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DOCKET 50-255 - LICENSE DPR-20 - PALISADES NUCLEAR PLANT
LICENSEE EVENT REPORT 01-005, CONTAINMENT SUMP CHECK VALVES /
REDUCED AVAILABLE NET POSITIVE SUCTION HEAD

Licensee Event Report (LER) 01-005 is attached. The LER describes the discovery that the head loss through the containment sump check valves would have resulted in reduced available net positive suction head (NPSH) for the high pressure safety injection pumps and containment spray pumps during recirculation mode operation. This condition is potentially reportable in accordance with 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(ii), (v) and/or (vii), pending completion of the operability evaluation.

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS

This letter contains no new commitments and no revisions to existing commitments.



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4. TITLE
 CONTAINMENT SUMP CHECK VALVES / REDUCED AVAILABLE NET POSITIVE SUCTION HEAD

5. EVENT DATE			6. LER NUMBER			7. REPORT DATE			8. OTHER FACILITIES INVOLVED	
MO	DAY	YEAR	YEAR	SEQUENTIAL NUMBER	REV NO	MO	DAY	YEAR	FACILITY NAME	DOCKET NUMBER
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9. OPERATING MODE	5	11. THIS REPORT IS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF 10 CFR §: (Check all that apply)									
10. POWER LEVEL	000	20.2201(b)			20.2203(a)(3)(ii)			X	50.73(a)(2)(ii)(B)		50.73(a)(2)(ix)(A)
		20.2201(d)			20.2203(a)(4)				50.73(a)(2)(iii)		50.73(a)(2)(x)
		20.2203(a)(1)			50.36(c)(1)(i)(A)				50.73(a)(2)(iv)(A)		73.71(a)(4)
		20.2203(a)(2)(i)			50.36(c)(1)(ii)(A)				50.73(a)(2)(v)(A)		73.71(a)(5)
		20.2203(a)(2)(ii)			50.36(c)(2)			X	50.73(a)(2)(v)(B)		OTHER Specify in Abstract below or in NRC Form 366A
		20.2203(a)(2)(iii)			50.46(a)(3)(ii)				50.73(a)(2)(v)(C)		
		20.2203(a)(2)(iv)			50.73(a)(2)(i)(A)			X	50.73(a)(2)(v)(D)		
		20.2203(a)(2)(v)			50.73(a)(2)(i)(B)			X	50.73(a)(2)(vii)		
20.2203(a)(2)(vi)			50.73(a)(2)(i)(C)				50.73(a)(2)(viii)(A)				
20.2203(a)(3)(i)			50.73(a)(2)(ii)(A)				50.73(a)(2)(viii)(B)				

12. LICENSEE CONTACT FOR THIS LER

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

CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANU-FACTURER	REPORTABLE TO EPIX	CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANU-FACTURER	REPORTABLE TO EPIX

14. SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT EXPECTED				15. EXPECTED SUBMISSION DATE		
X	YES (If yes, complete EXPECTED SUBMISSION DATE)	NO		02	15	2002

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

On November 7, 2001, at approximately 1414 hrs, with the plant in Mode 5, evaluation of the preliminary results from mock-up testing of containment sump check valves determined that the head loss characteristics of the check valves were greater than previously assumed by calculations that support safety analyses. The result of increased head loss through the containment sump check valves is reduced available net positive suction head (NPSH) for the high pressure safety injection pumps and the containment spray pumps during recirculation mode following a loss of cooling accident (LOCA). A comprehensive review of both the available NPSH and the required NPSH for these pumps was subsequently performed which confirmed insufficient NPSH. Evaluation of the past operability of the pumps with reduced NPSH is incomplete at this time. Safety significance is pending completion of the past operability evaluation. The cause of the condition remains under evaluation. Restoration of sufficient NPSH for the pumps will be achieved prior to plant restart.

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17. NARRATIVE (If more space is required, use additional copies of NRC Form 366A)

EVENT DESCRIPTION

On November 7, 2001, at approximately 1414 hrs, with the plant in Mode 5, evaluation of the preliminary results from mock-up testing of containment sump check valves [V;BP] determined that the head loss characteristics of the check valves were greater than previously assumed by calculations that support safety analyses. The result of increased head loss through the containment sump check valves is reduced available net positive suction head (NPSH) for the high pressure safety injection pumps [P;BQ] and the containment spray pumps [P;BE] during recirculation mode following a loss of cooling accident (LOCA). A comprehensive review of both the available NPSH and the required NPSH for these pumps was subsequently performed which confirmed insufficient NPSH. Evaluation of the past operability of the pumps with reduced NPSH is incomplete at this time.

SAFETY SIGNIFICANCE

Safety significance is pending completion of the past operability evaluation.

CAUSE OF THE EVENT

The cause of the condition remains under evaluation.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

Corrective actions are pending completion of the condition evaluation. Restoration of sufficient NPSH for the pumps will be achieved prior to plant restart.

PREVIOUS LERs

None