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SUBJECT: MILLSTONE POWER STATION, UNIT NO. 2 - FINAL ACCIDENT SEQUENCE  
PRECURSOR ANALYSIS OF AUGUST 2000 OPERATIONAL EVENT

Dear Mr. Christian:

Enclosed for your information is the final Accident Sequence Precursor (ASP) analysis of an operational event which occurred at the Millstone Power Station, Unit No. 2, in August 2000. The condition was reported by Licensee Event Report No. 2001-005-00, dated July 13, 2001, and documented in U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Inspection Report No. 50-336/2000-011, dated October 30, 2000. We prepared the final analysis based on our review and evaluation of your comments on the preliminary analysis, and comments received from the NRC staff. Our responses to your specific comments are included as an attachment to the enclosure. Our review of your comments employed the criteria contained in the material which accompanied the preliminary analysis. The results of the final analysis indicate that this event is a precursor (i.e., the importance or change in core damage probability is greater than 1E-6). Due to the potential sensitivity of the information described in the enclosed ASP analysis and response to comments, the staff has not made the enclosure publicly available.

Please contact me at 301-415-1420 if you have any questions regarding the enclosure. We recognize and appreciate the effort expended by you and your staff in reviewing comments on the preliminary analysis.

Sincerely,  
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# Final Precursor Analysis

Accident Sequence Precursor Program — Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research

Millstone Unit 2	Failure of the turbine-driven auxiliary feedwater pump during a routine surveillance test	
Event Date 08/23/00	LER 336/01-005	$\Delta CDP = 1.8 \times 10^{-6}$

July 14, 2003

## Condition Summary

On August 23, 2000, during a routine surveillance test, while raising the turbine-driven auxiliary feedwater (TDAFW) pump speed from approximately 1400 rpm to its rated speed of 4400 rpm, the control room noted that the turbine speed would at times not respond to motion of the speed control switch and at other times rise in spurts. Also during the start, a senior reactor operator in the pump room noted that at times the speed control servo motor was turning without any corresponding motion of the turbine governor steam valve. Engineering personnel and the Shift Manager evaluated the condition and concluded that the observed governor valve response was consistent with expected response in that, at certain points, substantial motion of the speed control servo motor is necessary to cause a perceptible change in governor steam valve position.

The next operation of the TDAFW pump was a regularly scheduled surveillance test performed on September 20, 2000. During the test, the turbine was started and warmed at its minimum operating speed of approximately 1400 rpm. Following the warm-up, control room operators were unable to increase turbine speed above its starting speed through operation of the TDAFW pump speed control switch. The discharge pressure of the pump at that speed was less than 200 psig, which was insufficient pressure for the pump to provide feedwater to the steam generators. (References 1, 2, and 3)

Concurrent with this condition, the "C" High Pressure Safety Injection pump had a low oil level from July 6 to August 3, 2000. Information from the pump vendor indicated that the as-found oil level would have allowed the pump to operate for an estimated 30 hours before failure. Because this time to failure exceeds the modeled mission time for high pressure safety injection of 24 hours, this additional condition was not included in the condition assessment. (Reference 4)

**Cause.** Following the surveillance test failure, the licensee disassembled the speed control servo motor and the associated coupling. The mechanic performing the disassembly found the self-locking nut loose and the outward bend in the clutch spring sheared off. The spring in the coupling that joined the servo-motor provides remote operation of the governor to the turbine governor. The cause of the spring failure has not been conclusively established.

**Condition duration.** The licensee contracted with a third party to perform a failure analysis of the TDAFW pump governor spring. The report concluded that the spring failed while the governor speed control was moving in the decreasing direction (i.e., return to standby condition). This would indicate that the TDAFW pump had been inoperable from August 23, 2000, until it was restored to service on September 20, 2000. The licensee determined that the actual unavailable time was 29 days, 7.25 hours (Reference 5).

**Recovery opportunity.** Because of the lack of engagement between the manual speed control knob and the governor shaft, the servo motor could not turn the governor shaft. Reference 2 concluded that this failure mechanism would not readily allow recovery of the pump by local manipulation of the speed control knob.

## Analysis Results

- Importance<sup>1</sup>

The risk significance of the TDAFW pump being unavailable is determined by subtracting the nominal core damage probability from the conditional core damage probability:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \text{Conditional core damage probability (CCDP)} & = & 2.2 \times 10^{-6} \\ \text{Nominal core damage probability (CDP)} & = & -4.3 \times 10^{-7} \\ \text{Importance } (\Delta\text{CDP} = \text{CCDP} - \text{CDP}) & = & 1.8 \times 10^{-6} \end{array}$$

The estimated importance (CCDP-CDP) for the condition was  $1.8 \times 10^{-6}$ . This is an increase of  $1.8 \times 10^{-6}$  over the nominal CDP for the ~703-hour period when the TDAFW pump was not available.

The Accident Sequence Precursor Program acceptance threshold is an Importance ( $\Delta\text{CDP}$ ) of  $1 \times 10^{-6}$ .

- Dominant sequence

- Results tables

- The conditional probability of the dominant sequence is shown in Table 1.
- The event tree sequence logic for the dominant sequence is provided in Table 2a.
- The conditional cut sets for the dominant sequence are provided in Table 3.

## Modeling Assumptions

- Assessment summary

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<sup>1</sup> Since this condition did not involve an actual initiating event, the parameter of interest is the measure of the incremental increase between the conditional probability for the period in which the condition existed and the nominal probability for the same period but with the condition nonexistent and plant equipment available. This incremental increase or "importance" is determined by subtracting the CDP from the CCDP. This measure is used to assess the risk significance of hardware unavailabilities especially for those cases where the nominal CDP is high with respect to the incremental increase of the conditional probability caused by the hardware unavailability.

This event was modeled as an at-power condition assessment with the TDAFW pump unavailable for 703.25 hours. The Rev. 2QA of the Millstone Simplified Plant Analysis Risk (SPAR) model (Reference 6) was used for this assessment. The SPAR Rev. 2QA model includes event trees for transients (including loss of feedwater and a transfer tree for anticipated transient without scram), loss of offsite power (including a transfer tree for station blackout), small loss-of-coolant accident, and steam generator tube rupture. These event trees were used in the analysis. The discussion below provides the bases for significant changes to the model.

In addition, this condition was analyzed using the SPAR Rev. 3i model (Reference 7). The Rev. 3i model includes development of initiating events not included in the Rev. 2QA model, as well as modeling of the effect of failure of various support systems on important safety systems. The results of this analysis showed the dominant sequence to involve a (Note: The Rev. 3i model has not been approved for use by the NRC; therefore, significant changes to the model [e.g., event trees, fault trees, component failure data, human error probabilities] could occur in the approval process.) The events and important component failures in this sequence are:

The sequence that is dominant in the Rev. 2QA model (Sequence 23-28) is of lesser importance in the Rev. 3i model because

We agree with the results of the Rev. 3i model. However, the Rev. 2QA models will continue to be used until the Rev. 3i models have been approved by the NRC for use. Therefore, the results presented in this report reflect the Rev. 2QA model results, and our estimate of the importance of this condition is 1.8E-6.

- **Basic event probability changes**

Table 4 provides the basic events that were modified to reflect the event condition being analyzed. The bases for these changes are as follows:

- **Probability of failure of the TDAFW pump (AFW-TDP-FC-TDP).** The probability that the pump would fail to start was set to TRUE (failure probability of 1.0) to reflect the failure of the train to provide flow.
- **Nonrecovery probabilities for the auxillary feedwater system.** Based on the failure cause (speed control mechanism), the TDAFW pump was not considered recoverable within the time period available

(see Table 5).

- **Other changes of sequence nonrecovery probabilities.** The generic sequence nonrecovery probabilities from the SPAR model were reviewed and modified, as necessary, to appropriately reflect the minimum cut sets of the important dominant sequences. Table 4 shows the sequence nonrecovery probabilities for the dominant sequences. Table 5 provides the bases for those probabilities.

- **Model update**

The SPAR model for Millstone 2 was updated to account for:

- updates of system/component failure probabilities and initiating event frequencies based on recent operating experience,

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- changes in the reactor coolant pump seal loss-of-coolant accident model (Reference 9), and

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Bases for these updates are described in the footnotes to Table 4.

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Table 1. Conditional probabilities associated with the highest probability sequences<sup>1</sup>

Event tree name	Sequence no.	Conditional core damage probability (CCDP)	Core damage probability (CDP)	Importance (CCDP - CDP) <sup>3</sup>
LOOP	23-28	1.4E-006	2.3E-008	—
Total (all sequences) <sup>2</sup>		2.2E-006	4.3E-007	1.8E-006

Notes:

1. (File name: GEM 336-01-005 11-19-2001 143823.WPD)
2. Total CCDP and CDP includes all sequences (including those not shown in this table).
3. Importance is calculated using the total CDP and total CDP from all sequences. Sequence level Importance measures are not additive.

Table 2a. Event tree sequence logic for dominant sequence

Event tree name	Sequence no.	Logic ("I" denotes success; see Table 2b for top event names)
LOOP	23-28	

Table 2b. Definitions of fault trees listed in Table 2a<sup>1</sup>

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Note:

1. Modifications to other fault trees not listed in this table were made in accordance with guidance provided in Reference 10. The SPAR model was modified to replace the existing reactor coolant pump seal loss of coolant accident (LOCA) model with the Rhodes Model (Reference 9). In order to replace the reactor coolant pump seal LOCA model without modifying the station blackout event tree, top event OP-SL was set to "False" (basic event OEP-XHE-NOREC-SL). To account for offsite power recovery, the nonrecovery probabilities for offsite power AND emergency diesel generators (EDGs) were added to the sequence-specific nonrecovery probabilities for the reactor coolant pump seal LOCA sequences in the station blackout event tree (see Table 5). Based on the Rhodes Model, the time available to prevent core damage by high-pressure injection if reactor coolant pump seals fail is 4 hours.

(see Table 5). Finally, Event Tree Linking Rule Nos. 4 and 5 (Reference 6, Table 2-1), which are triggered by the success of top event OP-SL, were negated by substituting fault tree HPI for HPI-L in LOOP Sequences 23-11 and 23-23 and HPR for HPR-L in LOOP Sequences 23-06, 23-09, 23-18, and 23-21. High temperature seals were assumed to be installed on all reactor coolant pumps.

Table 3. Conditional cut sets for Sequence 23-28

CCDP	Percent contribution	Minimal cut sets <sup>1</sup>
Event Tree: LOOP, Sequence 23-28		
8.4E-007	59.0	Ex. 2
3.7E-007	25.9	
2.1E-007	15.0	
1.4E-006	Total <sup>2</sup>	

Notes:

1. See Table 4 for definitions and probabilities for the basic events.
2. Total CCDP includes all cut sets (including those not shown in this table).

**Table 4. Definitions and probabilities for modified and dominant basic events**

Event name	Description	Probability/ Frequency	Modified
		TRUE	YES <sup>1</sup>
		7.5E-004	YES <sup>2</sup>
		6.9E-002	YES <sup>3</sup>
		6.9E-002	YES <sup>3</sup>
		6.9E-002	YES <sup>3</sup>
		9.9E-06/hr	YES <sup>4</sup>
		8.0E-07/hr	YES <sup>5</sup>
		3.4E-07/hr	YES <sup>5</sup>
		1.6E-04/hr	YES <sup>5</sup>
		8.4E-001	YES <sup>6</sup>
		5.0E-002	YES <sup>7</sup>
		5.0E-002	YES <sup>7</sup>
		5.0E-002	YES <sup>7</sup>
		5.0E-002	YES <sup>7</sup>
		5.0E-002	YES <sup>7</sup>
		5.0E-002	YES <sup>7</sup>
		8.0E-001	YES <sup>8</sup>
		FALSE	YES <sup>8</sup>
		2.0E-001	YES <sup>9</sup>
		2.2E-001	YES <sup>9</sup>

**Notes:**

1. Basic event was changed to reflect condition being analyzed. TRUE has a failure probability of 1.0.
2. Base case model was updated using data from NUREG/CR-5497, Tables 5-2 and 5-5 (Reference 11).  
(Reference 6, Figure 6.1).
3. Base case model was updated using data from NUREG/CR-5500, Vol. 5, Tables C4, C6, and C7 (Reference 12). See note 2 for additional information.
4. Base case model was updated using data from NUREG/CR-5750, Table H3 (Reference 13) and NUREG/CR 5496 Table B4 (Reference 14).
5. Base case model was updated using data from NUREG/CR-5750, Table 3-1 (Reference 13).
6. Basic event was changed to reflect condition being analyzed. Sequence nonrecovery probabilities were modified to reflect the nonrecovery of AFW; see Table 5.
7. Base case model was updated. See Table 5 for basis.
8. Base case model was updated to reflect the Rhodes Model. (See foot note to Table 2b.)
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**Table 5. Basis for the probabilities of sequence-specific recovery actions**

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Seq. no. and basic event	Failed systems and recovery time <sup>1,2</sup>	Nonrecovery probability	Combined failure probability	Modification remarks (also see footnotes)
22 LOOP-22-NREC		1.0 0.84	0.84	TDAFW pump is nonrecoverable
23-28 LOOP-23-28-NREC		0.8 1.0 n/a	0.8	TDAFW pump is nonrecoverable
23-06 LOOP-23-06-NREC		0.5 0.1	0.05	Include Rhodes reactor coolant pump seal LOCA model
23-09 LOOP-23-09-NREC		0.5 0.1	0.05	Include Rhodes reactor coolant pump seal LOCA model
23-11 LOOP-23-11-NREC		0.5 0.1	0.05	Include Rhodes reactor coolant pump seal LOCA model
23-18 LOOP-23-18-NREC		0.5 0.1	0.05	Include Rhodes reactor coolant pump seal LOCA model
23-21 LOOP-23-21-NREC		0.5 0.1	0.05	Include Rhodes reactor coolant pump seal LOCA model
23-23 LOOP-23-23-NREC		0.5 0.1	0.05	Include Rhodes reactor coolant pump seal LOCA model

Notes:

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## Attachment 1 - Resolution of Comments

A letter from Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. (DNC) to NRC dated August 31, 2001 (Ref. 15), describes DNC's review of and comment on the Preliminary Precursor Analysis of the condition reported in Licensee Event Report (LER) No. 336/01-005. The NRC has reviewed these comments and has made the following changes to the precursor analysis report:

**Licensee's comment:** A detailed failure analysis of the TDAFW pump determined the actual time of failure of the spring. The actual unavailable hours for the pump were determined to be 703.25 hours.

**Response:** The NRC agrees with this comment and has revised the analysis to reflect the new condition duration. This change reduces the overall importance; however, it does not reduce the importance below the ASP program acceptance threshold ( $\Delta CDP$ ) of  $1 \times 10^{-5}$ .

In the process of reviewing this analysis, we realized that credit for

double-counting was eliminated, resulting in an increase in the overall importance for this condition. This increase in importance was larger than the decrease in importance from revising the condition duration, resulting in a slight increase overall in the importance of this condition.