

LICENSEE EVENT REPORT (LER)

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EXPIRES: 6/31/95

FACILITY NAME (1)

Nine Mile Point Unit #1

DOCKET NUMBER (2)

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TITLE (4)

Reactor Scram due to Low Instrument Air Header Pressure

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LICENSEE CONTACT FOR THIS LER (12)

NAME

Robert Randall - Supervisor, Technical Services

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

CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANUFACTURER	REPORTABLE TO NRC	CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANUFACTURER	REPORTABLE TO NRC

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT EXPECTED (14)

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ABSTRACT (Limit to 1400 spaces, i.e., approximately fifteen single-space typewritten lines) (16)

During a refueling outage, a cyclic surveillance test of the containment spray air flow was being performed. Due to an operator error, a blocking valve was not closed prior to starting the test. This caused low instrument air pressure throughout the plant, which led to a reactor scram. The scram was reset, scram discharge volume was drained, the blocking valve was closed, instrument air pressure was returned to normal, and the test was successfully resumed and completed. The operator involved with the error was reinstructed by the Operations Supervisor on the importance of strict compliance with all operating procedures.

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TEXT (If more space is required, use additional NRC Form 366A) (17)

During a refueling outage on May 24, 1984, a cyclic surveillance flow test of the containment spray nozzles using instrument air was being performed. Due to an operator error, a blocking valve between the containment spray system air test tank and the instrument air system was not closed, which was a violation of the surveillance test procedure. When the test was performed, this open valve caused the instrument air pressure to drop, causing the reactor scram valves to open. This started filling the scram discharge volume, which initiated an automatic scram signal.

ASSESSMENT OF SAFETY CONSEQUENCES

The loss of instrument air throughout the plant resulting from the blocking valve being open could have caused any equipment which is supported by this system to not function properly. However, the potential safety consequences arising out of this event are negligible because: 1) the plant is designed to be fail safe on loss of instrument air; 2) the reactor was in shutdown and subcritical; 3) the reactor mode switch was in "shutdown"; 4) the control rods were all fully inserted at the time of the event; and 5) a manual reactor scram is required when the instrument air pressure drops below 75 psig; therefore, a scram would have ordinarily occurred before the reactor scram valves opened, had the rate of pressure change in this incident been low enough to allow time for a manual scram to take place.

CORRECTIVE ACTION

The scram was reset, the scram discharge volume was drained, the blocking valve between the containment spray air test tank and the instrument air system was closed, instrument air pressure was returned to normal, and the surveillance test was then resumed and successfully completed. The operator involved with the error was reinstructed by the Operations Supervisor on the importance of strict compliance with all operating procedures.

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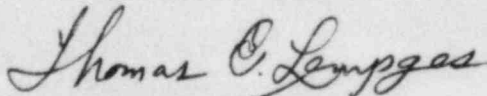
Gentlemen:

In accordance with 10 CFR 50.73, we hereby submit the following Licensee Event Report:

LER 84-08 Which is being submitted in accordance with 10 CFR 50.73 (a) (2) (iv), "Any event or condition that resulted in manual or automatic actuation of any Engineered Safety Feature (ESF), including the Reactor Protection System (RPS)."

A 10 CFR 50.72 report was made at 1937 hrs. on 5/24/84. This report was completed in the format designated in NUREG-1022, dated September 1983.

Very truly yours,



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Vice President
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