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DATE OF OCCURRENCE

The event was identified on May 30, 1984 at approximately 1630 hours.

IDENTIFICATION OF OCCURRENCE

The surveillance of the Reactor Low Water Level instrumentation was performed outside of the time interval specified in Table 4.1.1, item 3, of the Technical Specifications and the allowable extension of 25 percent of the surveillance interval.

This event is considered to be a reportable occurrence as defined in 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(i)(B).

CONDITIONS PRIOR TO OCCURRENCE

The reactor mode switch was in REFUEL with the reactor vessel head removed. The reactor cavity was flooded and < 212°F.

DESCRIPTION OF OCCURRENCE

On April 4, 1984, the "Reactor Low Level Test and Calibration" was performed in order to support refueling operations. This procedure has a requirement for monthly performance in order to satisfy Table 4.1.1, item 3, of the Technical Specifications. The scheduled date of performance on the Master Surveillance Schedule was April 9, 1984. An omission form for the test on April 9, 1984 was submitted since the test had been performed five days earlier. The omission form stated that the test would be performed on the next scheduled date. The test was next due on May 7, 1984, but was not performed until May 15, 1984. The time period between these two tests was 41 days, which exceeded the Technical Specifications surveillance interval and allowable extension (25 percent) of 37 days.

APPARENT CAUSE OF OCCURRENCE

The cause of the occurrence is attributed to personnel error. The procedure which governs the surveillance test program states that the

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department performing the surveillance also verifies that the test is performed within the required time period. If the Master Schedule is followed, the specified intervals are met. If the test is done on a different day than the scheduled day, the responsible department is required to review past test dates to determine the latest date that the surveillance may be performed. This was not done in this case and the required performance date was exceeded. A contributing factor in this event was a departmental reorganization on May 7, 1984, which assigned the responsibility for performance of surveillances to a newly formed Operational Maintenance group.

ANALYSIS OF OCCURRENCE and SAFETY ASSESSMENT

The safety significance of this event is minimal. The procedure in question tests the operability of the Reactor Low Water Level instrumentation. The major purpose of this instrumentation is to initiate a reactor scram. During the present plant conditions, all control rods are fully inserted. In addition, the surveillance was performed satisfactorily, although four days late.

It should be also pointed out that the area of concern with this event is not programmatic. The scheduling of Technical Specification surveillances is governed by the Master Surveillance Schedule. The Administration of the Surveillance Test Program is governed by an approved Station Procedure, which specifies responsibilities of individual departments for performance and review of surveillance tests and test data. The error in this event was in the implementation of the programmatic requirements and not in the lack of programmatic requirements.

CORRECTIVE ACTION

The surveillance procedure was performed on May 15, 1984. The personnel involved have been instructed on their responsibilities as part of the Surveillance Test Program. They have been instructed on the importance of reviewing the performance dates of surveillance procedures when a test is not performed on its scheduled date.

Previous LERs on the similar subject:

- 82-008 (improper administrative and procedural controls)
- 82-038 (improper administrative and procedural controls and personnel error)
- 82-063 (personnel error)



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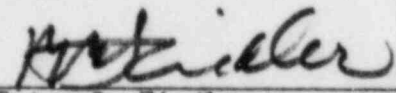
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