

Comanche Peak 1

3Q/2010 Plant Inspection Findings

Initiating Events

Significance:  Jun 19, 2010

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

Inadequate Procedure Causes Inadvertent Power Reduction

The inspectors identified a noncited violation of Technical Specification 5.4.1.a, for the failure to have an adequate procedure for placing a demineralizer resin bed in service. As a result, a reactivity management event occurred when the reactor coolant system was inadvertently borated. This caused an automatic rod withdrawal to maintain reactor coolant system temperature. Operators ultimately reduced power approximately 20 megawatts electric to stabilize the plant. The licensee entered the finding into the corrective action program as Condition Report CR-2010-002725.

The failure to adequately maintain a procedure required by Technical Specification 5.4.1.a was a performance deficiency and resulted in an unplanned boration, automatic rod withdrawal, and 20 megawatt power reduction. The finding was more than minor because it was associated with the procedure quality attribute of the initiating events cornerstone and affected the cornerstone objective, in that, it increased the likelihood of those events that upset plant stability. Using NRC Manual Chapter 0609, Attachment 4, "Phase 1 Initial Screening and Characterization of Findings," the finding was determined to be of very low safety significance because the finding did not contribute to both the likelihood of a reactor trip and the likelihood that mitigating equipment would not be available. This finding has a human performance crosscutting aspect associated with the decision making, in that, the licensee did not use conservative assumptions in the decision making process that lead to the use of the demineralizer [H.1b].

Inspection Report# : [2010003](#) (*pdf*)

Mitigating Systems

Barrier Integrity

Significance:  Sep 18, 2010

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

"Failure to Consider Temperature Effects on Air Accumulator Overpressure Protection"

The inspectors identified a noncited violation of 10 CFR 50 Appendix B, Criterion III, "Design Control" for the failure to consider the temperature effect on the pressurization of safety-related air accumulators for containment isolation valves in the main steam line penetration room. As a result, the accumulators could exceed their design pressure during a steam line break. The licensee entered the finding into the corrective action program as Condition Report CR-2010-006349.

The finding was more than minor because it was associated with the design control attribute of the barrier integrity cornerstone and adversely affected the cornerstone objective to provide reasonable assurance that physical barriers protect the public from radionuclide releases caused by events. Using NRC Manual Chapter 0609, Attachment 4, "Phase 1 - Initial Screening and Characterization of Findings," the finding was determined to be of very low safety significance because the finding did not result in an actual open pathway in the physical integrity of reactor containment. The finding did not have a crosscutting aspect because the performance deficiency was not

representative of current licensee performance

Inspection Report# : [2010004](#) (*pdf*)

Significance:  Dec 31, 2009

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

Inadequate procedure for environmentally qualified actuator refurbishment

The inspectors identified a noncited violation of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion III, for the failure of the licensee to translate environmental qualification requirements for motor operated valve and damper actuators into procedures. Specifically, actuator refurbishment procedures directed the removal of conduit plugs, drain plugs, and T-drains, but did not require them to be re-installed in the correct configuration. As a result, multiple actuators were not in their specified condition for environmental qualification. After evaluation, the licensee determined that the actuators were still environmentally qualified in the as-found configuration. The licensee entered the finding into the corrective action program as Condition Report CR 2009 000848.

The finding was more than minor because it was associated with the containment configuration control attribute of the barrier integrity cornerstone and adversely affected the cornerstone objective, in that, the licensee's procedure for actuator refurbishment did not provide reasonable assurance that actuators would continue to be environmentally qualified in order to protect the public from radionuclide releases caused by accidents or events. Using NRC Manual Chapter 0609, Attachment 4, "Phase 1 - Initial Screening and Characterization of Findings," the finding was determined to be of very low safety significance because the finding did not represent an actual open pathway in the physical integrity of reactor containment. The finding has a human performance cross cutting aspect associated with resources because the licensee failed to maintain complete and accurate procedures.

Inspection Report# : [2009005](#) (*pdf*)

Emergency Preparedness

Occupational Radiation Safety

Significance:  Jun 19, 2010

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

Failure to Barricade and Post a High Radiation Area

The inspectors reviewed a self-revealing noncited violation of Technical Specification 5.7.1.a for the failure to maintain a high radiation area barricaded and conspicuously posted. A high radiation area in the Unit 1 containment was posted as a radiation area. Consequently, an individual received unexpected electronic dosimeter dose rate alarm while building scaffolding in the Unit 1 containment building because the worker entered a high radiation area without the knowledge that the dose rates measured 145 millirem per hour. Subsequently, a radiation protection technician barricaded the area with rope and posted it as a high radiation area. The licensee entered the finding into the corrective action program as Condition Report CR 2010 003382.

The failure to barricade and post a high radiation area was a performance deficiency. The finding was more than minor because it was associated with the program and process attribute of the occupational radiation safety cornerstone and affected the cornerstone objective, in that, the failure to properly control a high radiation area had the potential to increase personnel dose. Using NRC Manual Chapter 0609, Appendix C, "Occupational Radiation Safety Significance Determination Process," the finding was determined to be of very low safety significance because: (1) it was not associated with as low as reasonably achievable (ALARA) planning or work controls, (2) there was no overexposure, (3) there was no substantial potential for an overexposure, and (4) the ability to assess dose was not

compromised. The finding has a human performance crosscutting aspect associated with work control because the licensee did not appropriately plan work activities by incorporating job site conditions or radiological safety [H.3a].

Inspection Report# : [2010003](#) (*pdf*)

Significance:  Jun 19, 2010

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

Failure to Follow the Radiation Work Permit Requirements

Inspectors identified a noncited violation of Technical Specification 5.4.1.a for the failure of a rigger to follow radiation work permit requirements. Specifically, a rigger made an unauthorized entry into a high radiation area on a radiation work permit that did not grant access to that area. A radiation protection technician confirmed that the rigger was not briefed and not authorized to enter the high radiation area and had the rigger exit the area. The licensee entered the finding into the corrective action program as Condition Report CR 2010-003458.

The failure to follow the instructions on a radiation work permit was a performance deficiency. The finding was more than minor because it was associated with the program and process attribute of the occupational radiation safety cornerstone and affected the cornerstone objective, in that, the failure to follow a radiation work permit instruction had the potential to increase personnel dose. Using NRC Manual Chapter 0609, Appendix C, "Occupational Radiation Safety Significance Determination Process," the finding was determined to be of very low safety significance because: (1) it was not associated with as low as reasonably achievable (ALARA) planning or work controls, (2) there was no overexposure, (3) there was no substantial potential for an overexposure, and (4) the ability to assess dose was not compromised. The finding has a human performance crosscutting aspect associated with work practices because the licensee failed to effectively communicate expectations regarding procedural compliance to the rigger [H.4b].

Inspection Report# : [2010003](#) (*pdf*)

Significance:  Dec 31, 2009

Identified By: Self-Revealing

Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

Failure to barricade and post a high radiation area

A self-revealing noncited violation of Technical Specification 5.7.1.a was identified for failure to maintain a high radiation area barricaded and conspicuously posted. The lower valve gallery on the 832-foot elevation of the auxiliary building had been de-posted from a locked high radiation area to radiation area after a resin transfer and flush operation. Radiation protection had mistakenly determined, by a partial radiation survey, that the entire lower valve gallery was a radiation area. Consequently, two workers received unexpected electronic dose rate alarms because the workers entered a high radiation area without knowledge that dose rates measured 900 millirem per hour. The licensee revised Procedure RPI-624, "Resin Transfer Job Coverage," to provide clear instructions requiring that radiation surveys of the whole system after resin transfers and flushes are completed. The licensee entered the finding into the corrective action program as Condition Report CR 2009 002876.

The failure to barricade and post a high radiation area is a performance deficiency. The finding was more than minor because it was associated with the occupational radiation safety cornerstone attribute (exposure control) of program and process and affected the cornerstone objective, in that, the failure to properly control a high radiation area had the potential to increase personnel dose. Using the occupational radiation safety significance determination process, the inspectors determined the finding to have very low safety significance because: (1) it was not associated with as low as reasonably achievable (ALARA) planning or work controls, (2) there was no overexposure, (3) there was no substantial potential for an overexposure, and (4) the ability to assess dose was not compromised. The finding has a human performance crosscutting aspect associated with resources because the licensee did not ensure that the procedure was complete and accurate.

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Physical Protection

Although the NRC is actively overseeing the Security cornerstone, the Commission has decided that certain findings pertaining to security cornerstone will not be publicly available to ensure that potentially useful information is not provided to a possible adversary. Therefore, the [cover letters](#) to security inspection reports may be viewed.

Miscellaneous

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