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Narrative Report for LER #1-80-007

During normal power operation, it was discovered that the Standby Service Water Pump (2P41-COO2) would not meet the criteria set forth in the surveillance procedure (HNP-1-3182, "D/G MANUAL START") and ASME section 11-IWP resulting in the pump's being declared inoperable.

The plant was immediately declared in a Limiting Condition for Operation, and action was taken to comply with HNP-1 and HNP-2 Tech Specs by performing the requirements set forth in section 4.5.J.2.A and section 3.7.1.2 respectively.

In the process of corrective maintenance, an investigation revealed that the pump's first stage impeller had been rendered inoperable as the associated lock collet had become disengaged from the impeller and shaft. This device serves as part of the driving mechanism for the shaft-impeller assembly and is "pressed fit" on a taper between the two components according to specific dimensions to ensure proper attachment to the shaft. The exact cause of the lock collet failure is not known but could be attributable to the pump being started while in reverse rotation. This condition had, in fact, been observed prior to the pump's failure due to an inoperable discharge check valve. The check valve has been repaired to prevent recurrence. Since pump initiation during reverse rotation can cause possible damage, the pump shafting and other lock collets were inspected for such damage with no consequential findings. This problem is not generic since this is the only pump on site that has this method of impeller-to-shaft attachment.