



Sequoyah Nuclear Plant

LER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

SQRO-50-327/81118            Technical Specification Involved: 3.3.3.1

Reported Under Technical Specification: 6.9.1.13.b

Date of Occurrence: 09-21-81      Time of Occurrence: 1420 CST

Identification and Description of Occurrence:

At 1420 on 09-21-81, an assistant shift engineer questioned the interpretation of the Technical Specification to allow both containment ventilation radiation monitors to be out of service simultaneously. The unit entered Action Statement 27 of LCO 3.3.3.1.

Conditions Prior to Occurrence:

Unit 1 in Mode    (115 degrees F and 0 psig).

Apparent Cause of Occurrence:

Interpretation of Technical Specification.

Analysis of Occurrence:

Monitor 1-RE-90-106 was removed from service to leak test the containment isolation valves per SI-158. Leaks were found and the plan was to test the containment isolation valves for monitor 1-RE-90-112 while the valves for monitor 106 were being repaired. In order to determine the feasibility of this in reference to the Technical Specification, Outage received (by memorandum) an interpretation of the Technical Specification requirements from the plant Compliance Staff. After discussions with involved plant staffs, an interpretation was rendered that both monitors could simultaneously be out of service for testing. The Outage work proceeded based on this interpretation. At this point, a question was raised by the shift ASE concerning the wording of the Technical Specification. The Compliance Staff referred this to the NRC who stated that logically the interpretation made was correct but based on present wording of the Technical Specification, the unit entered the Action Statement.

Corrective Action:

Monitor 1-RE-90-106 was made operable at 1520 CDT on 09-21-81. This placed the unit within the Limiting Condition of Operation. A revision to the applicable Technical Specification is being requested to improve its wording so that the intent can be accomplished.

Failure Data:

None.