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Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plants
Docket No. 50-282, License No. DPR-42
Docket No. 50-306, License No. DPR-60

In response to your letter of November 28, 1984, which transmitted Inspection Reports No. 50-282/84-11 (DRP) and 50-306/84-11 (DRP), the following information is offered.

Violation

10 CFR 50.72(b)(2) states, in part, "...the licensee shall notify the NRC..., within four hours of the occurrence of any of the following:

- (ii) Any event or condition that results in manual or automatic actuation of any Engineered Safety Feature, including... However, actuation of the ESF, including the RPS, that results from and is part of the preplanned sequence during testing or reactor operation need not be reported."

Contrary to the above, the unplanned start of the D-1 diesel generator was not reported to the NRC Operations Center within four hours.

This is a Severity Level V violation (Supplement I).

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Response

The night of September 5, 1984 one diesel generator was found running. It was not immediately known whether it had been left running from previous testing that evening or if it was running as the result of an unplanned start; in fact, that investigation took several hours. The morning of September 6th it was concluded that it was indeed an unplanned start, and the event was reported within 4 hours of the time that conclusion was reached.

Since there will be noteworthy plant events whose reportability status cannot be determined within the 10CFR 50.72 time frames, instructions have been issued urging conservatism in the use of the Emergency Notification System. Full compliance has been achieved.

Violation

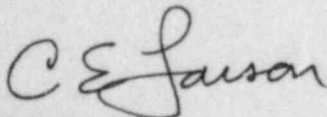
Technical Specification 6.5 states, in part, "Detailed written procedures, including the applicable checkoff lists and instructions, covering areas listed below shall be prepared and followed...A. Plant Operations..."

Contrary to the above, on October 2, 1984, the voltage restoration scheme for Bus 25 was not placed in manual prior to transferring D.C. control power as required by operating procedure C 20.9 Rev. 7 as modified by temporary memo 84-47.

This is a Severity Level V violation (Supplement I).

Response

Cause of the event was simply verbal communication misunderstanding between those doing the work. The investigative report of the event was routed to personnel in the involved groups. Full compliance has been achieved.



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