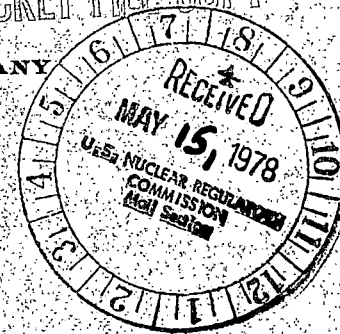


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Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

Pursuant to Surry Power Station Technical Specifications, the Virginia Electric and Power Company hereby submits the following Licensee Event Report for Surry Unit No. 2.

Report No.	Applicable Technical Specification
LER-78-013/03L-0	TS 6.6.2.b(3)

This report has been reviewed by the Station Nuclear Safety and Operating Committee and will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the System Nuclear Safety and Operating Committee.

Very truly yours,

C. M. Stallings

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Vice President-Power Supply
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EVENT DESCRIPTION AND PROBABLE CONSEQUENCES (10)

02 | During normal startup, following an outage for steam generator inspection,
03 | the reactor was brought critical below the minimum insertion limit on
04 | "D" Control Bank. This is contrary to Technical Specifications 3.12.A.4
05 | and is reportable per Technical Specifications 6.6.2.b(3).
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SYSTEM CODE CAUSE CODE CAUSE SUBCODE COMPONENT CODE COMP. SUBCODE VALVE SUBCODE

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33 34 35 36 37 40 41 42 43 44 47
ACTION TAKEN FUTURE ACTION EFFECT ON PLANT SHUTDOWN METHOD HOURS ATTACHMENT SUBMITTED NPRD-4 FORM SUB. PRIME COMP. SUPPLIER COMPONENT MANUFACTURER

CAUSE DESCRIPTION AND CORRECTIVE ACTIONS (27)

10 | The event was caused by an undetected error in the estimated critical
11 | position calculation. The reactor was immediately returned to shut-
12 | down conditions by emergency boration.
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15 | C | 28 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 29 | NA | 30 | A | 31 | Operator Observation | 32
7 8 9 10 12 13 44 45 46 80
FACILITY STATUS % POWER OTHER STATUS METHOD OF DISCOVERY DISCOVERY DESCRIPTION

16 | Z | 33 | Z | 34 | NA | 35 | NA | 36
7 8 9 10 11 44 45 80
ACTIVITY CONTENT RELEASED OF RELEASE AMOUNT OF ACTIVITY LOCATION OF RELEASE

17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 37 | Z | 38 | NA | 39
7 8 9 11 12 13 80
PERSONNEL EXPOSURES NUMBER TYPE DESCRIPTION

18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40 | NA | 41
7 8 9 11 12 80
PERSONNEL INJURIES NUMBER DESCRIPTION

19 | Z | 42 | NA | 43
7 8 9 10 12 80
LOSS OF OR DAMAGE TO FACILITY TYPE DESCRIPTION

20 | N | 44 | NA | 45
7 8 9 10 80
PUBLCITY ISSUED DESCRIPTION NRC USE ONLY

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Title: Critical Below Insertion Limits

1. Description of Events:

During normal startup, following an outage for steam generator inspection, the reactor was brought critical below the minimum insertion limit for "D" Bank. This is contrary to Technical Specifications 3.12.A.4 and is reportable as per Technical Specifications 6.6.2.b.(3).

2. Probable Consequences:

The insertion limits are determined to satisfy safety requirements such as shutdown margin, power distribution limits, and the maximum worth from an ejected control rod. A violation of the insertion limits does not necessarily result in a violation of the applicable safety limits because of conservatism used in developing these limits. An evaluation of this event has determined that due to the conservative assumptions used, the appropriate safety limits were not violated. Therefore, the health and safety of the general public were not affected.

3. Cause of Event:

This event was caused by personnel error. An error was made and went undetected in the calculation of the Estimated Critical Position which led to an over-dilution of the reactor coolant system. As a result of this dilution, the reactor was brought critical below the insertion limits.

4. Immediate Corrective Action:

The reactor was immediately returned to shutdown conditions using the emergency boration system. This is the required response for the violation of this limiting condition for operation.

5. Subsequent Corrective Action:

Personnel involved in this event were reinstructed.

6. Actions Taken To Prevent Recurrence:

Personnel were instructed to take greater care when making and checking calculations.

7. Generic Implications:

None