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Salem Nuclear Generating Station Unit 1
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NRC Docket No. 50-272

SUBJECT: LER 272/2016-005-000
Instrumentation Channels Inoperable for longer than allowed by
Technical Specification

Licensee Event Report, "Instrumentation Channels Inoperable for longer than allowed by
Technical Specification" is being submitted pursuant to 10 CFR 50.73 (a)(2)(i)(B), "Any
operation or condition which was prohibited by the plant's Technical Specifications....."

Should you have any questions or comments regarding the submittal, please contact
Mr. Thomas Cachaza of Regulatory Affairs at 856-339-5038.

There are no regulatory commitments contained in this letter.

Sincerely,

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

On August 11, 2016, the channel check for the 13 Loop Over Temperature Delta Temperature (OTDT) was unsat and the channel was declared inoperable. Investigation revealed that the Pressurizer (PZR) Pressure Channel III, input to 13 OTDT, had not been calibrated to the correct acceptance criteria. The PZR pressure Channel III was declared inoperable. During 1R24 on April 21, 2016, PZR channel III had been out of specification during calibration and was adjusted in accordance with the procedure acceptance criteria. Evaluation of the out of specification condition identified that the procedure acceptance criteria was incorrect. The need to re-perform the calibration was identified. Due to inadequate communication of the surveillance status and inaccurate assumptions by individuals the test was not re-performed. The unit was returned to service on July 30, 2016 (entered mode 1) without the channel recalibration being performed.

The 13 loop OTDT channel and the PZR pressure channel III were required to be operable in modes 1, 2, and 3. The inoperable channels impacted three Technical Specifications (TS). TS 3.3.2.1, Engineered Safety Feature Actuation System (ESFAS) and TS 3.3.1.1, Reactor Trip System Instrumentation both require that the inoperable channel be placed in the tripped condition within 6 hours. The inoperability of PZR pressure channel III also impacted the function of 1PR1 power operated relief valve (PORV). TS 3.4.3, Relief Valves, requires that with one inoperable PORV, that the PORV is restored to operable within 1 hour or close its associated block valve, remove power from the block valve, and restore the PORV to operable status within the following 72 hours..... The action times for each of these technical specifications were not met.

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NARRATIVE

PLANT AND SYSTEM IDENTIFICATION

Westinghouse-Pressurized Water Reactor {PWR/4}

Plant Protection System {JC}

Engineered Safety Feature Actuation System {JE}

*Energy Industry Identification System (EIIIS) codes and component function identifier codes appear as {SS/CCC}.

IDENTIFICATION OF OCCURRENCE

Event Date: 08/11/2016

Discovery Date: 08/11/2016

CONDITIONS PRIOR TO OCCURRENCE

Salem Unit 1 was in Mode 1 at 99.9 percent rated thermal power (RTP).

DESCRIPTION OF OCCURRENCE

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CAUSE OF EVENT

The cause of this event is inadequate turnover and communication of surveillance status and inaccurate assumptions regarding the requirement to perform the necessary surveillance's prior to clearing a mode change restriction.

SAFETY CONSEQUENCES AND IMPLICATIONS

There was no safety consequence associated with this event. This event only impacted one channel of OTDT and PZR Pressure. The other three channels of each were not affected by this issue and were operable and capable of performing their function. Additionally the 1PR2 (PORV) was operable and capable of performing its function. A review of the UFSAR chapter 15 accidents identified that opening one PORV is adequate to limit pressurizer pressure and prevent the pressurizer safety valves from opening.



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SAFETY SYSTEM FUNCTIONAL FAILURE

This condition did not result in a safety system functional failure as defined in NEI 99-02, Regulatory Assessment Performance Indicator Guidelines.

PREVIOUS EVENTS

A review of previous events for the past three years did not identify any similar events.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

The PZR Channel III procedure was corrected and the channel was calibrated satisfactorily. Both the PZR Channel III and the 13 loop OTDT were restored to operability.

An extent of condition review of approximately 125 operability determinations was completed with no additional errors found.

Commitments

There are no regulatory commitments contained in this LER.