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**Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant
Unit 2 Licensee Event Report 2000-001-00
T. S. 3.0.5 Entered Due to Service Water Lubrication and Cooling Pumps Inoperable**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant – Unit 2 Licensee Event Report (LER) No. 2000-001-00 is being submitted in accordance with 50.73(a)(2)(i) and 50.73(a)(2)(v). There are no NRC commitments in the LER.

If you have any questions, please advise.

Respectfully submitted,


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ABSTRACT (Limit to 1400 spaces, i.e., approximately 15 single-space typewritten lines) (16)

On February 7, 2000 at 1430 it was determined, that for approximately the previous 11 hours, Farley Nuclear Plant Unit 2 may have been operating in a condition contrary to Technical Specifications. In addition, this condition could have prevented fulfillment of a safety function for removal of shutdown decay heat. On February 6, 2000 at 0257, the B train service water (SW) lube and cooling booster pump failed. No Technical Specification limiting condition was identified. On February 7, 2000 at 0329, an A train diesel generator (DG) was removed from service for planned maintenance. At this time both trains of SW could have failed to perform their intended function should a dual unit LOSP event have occurred. The DG was returned to service on February 7, 2000 at 1605, thereby restoring the functionality of the A train SW system. The B train lube and cooling booster pump was returned to service on February 8, 2000 at 1303.

The cause of this event was a potentially inadequate procedure in that the procedure identifying necessary attendant plant equipment did not specify the booster pumps as necessary attendant equipment for the Unit 2 SW pumps. FNP has not considered the booster pumps to be necessary attendant equipment for a number of years. This issue was examined by NRC and dispositioned by FNP during the 1993 Service Water System Operational Performance Inspection (SWSOPI). However, a discrepancy between the Functional System Description and the SWSOPI results has been identified. Conservatively the booster pumps are being considered necessary attendant equipment until this item is resolved. The procedure has been revised to include the SW booster pumps as necessary attendant equipment for Unit 2 SW pumps. Licensed and on shift operations personnel have been sent notifications of this procedure change.

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Westinghouse -- Pressurized Water Reactor
Energy Industry Identification Codes are identified in the text as [XX].

Description of Event

On February 7, 2000 at 1430 it was determined that for approximately the previous 11 hours, Farley Nuclear Plant Unit 2 may have been operated in a condition contrary to Technical Specifications. In addition, this condition could have prevented fulfillment of a safety function for removal of shutdown decay heat. On February 6, 2000 at 0257, the B train service water (SW)[BI] lube and cooling booster pump failed. This pump provides B train SW pumps bearing lubrication in the event of a loss of normal AC power. Even though the booster pump was failed, bearing cooling can be supported by shaft packing leakoff. This is not the normal design for bearing lubrication and cooling. The capability of shaft packing leakoff to sustain long term pump operation is in question. Based on existing procedural guidance, the on shift operating crew did not identify the booster pump as necessary attendant equipment and no Technical Specification limiting condition was entered. On February 7, 2000 at 0329, an A train diesel generator (DG) (DG 1C), which is the emergency power supply for A train SW, was removed from service for planned maintenance. At this time, because the B train booster pump was out of service and the A train SW pumps would not have had emergency power, both trains of SW could have failed to perform their intended function should a dual unit LOSP event have occurred. (This event could be mitigated by manually aligning the A train 1-2A DG to Unit 2). The A Train DG 1C was returned to service on February 7, 2000 at 1605, thereby restoring the functionality of the A train SW system. The B train lubrication and cooling booster pump was returned to service on February 8, 2000 at 1303. This event is not applicable to Unit 1 since its SW pumps are of a different design and do not require booster pumps.

Based on vendor information available as of 1993, the booster pumps were necessary to ensure the durability of the SW pumps in the event of an extended outage on the cyclone separator, which is the normal lube and cooling supply. The SW lube and cooling booster pumps were determined not to be necessary attendant equipment for any immediate operability concerns, as questioned by the NRC and dispositioned by FNP in the 1993 Service Water System Operational Performance Inspection (SWSOPI). This was based on a vendor letter stating, "we would not expect a pump to fail within sixty (60) days after a cooling or flush water system failure if the pump was within acceptable vibration parameters prior to the failure." However, a discrepancy between this determination and the Functional System Description has been identified, which could not be immediately resolved. Pending resolution of this discrepancy, conservative action has been taken to treat the booster pumps as necessary attendant equipment for the Unit 2 Service Water pumps.

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Cause of Event

The cause of this event was a potentially inadequate procedure in that the procedure identifying necessary attendant plant equipment did not list the booster pumps as necessary attendant equipment for the Unit 2 SW pumps.

Safety Assessment

The cyclone separator, a non-safety related source of filtered lube and cooling supply to the SW pumps, remained operable throughout this event. The SW pumps would have been impacted only in the event of a dual unit Loss of Site Power (LOSP). If a dual unit LOSP had occurred, the lubrication and cooling flow to the pumps would have come from service water flowing from the impeller region up through the pump shaft tube and out the packing. The use of this unfiltered service water for lubrication results in increased wear rates on the pump bearings, but would not result in near term pump failure. The pump life under these conditions has not been established with certainty. However, packing leakoff was checked and found to be adequate such that bearing lubrication would have been provided. Engineering judgment indicates a high probability that adequate lubrication water existed. Therefore, the actual safety significance of this event was minimal.

A review of the maintenance history of the booster pumps for the past two years was performed and compared to LCO records for systems required to support service water operation. No other instances of this type of event were identified.

A LOSP did not occur during the time that both the B train SW booster pump and the 1C DG was out of service. The A train 1-2A DG remained in service during this event and could have been manually aligned to supply Unit 2 if necessary.

The health and safety of the public were not affected by this event.

This event is a Safety System Functional Failure.

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Corrective Action

The procedure identifying necessary attendant plant equipment has been revised to define the booster pumps as necessary attendant equipment for Unit 2 SW pumps. Licensed and on-shift operations personnel have been sent notifications of this procedure change.

FNP continues to work with the pump manufacturer to determine the consequences of pump operation without filtered lubrication water. Based on the results of this investigation, this LER may be revised or retracted.

Additional Information

A four-hour non-emergency report was made on February 7, 2000 because the discrepancy noted above could not be resolved immediately.

The following LERs have been submitted in the past 2 years on inadequate procedure:

LER 1998-005-00 Unit 1, Automatic Start of B Train Penetration Room Filtration Due to Filling the Spent Fuel Transfer Canal

LER 1998-003-00 Unit 1, Waste Gas Decay Tank Hydrogen and Oxygen Exceeded Concentration Limits

LER 1998-001-00 Unit 1, Inadequately Performed Surveillance Due To Improper Calculation of E-Bar

LER 1998-006-00 Unit 2, Containment Penetration Overcurrent Protective Devices Energized Due to Inadequate Procedure