

LICENSEE EVENT REPORT (LER)

APPROVED OMB NO. 3160-0104
EXPIRES - 6/30/95

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TITLE (4) Hourly Fire Watch Violation																							
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ABSTRACT Limit to 1600 spaces, i.e., approximately fifteen single-spaced typewritten lines (10)

Abstract: 85-033

With the unit in cold shutdown on March 21, 1985, during a review of fire watch inspection documentation it was determined that the required hourly fire watch had not been performed within the allotted times for the RHR room #102 (area 15 elev. 177). On March 3, 1985, this area was patrolled at 7:24 a.m. and was not inspected again until 8:44 a.m., 80 minutes after the first inspection. This area was being patrolled due to an inoperable fire barrier and Technical Specification 3/4.7.7. which requires an hourly fire watch. This report is being submitted because a violation of Technical Specification occurred.

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Description of the Event:

On March 21, 1985, it was determined that the required hourly fire watch for RHR room 102 failed to make its inspection within 60 minutes of the previous patrol on March 3, 1985. An inspection was performed at 7:24 a.m.; the next inspection was at 8:44 a.m. The 80-minute difference exceeds the limitations of Technical Specification 3/4.7.7. This event occurred at the change of midnight and day shifts.

Consequences of the Event:

The bases of Technical Specification 3/4.7.7 states that the limiting condition for operation and associated action statements are established to minimize the probability of a fire spreading to more than one area by ensuring early detection. The fire detectors in the area were operable and would have provided early detection; therefore, the consequences of this event are minimal.

Cause of the Event:

The cause of this event was a result of inadequate communication between fire watch personnel at shift turnover.

Corrective Actions:

A training session was conducted for fire watches explaining their responsibilities and technical specifications and procedural requirements; special emphasis was placed on the hourly fire watch requirements. Plant controls were enhanced by requiring oncoming fire watch personnel to document acceptance of responsibility for performing inspections in assigned areas. Additional actions taken to prevent recurrence include the institution of an informal policy of 48 minutes roving fire watch inspection cycles.

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Previous Occurences

None.

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SUBJECT: Licensee Event Report
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This LER deals with the failure to meet hourly fire watch requirements.

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Report Date:	April 22, 1985
Facility:	Limerick Generating Station
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This LER is being submitted pursuant to the requirements of 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(i).

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