

Tennessee Valley Authority
Sequoyah Nuclear Plant

LER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

SQRO-50-327/80205 Technical Specification Involved: 3.6.5.3

Reported Under Technical Specification: 6.9.1.13.b

Date of Occurrences: 12-29-80, 1-5-81 Time of Occurrences: 0118 CST, 1815 CST

Identification and Description of Occurrences:

During routine inspection of ice condenser on 12-29-80, and again on 1-5-81, two ice condenser intermediate deck doors under AHU-3A were found frozen closed during each inspection.

Conditions Prior to Occurrence:

Unit 1 in Mode 1 at 86% reactor power on 12-29-80 and at 90% reactor power on 1-5-81.

Apparent Cause of Occurrence:

Water froze in AHU-3A defrost drain line blocking flow during subsequent defrost cycles and causing drain line to rupture. Water spilled from drip pan onto doors and froze.

Analysis of Occurrence:

On the first occurrence (12-29-80), water had frozen in the defrost drain line of AHU-3A causing both flow blockage and the drain line to rupture. Water spilled from drip pan onto doors. On 1-2-81, insulation was removed from the drain line, heat tracing removed, and a temporary heat tape installed so that the line could be repaired. The second occurrence (1-5-81) can be attributed to two causes. First, water spilling over drip pan during defrost cycles between 12-29-80 and 1-2-81. Second, water from melting ice in drain line, after installation of temporary heat tape, dripping from rupture in drain line.

Corrective Action:

The ice was removed from the doors on both occasions within 24 hours.

Ruptured drain line was repaired by 1-6-81. An investigation has begun to determine why the drain line has been freezing.

Failure Data:

None