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Licensee Event Report
Reportable Occurrence No. 50-219/80-37/3L

Report Date

September 18, 1980

Occurrence Date

August 19, 1980

Identification of Occurrence

Operation of the Standby Gas Treatment System in a degraded mode as allowed by Technical Specifications, Paragraph 3.5.B.3.A when Standby Gas Treatment System #2 was found to be inoperable during a scheduled surveillance test.

This event is considered to be a reportable occurrence as defined in the Technical Specifications, paragraph 6.9.2.b.2.

Conditions Prior To Occurrence

The plant was operating at steady state power.

Plant parameters at the time of occurrence were:

Power: Reactor, 1717 MWt
 Generator, 558 NWe

Flow: Recirculation 13.7×10^4 gpm
 Feedwater 6.32×10^6 lb/hr

Description of Occurrence

On Tuesday, August 19, 1980, at approximately 1830 hours, during routine surveillance testing of the Standby Gas Treatment System, SGTS #2 initiated normally but subsequently tripped out. SGTS #1 immediately initiated automatically and performed satisfactorily.

Apparent Cause of Occurrence

The cause of the occurrence is attributed to personnel error. Pressure Sensor PN-4 was not sensing flow properly due to misalignment apparently caused by a welding lead that was inadvertently run across the tubing below the duct.

Analysis of Occurrence

The Standby Gas Treatment System is used to process the Reactor Building atmosphere, should conditions be present which require its functioning, and exhaust it through the plant stack. Although SGTS #2 was observed to be inoperable when the system was initiated, the control logic did, as designed, initiate SGTS #1 which proved to be functional. The safety significance of this event is considered minimal since the only concern was a loss of redundancy in the SGTS.

Corrective Action

The welding lead was removed from the tubing and the PN-4 sensing element was aligned properly to sense flow. An operability test was performed to prove the system functional. A memorandum will be issued to the appropriate maintenance personnel stressing the need for tighter supervisory and administrative controls when working around safety related equipment.

Failure Data

Not applicable.