

LICENSEE EVENT REPORT (LER)

FACILITY NAME (1):

Joseph M. Farley - Unit 2

DOCKET NUMBER (2):

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TITLE (4):

Hourly Fire Watch Not Performed As Required

EVENT DATE (5)			LER NUMBER (6)			REPORT DATE (7)			OTHER FACILITIES INVOLVED (8)		
MONTH	DAY	YEAR	YEAR	SEQUENTIAL NUMBER	REVISION NUMBER	MONTH	DAY	YEAR	FACILITY NAMES		DOCKET NUMBER (S)
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OPERATING MODE (9)			THIS REPORT IS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF 10 CFR § (Check one or more of the following) (11)								
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POWER LEVEL (10)			73.71(b)								
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			OTHER (Specify in Abstract below and in Text, NRC Form 364A)								

LICENSEE CONTACT FOR THIS LER (12):

NAME

J. D. Woodard

TELEPHONE NUMBER

AREA CODE

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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)

YES (If you complete EXPECTED SUBMISSION DATE) ☒ NO

EXPECTED SUBMISSION DATE (15)

MONTH	DAY	YEAR

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

Technical Specification 3.3.3.9 action statements require the posting of an hourly fire watch patrol within one hour whenever certain fire detection instruments are inoperable. However, at 2315 on 11-7-84, it was determined that no fire watch patrol had been posted when the Main Control Room annunciation capability for Fire Protection System 2A-100 smoke detectors was rendered inoperable at approximately 2205 on 11-7-84. The smoke detectors and the sprinkler system associated with Fire Protection System 2A-100 remained operable. Only the Main Control Room annunciator for this system was inoperable. An alternate Main Control Room alarm method, the plant computer alarm display, also remained operable during this period. An hourly fire watch patrol was established at 2317 and was maintained until no longer required. Health/safety of the public was not affected.

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TEXT (If more space is required, use additional NRC Form 368A's) (17)

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An investigation revealed that a Plant Operator had placed the Main Control Room fire alarm panel handswitch for this system in the "off" position at approximately 2205 due to a spurious alarm condition. This rendered the Main Control Room annunciation capability for this system inoperable. The smoke detectors and the sprinkler system associated with Fire Protection System 2A-100 remained operable. Only the Main Control Room annunciator for this system was inoperable. An alternate Main Control Room alarm method, the plant computer alarm display, also remained operable during this period.

This event was caused by personnel error in that the Plant Operator assumed that the required fire watch had been established based upon the submission of a Work Request to the Shift Supervisor earlier in the shift to correct the spurious alarming condition and did not subsequently inform the Shift Supervisor or Shift Foreman that he had rendered the system inoperable. The individual involved has been counseled concerning this incident. Further, an Operations Memorandum, which was issued to all licensed personnel, stressed the need for strict procedural adherence and control in fire protection matters. This memorandum cited this event as well as other recent fire protection events as examples.

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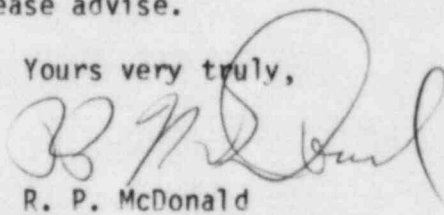
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Dear Sir:

Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant, Unit 2, Licensee Event Report No. LER 84-013-00 is forwarded in accordance with 10CFR50.73 to provide 30 day written notification of the occurrence.

If you have any questions, please advise.

Yours very truly,


R. P. McDonald

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