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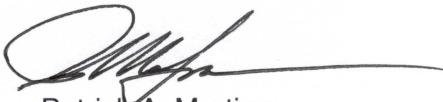
Southern Nuclear Operating Company
Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) – Unit 3
Licensee Event Report 2022-003-00
Unborated Water Flowpath not Secured per Technical Specification 3.9.2 Due to Inadequate
Procedure Change

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(i)(B), Southern Nuclear Operating Company is submitting the enclosed Licensee Event Report for VEGP Unit 3.

This letter contains no regulatory commitments. If you have questions regarding the enclosed information, please contact Will Garrett at (706) 848-7154.

Respectfully submitted,



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1. Facility Name Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Unit 3				2. Docket Number 05000 "05200025"		3. Page 1 OF 2					
4. Title Unborated Water Flowpath not Secured per Technical Specification 3.9.2 Due to Inadequate Procedure Revision											
5. Event Date			6. LER Number			7. Report Date			8. Other Facilities Involved		
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11. This Report is Submitted Pursuant to the Requirements of 10 CFR §: (Check all that apply)											
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12. Licensee Contact for this LER											
Licensee Contact Will Garrett, VEGP 3&4 Site Licensing Manager									Phone Number (Include area code) 7068487154		
13. Complete One Line for each Component Failure Described in this Report											
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16. Abstract (Limit to 1560 spaces, i.e., approximately 15 single-spaced typewritten lines)											
<p>On October 24, 2022, Vogtle Unit 3 identified that Surveillance Requirement (SR) 3.9.2.1 to "Verify one valve in each unborated water source flow path is secured in the closed position," was not met, placing the unit in Technical Specification Limiting Condition for Operation (LCO) 3.9.2 Condition A. The Demineralized Water Supply Containment Isolation valve 3-DWS-V244 was open, having previously been removed from procedure 3-RCS-OTS-20-001, "Unborated Water Source Checklist," without adding adequate requirements for alternate isolation valves in the Chemical and Volume Control system. LCO Required Action A.1, to initiate actions to secure one valve in the flow path in the closed position, was performed immediately and Required Action A.2 was performed within 4 hours. The apparent cause of this event was that the procedure to perform SR 3.9.2.1 (3-RCS-OTS-20-001) was inadequate in ensuring unborated water sources were properly isolated. The immediate corrective action was to close and secure the valve in the flow path. Procedure 3-RCS-OTS-20-001 was revised to add the missing unborated water isolation valves. This event is reportable under 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(i)(B) as an operation or condition prohibited by the plant's Technical Specifications. VEGP Units 1, 2, and 4 were unaffected during this event.</p>											



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Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Unit 3	05000- "05200025"	YEAR 2022	SEQUENTIAL NUMBER 003	REV NO. 00

NARRATIVE

EVENT DESCRIPTION

On October 24, 2022, at 0815 EDT with the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Unit 3 at 0% power, in Mode 6 after completion of the initial fuel load, Surveillance Requirement (SR) 3.9.2.1 verifying that one valve in each unborated water source flow path is secured in the closed position was not met. Specifically, 3-DWS-V244 Demineralized Water Supply Containment Isolation valve [EIS: KJ / ISV] was in the open position, resulting in an unborated water source flow path without one valve verified secured in the closed position. LCO Required Action A.1, to initiate actions to secure one valve in the flow path in the closed position, was performed immediately, and Required Action A.2, verify boron concentration is within the limit specified in the COLR, was performed within 4 hours. This event is reportable under 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(i)(B) as operation or condition prohibited by the plant's Technical Specifications (TS). The condition prohibited by the TS began when the unit entered Mode 6 on October 13, 2022, at 2354 hours and exited on October 25, 2022, at 1411 hours.

EVENT ANALYSIS

The cause of this event is inadequate procedure 3-RCS-OTS-20-001, "Unborated Water Source Checklist," which is the unborated water sources surveillance procedure required to be performed in accordance with SR 3.9.2.1 to verify proper isolation of each unborated water source flow path. Specifically, the dilution flow path was no longer accounted for due to a previous change to procedure 3-RCS-OTS-20-001.

REPORTABILITY AND SAFETY ASSESSMENT

There were no safety consequences due to this event because the boron concentration requirements of TS 3.9.1, "Boron Concentration," were met. No radiological release occurred due to this event. This event is reportable under 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(i)(B) as an operation or condition prohibited by the plant's Technical Specifications.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS COMPLETED

Procedure 3-RCS-OTS-20-001, "Unborated Water Source Checklist", was revised to add additional unborated water isolations.

PREVIOUS SIMILAR EVENTS

None