

Virginia Electric and Power Company
North Anna Power Station
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Description of Event

On July 30, 1980 while operating in Mode 2 at 3% power the bypass feedwater regulator valve failed open causing a high water level in "A" steam generator. This resulted in a cool down of the Reactor Coolant System to a Tave of 537°F. Reportable pursuant to 6.9.1.9.b, and the applicable T.S. is 3.1.1.5.

Probable Consequences of Event

Since Tave was returned to within the proper limit (> 541°F) in two minutes, the health and safety of the public were not affected.

Cause of Event

The operator for the feedwater regulator valve caused the valve to move erratically and then fail open. The reason for why the valve operator failed is unknown, although it is suspected that water got into the instrument air line and caused the valve operator to malfunction.

Immediate Corrective Action

Instrument technicians inspected the valve thoroughly, and found no mechanical deficiencies. The instrument air line was blown down to clear it of any water that might have been in it.

Scheduled Corrective Action

No scheduled corrective action is required.

Actions Taken to Prevent Recurrence

No action is required.

Generic Implications

There are no generic implication based on maintenance history to date.