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I. DESCRIPTION OF EVENTS:

On June 9, 1988, the reactor was operating at 100% thermal power. During a scheduled High Pressure Coolant Injection System (HPCI, EIIS System BJ) operability surveillance test, the HPCI turbine pump did not provide 3000 gpm at rated pressure within 30 seconds, as required. The HPCI System started in 30.08 seconds. The HPCI stop valve also did not meet its required time for opening of 30 seconds, requiring 30.78 seconds. HPCI was declared inoperable at 1435 hours and a seven day Limiting Condition for Operation (LCO) was entered in accordance with Technical Specification 3.5.D.2. Required testing was initiated to verify the operability of the redundant systems: the Automatic Depressurization System (ADS, EIIS System SB), the Low Pressure Coolant Injection System (LPCI, EIIS System BO), the Core Spray System (CS, EIIS System BM) (verified as operable earlier in the day), and the Reactor Core Isolation Cooling System (RCIC, EIIS System BN).

Troubleshooting of the HPCI system began shortly after it was declared inoperable on June 9 and continued through the evening of June 10. PS2288, a pressure switch which controls the HPCI control and lubrication oil system Auxiliary Oil Pump (Aux Oil Pump), had a microswitch within it replaced. (The attached Figure One details the HPCI oil system). The HPCI turbine governor EGR Electro-Mechanical Hydraulic Actuator (EGR), which controls oil flow to the turbine governor valve, was recalibrated.

The evening of June 10, 1988, following the replacement of the microswitch within PS2288 and recalibration of the EGR, the HPCI turbine-pump satisfactorily reached required operating flow and pressure within 22 seconds. After some further refinement of the EGR calibration, the night of June 10 the HPCI system was left in a functionally operable condition from 1928 hours such that it would automatically initiate upon an actuation signal, but was not declared operable. The turbine was allowed to cool overnight. At 1554 hours on June 11, 1988 the HPCI turbine successfully started under cold conditions, reaching rated flow and pressure in 19.6 seconds. The HPCI stop valve reached full open position in 19.8 seconds. The HPCI operability test was completed and the HPCI system formally declared operable and the seven day LCO exited on June 11, 1988 at 1605 hours.

II. CAUSE OF EVENT

The cause of the HPCI event was twofold: the drifting out of tolerance of the EGR offset voltage, considered the primary cause, and the failure of PS2288 to provide adequate control of the HPCI Aux Oil Pump. (See Section III., Analysis of Event.)

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The root cause of the EGR offset voltage drift was a lack of sufficient scheduled periodic testing and preventive maintenance on the instrument. The EGR was last calibrated in May, 1987 during the 1987 refueling outage, and had not been examined since. Rust due to condensation noted on the EGR solenoid may have been a contributory factor.

The root cause of failure of PS2288 to perform properly was a faulty microswitch. The microswitch was examined and one contact on the high pressure trip side was noted to be slightly pitted. High current or voltage in the DC circuit which controls PS2288 is not suspected to have occurred. Slightly loose internals within the microswitch were also noted. This is considered to be a random beginning of life failure based on previous microswitch performance in PS2288. This switch was first installed and successfully calibrated on 4/11/88, as reported in LER 88-002. (See Section V. Par B., Previous Similar Events).

III. ANALYSIS OF EVENT

A. Safety Effect Analysis

At the time of its declared inoperability, the HPCI system would have provided its designed flow rate of 3000 gpm at operating pressure within 30.08 seconds of initiation, versus the required 30 seconds. This would have had an insignificant impact in limiting HPCI's response to an actual event. In addition, redundant systems were operable the day of the event. With the reactor in Run mode, the worst case effect of the failure or inability of the HPCI system to operate would be the loss of the ability to maintain reactor vessel inventory after small line breaks that do not rapidly depressurize the vessel. ADS, in conjunction with the LPCI or CS systems, provides full redundancy for HPCI. The RCIC system was also available to mitigate the loss of HPCI, but is not considered fully redundant to HPCI.

During much of the troubleshooting, HPCI was available to inject if required. Although the system was not declared operable until June 11 at 1605 hours after its cold start time was verified to be acceptable, the HPCI turbine was in an operable condition and available for automatic initiation at 1928 hours on June 10.

B. Description of Affected Systems

The HPCI turbine-pump output is controlled under normal conditions by the performance of, and interaction between, two HPCI subsystems: the HPCI turbine control and lubrication oil system and the HPCI governor control system. These work separately and interact with each other to provide the proper amount of oil to position the HPCI turbine governor and stop valves so that the HPCI turbine-pump will produce the desired output flow and pressure.

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i. The HPCI Control and Lubrication Oil System

The first HPCI subsystem is the HPCI turbine oil system. (See Figure One). Control for this system is provided to ensure an adequate supply of oil will be available to control and lubricate the HPCI turbine. There are two pumps in the HPCI turbine oil system: the Main Oil Pump, which is driven by the turbine shaft, and the Aux Oil Pump, which is DC motor-driven. Each of these pumps can feed the main HPCI oil system header. When not operating the pumps are each separated from the system header by a check valve.

Upon receipt of a HPCI initiation signal, the HPCI Aux Oil Pump starts and provides sufficient oil pressure and flow for HPCI turbine bearing lubrication and operation of the governor and stop valves. The stop valve opens and the governor valve is used to control the turbine speed. As the HPCI turbine increases in speed, the shaft-driven Main Oil Pump develops increased oil pressure and flow. The discharge pressure of the Main Oil Pump is monitored by pressure switch PS2288. By design, when the Main Oil Pump output oil pressure reaches 95 psi, PS2288 trips to shut off the Aux Oil Pump. On HPCI shutdown, when the HPCI turbine is tripped, the system oil pressure decreases as the shaft-driven Main Oil Pump winds down. By design, when the output pressure of the Main Oil Pump (which is the only system oil pump operating at the time) drops to 37.5 psig, PS2288 resets. This restarts the Aux Oil Pump to provide for bearing oil pressure and flow during turbine coastdown.

ii. The HPCI Governor Control System

The second system involved in control of the HPCI output is the turbine governor control system. This system monitors the pump output flow and turbine speed, and adjusts turbine speed to meet a flow setpoint (slightly greater than 3000 gpm for an autostart). This adjustment is made via oil flow to the turbine governor valve. The oil flow is directed via the EGR Electro-Mechanical Hydraulic Actuator (EGR), which is located atop the turbine. The EGR controls oil flow by means of a solenoid-actuated plunger which moves up and down, covering and uncovering oil ports. The solenoid for this plunger is held in place by centering springs, with a given "offset" voltage (.75 to 1 volt by design) required to move the plunger off its "steady-state" position. The larger the offset voltage, the greater the difference between demand and actual flow must be in order to move the plunger.

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The interaction of the oil flow system and the turbine governor system ultimately determine the HPCI turbine speed and therefore the HPCI pump flow. Following the slightly slow start of the HPCI turbine on June 9, 1988, both of these systems were examined, and both were found to be experiencing problems which would effect the HPCI turbine start time.

C. HPCI Troubleshooting Summary

LER 88-002 reported sensing port flow blockage of an oil system pressure switch, PS2288, which controls the Aux Oil Pump. This resulted in HPCI being declared inoperable for 45 hours in April, 1988 when the Aux Oil pump did not start on turbine coastdown. Following this switch's replacement as a corrective action for the HPCI inoperability, it was noted that while the HPCI startup times still remained within the licensing basis, they had increased approximately 5 seconds. A change in startup times was not unexpected due to the characteristics of the newly installed PS2288 compared with the removed switch. The previously installed switch may have had a partially blocked sensing port for some time, which could have effected the switch trip and reset point, thereby effecting oil system performance and ultimately the HPCI system response. Investigation of this most recent HPCI system response was continuing at the time of the June 9, 1988 inoperability.

Troubleshooting of the failure of the HPCI turbine to provide 3000 gpm within 30 seconds was conducted on June 9th and June 10th, 1988. Problems with the turbine oil system were suspected. Operations personnel in the HPCI room at the time of the turbine startup had noted the HPCI Aux Oil Pump cycling on and off at improper times. Also, the turbine governor and stop valves did not appear to be opening as quickly as they had several months earlier. The most likely source of the oil system problem was judged to be HPCI oil system pressure switch PS2288, which had been replaced in April. As noted in the preceding paragraph, this switch was replaced in April, 1988 after failing to reset. (See LER 88-002). Turbine governor control problems were also considered a possibility.

As previously detailed, PS2288 senses the output pressure of the turbine-shaft driven Main Oil Pump, and cycles the Aux Oil Pump accordingly. PS2288 was jumpered out to allow the Aux Oil Pump to operate continuously and the HPCI turbine started with the Aux Oil Pump running during the entire startup sequence to provide maximum oil flow. This resulted in a HPCI startup time of approximately 22 seconds, eight seconds faster than with PS2288 controlling the Aux Oil pump.

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D. Summary of System Performance Characteristics

An examination of the HPCI pump flow startup curve revealed the primary difference between the 30.08 second fast start on June 9 and the post-troubleshooting successful 19.6 second fast start on June 11 was a greater length of time prior to the HPCI pump beginning to produce flow. Therefore, the slow startup was due primarily to problems at the beginning of the startup cycle, when both the stop valve and governor valve are opening, and not during the latter half of the cycle, when the stop valve is open and the governor valve is controlling flow. Visual observation of the valves during troubleshooting startups confirmed this. The corrective actions taken for the June 9 HPCI inoperability, the replacement of the microswitch within PS2288 and the recalibration of the EGR. increased startup oil flow and ensured proper and timely oil supply to the system during the early portions of the startup sequence. As previously noted, the 30.08 versus 30 second startup time would not have had a significant impact in limiting HPCI's response to an actual event.

IV. CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

The immediate corrective actions taken for the slightly slow startup of HPCI turbine pump were to commence the required testing of the systems which provide redundancy to HPCI, and to initiate troubleshooting of the HPCI system itself.

Troubleshooting of the HPCI system resulted in replacement of a defective microswitch within the HPCI Aux Oil Pump pressure switch, PS2288, and recalibration of the offset voltage of the HPCI turbine governor EGR unit. The microswitch failure is considered to be a random beginning of life failure, and based on previous microswitch performance in PS2288 no further corrective action is deemed necessary. The internals of the EGR unit were examined on June 27, 1988 for corrosion and some rust was seen on the solenoid. This rust is not an operability concern at present and will be dealt with by long-term corrective action.

Several long term corrective actions are being taken. The HPCI EGR offset voltage will be monitored quarterly, and recalibrated if required. (It was monitored during the next HPCI operability test on July 7, and found to be acceptable with minimal drift). Replacement of the HPCI EGR with one containing an oil-covered solenoid, which would inhibit rust formation, is being planned for the upcoming Fall 1988 Refueling Outage. The EGR for the RCIC Turbine will be replaced as well.

The failure of the HPCI system to meet its requirement of 3000 gpm at reactor pressure in 30 seconds is being reported per 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(v).

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