RO:HQ (5) DR Central Files (1) Regulatory Standards (3) Dir. of Licensing (13)	INITIALS DATE	REMARKS The attached report from the subject licensee is forwarded in accordance with RO Manual Chapter 1000.
TO (Name and unit) RO Files	INITIALS DATE	REMARKS The action taken by the licensee is considered appropriate. Followup will be performed during the next inspection as appropriate. Copies of
FROM (Name and unit)  D. L. Caperton, Senior Reactor Inspector, BWR Section	REMARKS DATE 10/2/73	the report have been forwarded to the PDR, Local PDR, NSIC, DTIE and State representatives. The licensee will submit a 10 day written report to Licensing.

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