Point Beach Nuclear Plant Potential Common Mode Failure NMC Committed to Nuclear Excellence



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INTRODUCTION

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AGENDA

- Introduction (Fred Cayia)
- Response (Ken Peveler)
- System Design/Orifice Design (Tom Kendall)
- Root Cause Status (Rich Flessner)
- Immediate Corrective Actions (Duane Schoon)
- On-Line Risk Assessment (Jim Masterlark)
- Incident Investigation (Stu Thomas)
- Closing Comments (Fred Cayia)





ORGANIZATIONAL RESPONSE









<u>AFW SYSTEM</u> <u>DESIGN/RECIRC LINE</u> <u>ORIFICE DESIGN</u>

Tom Kendall





AFW DESIGN BASIS

- Supply water to SG to remove decay heat and replenish SG inventory
- ➤ Safety-Related Functions:
 - Supply FW during accidents with main steam safety valve opening
 - Supply FW during accidents which require rapid RCS cooldown
 - Isolation capability



AFW System - Major Flow Paths

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ROOT CAUSE EVALUATION STATUS

Rich Flessner

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ROOT CAUSE TEAM

Team Leader – Engineering Processes
Team Member – Engineering Processes
Team Member – AFW System Engineer
Team Member – Design Engineer (KNPP)



ROOT CAUSE CHARTER

- > Determine the following:
 - Timeline of key events
 - The root and contributing causes of why the condition exists, including any potential human performance issues
 - Why the problem was not identified previously





ROOT CAUSE CHARTER

➤ Make recommendations for:

- Correcting the problem, including any remedial actions
- Preventing recurrence of the problem
- Applicability of the root cause to other areas (extent of condition), including verification that a safety-related AFW recirculation flow path exists for the postulated failure modes





RCE INVESTIGATION

- SE/SCR for MR 99-029*A-D recognized potential for SW plugging of RO
- Plugging not considered a concern because recirc flow not required
- 3 AFW pump recirc lines modified with new design RO prior to decision to upgrade recirc line to have a safety-function to provide flow to CST
- 1 AFW pump recirc line modified after recirc line safety function was changed





IMMEDIATE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

≻Immediate Actions

- Information tags placed
- Shifts briefed and trained on issue
- Procedure changes
- Notification made to NRC
- Root Cause Evaluation initiated
 - Multi-discipline RCE Team





ON-LINE RISK ASSESSMENT

Jim Masterlark





On-Line Risk Monitoring

Plant is currently at an elevated risk level due to additional Operator Actions.



On-Line Risk Monitoring

<u>Continued</u>

Performed a Bounding Risk Evaluation

- Large Uncertainty in Failure Probabilities
- Bound Risk to ensure that we do not underestimate risk associated with both planned and unplanned configurations
- Performed Simulator Runs and Operator/Training Interviews to assist with evaluation of Human Error Probabilities





On-Line Risk Monitoring

<u>Continued</u>

- Analysis Provides an Upper Bound for Risk
 - Assumes high probability for plugging orifice if Service Water is used
 - Does not account for water treatment for CST make-up. This would reduce probability for need to use raw Service Water for some transients/accidents.





<u>On-Line Risk Monitoring</u> <u>Current Risk</u>

- Current Risk Level is Yellow (safety monitor)
- Monitoring Planned plant activities to evaluate impact on risk
- Will receive appropriate approvals and take appropriate compensatory measures as needed.
- Risk model currently credits temporary information tags. Model will be updated as procedure changes are implemented.
- Expect risk to be near Green/Yellow threshold after all procedure changes are complete.





INCIDENT INVESTIGATION

- Investigation of the mathematican postmaintenance testing of P38A continues.
- Based on initial discussions and written statements of both operators and maintenance personnel, maintenance and testing activities were performed in accordance with procedures.





CLOSING COMMENTS

Fred Cayia

