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LICENSEE EVENT REPORT 99-002, "TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION SURVEILLANCE
NOT COMPLETED WITHIN SPECIFIED FREQUENCY"

Licensee Event Report (LER) 99-002 is attached. The LER reports that a Technical Specification Surveillance from 1995 was discovered to have not been performed within the specified surveillance frequency plus allowable extension. This event is reportable in accordance with 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(i)(B).

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS

This letter contains no new commitments and no revisions to existing commitments.


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LICENSEE EVENT REPORT (LER)

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		20.2203(a)(2)(iv)	50.36(c)(2)		50.73(a)(2)(vii)	

LICENSEE CONTACT FOR THIS LER (12)

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COMPLETE ONE LINE FOR EACH COMPONENT FAILURE DESCRIBED IN THIS REPORT (13)

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ABSTRACT (Limit to 1400 spaces, i.e., approximately 15 single-spaced typewritten lines) (16)

On July 22, 1999, with the plant at 99.9% power, during an internal audit of completed Technical Specification surveillance packages, it was discovered that a past performance of Technical Specification surveillance procedure RI-38, "SIRW Tank Level Indication", was not completed within the required 18 month interval plus allowable extension. RI-38 performs the channel calibration surveillance for Safety Injection and Refueling Water (SIRW) Tank Level, which is required in accordance with TS Section 4.17.5, Item 12.

RI-38 was completed on May 25, 1993. Based on an 18 month interval plus allowable extension, RI-38 should have been completed by April 15, 1995; but was not completed until May 19, 1995. This exceeded the required 18 month interval plus allowable extension by 34 days. This is reportable in accordance with 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(i)(B).

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TEXT (If more space is required, use additional copies of NRC Form 366A) (17)

EVENT DESCRIPTION

On July 22, 1999 during an internal audit of completed Technical Specification (TS) surveillance packages, it was discovered that a past performance of TS Surveillance Procedure RI-38, "SIRW Tank Level Indication", was not completed within the required 18 month interval plus allowable extension. RI-38 performs the channel calibration surveillance for Safety Injection and Refueling Water (SIRW) Tank Level, which is required in accordance with TS Section 4.17.5, Item 12.

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CAUSE

During the period between the May 25, 1993 and May 19, 1995 performances of RI-38, the surveillance frequency was revised via TS Amendment 162 from a frequency of each refueling outage to an 18 month interval. This revised surveillance frequency was not incorporated into the surveillance schedule in a timely enough manner to accomplish the surveillance in accordance with the new 18 month frequency. The delay in revising the surveillance schedule resulted from an administrative weakness in the communication method for notifying the surveillance scheduler of the need to revise the surveillance schedule.

SAFETY SIGNIFICANCE

There was no safety significance as the result of this occurrence. Surveillance results from the channel calibration of May 19, 1995 showed that all affected equipment would have operated properly.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

A review was conducted of all other affected surveillance requirements from TS Amendment 162 to verify correct implementation. All surveillances associated with TS Amendment 162 were found to be appropriately scheduled.