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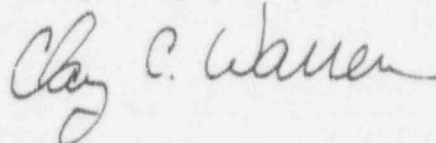
Subject: Docket No. 50-482: Licensee Event Report 97-009-00

Gentlemen:

The attached Licensee Event Report (LER) is being submitted pursuant to 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(i)(B) concerning a failure to comply with Technical Specification requirements for performing a Containment integrity surveillance requirement.

If you should have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact me at (316) 364-8831 extension 4485, or Mr. Richard D. Flannigan at extension 4500.

Very truly yours,



Clay C. Warren

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LICENSEE EVENT REPORT (LER)

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TITLE (4)

Failure To Comply with Technical Specification 4.5.2.c.2

EVENT DATE (5)			LER NUMBER (6)			REPORT DATE (7)			OTHER FACILITIES INVOLVED (8)	
MONTH	DAY	YEAR	YEAR	SEQUENTIAL NUMBER	REV NUMBER	MONTH	DAY	YEAR	FACILITY NAME	DOCKET NUMBER
05	20	97	97	009	00	06	19	97	FACILITY NAME	DOCKET NUMBER
OPERATING		THIS REPORT IS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF 10 CFR 5: (Check one or more) (11)								
MODE 3		20 402(b)		20 405(c)		50 73(a)(2)(iv)		73 71(b)		
POWER		20 405(a)(1)(i)		50 36(c)(1)		50 73(a)(2)(v)		73 71(c)		
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LICENSEE CONTACT FOR THIS LER (12)

NAME
Richard D. Flannigan
Manager Nuclear Engineering, Safety, and LicensingTELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code)
316-364-4500

COMPLETE ONE LINE FOR EACH COMPONENT FAILURE DESCRIBED IN THIS REPORT (13)

CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANUFACTURER	REPORTABLE TO NPRDS	CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANUFACTURER	REPORTABLE TO NPRDS
		N/A							

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT EXPECTED (14)				EXPECTED	MONTH	DAY	YEAR
X	YES		NO		8	8	97

ABSTRACT:

On May 21, 1997, during a forced outage, it was identified by Operations personnel that containment inspections required by Technical Specification (TS) 4.5.2.c.2, and by procedure STS EJ-001, Revision 10, "Containment Inspection," were not performed on May 20, 1997 after three containment entries. Technical Specification surveillance requirement 4.5.2.c.2 requires a visual inspection be performed at the completion of each containment entry when containment integrity is established. The root cause and corrective actions for this event are still under evaluation and will be included in a supplement to this LER.

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Plant Conditions Prior to the Event:

MODE = 3
Reactor Coolant Pressure = 2234 psig
Reactor Power = 0%

Basis for Reportability:

10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(i)(B) requires each licensee to report any operation or condition prohibited by the plant's Technical Specifications.

Technical Specification surveillance requirement 4.5.2.c.2 states: "By visual inspection which verifies that no loose debris (rags, trash, clothing, etc.) is present in the containment which could be transported to the containment sump and cause restriction of the pump suction during LOCA condition. This visual inspection shall be performed . . . of the areas affected within containment at the completion of each containment entry when containment integrity is established."

This event is being reported because containment inspections were not performed on May 20, 1997, as required by Technical Specification 4.5.2.c.2.

Description of Event:

On May 21, 1997, Operations personnel questioned whether the containment inspection requirements of Technical Specification (TS) 4.5.2.c.2 were completed appropriately during work activities which occurred on May 20, 1997. A review of the security badge print out for May 20, 1997, identified that for three time periods after containment entries commenced, the containment was left unmanned and an inspection of containment was not performed.

The Shift Supervisor in the Control Room on May 20, 1997, recognized that TS 4.5.2.c.2 was applicable but concluded that an inspection was appropriate at the completion of work activities not after each entry. Therefore, when workers took breaks or left containment on an errand an inspection was not performed. A literal application of TS 4.5.2.c.2 indicates that in order to accomplish this surveillance requirement, procedure STS EJ-001, Revision 10, "Containment Inspection," should have been performed after each of the three times that employees exited the containment. STS EJ-001 was completed at 1256, May 21, 1997, and upon completion of each containment entry thereafter.

Root Cause

The root cause of this event is still under evaluation and will be included in the supplement to this LER.

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Corrective Actions

Procedure, STS EJ-001 was successfully completed on May 21, 1997, after the oversight was identified.

Research is underway to determine why corrective actions from a previous LER on a similar event, LER 96-014-01, did not prevent recurrence. Additional corrective actions will be supplied in the supplement to this LER.

Safety Significance:

There is no safety significance to this event because an inspection of containment was done when the problem was identified on May 21, 1997, and no cleanliness problem was identified.

Other Previous Occurrences:

LER 96-014-01 documents a similar event. Technical Specification Clarification 010-85 was deleted as part of the corrective action for this event. The corrective actions from this event did not prevent the recent violation and the reason for this is still under evaluation.

In LER 88-030-00 WCNOG reported a violation of Technical Specification 4.5.2 due to not completing the surveillance requirement to visually inspect containment. The LER reported missing the daily surveillance, and did not recognize that Technical Specification Clarification 010-85, which was in place at the time, allowed actions outside of the Technical Specification.