



LER ATTACHMENT - RO #2-82-88

Facility: Unit No. 2

Event Date: August 4, 1982

During a unit refueling outage, while manually opening the suppression pool suction supply valve to the B pump of the B loop RHR, 2-E11-F004B, it was discovered that the valve stem turned freely beyond the full open valve position. A subsequent inspection of the valve internal workings revealed the valve stem, made of 410SS, had completely fractured approximately 6" from the valve stem. A new valve stem was installed and the valve was satisfactorily cycled, determined to be operable, and returned to service.

A document search of the maintenance history associated with this valve determined the failed valve stem was originally supplied with the valve, which is manufactured by Anchor Darling. The failed valve stem was then sent to the Company's Shearon Harris E&E Center for a metallurgical/failure analysis evaluation. A fracture analysis of the broken F004B valve stem showed the stem had failed from IGSCC. It was found that IGSCC had reduced the valve stem cross-sectional area to 70% of original and the fracture was then completed by a sudden shear. An analysis of the valve stem material showed the material had higher than specified surface hardness which is felt to be a contributor to the stem failure. It is felt the high stem material hardness was due to improper heat treating during the manufacture of the stem material. In addition, it was noted that the stem displayed excessive surface pitting.

Following the receipt of the laboratory findings, a site Engineering Task Force was formed and an extensive document search was initiated at the Brunswick site to identify all Anchor Darling valves in use at the facility and classify them according to heat treatment batch. The Anchor Darling valve stems at the Brunswick site were matched to a specific heat treatment batch number.

An in-place hardness testing program was begun in accordance with an approved special procedure. Two stems from each of the 36 heat treatment batches were chosen as samples. In batches with four or less stems, only one stem was chosen. Also, in seven batches, all stems were smaller than 1 1/4" diameter. These stems could not be tested in place due to constraints placed on the testing device. In these seven batches, only one stem from each batch was selected for removal and testing. The basis for this was the excessive plant impact of mass valve disassembly and the fact that no small stems had been found with excessive hardness to date.

Within two weeks of beginning the testing program, over 60 valve stems were tested, representing samples from 34 of 36 heat treatment batches. Of the 36 batches, 5 were identified as having excessive hardness in stems 1 3/4" diameter and larger. The listing of these valves by batch number is presented in Appendix A. (A listing of these valves by system is presented in Appendix B.) No stems 1 1/2" and smaller showed high hardness. On this basis, 2 batches out of the 36 which contained only small stems and nonsafety-related valves were not sampled. Failure of these valves could cause the associated systems from performing their intended functions.

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Corrective Actions Performed or Planned

As a result of this event, all Category 1 stems on Unit No. 1 were replaced during the 1983 refueling/maintenance outage.

In addition, three Category 2 valve stems on Unit No. 1, 1-E11-F020A, F020B, and F048B, were replaced during the Unit No. 1 outage.

One of the Category 4 valves, 1-E11-F083, which could not be tested for hardness due to its stem size was, therefore, assumed to exhibit excessive hardness and was replaced during the recent Unit No. 1 refueling outage.

The remaining Category 3 and 4 valve stems will be replaced as the valves become available for maintenance.

Plans call for the replacement of Unit No. 2 Category 1 and 2 valve stems during the next Unit No. 2 refueling outage.

Unit No. 1 valve stems removed for replacement will be evaluated for cracking. If additional cracking problems are detected, the present Unit No. 2 assessment will be reevaluated.

## APPENDIX A

## BSEP VALVES WITH EXCESSIVE STEM HARDNESS

<u>Heat Treatment Batch No.</u>	<u>Valve No.</u>	<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Stem Blank Size</u>
65912-A	E21-F015A and B	4	2 1/4"
66095-A	E21-F007A and B	4	2 1/8"
	E11-F020A and B	4	2 1/8"
67374-A	E51-F022	2	1 3/4"
	*E11-F083	2	1 5/16"
72972 A	E11-F010	2	2 1/16"
	E11-F004A, B, C, and D	8	2 1/16"
74940	E11-F016A and B	4	3"
	E41-F008	2	3 1/2"
	E11-F024A and B	4	3 1/2"
	E11-F048A and B	4	4"

\*Valve stem unavailable for testing assumed to be hard.

APPENDIX B

ANCHOR DARLING VALVE STEM REPLACEMENT PRIORITY

Category  
Items

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| 1 | Valves whose failure could cause the loss of a safety function and failure would not be detected.                   |
|   | E21-F007 A/B            Core spray injection normally open  |
|   | E11-F016 A/B            Drywell spray, normally closed  |
| 2 | Valves whose failure could cause loss of safety function but testing would detect failure.                          |
|   | E21-F015 A/B            C.S. full flow test N.C.  |
|   | E11-F020 A/B            RHR torus suction N.O.  |
|   | E11-F004 A/B/C/D        RHR torus suction N.O.  |
|   | E11-F024 A/B            Torus test/cooling N.C.   |
|   | E11-F048 A/B            RHR heat exchanger bypass N.O.  |
| 3 | Valves whose failure would not cause the loss of a safety function, but would prevent required operability testing. |
|   | E41-F008                HPCI flow test to CST N.C.  |
|   | E51-F022                RCIC flow test to CST N.C.  |
| 4 | Valves whose failure would not lead to the loss of a safety function.   |
|   | E11-F083                RHR suction fill N.C.   |
|   | E11-F010                RHR cross-tie L.C.  |

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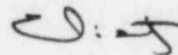
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BRUNSWICK STEAM ELECTRIC PLANT, UNIT NO. 2  
DOCKET NO. 50-324  
LICENSE NO. DPR-62  
SUPPLEMENT TO LICENSEE EVENT REPORT 2-82-88

Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

In accordance with Section 6.9.1.9b of the Technical Specifications for Brunswick Steam Electric Plant, Unit No. 2, the enclosed supplemental Licensee Event Report is submitted. The original report fulfilled the requirement for a written report within thirty (30) days of a reportable occurrence and both are in accordance with the format set forth in NUREG-0161, July 1977.

Very truly yours,



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