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Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant – Unit 1
Notice of Cancellation
Licensee Event Report 2015-003-00
Failure to Meet a Technical Specification Completion Time for Reportability

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The subject Unit 1 Licensee Event Report (LER) 2015-003-00, submitted July 16, 2015 under Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) letter NL-15-1288, is being canceled pursuant to the requirements of 10 CFR 50.73(d) and per the guidance of NUREG 1022, Revision 3, Section 5.1.2.

The condition was not reportable under 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(i)(B). The basis for the cancellation is provided in the attached *Justification of Cancellation for Unit 1 Licensee Event Report 2015-003-00*.

It is requested that the Unit 1 LER 2015-003-00 be removed from the LER data base.

This letter contains no NRC commitments. If you have any questions regarding the submittal, please contact Greg Bell at (334) 814-4765.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. A. Gayheart", written over a horizontal line.

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Enclosure: Justification of Cancellation for Unit 1 Licensee Event Report 2015-003-00

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Enclosure

Justification of Cancellation for Unit 1 Licensee Event Report 2015-003-00

Enclosure to NL-15-1685
 Justification of Cancellation for Unit 1 Licensee Event Report 2015-003-00

The subject Unit 1 Licensee Event Report (LER) 2015-003-00, submitted July 16, 2015 under Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) letter NL-15-1288, reported that the 72 hour completion time for placing the Reactor Coolant System (RCS) B Train Delta T instrumentation in the trip position per Technical Specification (TS) 3.3.1 Limiting Condition for Operation (LCO) Condition E was exceeded. This apparent oversight of not meeting the 72 hour completion time occurred when the entry time for the action statement was not properly tied to the initial collection of scaling data.

However, it has been determined upon further evaluation that SNC had, in fact, met the requirements of the TS and was never in a condition prohibited by TS. Although the Delta T channel was not placed in the trip position until after 72 hours from the initial collection of scaling data, it was placed in the trip position prior to the 78 hour shutdown time.

TS 3.3.1 LCO Condition E states:

CONDITION	REQUIRED ACTION	COMPLETION TIME
<i>E. One channel inoperable.</i>	-----NOTE----- <i>The inoperable channel may be bypassed for up to 12 hours for surveillance testing of other channels.</i> -----	
	<i>E.1 Place channel in trip. OR E.2 Be in MODE 3.</i>	<i>72 hours 78 hours</i>

NUREG 1022, Revision 3, Section 3.2.2 on page 19, Limiting Conditions for Operation states, in part:

An LER is required if a condition existed for a time longer than permitted by TS (i.e., greater than the total allowed restoration and shutdown outage time (or completion time in STS))...

Using this guidance, the allowed restorative time is 72 hours; placing the channel in trip is considered restorative since there are no additional actions required once the channel is placed in trip. The shutdown outage time is the additional 6 hours to be in MODE 3 and the total completion time is 78 hours. Therefore, since the channel was placed in the trip condition prior to exceeding the completion time of 78 hours, an LER is not required.