

LICENSEE EVENT REPORT (LER)

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

Unit 3 was at steady power on 10/20/84 with 3A feedwater regulating valve (FWRV) in auto when the reactor scrammed because of low water level. Apparent root cause of scram was decided as a master controller problem since a bad switch was found in the reset circuitry of the controller. The master controller was replaced and reactor was started up using B FWRV. On 11/2/84 the 3A FWRV was again placed in auto and after a few hours had to be taken out of service. The stem to disc was found separated due to a crack in the stem. The stem-disc assembly was replaced, with an added protection of welding the stem to the disc for this new assembly to prevent future separation. Minimal safety significance since all systems functioned as intended during the reactor scram. Last similar occurrence reported by Deviation Report #12-3-83-39.

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TEXT (If more space is required, use additional NRC Form 388A's) (17)

While Unit 3 was at steady power with the 3A feedwater regulating valve in auto, the reactor scrammed on low water level at 1526. Low level occurred when total feedwater went to zero causing the reactor water level to drop below +8" giving a reactor scram. Conclusion drawn from this evolution pointed toward an FWRV problem. The operator for the A FWRV was removed and the stem was manually pulled up and down to see if disc had separated from stem. The stem could be moved up and since it would slowly go back down after being released it was concluded that disc was not separated from stem. Further investigation was conducted and from this effort it was decided that the master controller for the FWRV was the apparent root cause of the scram. The master controller was replaced and the unit was started up using the B FWRV.

While trouble-shooting the original master controller an intermittent problem caused by a bad switch in the reset circuitry on this controller was found. The reset circuitry compares actual level to desired setpoint level in positioning the FWRV.

3A FWRV was not placed back in auto again until the reactor startup on 11/2/84. During this startup however another level problem was experienced and the 3A FWRV had to be taken OOS after only a few hours of operation. Again the operator was removed on this valve and the stem was manually moved up but when released stayed in the same position. Therefore the conclusion was made that the disc had indeed separated from the stem. To prevent recurrence a new stem-disc assembly was installed and this new stem was welded to the disc as an added protection. Minimal safety significance since all systems functioned as intended during the reactor scram. Previous similar occurrence reported by Deviation Report #12-3-83-39.



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