



LER NO. 82-10/3L  
DOCKET NO. 50-318  
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EVENT DATE 02-12-82  
REPORT DATE 03-12-82  
ATTACHMENT

#### EVENT DESCRIPTION AND PROBABLE CONSEQUENCES

At approximately 1000, 2/12/82 a reactor trip occurred. Subsequent to the trip, it was observed that CEA 19 was not fully inserted. CEA position via the reed switch system indicated that the CEA was at the approximately 8" withdrawn position. Attempts to move CEA 19 in or out using the normal coil power programmer were unsuccessful while in Hot Standby. CEA 19 was declared inoperable (T. S. 3.1.3.1 and 3.1.3.4). Coil current traces for CEDM 19 verified that the CEDM was operating normally and suggested that the drive train (either the CEA or its extension shaft) was stuck. While in Hot Standby an unsuccessful attempt was made to move CEA 19 in or out using a "manual sequencer" (provided by Combustion Engineering) in place of the normal coil power programmer. An unsuccessful attempt was made to free the CEA by stopping and starting the RCP with its discharge closest to the CEA position.

Cooldown was initiated and several attempts to move CEA 19 during the cooldown, using the normal coil power programmer, were still unsuccessful. With the RCS at 220-225°F, 270-280 psia, and two RCP's operating, another attempt was made to move CEA 19 using the "manual sequencer". This attempt was successful; the CEA was first withdrawn 3/4" from the stuck position and then moved to the 12" withdrawn position.

CEDM 19 was then switched to a dual coil power programmer module (with minimum pull down coil voltage) and withdrawn from and inserted to the 8" withdrawn position. The CEDM was unable to drive CEA 19 down through the 8" withdrawn position. An attempt to scram the CEA from the 8" withdrawn position was not successful. CEA 19 was withdrawn to 31" withdrawn position and successfully scrambled to full insertion as verified by the reed switch system. Additional scrams from various heights (up to the Upper Electrical Limit) were also successful in that the CEA inserted fully and was withdrawn successfully using the dual coil power programmer module with normal voltage to all coils. A normal drop time measurement was made at 1552, 2/13/82 with satisfactory results. CEDM/CEA 19 was exercised under the above cold conditions using the normal single coil power programmer module with normal voltage to all coils. A scram from the Lower Electrical Limit resulted in full insertion of the CEA. Operation in withdrawal, insertion, and scram modes in the region of previous hangup was normal. CEA 19 was declared operable at 1557 on 2/13/82. Throughout the period the CEA was inoperable, adequate shutdown margin was maintained. No similar events have been reported.

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CAUSE DESCRIPTION AND CORRECTIVE ACTIONS (CONT'D)

The cause of the event is unknown. The following corrective action measures have been or will be taken.

- I. Unit 2 Initial Startup Test Program records have been reviewed to verify that the current CEA 19 drop time is consistent with times previously measured. Results of this review were satisfactory.
- II. Combustion Engineering has performed a safety analysis of the event which revealed that should the event repeat itself a sufficient safety margin will exist through 11,000 MWD/T to accommodate the worst effected Design Basis Event. Additionally, Combustion Engineering has evaluated the mechanical forces applied to the CEA and extension shaft during attempts to free the CEA and determined the forces were not sufficient to affect its integrity.
- III. Subsequent to the event during plant heatup CEDM/CEA 19 was exercised over full travel including the buffer region of the CEA guide tube and normal operation was verified. CEDM/CEA 19 was drop time tested 3 times after plant heatup. In addition, all other CEAs in Group 2 were drop time tested to confirm that the event was not a precursor of similar behavior by other CEAs in the same bicentric region of the core. CEA 19's drop time was consistent with the drop times of all Group 2 CEAs, and all drop times were within Technical Specification limits.
- IV. During the next refueling outage of Unit 2, CEA 19 and its corresponding fuel assembly guide tubes will be inspected for any evidence of a reason for the event. This report will be updated at that time.