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

Please find enclosed Licensee Event Report No. 92-024 for River Bend Station - Unit 1. This report is submitted pursuant to 10CFR50.73.

Sincerely,

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LICENSEE EVENT REPORT (LER)

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TITLE (4): EQUIPMENT PROBLEMS IN THE CONTROL BUILDING VENTILATION SYSTEM RESULTS IN ENTRY INTO TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION 3.0.3

EVENT DATE (5)			LER NUMBER (6)			REPORT NUMBER (7)			OTHER FACILITIES INVOLVED (8)	
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ABSTRACT (Limit to 1400 spaces, i.e., approximately 15 single-spaced typewritten lines) (16)

On October 18, 1992 at 0355, equipment problems with the control building ventilation system rendered both Divisions of the system inoperable. Chiller HVK*CHL1D tripped while chiller HVK*CHL1B was inoperable due to an ongoing annual preventive maintenance task. The Division I control building ventilation system chillers, HVK*CHL1A and HVK*CHL1C, were inoperable following a fault on panel SCV*PNL8A1. Technical Specification (TS) 3.0.3 was entered and power reduction began at 0409. In NUREG 1022, Supplement 1 ("Licensee Event Report System"), Section II, the answer to question 2.4 states that when TS 3.0.3 is entered, "the plant is operating with a condition prohibited by the plant's Technical Specifications." Therefore, this report is submitted pursuant to 10CFR50.73(a)(2)(i)(b).

At 0622 on October 18, 1992, HVK*CHL1A was restored. This permitted TS 3.0.3 to be exited, and initiation of power ascension.

REPORTED CONDITION

On October 18, 1992 at 0355, equipment problems with the control building ventilation system rendered both Divisions of the system inoperable. Chiller HVK*CHL1D tripped while chiller HVK*CHL1B was inoperable due to an ongoing annual preventive maintenance task. The Division I control building ventilation system chillers, HVK*CHL1A and HVK*CHL1C, were inoperable following a fault on panel SCV*PNL8A1. Technical Specification (TS) 3.0.3 was entered and power reduction began at 0409. In NUREG 1022, Supplement 1 ("Licensee Event Report System"), Section II, the answer to question 2.4 states that when TS 3.0.3 is entered, "the plant is operating with a condition prohibited by the plant's Technical Specifications." Therefore, this report is submitted pursuant to 10CFR50.73(a)(2)(i)(b).

INVESTIGATION

Problems with HVK*CHL1D were identified at 0211 on October 18, 1992. Troubleshooting efforts resulted in restarting the chiller, but it tripped again at 0311. At 0349, the chiller was restored a second time; however, a faulty flow switch was suspected in the Division II air handling unit. The Division II control building ventilation system (HVK) was declared inoperable at 0355. At 0409, power reduction began in accordance with TS 3.0.3.

The trip of HVK*CHL1D has tentatively been attributed to a faulty airflow switch on one of the air handling units served by the chiller and is still under investigation. The combination of an inoperable safety related control panel (Division I), a chiller trip, (Division II) and another chiller (Division II) being down for an annual PM, led to the entry into TS 3.0.3.

Due to the failure of panel SCV*PNL8A1 on October 16, 1992, all equipment on circuits fed from the panel was declared inoperable, including the Division I control building chillers, HVK*CHL1A and HVK*CHL1C. Maintenance work orders (MWOs) were written to troubleshoot and restore the affected equipment. At 0622 on October 18, 1992, HVK*CHL1A was restored. This permitted TS 3.0.3 to be exited, and initiation of power ascension. Note that the fault on panel SCV*PNL8A1 was due to a failed ground wire that had become loose.

ROOT CAUSE

The combination of an inoperable safety related control panel (Division I), a chiller trip, (Division II) and another chiller (Division II) being down for an annual PM, led to the entry into TS 3.0.3.

The root cause of the intermittent failure of HVK*CHL1D is still under investigation. GSU will provide a supplement to this report to provide this information by December 17, 1992.

CORRECTIVE ACTION

The corrective action was to restore chiller HVK*CHL1A, declare Division I operable, and exit TS 3.0.3. Additional corrective action was to complete the PM on the Division II chiller, HVK*CHL1B and return it to service. Troubleshooting on Division II chiller, HVK*CHL1D, continues.

SAFETY ASSESSMENT

The intended function of the control room ventilation system is to provide cooling to maintain ambient control room temperatures at design conditions. Technical Specification bases 3/4.7.2, "MAIN CONTROL ROOM AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM" states in part "The OPERABILITY of the main control room air conditioning system ensures that (1) the ambient air temperature does not exceed the allowable temperature (less than or equal to 104 degrees F) for continuous duty rating for the equipment and instrumentation cooled by this system and (2) the control room will remain habitable for operations personnel during and following all design basis accident conditions. The control room ventilation system was at all times available, but not operable. A plant shutdown was initiated in accordance with TS 3.0.3 and was terminated when the Division I chiller (HVK*CHL1A) became available.