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Gentlemen:

Re: St. Lucie Unit 1
Docket No. 50-335
Reportable Event: 90-02
Date of Event: February 7, 1990
Missed Surveillance on 125 volt DC Batteries Result in
Technical Specification Violation Due to Personnel Error

The attached Licensee Event Report is being submitted pursuant to the requirements of 10 CFR 50.73 to provide notification of the subject event.

Very truly yours,

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ABSTRACT (Limit to 1400 spaces. i.e. approximately fifteen single-space typewritten lines) (16)

On February 07, 1990, with Unit 1 shutdown in a refueling outage, it was discovered that the weekly surveillances on the 1A and 1B 125 volt batteries were not performed on January 30, 1990. Technical Specification 4.8.2.4.2 requires that battery weekly surveillances be performed.

The root cause of the event is due to a cognitive personnel error from an improper turnover to a relieving Electrical Maintenance department Unit 1 supervisor. A lack of an effective tracking system of Technical Specification surveillances by the Electrical Maintenance department compounded the situation.

Corrective actions: Electrical Maintenance will revise their Technical Specification surveillance procedure.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE EVENT

On February 07, 1990 with Unit 1 in Mode 6 for a refueling outage, it was determined by Electrical Maintenance personnel that the weekly surveillances on the 1A and 1B batteries (EIS:EJ) had not been performed. The weekly surveillances were required in accordance with Technical Specification 4.8.2.4.2. The surveillances were due on January 30, 1990 with a one day extension due January 31, 1990.

At the time of the discovery, Electrical Department personnel performed the weekly surveillances on the 1A and 1B 125 volt batteries that were due February 06, 1990. These were performed within the one day extension of February 07, 1990. The action statement for Technical Specification 3.8.2.4 requires that with less than one 125 volt D.C. bus operable, containment integrity must be established within 8 hours. However, both the 1A and 1B 125 volt batteries were restored to operable status within the 8 hour period and containment integrity was not established.

CAUSE OF THE EVENT

The root cause of the event is due to a cognitive personnel error from an improper turnover to a Unit 1 relieving Electrical Maintenance supervisor. The Unit 1 relieving supervisor was unaware that the Technical Specification surveillances were his responsibility. Recent changes in the Electrical Department organization to support the Unit 1 outage, in addition to inadequate procedural guidance for the tracking of Technical Specification surveillances, compounded the situation. An optional Electrical Department checklist for Technical Specification surveillances was not used.

ANALYSIS OF THE EVENT

Ensuring that the weekly Technical Specification surveillances on the 1A and 1B batteries previously was the responsibility of one individual. The turnover of the duties to the relieving supervisor did not properly delegate that responsibility, therefore the root cause was due to a cognitive personnel error. The personnel error in the improper turnover was a task that was not covered by an approved procedure. There were no unusual characteristics of the work location that contributed to the error. The personnel involved in the improper turnover were utility maintenance personnel. The normal and backup review processes were unable to identify a missed surveillance within the allowable extension limit for a weekly surveillance. An optional Electrical Maintenance checklist for Technical Specification surveillances was not used. A daily update is needed to ensure surveillances will not be missed.

The missed surveillances requires that specific gravities, electrolyte levels, and float voltages for pilot cells are checked. The subsequent surveillance of on February 07, 1990 was satisfactory, therefore during the week of the missed surveillances the 1A and 1B batteries were able to perform their intended function.

This event was reportable to the NRC under 10CFR50.73(a)(2)(i)(B) as any operation or condition prohibited by the plant's Technical Specification.

Thus, the health and safety of the public were not at risk during this event.

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CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

- 1) Electrical Maintenance will revise Maintenance Procedure #0930021, Electrical Maintenance Department Surveillance /Testing Schedule. The revision will require the use of Appendix C, which is a checklist for for Technical Specification surveillances.
- 2) Electrical Department personnel were counseled on the importance of proper turnover.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

COMPONENT FAILURES

NONE

PREVIOUS SIMILAR EVENTS

The most recent similar event is LER 389-89-008, which describes a missed surveillance on Safety Injection header check valves following the refilling of two Safety Injection Tanks due to personnel error.

