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On April 21, 1984, while operating at 100% full power (FP), an alarm came in for thrust bearing wear on one of the main feedwater pump turbines (K-2A). The leads for the alarm/trip circuitry were lifted in preparation for checking the circuitry when one of the leads came in contact with the adjacent terminal thereby completing the trip circuit. K-2A tripped and a runback was initiated. Reactor power was reduced to ~78% FP when RCS pressure reached the high pressure trip setpoint. Plant systems responded to the trip satisfactorily, and trip recovery was routine. After the trip, inspection of K-2A revealed that the thrust bearing clearances had not changed appreciably since the last inspection. The alarm/trip circuitry and the alarm/trip instrumentation were calibrated and associated circuitry returned to service.

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At 0910 hours on April 21, 1984, while operating at 100% FP, an alarm came in for thrust bearing wear on main feedwater pump turbine K-2A. Due to previous problems with this circuitry, Operations and Maintenance personnel reached a preliminary conclusion that the alarm resulted from electronic drift rather than excessive thrust bearing wear. After substantial review of instruction manuals, drawings, etc. a job order was issued to lift the leads for the thrust bearing wear trip circuitry allowing the electronics to be checked. The potential for a main feedwater pump trip during this activity was recognized by both Operations and Maintenance personnel. This task had been accomplished in the past without mishap. As a precaution, Operations personnel were stationed appropriately to improve the likelihood of successfully accomplishing a runback resulting from any unexpected trip of the feedwater pump. After clearances were obtained, an I&C technician commenced lifting the thrust bearing wear trip leads. The leads for the "normal thrust" trip circuit were successfully lifted. The first lead for the "reverse thrust" trip circuit was being removed from the terminal board when the lead inadvertently came in contact with the other "reverse thrust" trip terminal thereby completing the trip circuit. This resulted in K-2A tripping and a runback by the Integrated Control System resulted. Operations personnel attempted to avert a reactor trip by manually opening the electromagnetic relief valve and the pressurizer spray valve, but with reactor power at ~78% FP, the reactor tripped at 1612 hours as a result of high RCS pressure. The emergency feedwater (EFW) system automatically actuated on low steam generator level. Manual control of EFW was taken and the auxiliary feedwater pump was placed in service to control steam generator levels. The maximum RCS pressure during the transient was 2310 psig, and the minimum RCS pressure was 1945 psig. Maximum RCS average temperature was 588°F, and minimum RCS temperature was 552°F. Pressurizer level varied between a maximum of 265 inches to a minimum of 115 inches. Plant systems responded to the trip satisfactorily and trip recovery proceeded in a routine manner with no significant problems noted. Prior to restart the thrust bearing clearances were checked and were found to have not changed appreciably since the last inspection. As with the last inspection of the thrust bearing clearances, measured values were outside the manufacturer's recommendation. The manufacturer (Westinghouse) was consulted, and the clearances were verified to be acceptable for continued operation of the feedwater pump turbine. The electronics were recalibrated and the alarm and trip setpoints were adjusted to correlate with the thrust bearing clearances. The trip circuitry was returned to service. The error was not cognitive. The I&C Technician involved and his supervisor recognized the potential of a unit trip while performing this job. The I&C Technician was performing this job for the first time. However, he is an experienced technician and well qualified to perform this activity. Communications between Operations and Maintenance were good and did not contribute to the error. The job was properly controlled, coordinated and planned and was worked under an adequate job order. Operations was fully aware of the work being performed. This event did not occur as a result of procedure error. There is no approved procedure to provide instructions for lifting the leads on K-2A thrust bearing trip since the activity is simple and does not require a procedure. The I&C Technician had thoroughly studied the job prior to starting and there was no misunderstanding of what was required and which leads had to be lifted. Some unusual characteristics that contributed to the error were the following:

- 1) The leads are made of stranded wire and is "springy" and two wires were terminated at the same point adding to the "springiness".
- 2) A ring type termination lug is used. The termination screw fits very snugly in the termination lug and has to be completely removed with the termination lug in order to lift the leads.
- 3) The terminal screws are ~1/4" apart with a small bakelite barrier between the terminals. The top of the barrier is slightly higher than the screw head, making access restricted, and
- 4) The work area is a little cramped.

In summary, the feedwater pump trip was caused by a physical personnel error and not a mental personnel error. The I&C Technician allowed one of the K-2A reverse thrust trip leads to spring up and contact the other reverse thrust trip terminal as he was lifting the lead.



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Gentlemen:

In accordance with 10CFR50.73(a)(2)(iv), attached is the subject report concerning a reactor trip due to an error during trouble shooting activities associated with the main feedwater pump thrust bearing alarm/trip circuit.

Very truly yours,

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