

LER #: 50-321/1982-061
Licensee: Georgia Power Company
Facility Name: Edwin I. Hatch
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Narrative Report
for LER 50-321/1982-061

On June 17, 1982, with Unit Two in Run Mode at 2400 MWT, Division I RHR Service Water subsystem was found inoperable. While establishing the initial conditions for the "PRIMARY CONTAINMENT HYDROGEN RECOMBINER SYSTEM FUNCTIONAL TEST (HEATUP TO 600° F)", an operator found Division I RHRSW unable to achieve rated flow and discharge pressure. Division I RHRSW was declared inoperable and the functional test on the primary containment hydrogen recombiners was postponed pending return to service of Division I of RHRSW. The redundant subsystem of RHRSW was operable. With one subsystem of RHRSW inoperable, the plant failed to maintain the requirements of Tech. Spec. 3.7.1.1. which states that two independent subsystems of RHRSW must be operable. The plant was placed in a 72-hour LCO as a result of this event. The health and safety of the public was not affected. This event was not repetitive.

The cause of this event has been attributed to failure of the air release valve. The failure was due to ruptured gaskets and float deformation. The gaskets and float in the air release valve have been replaced. Division I RHRSW was returned to service with successful completion of "RHR SERVICE WATER PUMP OPERABILITY", thus terminating the LCO on June 18, 1982. No further corrective action is required.