NRC FINDS BRUNSWICK EMERGENCY DIESEL GENERATOR INSPECTION FINDING TO BE OF LOW TO MODERATE SAFETY SIGNIFICANCE

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has determined that fuel oil tank rooms serving the Brunswick nuclear plant’s emergency diesel generators were not properly protected from possible flooding, a finding of “low to moderate safety significance” that will result in increased NRC inspection and oversight of the facility.

The violation was identified by an NRC inspector and was detailed in a Nov. 29 inspection report. CPL officials did not contest the risk significance of the finding and declined the opportunity to discuss the issue during a Regulatory Conference or provide a written response. In response to the finding, Brunswick officials have installed new sealant material to close the openings on the oil tank rooms, and barriers have also been erected to limit possible wave run-up to the facilities.

The white inspection finding will result in increased NRC oversight at Brunswick, which includes a supplemental inspection.

The final significance letter issued to CPL with more information on the issue is available from the Region II office or via the NRC website at www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html. The number to access the letter is ML113610594.
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