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While in operational condition 5 with the reactor head removed, the reactor cavity flooded, and the fuel pool gates removed, at 0148 hours on April 21, 1987 the Reactor Containment Inboard Residual Heat Removal (RHR) Shutdown Cooling Supply Valve (RHR-V-9) automatically isolated. The cause of the isolation is attributed to relay replacement efforts being performed by Plant staff. This event caused the loss of RHR Shutdown Cooling.

The event occurred when the neutral wire of the relay being replaced was lifted to permit the new relay base installation. This caused an interruption on the neutral side of the RHR-V-9 isolation relay because the neutral leads are commonly connected.

The cause of the event was personnel error by the Plant engineer in not checking all required information sources prior to directing the lifting of the lead.

There is no safety significance associated with event. At the time of the event the reactor water level was greater than 22 feet above the reactor vessel flange which provides a large heat sink for core cooling and adequate time to restore RHR Shutdown Cooling or initiate an alternate decay heat removal method. RHR Shutdown Cooling was restored in less than one hour. In addition, an alternate method of shutdown cooling was available if needed.

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Plant Conditions

- a) Power Level 0%
- b) Plant Mode 5 (Refueling)

Event Description

While in operational condition 5 with the reactor head removed, the reactor cavity flooded and the fuel pool gates removed at 0148 hours on April 21, 1987 the Inboard RHR Shutdown Cooling Supply Valve (RHR-V-9) automatically isolated when Plant electricians lifted a wire which de-energized the valve control relay. The RHR Shutdown Cooling Supply Valve is a Nuclear Steam Supply Shutoff (Containment Isolation) Valve. The closing of RHR-V-9 resulted in the loss of a suction path to the RHR Shutdown Cooling Loops. RHR-V-9 is interlocked to the Shutdown Cooling RHR pumps to trip the pumps when the valve goes closed.

At 0212 hours on April 21, 1987 RHR Shutdown Cooling was re-established using RHR Loop A.

The relay changeout work which caused this event was scheduled to be done when the reactor vessel head was removed and the reactor cavity flooded (reactor water level greater than 22 feet above the reactor vessel flange). With the reactor cavity flooded a large heat sink is available for core cooling, and adequate time is provided to restore RHR Shutdown Cooling or initiate an alternate method.

At the time of the event a Plant engineer was directing Plant electricians who were replacing another electrical relay (MS-RLY-K72 a valve control relay for Reactor Water Sample Isolation Valve RRC-V-19). The neutral wires for both relays were commonly connected so when the neutral wire for the relay being replaced was lifted it also interrupted the neutral side of relay MS-RLY-K29. De-energizing the K-29 relay causes RHR-V-9 to close.

The root cause of the event was personnel error by a Plant engineer, who directed the electricians to lift the lead prior to checking all information sources to determine the effect of lifting the lead. The Plant engineer was directing the work using an electrical elementary diagram only. He should have also reviewed the associated electrical connection diagram to determine the effect of lifting this lead. Plant Procedures were not the cause of this event.

Immediate Corrective Action

Plant electricians replaced the lifted neutral lead and RHR-V-9 was reopened. Plant operators completed actions to return RHR Shutdown Cooling Loop A to service.

Further Corrective Action

The Plant engineer was counseled on the importance of checking all required information sources prior to lifting leads.

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A Maintenance and Operational Bulletin will be published which describes the use of common neutrals in Control Room panels and the proper steps to be taken to determine the effect of lifting a lead in these panels. The Bulletin will be required reading for appropriate plant operators, engineers, and craftsmen. In addition, the Bulletin will be republished annually.

Safety Significance

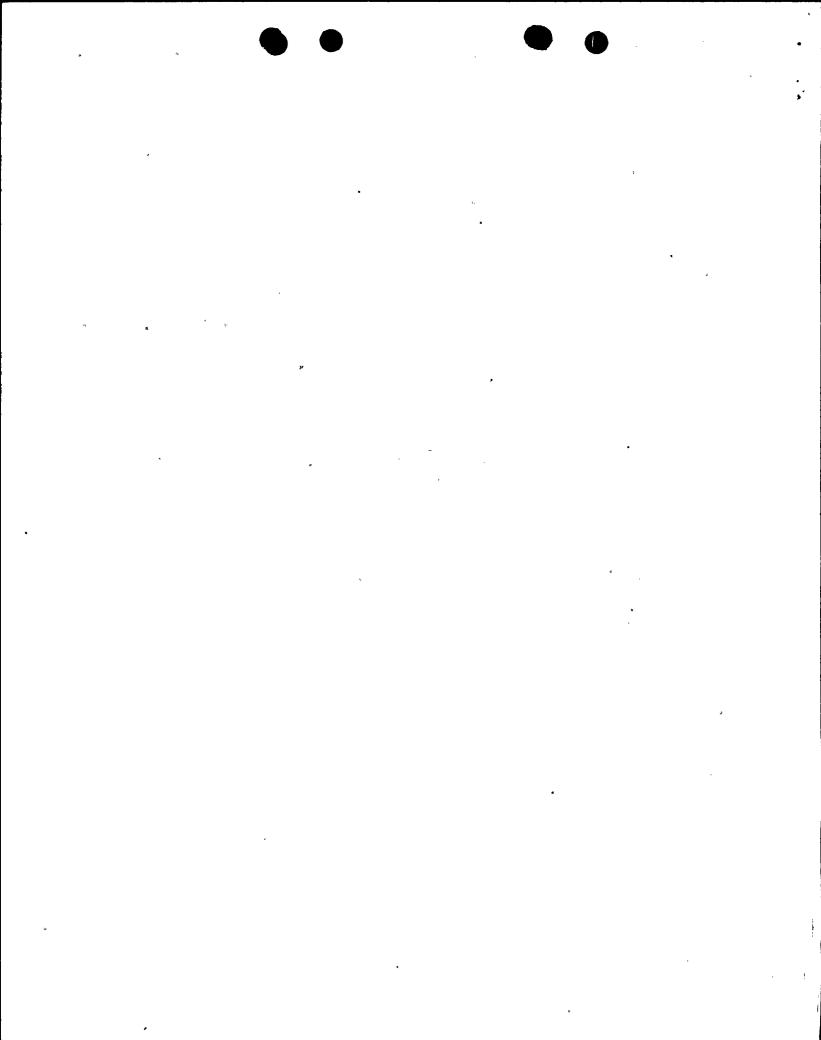
There is no safety significance associated with this event. At the time of the event the reactor vessel head was removed and reactor water level was greater than 22 feet above the reactor vessel flange. These conditions provide a large heat sink for core cooling with adequate time to restore RHR Shutdown Cooling or initiate an alternate method of decay heat removal. RHR Shutdown Cooling was restored in less than one hour, and an alternate decay heat removal system was available if needed. Secondary containment although not necessary during the Plant conditions at this time, was maintained throughout the event. Reactor core circulation was provided by the Reactor Water Cleanup System and the CRD System was operational. This event caused no threat to the safety of the public or plant personnel.

Similar Events

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LICENSEE EVENT REPORT NO. 87-005

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is Licensee Event Report No. 87-005 for WNP-2 Plant. This report is submitted in response to the report requirements of 10CFR50.73 and discusses the item of reportability, corrective action taken, and action taken to preclude recurrence.

This is a follow-up to the verbal notification given at 0240 hours on April 21, 1987.

Very truly yours,

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C.M. Powers (M/D 927M) WNP-2 Plant Manager

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