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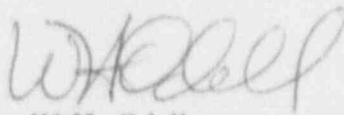
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Gentlemen:

River Bend Station - Unit 1  
Docket No. 50-458

Please find enclosed Licensee Event Report No. 92-011 for River Bend Station - Unit 1. This report is submitted pursuant 10CFR50.73.

Sincerely,



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LICENSEE EVENT REPORT (LER)  
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ESTIMATED BURDEN PER RESPONSE TO COMPLY WITH THIS INFORMATION COLLECTION REQUEST: 500 HRS. FORWARD COMMENTS REGARDING BURDEN ESTIMATE TO THE RECORDS AND REPORTS MANAGEMENT BRANCH (P-530), U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION, WASHINGTON, DC 20555, AND TO THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION PROJECT (3150-0104), OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, WASHINGTON, DC 20503.

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**REPORTED CONDITION**

On 7/13/92, with the reactor shutdown (Operational Condition 5) in the fourth refueling outage (RF-4), a routine review of surveillance test procedures (STPs) revealed that an STP was overdue. This procedure (STP-251-3300) was to demonstrate operability of the diesel fire water pump batteries in accordance with Technical Specification (TS) 4.7.6.1.3.b and was due to be performed on 7/12/92. A tolerance check was performed and it revealed that no tolerance remained beyond the 7/12/92 due date. The STP was successfully completed on 7/13/92 at 1050. This report is submitted pursuant to 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(i)(B) as operation prohibited by the Technical Specifications.

**INVESTIGATION**

Procedure STP-251-3300 demonstrates operability of the diesel fire water pump in accordance with TS 4.7.6.1. The STP requires verifying that battery bank voltage for each bank, FPW-P1A and FPW-P1B, electrolyte level, cell temperature, and specific gravity for each cell are within allowable limits. A visual inspection is also required. This is a quarterly surveillance with the last performance occurring on 3/19/92, following replacement of the batteries. Since the last performance was on 3/19/92, the due date was 7/12/92 (with the 25 percent tolerance applied). The investigation revealed that the STP scheduler placed the STP on the weekly STP schedule. Routine practice by electrical maintenance was to perform all battery STPs on Sunday nights. However, electrical maintenance craftsmen were not scheduled to work Sunday nights during RF-4. Therefore, the battery STPs were typically done on Monday mornings. The Supervisor failed to realize that the Sunday due date of the STP required proactive efforts to assure timely completion. The investigation also revealed that during RF-4, the electrical maintenance foremen were not functioning in their normal roles to assure timely STP performances.

**ROOT CAUSE**

The root cause of this event is twofold. Based on task analysis and interviews, the first causal factor is personnel error in that the Supervisor failed to realize that the Sunday due date of the STP required proactive efforts to assure timely completion of the STP. The second causal factor is that during RF-4, the electrical maintenance Supervisor had assumed the responsibility for STP completion. The electrical maintenance foremen typically fulfill this function.

**CORRECTIVE ACTION**

The acting Assistant Plant Manager - Maintenance counseled the Supervisor. Retraining on this event was provided for the Supervisor and electrical maintenance foremen. In addition, the surveillance test scheduling priority report is now being posted in the electrical shop for all electrical maintenance

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foremen to review while they are on shift.

### SAFETY ASSESSMENT

The quarterly surveillance STP-251-3300 demonstrates compliance with TS 4.7.6.1.3.b. This requirement is to verify that the specific gravity is acceptable for continued use of the battery banks. In addition, there is a weekly surveillance, STP-251-3100 which demonstrates compliance with TS 4.7.6.1.3.a which requires that the electrolyte levels and battery bank voltages are acceptable. The quarterly STP requires taking specific gravity readings on all of the battery cells to establish the cell with the lowest specific gravity reading, or the pilot cell. The weekly STP assures that the specific gravity of the pilot cell is acceptable. GSU concludes that during the 10 hours and 50 minutes that the surveillance was overdue, the weekly surveillance performed on 7/6/92 (which was still current) provided reasonable assurance that the battery banks were operable. This was demonstrated when the quarterly surveillance was successfully performed on 7/13/92.