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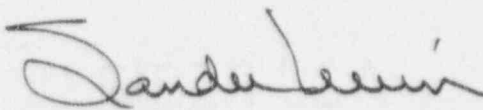
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn.: Document Control Desk
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Dear Sir:

Subject: Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station
Docket No. 50-219
Licensee Event Report 95-007

Enclosed is Licensee Event Report 95-007. This event did not impact the health and safety of the public.

If any additional information or assistance is required, please contact Mr. John Rogers of my staff at 609.971.4893.


for John J. Barton
Vice President and Director
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cc: Oyster Creek NRC Project Manager
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LICENSEE EVENT REPORT (LER)

ESTIMATED BURDEN PER RESPONSE TO COMPLY WITH THIS MANDATORY INFORMATION COLLECTION REQUEST: 50.0 HRS. REPORTED LESSONS LEARNED ARE INCORPORATED INTO THE LICENSING PROCESS AND FED BACK TO INDUSTRY. FORWARD COMMENTS REGARDING BURDEN ESTIMATE TO THE INFORMATION AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT BRANCH (T-6 F33), U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION, WASHINGTON, DC 20555-0001 AND TO THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION PROJECT (3150-0104), OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, WASHINGTON, DC 20503.

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Oyster Creek Unit 1

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Missed Technical Specification Required Surveillance due to Administrative Error

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			20.2203(a)(2)(iv)			50.36(c)(2)				50.73(a)(2)(vii)	

LICENSEE CONTACT FOR THIS LER (12)

NAME

Mark Bradley

TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code)

609.971.2359

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

CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANUFACTURER	REPORTABLE TO NPRDS	CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANUFACTURER	REPORTABLE TO NPRDS

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT EXPECTED (14)

EXPECTED SUBMISSION

MONTH DAY YEAR

YES

(If yes, complete EXPECTED SUBMISSION DATE).

X

NO

ABSTRACT (Limit to 1400 spaces, i.e., approximately 15 single-spaced typewritten lines) (16)

The Oyster Creek Technical Specifications, Sections 4.2.G and 4.3.C, require a quarterly operability test for the Scram Discharge Volume vent and drain valves, except in shutdown mode. On October 10, 1995, during a review of Technical Specification required surveillances, it was discovered that the Scram Discharge vent and drain valves had not been verified operable during the last surveillance test on August 29, 1995. The last demonstration of valve operability was performed on May 19, 1995. This exceeds the allowed surveillance interval.

The Scram Discharge Volume systems were declared inoperable, and operability testing was immediately performed, satisfactorily. The Scram Discharge Volume systems were then declared fully operable. The cause for the surveillance omission was the combined effect of various changes in the surveillance test program which allowed key information used in the identification of required surveillance activities to be inadequately considered or reviewed.

The safety significance of this event has been determined to be minimal, as the systems remained fully functional and would have performed as designed at all times throughout this period. The Nuclear Safety Assessment Group performed an audit of past surveillance activities and identified no additional missed Technical Specification surveillances. Long term corrective actions have been commenced to review the surveillance scheduling process.

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DATE OF DISCOVERY

The omitted surveillance was discovered on October 10, 1995, at 1100 hours.

IDENTIFICATION OF OCCURRENCE

The operability of the Scram Discharge Volume vent and drain valves had not been demonstrated during the allowed quarterly surveillance interval as defined in the Technical Specifications. This event is reportable under 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(i).

CONDITIONS PRIOR TO DISCOVERY

The plant was at normal temperature and pressure for full power operations in the RUN mode both at the time of discovery and since the last successful surveillance performed on May 19, 1995.

DESCRIPTION OF OCCURRENCE

On October 10, 1995, during a subsequent administrative review of surveillances, it was discovered that the valve exercise and inservice test portion of site procedure 619.3.011 "Shutdown Instrument Volume (SDIV) Digital Level Calibration and Test, and SDIV Valve Exercise and IST" had been omitted during the surveillance performed on August 29, 1995. Upon discovery, the Scram Discharge Volume systems were declared inoperable.

APPARENT CAUSE OF OCCURRENCE

The root cause of this event was the combined effect of various changes in the surveillance test program which allowed key information used in the identification of required surveillance activities to be inadequately considered or reviewed.

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ANALYSIS OF OCCURRENCE

The Oyster Creek Technical Specifications, sections 4.2.G and 4.3.C, require the periodic demonstration of operability of the Scram Discharge Volume vent and drain valves, while the IST Program requires valve data collection. Both of these requirements are met by the surveillance procedure.

This event has been determined to have minimal safety significance as the SDIV Valve Exercise and IST Surveillance performed on October 10, 1995 verified that the Scram Discharge Vent and Drain valves had been fully functional and would have performed as designed.

CORRECTIVE ACTION**SHORT TERM**

Upon discovery, a reactor shutdown was commenced in accordance with the Technical Specifications. The Scram Discharge Valve Exercise and IST was performed. No discrepancies were identified. Both Scram Discharge Volume systems were declared operable. The shutdown was terminated and the plant was restored to full power. Additionally, the Nuclear Safety Assessment Group performed an audit of past surveillance activities and identified no additional missed Technical Specification surveillances

LONG TERM

A review group has been formed to review the surveillance scheduling process for programmatic problems. A review of task descriptions and associated procedures has been initiated to identify potential clarifications. These clarifications will make the task descriptions more clear and concise with respect to the activities needed to satisfy surveillance commitments. The review is presently scheduled to be completed prior to the end of the fourth quarter 1995.

SIMILAR EVENTS

Voluntary Report 88-023;
Licensee Event Report 95-001;
Licensee Event Report 95-003;

Drywell Airlock not Tested in Accordance with Appendix J
Service Water Radiation Monitoring System
Technical Specification Required Surveillance Missed due
to Insufficient Administrative Controls