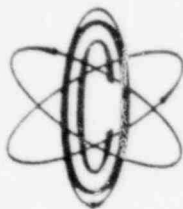


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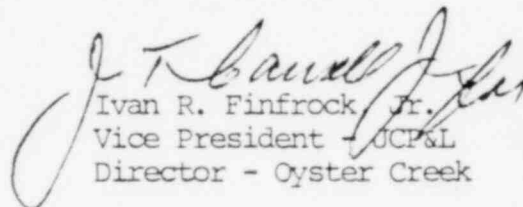
Mr. Boyce H. Grier, Director  
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United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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Dear Mr. Grier:

SUBJECT: Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station  
Docket No. 50-219  
Licensee Event Report  
Reportable Occurrence No. 50-219/81-25/01T

This letter forwards three copies of a Licensee Event Report to report Reportable Occurrence No. 50-219/81-25/01T in compliance with paragraph 6.9.2.A.2 and 6.9.2.A.6 of the Technical Specifications.

Very truly yours,

  
Ivan R. Finfrock, Jr.  
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Licensee Event Report  
Reportable Occurrence No. 50-219/81-25/01T

Report Date

July 1, 1981

Occurrence Date

June 17, 1981

Identification of Occurrence

Violation of the Technical Specifications paragraph 3.5.B.1, when secondary containment integrity was not maintained for five minutes when both reactor building railroad airlock doors were open.

This event is considered to be a reportable occurrence as defined in the Technical Specifications, paragraph 6.9.2.A.2 and 6.9.2.A.6.

Conditions Prior to Occurrence

Flow:	Recirculating	$15 \times 10^4$ gpm
	Feedwater	$7.2 \times 10^6$ lb/hr
Power:	Generator	600 MWe
	Reactor	1768.08 MWt

Description of Occurrence

On Wednesday, June 17, 1981, at approximately 1347 hours, the secondary containment integrity was broken when both reactor building railroad airlock doors were open together.

The outer railroad airlock door was open to permit work on the door closure interlock circuit and the inner door was in the closed position. The inner door swung partially open at the top breaking a securing latch.

A broken inner door latch permitted the door to open partially at the top when normal reactor building ventilation system was switched from the Standby Gas Treatment System, after testing, to normal ventilation. The operator failed to start the supply fan after starting the exhaust fan. The time the railroad airlock doors were open did not exceed five minutes since the problem was diagnosed immediately by the electrician working on the outer door who closed the outer door within minutes of the event.

Apparent Cause of Occurrence

Operator error and failure of inner door latch permitting the door to partially open from excess Reactor Building vacuum caused this event.

Analysis of Occurrence

Secondary containment is required to minimize ground level release of airborne radioactive material and to provide for controlled, elevated release of the building atmosphere under accident conditions. The ability of secondary containment to perform its intended function with both airlock doors open was degraded. Considering the length of time concerned, the safety significance of this event is considered to be minimal.

Corrective Action

The closure latch was repaired and replaced within one and one half hours after the event. The supply fan was started immediately to correct the situation. Additionally, the incident was discussed with the operator involved and a memorandum will be issued to all operators discussing the event and the proper operation of the doors. As a follow-up a revision to Procedure No. 329 "Reactor Building Heating, Cooling and Ventilation System" will be made in order to insure correct practices are followed.