



## NRC Region II Meeting Robinson Nuclear Plant





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#### Agenda

IntroductionTom W	/alt
Plant Performance OverviewErnie Kapopo	ulos
Engineering OverviewWarren Farr	ner
Regulatory PerformanceChuck Bauc	om
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#### **Leadership Team**







# **Plant Performance Overview**

Ernie Kapopoulos Plant General Manager



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## **Operating Status**

Injury Rate On-Line Dose Days On-Line Capacity Factor Capability Factor Forced Loss Rate INPO Index

-- Data as of July 20

YID 0.363618 mRem 63 80.83% 77.77% 1.67% 98





#### **Net Generation**





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## **Small Fuel Defect**

- No Fuel Leak During Cycle 24
- Elevated Noble Gas During Start-Up Sampling
  - No fuel handling anomalies





## **Small Fuel Defect**

- Issued Report To Industry (SOER 03-2)
- Action Plan
  - Monitoring for changes
  - Implement "triggers" for further actions
- Heighten Worker Awareness
- Locate Assembly And Identify Cause
- Repair Or Remove Assembly





## **Refueling Outage 24**

- Start April 7, 0000 Hours
- Finish May 13, 2120 Hours
- Duration 36 Days, 21 Hours
- Dose 79.764 Rem (Electronic Dosimetry)





### **Refueling Outage 24 - Goal Details**

- Human Performance Events
  - CVC-312B valve body damage
  - Inadvertent EDG start
- Two OSHA Recordable Injuries
  - Contractor employees





# **Refueling Outage 24 - Achievements**

- Equipment Repairs
  - Boron Injection Tank (BIT) Header
    - No longer leaking into BIT
  - Containment liner/coatings
    - Repaired 52 Containment liner panels
- Closed Six Operator Workarounds
- Rod Position Indication Performance
  - Modification
  - Calibration





## **Refueling Outage 24 - Achievements**

- Circulating Water Pumps
  - Pump and motor refurbishment
- Repaired Degraded Items (RIS 2005-20)
  - H-links on Main Steam Isolation Valves
  - Containment liner panel
- ECCS Sump Modification
- Integrated Leak Rate Test





# May 15 Plant Trip - Overview

## Indications (1028 Hours)

- Plant at 83% power, power ascension in progress
- 28 alarms received
- Automatic Trip (1116 Hours)
  - 86P Relay actuated Turbine Trip that resulted in Reactor Trip





#### **May 15 Plant Trip - Control Room Indications**

- Main Transformer "C" Trouble Locked-In
- DC Bus "A" Indicated Zero Volts On Plant Process Computer (ERFIS)
  - Local indication normal
  - DC Bus grounds normal on Battery Charger "A"
- Start-Up Transformer Breaker To 4kV Bus 2 (52/12) Dual Indication
  - Discussion on Emergency Bus power
- Humming Noise From Generator Protection Panel





#### May 15 Plant Trip - Operating Crew Response

- Diverse Indications Used To Validate Control Board Annunciators
- Operating Crew Decision-Making
- Implemented Emergency Operating Procedures To Stabilize Plant
  - Motor-Driven Auxiliary Feedwater Pump "A" did not automatically start on Steam Generator Low-Low Level signal
  - Prompt, successful manual start





#### May 15 Plant Trip – Equipment Problems

- Generator Differential Relay 87G Missing Surge Withstand Kit
- Battery Charger "A"
  - Ground detection circuit card failed
  - Swapped to Battery Charger A-1, hard ground indicated
- Grounded Wire In Main Transformer "C" Control Cabinet





## May 15 Plant Trip - Cause

- Alternating Current Induced On 125V DC Bus "A" Initiated 86P Generator Lockout And Subsequent Reactor Trip
- Wire Pulled Loose From Uncrimped Connector (Existed Since 1991)
- Wire Shorted To Panel, Melting Cable Insulation And Insulation Of Adjacent Wiring



As-Found Terminal Block



Post-Repair Terminal Block





# May 15 Plant Trip - Recovery

- Extent Of Condition Testing
- Motor-Driven Auxiliary Feedwater Pump "A"
  - Control board switch malfunction
    - Unrelated to event
  - Pump start logic relays tested satisfactorily







# Heater Drain Pump "A" Trip

- Pump Tripped At 2323 Hours On June 30
- Operator Response
  - Abnormal Operating Procedure implemented
  - Limited to 85% power
- 4kV Motor Leads Failed
  - Electrical storm in area
  - Analysis in progress





# Heater Drain Pump "A" Trip

#### Repair Timeline

- Motor removed on July 1
- Vendor repair
  - No motor damage
- Motor returned to site July 3
- Motor returned to service July 4





## **Licensed Operator Examinations**

- Licensed Operator Initial Written Examinations
  - Exam administered February 2
  - Interim exam report issued March 23
  - "As given" exam invalid
  - Re-examination on June 26
    - All passed
    - Seven SRO Licenses
    - Two RO Licenses





## **Initial Licensed Operator Classes**

- New Class Started July 8 (HLC-08)
- Planned Class For 2008 (HLC-09)
  - Start in January
  - Two simultaneous classes





## **Employee Development**

- Three New Plant Section Unit Managers
  - Operations
  - Radiation Control
  - Outage & Scheduling
- Development Of Bench Strength
- New Operator License Class
- Internal And External Hires





## **Observation Program Initiative**

#### Outage Observation Program

- Targeted
- Successful
- Leadership Team In The Field
  - Program procedure/guidance (PLP-119)
  - Coach and train behaviors
  - Human Performance standards





## **Spent Fuel Management**

- New 24-P ISFSI Initially Loaded And Operational In August 2005
- Loading Campaign Planned For Second Quarter 2008
  - Maintain full core offload reserve





## **2008 INPO Evaluation**

#### Crew Performance Observations

- Week of March 3
- Simulator and in-plant
- On-Site Evaluation Scheduled For April 7-18
- Formal Exit On May 15





# **Engineering Overview**

Warren Farmer Manager - Engineering



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- Regulatory Significant Scope Of ECCS Strainer Installation Completed During Refueling Outage (RO)-24
  - Remaining walkway structure scheduled for RO-25
- Surface Area Increased From ~100 Ft<sup>2</sup> To ~4,100 Ft<sup>2</sup>
- Favorable NRC Inspection





#### Overview







#### "Top Hat" Assemblies Outside Polar Crane Wall











#### Under Fuel Transfer Canal









#### Suction to Residual Heat Removal (RHR) Pumps







#### Suction to RHR Pumps







- Detailed Foreign Material Inspection Performed On RHR Suction Lines During ECCS Strainer Installation
- Loose Debris Discovered
- Attributed To ECCS Screen Repairs Performed In 1998
  - Inadequate work instructions and worker practices







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- Foreign Material Removed
- New ECCS Sump Strainer Installed
- Engineering Analysis For RHR Pump Past Operability (Flowserve)
- Independent Oversight Of Analysis And Flow Test Plan Development (MPR Associates)
- Perform Debris Flow Test And Determine Downstream Effects

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# **Chemical Effects Strategy**

- Reduce Debris 'Source Term'
  - Removal of Aluminum
    - Progress made during RO-24
    - Additional component replacement designs planned for RO-25
  - Insulation assessment
  - Coatings assessment and repair

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# **Chemical Effects Strategy**

- Reduce pH Of Post-LOCA Recirculation Fluid (Buffer Change)
  - Sodium Hydroxide to Sodium Tetraborate
  - Westinghouse testing to address NRC questions
  - Submit License Amendment in 2007
    - On-line implementation restricted by Technical Specifications Allowed Outage Time
  - Consider reducing Spray Additive Tank level/inventory

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# **Chemical Effects Strategy**

- Evaluate Conservatisms In Analytical Model (WCAP)
- Chemical Effects Testing
  - Scheduled for early August
  - Results will determine need for further actions, e.g., insulation removal or banding, etc.

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## Safety Related Cables To Intake

- Original Cables Direct-Buried, Exhibiting Signs Of Aging
- Replacement Plan For Seismic Duct Bank
  - Study completed in 2006
  - Design in 2007
  - Implement in 2008
  - Tie-in during RO-25

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## **Main Generator And Exciter**

- Asset Management Plan
- EPRI Study (2005)
- Installed Bushings, Current Transformers, And Discharge Monitors In 2007 (RO-24)
- Install Flux Probes, Vibration Instruments, And Resistance Temperature Detectors In 2008 (RO-25)
- New Exciter Installation (RO-25)

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# **Switchyard Transformers**

- RO-23 Maintenance
  - New transformer monitoring system
  - Fault pressure relay upgrade
  - Control cabinet cabling replacement
- INPO Transformer/Switchyard/Grid Review During 2006
- EPRI Review During 2006
- Long Range Plan For Replacement In 2010/2011

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#### **Turbine Rotor And Condenser Replacements**

- Turbine Low Pressure Rotor Replacement Planned For 2010
- Condenser Replacement Planned For 2011

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# **Regulatory Performance**

#### Chuck Baucom Manager – Support Services

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#### **NRC Performance Indicators - 2Q2007**

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#### **NRC Inspection Findings - 2Q2007**

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# **Significant NRC Inspections**

- Component Design Bases Inspection
- Fire Protection Triennial Inspection
  - October 22 November 9
  - NFPA 805 implementation schedule
- Emergency Preparedness Graded
  Exercise Inspection
  - December 3 7

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## **Emergency Preparedness**

#### WebEOC Implementation

- NEI 99-01 Emergency Action Level Conversion
- Siren Upgrade
- Pandemic Planning And Preparedness
- Investment In Facilities

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#### **Emergency Preparedness**

#### Technical Support Center Renovations

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Emergency Operations Facility Renovations

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## Self Evaluation

- Self Evaluation Supervisor Position
- Robinson Self Evaluation Board
- Effectiveness Reviews For Corrective Actions To Preclude Recurrence
- Increased Emphasis On Operating Experience
  - Significant Operating Experience Report (SOER) Recommendations

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# **IBEW Organizing Campaign**

- Attempted To Establish Collective Bargaining Representative For Progress Energy Carolinas
  - Brunswick, Harris, and Robinson
- Election Results Certified July 11
- Voting Results Overwhelmingly Pro-Company
- Management Commitment To Listening To Employee Concerns And Suggestions

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# **10 Key Convictions**

- 1. We will value our employees.
- 2. We will maintain managerial integrity.
- 3. We will focus on safety and quality.
- 4. We will be the first to find our problems.
- 5. We will have a robust Corrective Action Program.
- 6. We will understand and rigorously maintain our Design and Licensing Basis.
- 7. We will have objective performance measures.
- 8. We will continually benchmark ourselves against the industry leaders.
- 9. We will actively groom a healthy regulatory interface.
- 10. We will have a meaningful succession plan.

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