

TOLEDO EDISON COMPANY
DAVIS-BESSE NUCLEAR POWER STATION UNIT ONE
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR LER NP-33-79-135

DATE OF EVENT: November 26, 1979

FACILITY: Davis-Besse Unit 1

IDENTIFICATION OF OCCURRENCE: After tripping Reactor Coolant Pump (RCP) 1-2, the flux trip setpoint was readjusted to a value slightly in excess of technical specifications

Conditions Prior to Occurrence: The unit was in Mode 1, with Power (MWT) = 1885 and Load (Gross MWE) = 638.

Description of Occurrence: At 2145 hours on November 26, 1979, a motor lower bearing oil level alarm low (L808) for RCP 1-2 was received in the control room. As dictated by the immediate action of EP 1202.16, RCP and Motor Emergency Procedure, reactor power was reduced and RCP 1-2 was tripped. Instrument and Control personnel were then called to lower the flux trip setpoint corresponding to three RCP operation. By 0000 hours on November 27, 1979, the new flux trip setpoint value was obtained from the Shift Foreman and the trip bistables were reset.

During log review at 0800 hours on November 27, 1979, the 78.5% setpoint value obtained from the Shift Foreman was discovered to be in excess of 78.3% which is the maximum allowed per the Technical Specification 2.2.1 for three RCP operation. An additional setpoint adjustment was completed by 0858 hours on November 27, 1979, to lower the trip bistable setpoint within technical specification requirements.

Designation of Apparent Cause of Occurrence: At the time of this writing, evaluations by Toledo Edison personnel and Westinghouse had not established a cause for the motor lower bearing oil level low alarm.

The cause for incorrectly setting the flux trip setpoint has been attributed to procedure deficiencies in that correct and concise information was not provided. The EP 1202.16, RCP and Motor Emergency Procedure used during the trip of RCP 1-2 does not relate a need for resetting the trip setpoints to any value or specify the value.

Analysis of Occurrence: There was no danger to the health and safety of the public or to station personnel. By the procedure, trip voltages set into the bistable may have a tolerance of (+) 0.000 VDC to (-) 0.060 VDC with respect to the percent rated thermal power desired. This maintains that the actual setpoint applied may be more conservative than that specified. In this case, the actual voltage to which the bistables were set corresponds to 78.46% of rated thermal power. This value exceeds technical specifications (by .08% of the allowable value) which is expected to be within safety margins.

Corrective Action: Modifications will be prepared to the RCP and Motor Emergency Procedure EP 1202.16 and Power Operation PP 1102.04 to reflect technical specification requirements for three RCP operation flux trip setpoints.

Failure Data: There have been no previously reported procedural difficulties concerning reactor protection system high flux trip setpoint.

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