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Identification of Occurrence

Operation of the unit in a degraded mode permitted by a limiting condition for operation occurred when the Feedwater Coolant Injection (FWCI) subsystem was declared inoperable due to missing seismic restraints on associated piping.

Conditions Prior to Occurrence

Prior to occurrence, the unit was operating at 100 percent steady state with piping restraint inspections in progress.

Description of Occurrence

On October 16, 1979, at 1100 hours, the Feedwater Coolant Injection (FWCI) subsystem was declared inoperable. While conducting piping seismic restraint inspections in accordance with NRC Bulletin 79-14, it was discovered that two FWCI associated piping restraints had not been installed during original construction. Both locations were in the line between the Condensate Storage Tank and the Emergency Condensate Transfer Pump suction. Although these locations were identified on the original stress isometric drawings, restraints were not shown at these locations, on the construction drawings.

The Technical Specification required operability demonstration surveillances, for FWCI subsystem inoperable, were begun immediately and continued daily during the out of service period.

Designation of Apparent Cause

The FWCI subsystem was removed from service for less than 7 days in order to install 2 piping restraints in the Emergency Condensate Transfer Pump suction line that were inadvertently omitted during original construction.

Analysis of Occurrence

The Feedwater Coolant Injection (FWCI) subsystem is provided to adequately cool the core for all pipe breaks smaller than those which the Low Pressure Coolant Injection or core spray subsystems can protect the core. Technical Specifications allow the FWCI subsystem to be inoperable for up to 7 days provided all active components of the Automatic Pressure Relief subsystem, the Core Spray subsystems, Low Pressure Coolant Injection subsystem and Isolation Condenser system are operable. The daily operability demonstration of the above systems/subsystems did provide adequate assurance that small break protection was maintained and that continued power operation could be justified.

Corrective Action

The required restraints were installed and the FWCI subsystem was declared operable. Further information regarding the piping restraints is contained in the unit response to NRC Bulletin 79-14.