

ATTACHMENT TO LICENSEE EVENT REPORT 77-075/03L-0
COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY (CWE)
DRESDEN UNIT 2 (ILDRS-2)
DOCKET # 050-237

While Unit 2 was locked in shutdown during a refueling outage and Unit 3 at steady-state operation, a surveillance was performed on Unit 2 core spray system, in which an auto start signal to the Unit 2/3 diesel generator was inserted. The diesel failed to start. However, the operator at the diesel room heard a click from the air start solenoid, indicating the signal had been received. The operator reset the "engine start failure" relay and the diesel started and ran successfully. No fault could be found. Another attempt of starting the diesel was made duplicating the above sequences and the diesel ran successfully.

During that brief period, the diesel generator was not required for Unit 2, and Unit 3 diesel was operable. Therefore, the safety significance of this event was minimal.

The cause of this event is unknown. The frequency of the diesel generator operability surveillances has since been increased from monthly to weekly to provide additional information concerning diesel generator performance. A program is underway involving the manufacturer to determine the steps necessary to increase the reliability of the diesel generators. Also, further corrective action may be taken as a result of this program.

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Reportable Occurrence Report #77-075/03L-0, Docket 050-237 is hereby submitted to your office in accordance with Dresden Nuclear Power Station Technical Specification 6.6.B.2.(b), conditions leading to operation in a degraded mode permitted by a limiting condition for operation.

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Enclosure

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