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DOCKET 50-255 - LICENSE DPR-20 - PALISADES PLANT -
RESPONSE TO INSPECTION REPORT 85008

Two items of noncompliance were identified in Inspection Report 50-255/85008 dated April 25, 1985. The following is our response to these items:

Noncompliance 50-255/85008-03

Technical Specification 6.8.1.c requires that written procedures shall be established, implemented and maintained covering surveillance and test activities.

Surveillance Test ME-12 "Battery Checks" requires at Step 5.2.3 that the Electrical Supervisor/Engineer determine from the previous months forms (Form 357), the cells in which temperature readings were taken and specify a different set of cells for which temperatures are to be taken.

Contrary to the above, on January 2, 1985, the temperature readings recorded on Form 357 for Station Battery number 2 were not for the cells specified in step 5.2.3.

Corrective Action Taken And Results Achieved

A review of the occurrence determined that no detrimental effects to the Station Battery would result from this error. The improper performance of this item in Surveillance Test ME-12 is considered an isolated case of a personnel error. The responsible individuals were advised of this event and counseled on the importance of procedural adherence.

Corrective Action To Be Taken To Avoid Further Noncompliance

The occurrence was determined to be an isolated event. Additional action is not considered to be necessary.

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Date When Full Compliance Will Be Achieved

Full compliance has been achieved.

Noncompliance 50-255/85008-04

Technical Specification 4.7.2b requires that the specific gravity of each cell, the temperature reading of every fifth cell, the height of electrolyte, and the amount of water added shall be measured and recorded every three months.

Contrary to the above, Surveillance Test ME-12 does not require that the height of the electrolyte be measured and recorded every three months.

Corrective Action Taken And Results Achieved

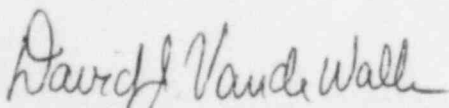
The discrepancy between Surveillance Procedure ME-12 and Technical Specification 4.7.2(b) was reviewed. Although ME-12 does not specifically require electrolyte level to be recorded, a requirement was provided to monitor the level in the cells and record the addition of any water to the cells. These requirements are sufficient to ensure the operability of the Station Batteries, but fail to provide the required documentation.

Corrective Action To Be Taken To Avoid Further Noncompliance

Surveillance Procedure ME-12 will be revised to include the requirement to record electrolyte level in accordance with Technical Specification 4.7.2(b).

Date When Full Compliance Will Be Achieved

Full compliance will be achieved by July 15, 1985.



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