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Subject:

Abnormal Occurrences (Supplementary Report)

Report Number:

DPR-49/74-3A and DPR-49/74-4A

Report Date:

August 13, 1974

Occurrence Dates:

April 26, 1974 and April 28, 1974, respectively

Facility:

Duane Arnold Energy Center, Unit #1, Palo, Iowa

Identification of Occurrences

Reactor water conductivity levels reportable in accordance with Appendix A to Operating License DPR-49, Specification 1.0.4.b.

Conditions Prior to Occurrences

DPR-49/74-3

- 1. Routine Startup Operation nuclear heat was being used to raise reactor water temperature to 212°F. in preparation for Phase Four Startup Activities.
- 2. Reactor Vessel vented to atmosphere and reactor water temperature at inlet to Reactor Water Cleanup System 135°F..
- 3. Reactor Critical, thermal power <1%.

DPR-49/74-4

- 1. Nuclear heat (neutron flux) was being used to break down Reactor Water Cleanup System resins in the reactor water.
- 2. Reactor vessel vented to atmosphere and reactor water temperature at inlet to Reactor Water Cleanup System, 150°F..
- 3. Reactor Critical, thermal power <1%.

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Description of Occurrence

DPR-49/74-3

April 26, 1974

1. 1300 hours, Control Room Operators observed increasing reactor water conductivity.

- 2. 1320, Reactor water conductivity exceeded Tech. Spec. limit of 5 micro mhos/cm. (Beginning of DPR-49/74-3.)
- 3. 1335, Operations requested reactor water sample analysis for conductivity, pH, and chlorides.
- 4. 1420, Chemistry Group implemented continuous monitoring of reactor water conductivity and pH at Reactor Water Cleanup Sample Station. Readings were to be logged at 1/2 hour intervals.
- 5. 1430, Shift Supervisor log entry indicates reactor water conductivity of 24 micro mhos/cm, reactor water temperature of 195°F. and a chemistry report that chlorides are within specifications.
- 6. 1620, Operations Supervisor directed that power and temperature be held constant (195°F.) and cleanup to continue until conductivity within Tech. Spec. limits.
- 7. 1700, Reactor water conductivity peaked at 33 micro mhos/cm and decreasing.
- 8. 1810, D. Boyd, Region III Reactor Inspector, USAEC, notified of Abnormal Occurrence, DPR-49/74-3.
- 9. 1822, Assistant Chief Engineer ordered commencement of orderly shutdown.
- 10. Control rod insertion began.
- 11. 2103, All control rods fully inserted.
- 12. 2112, Reactor mode switch placed in shutdown.
- 13. 2400, Reactor water conductivity approximately 22 micro mhos/cm.

April 27, 1974

- 14. 0454 hours, "B" RHR Loop placed in shutdown cooling mode to increase reactor water temperature with pump heat. (Reactor water temperature approximately 148°F.).
- 15. 1505, "A" RHR Loop placed in shutdown cooling mode to increase reactor water temperature with pump heat. (Reactor water temperature approximately 157°F.).

16. 1530, Reactor water conductivity below Tech. Spec. limitations of 5 micro mho per/cm. (End of DPR 49/74-3).

- 17. 1825, Reactor water temperature approximately 175°F...
- 18. 2021, RHR Loops "A" and "B" secured from shutdown cooling mode.
- 19. 2116, Reactor Mode Switch placed in "Startup" in preparation for heatup in accordance with instructions from the Assistant Chief Engineer and the Operations Supervisor. After each rod pull in the approach to criticality, reactor water conductivity is to be observed for five (5) minutes before pulling more rods. If at any time 4.5 micro mhos/cm reactor water conductivity is reached, rod motion is to stop, allowing Reactor Water Cleanup System to reduce conductivity.
- 20. 2136, Commenced rod pull for criticality.

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April 28, 1974

- 21. 0155 hours, Reactor critical, reactor water temperature 160°F..
- 22. 0300-0500 hours, Although instrumentation indicated that conductivity exceeded Technical Specification limits, the actual conductivity was below Technical Specification limits when correctd for CO₂.
- 23. 0800, Reactor water conductivity exceeded Tech. Spec. limit of 5 micro mho./cm. (Beginning of DPR-49/74-4.)
- 24. 0845, Reactor water conductivity peaked at 7.8 micro mhos/cm.
- 25. 0916, Orderly reactor shutdown began. Reactor water conductivity began decreasing.
- 26. 1005, All control rods fully inserted.
- 27. 1012, Reactor Mode Switch placed in shutdown.
- 28. 1019, RHR Loop "B" placed in shutdown cooling mode in order to maintain reactor water temperature with pump heat.
- 29. 1023, RHR Loop "A" placed in shutdown cooling mode in order to maintain reactor water temperature with pump heat.
- 30. 1230, Reactor water conductivity below Tech. Spec. limits of 5 micro mhos/cm. (End of DPR 49/74-4.)

April 29, 1974

31. 0756, USAEC Region 5, Coordinating Office notified concerning DPR-49/74-4.

Designation of Apparent Cause of Occurrences

The cause of the occurrences was the breakdown of Reactor Water Cleanup System resins in the reactor water resulting from exposure to nuclear radiation.

Resins were introduced to the reactor water during the conduct of Preoperational Test No. 58.1 - Nuclear Steam Supply Shutoff System on April 3, 1974. (See Unusual Event Report No. DPR 49/74-UE-1.) During this test, the Reactor Water Cleanup System discharge valve to radwaste was open while the filter-demineralizers were in a "hold" mode of operation. It is believed the filter-demineralizer tanks may have partially drained allowing resins to drop off the septums. When the Reactor Water Cleanup System was restored to normal operations, resins could have passed through the septums and into the reactor vessel.

Investigation to determine other mechanisms by which large amounts of resin could have been introduced to the reactor water has been completed. Several potential design/operating deficiencies have been identified but it is not known whether they individually or collectively were the source of the resin in the reactor water. The potential design/operating deficiencies have been identified as follows:

- 1. Inadequate Pipe Venting A high point exists on both filterdemineralizer loops where the precoat inlet and holding pump
 discharge piping are tied together. This condition could create an
 air pocket during the "backwash" mode, and the air pocket could be
 subsequently discharged during the "precoat" and "hold" modes.
 The ensuing air bubbles trapped in the precoat layer would
 collapse and destroy the integrity of the precoat layer.
- 2. No Automatic Isolation of Filter-Demineralizers As designed, the filter demineralizer units do not automatically isolate on a low or no flow condition when there is a cleanup recirc. pump failure or closure of the main RWCU isolation valves. In certain modes of operation, it may be possible to either drop the filter-demineralizer bed or draw it down the bypass loop.
- 3. Improper Valve Lineups Resin could have been introduced to the reactor water as the result of improper valve lineups during backwash and precoat cycles. As designed, there is no interlock between the manual backwash/precoat setup valves and the automatic backwash/precoat sequence.
- 4. No Loss of Holding Pump Alarm The only indication of the loss of holding pump is a red light. If the red light is not observed by the operator with subsequent appropriate action, the resin cake will dislodge from the septum and subsequent resin injection into the reactor could result.

5. <u>Diluted Precoats</u> - A diluted precoat could result from misoperation of the precoat tank or leakage of demineralized water to the precoat tank.

Analysis of Occurrences

As indicated earlier in this report, the cause of the occurrences was the breakdown of reactor water cleanup resins resulting from exposure to nuclear radiation. This conclusion is supported by information contained in a Rohm and Haas bulletin Amber-Hi-Lites, No. 139 as follows, "When exposed to radiation, ion exchange resins are subject to degradation conditions in water treatment. High energy radiation, particularly gamma and X-ray radiation, will directly degrade many organic compounds, including all types of ion exchange resins. In addition, gamma radiation causes water to undergo radiolysis, resulting in the formation of hydrogen peroxide which in turn will cause all ion exchange resins to degrade." The Rohm and Haas report goes on to explain that such degradation of cation ion exchange resin will be evidenced by the formation of sulfuric acid. The formation of sulfuric acid will cause a reduction in solution pH and an increase in conductivity due to the presence of ionic material.

Following the subject occurrences, analysis of the reactor water indicated the presence of sulphates. The reaction of sulphates to form sulfuric acid would indicate degradation of cation resin and account for the observed low reactor coolant pH and high conductivity.

Corrective Actions

Reactor water pH and conductivity during the time of the occurrences and subsequent corrective actions are indicated in the attached Figure 1.

Following is a chronological summary of actions undertaken to control reactor water conductivity:

April 26 through April 28, 1974

Cleanup of the reactor water to reduce conductivity was attempted via the Reactor Cleanup System.

April 29, 1974

Special testing of the reactor water cleanup filter-demineralizer units was undertaken to ascertain if the use of solka-floc would reduce the traces of resins in the effluent of the units (the filter septums in current use are designed not to require the use of solka-floc). Results of the testing indicated that the use of solka-floc did not significantly reduce the traces of resin in the effluent of the units.

May 1, 1974

Actions were initiated to prepare the condensate-system filter-demineralizers for large volume cleanup of the reactor water. A procedure was prepared to provide for the following flow paths:

- 1. Removal of approximately 200 gpm of reactor water from the reactor vessel through the reactor water cleanup system bypass piping and discharge to the main condenser hot well.
- 2. Flow to the reactor vessel was to be through the Condensate-Feedwater System. The feedwater regulating valves would maintain reactor vessel level and flow to the condenser.

May 2, 1974

Cleanup of reactor water using the Condensate-Feedwater System commenced at 0200 hours.

May 3, 1974

Reactor water conductivity was reduced to less than 1 micro-mho/cm using the Condensate-Feedwater System. However, it was anticipated, reactor water conductivity would again increase and pH would decrease as resin breakdown occurred with radiation exposure. The Nuclear Steam Supply System supplier was contacted concerning the possibility of adding chemicals to the reactor water in order to maintain an acceptable pH during increases in neutron flux levels.

May 4, 1974

Based on recommendations of the Nuclear Steam Supply System supplier, titration of the reactor vessel with reagent grade trisodium phosphate commenced at 0100 hours. The trisodium phosphate was used to maintain a near neutral pH during neutron flux increases. (See attached Figure 2.) Cleanup of reactor water via the Condensate System was continued in parallel.

May 5 through May 8, 1974

Titration of the reactor vessel and cleanup of reactor water with the Condensate-Demineralizer System continued.

On May 8, 1974, the USAEC approved a change to the Duane Arnold Energy Center Technical Specifications providing for an increase in coolant conductivity limits for the purpose of facilitating demineralizer resin removal from the reactor vessel. The change raised the limit on coolant conductivity to 30 micro-mho/cm prior to the first occasion reactor coolant temperature reaches 375°F..

May 9, 1974

A procedure for increasing the rate of cleanup of the reactor water was reviewed and approved by the Operations Committee. The following items summarize the mechanism for increasing the rate of cleanup to 3000 gpm (See attached Figure 2).

- 1. Neutron flux levels were to be increased until a reactor coolant conductivity of 10 micro-mhos/cm was reached. Reactor water pH was to be controlled by continuing titration with trisodium phosphate.
- 2. When a conductivity of 10 micro-mho/cm is reached, the reactor would be taken subcritical.
- 3. Reactor water level would then be increased to a point just above the main steam line.
- 4. Recirculation of reactor coolant would be accomplished by flow through one main steam line, through the bypass and to the condenser.
- 5. Flow to the vessel to maintain reactor water level would be through the Condensate-Demineralizer System and one of the feedwater regulating valves.
- 6. Cleanup by recirculation through the Condensate-Demineralizer System would continue until reactor water conductivity reached acceptable levels as indicated by the IEL&P Chemistry Group. At which time, reactor vessel level would be lowered below the main steam lines and the reactor taken critical.

The above procedure was to continue alternately going critical and recirculating reactor water through the Condensate-Demineralizer Feedwater System.

IEL&P Engineering and nuclear steam supply vendor personnel had previously analyzed the above procedure and concluded that it would not have a deleterious effect on the main steam piping and isolation valves. All appropriate pipe hangers were pinned prior to commencement of the recirculation through the main steam lines.

Reactor water cleanup in accordance with the above procedure commenced at approximately 0500 horus.

May 10 and May 11, 1974

Reactor water cleanup via alternating nuclear heatup and recirculation of reactor coolant continued.

May 12, 1974

0930, cleanup of reactor water via recirculation through the main steam line was terminated. Reactor coolant conductivity leveled out well within acceptable levels (<2 micro-mho/cm) with the reactor critical, demonstrating resin breakdown from neutron flux exposure had ceased.

The reactor was returned to normal and the Startup Test Program continued.

As noted in the "Designation of Apparent Cause of Occurence" section of this report, several potential design/operating deficiencies have been identified as possible causes for the release of reactor water cleanup resins to the reactor water. The following items describe corrective actions initiated to eliminate the potential deficiencies and prevent repetition of the occurrences:

- 1. Inadequate pipe venting a plant design change has been initiated to provide automatic venting of the high-point piping on the holding pump discharge lines.
- 2. No automatic isolation of filter-demineralizer a plant design change has been initiated to provide automatic isolation of the reactor water cleanup filter-demineralizers in the event of low or no flow.
- 3. Improper valve lineups a plant design change has been initiated to provide valve interlocks which prohibit initiation of backwash without the proper valve lineup.
- 4. No loss of holding pump alarm a plant design change has been initiated to provide a holding pump status light and an alarm which is energized when the flow in the holding pump loop is less than the minimum required.
- 5. Diluted precoats Operations personnel have been briefed concerning the importance of maintaining the proper mixture of water and resin in the resin precoat tank. A copy of the vendors reactor water cleanup operating procedures have been posted at the cleanup control panel to assist the operator.

This Supplemental Report was reviewed and approved by the Duane Arnold Energy Center Operations Committee on July 31, 1974.

G. G. Hunt Chief Engineer

Duane Arnold Energy Center

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ATTACHMENTS (3)

DUANE ARNOLD NOTES FIGURE 2

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DUANE ARNOLD ENERGY CENTER NOTES FIGURE 2

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