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Beaver Valley Power Station, Unit No. 1 Docket No. 50-334, Licensee No. DPR-66 LER 93-008-00

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Gentlemen:

In accordance with Appendix A, Beaver Valley Technical Specifications, the following Licensee Event Report is submitted:

LER 93-008-00, 10 CFR 50.73.a.2.i.B, "Check Valves Not Included in ASME Testing Program."

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ABSTRACT (Limit to 1400 spaces, i.e., approximately 15 single-spaced typewritten lines) (16)

On 4/23/93, during hydrostatic testing on the train "A" Reactor Plant River Water System (RW), leakage was detected through two check valves in the chlorine injection line. Further investigation determined that these check valves, and their train "B" counterparts, were not included in the station's ASME Section XI testing program, and were not tested in accordance with Technical Specification surveillance requirement 4.0.5. An engineering analysis determined that the as-found leakage for each train did not adversely affect the ability of the RW system to fulfill its safety function. This event is being reported as a condition prohibited by Technical Specifications.

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DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

On 4/23/93 with the plant in Mode 6 (Refueling), a hydrostatic test on the train "A" Reactor Plant River Water System (RW) was in progress. Leakage was detected through two series check valves in the chlorine injection line. Further investigation determined that these check valves, and the equivalent valves on train "B", were not included in the station's ASME Section XI testing program, and were not tested in accordance with Technical Specification surveillance requirement 4.0.5.

The function of these series check valve pairs is to limit back-leakage from the train independent RW headers, assuming the non-safety related chlorine injection piping breaks during accident conditions.

Since excessive check valve leakage could degrade RW system performance, the leakage was quantified and evaluated. The measured leakage was 18 gpm for the train "A" check valves, and negligible (<0.02 gpm) for the train "B" check valves. Using the as-found 18 gpm leak rate, the maximum expected leakage from the train "A" RW header, with the piping downstream of the check valves completely failed, would be 34 gpm. A 500 gpm leak at these check valves would have to occur in order to prevent a RW header from fulfilling its safety function. Therefore, the leakage exhibited through the check valves did not affect RW system operability.

Although the as-found leakage for each train did not adversely affect the ability of the RW system to fulfill it safety function, the valves will be replaced or refurbished to correct the leakage.

CAUSE OF EVENT

The cause of this event was a failure to include the subject check valves in the ASME Section XI testing program when the program was developed. NRC FORM 366A

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CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

The following corrective actions have been or will be taken as a result of this event.

- The check valves have been added to the station's ASME testing program.
- The check valves will be replaced or refurbished to correct the leakage problem.

REPORTABILITY

This report is being submitted in accordance with 10CFR 50.73.a.2.i.B as a condition prohibited by Technical Specifications. Technical Specifications require that ASME Class 1, 2, and 3 components be inspected and tested in accordance with surveillance intervals specified in ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code Section XI.

SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

There were no safety implications due to this event. It was determined that the Reactor Plant River System would be able to fulfill its safety function during accident conditions with the degraded check valves in their as-found condition.

SIMILAR EVENTS

Review of station documents showed the following similar events involving ASME inservice testing and inspection program deficiencies:

LER 1-91-019-02 documented the failure to inspect certain welds during the first ten year inspection interval as required by ASME Section XI.

LER 1-92-001 documented the failure to time a containment isolation valve in the closed direction, as required by ASME Section XI.