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Subject: Licensee Event Report 2012-002

In accordance with 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(v)(D), PSEG Nuclear LLC is submitting
Licensee Event Report (LER) Number 2012-002

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Mr. Paul Bonnett
at (856) 339-1923.

No regulatory commitments are contained in the LER.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David P. Lewis".

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High Pressure Coolant Injection System Inoperable

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12. LICENSEE CONTACT FOR THIS LER

FACILITY NAME Paul Bonnett, Sr. Compliance Engineer	TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code) 856-339-1923
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13. COMPLETE ONE LINE FOR EACH COMPONENT FAILURE DESCRIBED IN THIS REPORT

CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANUFACTURER	REPORTABLE TO EPIX	CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANUFACTURER	REPORTABLE TO EPIX
X	BJ	FQT		N					

14. SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT EXPECTED				15. EXPECTED SUBMISSION DATE		
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				08	14	2012

ABSTRACT (Limit to 1400 spaces, i.e., approximately 15 single-spaced typewritten lines)

On March 14, 2012, the High Pressure Coolant Injection (HPCI) system was declared INOPERABLE when the turbine governor control valve failed to respond as operators expected during a planned maintenance evolution. The system was aligned for obtaining an oil sample and the reactor operator (RO) started the auxiliary oil pump (AOP). The control valve moved to mid position, but did not immediately return to the closed position as expected. When the AOP was secured, the control valve went fully closed.

The cause of the event was an unexpected response of the HPCI turbine governor control valve. As part of the troubleshooting the EGR was replaced and sent to the manufacturer for failure analysis. This LER is being submitted because the as found condition of the EGR will not be confirmed until the manufacturer's failure analysis is complete and reviewed.

This condition is reportable under 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(v)(D) for a condition that would have prevented fulfillment of a safety function.

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NARRATIVE

PLANT AND SYSTEM IDENTIFICATION

General Electric – Boiling Water Reactor (BWR/4)
High Pressure Coolant Injection (BJ) – EIS Identifier {BJ/T}*

*Energy Industry Identification System {EIS} codes and component function identifier codes appear as {SS/CCC}

IDENTIFICATION OF OCCURRENCE

Event Date: March 14, 2012
Discovery Date: March 14, 2012

CONDITIONS PRIOR TO OCCURRENCE

Hope Creek was in Operational Condition 1 at 100 percent rated thermal power (RTP). No structures, systems, or components were INOPERABLE at the start of this event or contributed to the event.

DESCRIPTION OF OCCURRENCE

On March 14, 2012, at 8:34 p.m., the High Pressure Coolant Injection (HPCI) system {EIS: BJ/T} was declared INOPERABLE when the turbine governor control valve failed to respond as expected during a planned maintenance evolution for oil sampling. The approved procedure for obtaining the oil sample required the HPCI flow controller to be placed in MANUAL in order to run the auxiliary oil pump (AOP). The reactor operator (RO) set the flow controller output demand signal at zero percent and started the AOP. The governor control valve responded by traveling open to mid position but did not return to the full closed position as seen in previous samples. The valve position indicated that the valve was 26 percent open, which was verified by local observation. The RO verified that the controller output demand was set to zero and the flow controller was in MANUAL. When the RO secured the AOP, the turbine governor control valve went fully closed as expected.

Engineering's initial review of the response concurred that the turbine governor control valve did not respond as expected. With the unexpected system response confirmed, the shift manager declared HPCI INOPERABLE and made an eight-hour notification (event No. 47745) to the NRC via the Emergency Notification System (ENS). All other emergency core cooling systems and the reactor core injection cooling (RCIC) system remained OPERABLE and were protected to ensure no work was performed on them until after the HPCI system was restored. There were no automatic or manually initiated safety system responses.

Troubleshooting performed on the turbine governor control valve showed that the relay linkage between the valve and the Woodward EGR (Electronic Governor - Remote Actuator) was free to move and did not bind. The initial inspection of the EGR showed that the internal plunger was not bound and was able to move by hand. Some corrosion on the internal plunger was noted. The EGR and remote servo were replaced. Replacement of control components required dynamic tuning of the system. These activities were completed at 08:00 on 3/17/2012, at which time the HPCI system was restored to an OPERABLE condition.

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CAUSE OF EVENT

The cause of the event was an unexpected response of the HPCI turbine governor control valve that is most likely due to a potential internal malfunction of the EGR. The cause will be determined once the manufacturer's failure analysis results are received and reviewed. A supplemental report will be submitted once the failure analysis has been review and the causal evaluation has been approved.

SAFETY CONSEQUENCES AND IMPLICATIONS

HPCI was declared inoperable. Based on the HPCI system being inoperable, a Safety System Functional Failure (SSFF) occurred as defined in Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) 99-02.

PREVIOUS OCCURRENCES

A review of Licensee Event Reports for the past three years at Hope Creek was performed to determine if a similar event had occurred. No similar events were noted.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

1. The EGR and remote servo was replaced.
2. The EGR and remote servo was sent to Woodward for failure analysis and refurbishment.
3. An apparent cause evaluation is being conducted.

COMMITMENTS

This LER contains no regulatory commitments.