

BOSTON EDISON COMPANY
PILGRIM NUCLEAR POWER STATION
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Attachment to LER 81-057/03L-C

Event Description and Probable Consequences

On October 9 and 13, 1981 during a refuel outage, loose and sheared off hold-down bolts were found on the limitorque motor operators on valves 1001-32 and 36A. MOV 1001-32 is a normally closed valve, electrically isolated (breaker-pulled). The MOV 1001-36A valve, however, is in normal use and, if all the bolts sheared, the valve would be inoperative.

Cause Description and Corrective Action

The most probable cause has been attributed to vibration causing the bolts to work loose resulting in the shearing of one of the bolts. An immediate fix is to apply a thread locking substance to all the hold-down bolts.

Related occurrences have been reported as LER's 79-28, 30 and 37. These dealt with the shearing of a 1/2" steel key with the recommended fix to the stem clamp of adding set screws to the clamps to prevent inadvertent movement. This was implemented as a plant design change with the caution that it was temporary and that the valves (MOV 1001-36A & B) be checked for the effectiveness of the fix. No key shearing has been found, to this date.

A request has been made for an engineering investigation into a potential common mode failure relative to the subject LER and a recent LER, 81-051/01T-0 "RHR Test Connection".

The potential exists due to the common probable cause of vibration.

An investigation into these events and the previously reported occurrences is now underway and an update report will be issued when this investigation is completed.

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