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SUBJECT: ST. LUCIE NUCLEAR PLANT - NRC INTEGRATED INSPECTION REPORT
05000335/2009002, 05000389/2009002

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Green. A self-revealing finding was identified for failure to implement adequate process controls to minimize risk during maintenance on the Unit 2, 5B feedwater heater high level limit switch resulting in a manual reactor trip on June 4, 2008. No violations of NRC requirements were identified because the feedwater heater drain system is non-safety related. The licensee entered the issue into the corrective action program as condition report (CR) 2008-18858. Corrective actions included development of specific procedural direction for controlling and insulating energized control circuit leads during work evolutions using the risk management process, design modifications to address vulnerability when performing maintenance on level switches, and evaluation of industry best practices for training and handling of energized leads.

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