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SUMMARY OF CONFERENCE CALL WITH VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY REGARDING THE REFUELING OUTAGE STEAM GENERATOR INSPECTION RESULTS AT SURRY UNIT 2

The NRC staff participated in a conference call with Virginia Electric & Power Company (VEPCO) on April 17, 2002. The purpose of the conference call was to discuss the steam generator (SG) inspection results from the Spring 2002 refueling outage at Surry Unit 2. At the time of the call, the licensee had completed the SG inspection.

Topics discussed during this call included the inspection scope, the eddy current data analysis results, plugging and repair plans and actions taken in response to the Indian Point Unit 2 (IP2) tube rupture event and NRC Information Notice 2000-02 (IN 2002-02), "Recent Experience with Plugged Steam Generator Tubes." The details of the inspection scope are contained in the inspection summary VEPCO provided in support of this call. In addition to the information presented in the summary, the inspection scope included a visual inspection of all the plugs in the "A" SG and the search for and removal of loose parts in all SGs.

The licensee plugged one tube as the result of 23% through-wall anti-vibration bar (AVB) wear. Although the licensee's technical specification plugging limit is 40% through-wall, the licensee uses an administrative through-wall percentage of 30%. Accounting for this administrative criterion and factoring in the growth rate of the indication combined with the planned operating interval between inspections, the licensee elected to plug this tube.

In addition to AVB wear, the licensee identified minor denting at the 6th and 7th tube support plates (TSPs). The voltages of these dents ranged from 2 to 8 volts. The licensee characterized these dents as minor because a nominal-sized probe passed through the dented tubes without difficulty. The staff inquired about the licensee's technique for determining the existence of flaws within tube dents. The licensee indicated that a dent is deemed free of defects if two consecutive inspections (with bobbin and/or rotating pancake coil (RPC) probe) provide data that the dent indication has not changed or that a flaw indication cannot be confirmed with an RPC probe. The licensee further explained that if the voltage of a dent indication changes by ¼ volt as measured with a bobbin probe, then the licensee further examines that indication with an alternate probe such as an RPC probe. The licensee expressed confidence in this criterion and stated that most of the dents have been inspected with an RPC probe, which should detect flaws within these dents, and that the chances are remote that circumferential flaws would develop because the dent sizes are small. The staff acknowledged the licensee's explanation, but informed the licensee of industry experience with the existence of axial and circumferential flaws within arrested dents (i.e., dents with stable voltages).

In previous outages, the licensee identified pit indications in the "A" and "C" SGs on the cold-leg, above the tube sheet secondary face. The licensee inspected a sample of 200 tubes located in the cold-leg, \pm 1 inch from the top of tube sheet transition. The licensee did not identify additional pit-like indications.

The staff requested the licensee to provide information on the performance of other inspection activities related to SG integrity. The following table summarizes the licensee's response to this request.

Inspection Activity	Assessment	
Primary to Secondary Leakage	None	
Secondary-Side Hydrostatic Testing	None	
New Inspection Findings	None	
X-probe Usage	None	
In-Situ Pressure Testing	None	
Tube Pulls	None	
Condition Monitoring	Tube integrity met	
Operational Assessment for Next Cycle	Tube integrity maintained	

Because the licensee did not identify any primary-to-secondary leakage, secondary-side hydrostatic testing was not required. In addition, the licensee did not identify new inspection findings or significant indications that warranted in-situ pressure testing or pulling tubes for destructive examination. In terms of overall SG tube integrity, the licensee indicated that their evaluations demonstrate the preservation of tube integrity for the next operating cycle.

Based on the information provided during the conference call, the staff did not identify any issues requiring further discussion.

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