

LICENSEE EVENT REPORT (LER)

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TITLE (4) Failure to Take Backup Samples																					
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OPERATING MODE (9) 1			THIS REPORT IS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF 10 CFR § (Check one or more of the following) (11)																		
POWER LEVEL (10) 0 20			20.402(b)				20.405(c)				50.73(a)(2)(iv)				73.71(b)						
			20.405(a)(1)(i)				50.36(c)(1)				50.73(a)(2)(v)				73.71(c)						
			20.405(a)(1)(ii)				50.36(c)(2)				50.73(a)(2)(vii)				OTHER (Specify in Abstract below and in Text, NRC Form 365A)						
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LICENSEE CONTACT FOR THIS LER (12)																					
NAME W. F. Quinn, Manager - Nuclear Licensing (Ext. 4087)										TELEPHONE NUMBER AREA CODE 61012 914121-17121010											
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)											EXPECTED SUBMISSION DATE (15)		MONTH	DAY	YEAR						
YES (If yes, complete EXPECTED SUBMISSION DATE)											X NO										

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

At 1030 on June 13, 1985 and at 0414 on June 20, 1985, while Radiation Monitor RU-143 was inoperable, Palo Verde Unit 1 exceeded the Limiting Condition for Operation (LCO) for Sample Analysis of the Plant Vent Monitor (VL). In both cases, reactor power was at 20%. Backup samples were taken, but beyond the allowed LCO time limit, and indicated no release.

Each technician has been formally briefed on the importance of Sample Analysis within the time frame of the Technical Specification LCO to prevent reoccurrence of the event.

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TEXT (If more space is required, use additional NRC Form 366A's) (17)

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Technical Specification (Tech. Spec.) LCO 3.3.3.9, Action #37, requires that when the low range Plant Vent Monitor (RU-143) is inoperable, grab samples must be taken every 12 hours. At the time of both incidents, the samples were taken but not analyzed within the required time period.

The following corrective action has been taken to prevent reoccurrence of the event:

1. Special emphasis has been placed in the Unit Chemistry Section Night Information to identify compliance with Tech. Spec. items.
2. A formal briefing has been conducted with all Chemistry Technicians on the requirements identified in the Tech. Specs. that involve chemistry sampling.



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Subject: Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (PVNGS)
Unit 1
Docket No. STN 50-528, License No. NPF-41
Licensee Event Report - Failure to Take Backup Samples
File: 85-056-026; G.1.01.10

Dear Sirs:

Attached please find Licensee Event Report (LER) No. 85-044-00 prepared and submitted pursuant to 10 CFR 50.73. This LER addresses the failure to take backup samples in accordance with the Technical Specifications.

The initial report form had been sent to the department responsible for completion through normal inter-company mail. This did not stress the required urgency of a response. To correct the problem, initial reports will be hand delivered to the responsible department and logged to ensure compliance with any due date. In accordance with 10 CFR 50.73(d), we are herewith forwarding a copy of the LER to the Regional Administrator of the Region V Office.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

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