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10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(v)(B)

U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission ATTN: Document Control Desk Washington, DC 20555-0001

Palisades Nuclear Plant Docket 50-255 License No. DPR-20

<u>Licensee Event Report 07-003, Potential For Reduced Component Cooling Water Cooling Capability</u>

Dear Sir or Madam:

Licensee Event Report (LER) 07-003 is enclosed. The LER describes the potential effects on the component cooling water system from radiant heat damage to associated equipment cable jackets. This event is reportable in accordance with 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(v)(B).

Summary of Commitments

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

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Palisades Nuclear Plant

Enclosure (1)

CC Administrator, Region III, USNRC
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TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code)

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COMPLETE ONE LINE FOR EACH COMPONENT FAILURE DESCRIBED IN THIS REPORT (13)											
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On February 17, 2007, it was discovered that cables in a cable tray that are primarily associated with Component Cooling Water (CCW) and Service Water system components had sustained damage to their cable jackets from the radiant heat effects of an un-insulated hot pipe that was in close proximity to the cable tray.

On February 25, 2007, it was conservatively determined that all of the cables in the cable tray that were potentially affected by the radiant heat damage were inoperable due to loss of qualification life and the potential for cable-to-cable interaction from degradation of the cable insulation.

Subsequently, on February 25, 2007, it was recognized that a specific combination of two postulated cable faults could result in a condition in which there would be less than 100% of the required post accident CCW cooling. For this condition, Technical Specification (TS) Limiting Condition for Operation (LCO) 3.7.7.C was entered along with the specified action to enter TS LCO 3.0.3.

This occurrence is reportable in accordance with 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(v)(B) as a condition that could have prevented the fulfillment of the safety function of structures or systems that are needed to remove residual heat.

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EVENT DESCRIPTION

On February 17, 2007, it was discovered that cables in a cable tray that are primarily associated with Component Cooling Water (CCW) [CC] and Service Water [BI] system components had sustained damage to their cable jackets from the radiant heat effects of an un-insulated hot pipe that was in close proximity to the cable tray.

On February 25, 2007, at 1100 hrs, as a result of continued evaluation of the cables and the discovery of a cable with unacceptable damage, it was conservatively determined that all of the cables in the cable tray that were potentially affected by the radiant heat damage were inoperable due to loss of qualification life and the potential for cable-to-cable interaction from degradation of the cable insulation.

Subsequently, on February 25, 2007, at 1300 hrs, it was recognized that a specific combination of two postulated cable faults (resulting in the inoperability of CV-0823, CCW Heat Exchanger Service Water Outlet Valve [V;BI], and P-52B, CCW Pump [P;CC]) could result in a condition in which there would be less than 100% of the required post accident CCW cooling. For this condition, Technical Specification (TS) Limiting Condition for Operation (LCO) 3.7.7.C was entered along with the specified action to enter TS LCO 3.0.3. At 1322 hrs, following cable isolation to restore P-52B to operable, TS LCO 3.0.3 was exited.

This occurrence is reportable in accordance with 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(v)(B) as a condition that could have prevented the fulfillment of the safety function of structures or systems that are needed to remove residual heat.

CAUSE OF THE EVENT

The original plant piping and insulation specifications did not require this pipe (steam generator blowdown [WI] line in the CCW room, downstream of the containment isolation valves) to be insulated. Therefore, this line has never been insulated. Over time, the hot pipe damaged the cables due to radiant heat. The proximity of the heat source to the cable tray had been previously identified in 1998. However, due in part to incorrect assumptions, the design life of the cables was not expected to be challenged.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

The damaged cable sections were replaced. The steam generator blow down line was insulated to reduce heat exposure to the newly installed cable.

To address extent of condition, a systematic walkdown of other cable tray systems was completed. No additional cable repairs were necessary.

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SAFETY SIGNIFICANCE

The safety significance of this occurrence is considered to be minimal. No actual cable faults occurred. Postulated cable faults that result in loss of control power (e.g. blown fuse) would cause affected components to fail to their safety position. Evaluation of the potential for cable-to-cable and intra-cable conductor interactions that could position an affected component in other than its safety position is continuing.

PREVIOUS SIMILAR EVENTS

None