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Office of Inspection and Enforcement
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
631 Park Avenue
King of Prussia, PA 19406From: Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station
RFD #1 Rocky Hill Road
Plymouth, MA 02360Subject: PROMPT REPORTABLE OCCURRENCE
Docket Number 50-293; License DPR-35Assigned LER Number 80-050/01X-0

Event Description: Licensee Event Report 80-050/01X-0 is being submitted in accordance
with the requirements of PNPS Technical Specification 6.9.B.1.b. Management review of station
operating conditions concluded that a plant shutdown was not commenced as required by Technical
Specification.

Cause and Corrective Action: Root cause of this occurrence is sparse and ambiguous technical
specifications for operation with installed alternate shutdown panels.

Facility Status:

c) Routine Startup _____
d) Routine Shutdown _____
e) Steady State X _____
f) Load Changing _____

100 % Thermal MW

g) Shutdown _____
h) Refueling _____
i) Other _____
j) Not Applicable _____

A written follow-up report will be sent within two weeks.

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Attachment to LER 80-050/01X-0

Description

On September 10, 1980 at approximately 1700 hours a management review concluded that a Technical Specification violation had occurred. The violation occurred on September 7, 1980.

On September 7, 1980 while performing surveillance tests prior to removing 'A' diesel generator from service it was determined that RBCCW pump P202D was inoperable. Although RBCCW pump P202D was inoperable, the Watch Engineer permitted the diesel generator to be removed from service at that time because it was known that there were installed spares in each of the RBCCW loops.

However, the September 10, 1980 management review concluded that since alternate shutdown panels installed during the last refueling outage restricted remote control of the RBCCW pumps to two of three installed units per loop and since RBCCW pump P202D was one of those two, that 'A' diesel generator should not have been removed from service.

Cause & Corrective Action

The sparse and ambiguous language of the Technical Specifications is believed to be the root cause of this occurrence in that the Limiting Condition for Operation of the Safe Shutdown Panels is not clearly defined.

Upon identification of this situation a reactor shutdown was immediately initiated but terminated at approximately 1810 hours on September 10, 1980, following the return of the 'A' diesel generator to service. Additionally, a priority 'A' maintenance request was issued to return RBCCW pump P202D to operable status.

To provide long term corrective action it is contemplated that following additional review of the existing equipment and their requirements that two action items will be proposed.

1. A design change to plant equipment and,
2. Technical Specification revision to clarify the LCO's for operation with installed alternate shutdown panels.