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Licensee Event Report
Reportable Occurrence No. 50-219/80-12/3L

Report Date

March 27, 1980

Occurrence Date

February 28, 1980

Identification of Occurrence

Violation of the Technical Specifications, paragraphs 4.7.A.5 and 4.7.B.1 when the weekly surveillance tests for the main station and diesel generator batteries were not performed.

This event is considered to be a reportable occurrence as defined in the Technical Specifications, paragraph 6.9.2.b.(3).

Conditions Prior to Occurrence

The plant was shutdown for a refueling/maintenance outage.

The reactor was subcritical.

The reactor mode switch was locked in refuel.

The cavity was flooded.

Description of Occurrence

On Thursday, February 28, 1980, during review of the Master Surveillance Schedule, it was discovered that Diesel Generator Weekly Battery Surveillance (636.2.005) and Main Station Weekly Battery Surveillance (634.2.002) were not performed during week No. 7. The test was scheduled to be performed on Friday, February 1, 1980, but due to rescheduling of personnel for various outage jobs, the two surveillance tests were inadvertently overlooked. This week was the only week that the tests were not performed.

Apparent Cause of Occurrence

The apparent cause of the occurrence is personnel error and can be attributed to failure to adhere to the distributed surveillance schedule.

Analysis of Occurrence

The manufacturer's instructions for battery care recommend that written records be kept to follow the performance of batteries. This type of surveillance has been demonstrated through experience to provide an indication of a cell becoming irregular or unserviceable long before it becomes a failure. The batteries will deteriorate with time, but precipitous failure is unlikely. The safety significance is considered minimal because there were no adverse effects noticed in the following surveillance test performed on each of the batteries.

Corrective Action

The importance of the surveillance is understood and the Master Surveillance Schedule will be adhered to in order to prevent this situation from recurring. An evaluation will be made to determine ways of improving the execution of the surveillance test program.

Failure Data

Not Applicable.