

LER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

BFRO-50-259 / 83028 Technical Specification Involved 3.8.B.8

Reported Under Technical Specification 6.7.2.b. (2) * Date Due NRC 07/01/83

Event Narrative:

Unit 1 was in a refueling outage, unit 2 was in a maintenance outage, and unit 3 was operating at 95-percent power. All three units had the possibility of being affected by this event. At approximately 2200 hours on June 2, 1983, both stack gas radiation monitors (RM-90-147/148) became inoperable due to failure of stack gas radiation sample pump "A." The failure initiated a control room alarm. Plant operations personnel were immediately dispatched to place the redundant sample pump (pump "B") in service. A second control room alarm was received immediately after "B" sample pump was placed in service. Both "A" and "B" sample pumps were declared inoperable at this time.

The radiochemical laboratory was instructed to initiate a grab sample and analysis program for the stack effluent (SI 4.8.B.1.a.2) as required by Technical Specification 3.8.B.8. The sample pumps and their associated radiation monitors (RM-90-147/148) were declared operable at 0317 hours on June 3, 1983. Technical Specification 3.8.B.8 requires that a minimum of one stack gas radiation monitor be operable when any unit's steam jet air ejector, mechanical vacuum pump, or a standby gas treatment train is in service. This requirement was not met for approximately 5 hours and 17 minutes.

This event was caused by the failure of sample pumps "A" and "B." Sample pump "A" failed due to loss of oil (broken filter oil bowl) and sample pump "B" failed when the motor tripped out. It is believed that mechanical failure of pump "B" caused the motor to trip. The failure of pump "A" was a random occurrence. The failure of pump "B" is being investigated and a followup report will be issued upon completion of the investigation.

This event had no adverse effect on the health or safety of the public. No significant increase in activity levels was detected by analysis of the stack gas grab samples. Additionally, a review of SI 4.8.B.1.a.1 (Airborne Effluent Log) revealed no significant increase in activity during this time.

■ Previous Similar Events:

None

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Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY - BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT UNIT 1 - DOCKET
NO. 50-259 - FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE DPR-33 - REPORTABLE OCCURRENCE
REPORT BFRO-50-259/83028

The enclosed report provides details concerning the failure of the stack
gas radiation monitors because of pump problems. This report is submitted
in accordance with Browns Ferry unit 1 Technical Specification 6.7.2.b(2).

Very truly yours,

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