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Dresden Nuclear Power Station, Unit 2
Facility Operating License No. DPR-19
Licensee Event Report 1999-001-00
NRC Docket No. 50-237

Subject: Loss of Drywell to Torus differential pressure during Quarterly Valve Timing due to Poorly Structured Technical Procedure Step

The enclosed Licensee Event Report, which is a final report, describes the Loss of Drywell to Torus differential pressure during Quarterly Valve Timing due to Poorly Structured Technical Procedure Step. This condition is being reported pursuant to 10CFR50.73(a)(2)(i)(B) which requires that the licensee report any operation or condition prohibited by the plant's Technical Specification.

The following actions were taken:

Operations promptly tailgated this event with all Operating Teams.

The Operations policy on pre-job briefs was revised to include a step for a peer review of all surveillances prior to the task. Specifically, the use of N/A within the surveillance will be documented prior to performance.

The Nuclear Station Operator was temporarily relieved of duty until completion of the investigation. Prior to being released for active duty, coaching was performed in accordance with station policy.

Operations performed a cursory review of Operations Surveillance's, specifically to identify other areas where surveillance steps consist of compound or potentially misleading action statements.

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This correspondence contains the following commitment:

The Training Department will review Operations request for training on fundamental knowledge of system response and operator expectations. This should include the fundamental use of STAR during performance with an emphasis on Stop & Think, and the Operator's role as the final barrier to error prevention. (NTS 2371809900101)

Operations will revise the following surveillance, DOS 1600-03,05; DOS 5600-02; and DOS 7500-02, correcting the identified need for human factoring. (NTS 2371809900102)

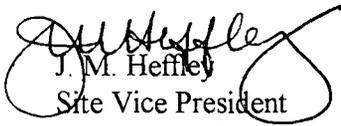
Operations will review all valve timing, and Off Gas system surveillances, looking for the need to correct any human factoring deficiencies. (NTS 2371809900103)

The Shift Operations Superintendent will meet with all Operations Shift personnel to discuss departmental expectations for performance of surveillances, based upon the lessons learned from this event. Also, reinforcement will occur after the D3R15 refueling outage. (NTS 2371809900104)

Operations will revise DAP 09-02 Checklist A, Procedure and Revision Process Checklist, to include an initial block to require the user to assure that action statements added to procedures meet the established writing standard, the "Dresden Writers Guide". (NTS 2371809900105)

If you have any questions, please contact Frank Spangenberg, Dresden Regulatory Assurance Manager at (815) 942-2920 extension, 3800.

Respectfully,


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Enclosure

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