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FROM:

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LIST OF ATTENDEES

OPERATING REACTORS EVENTS BRIEFING (90-20)

August 8, 1990

NAME	ORGANIZATION	NAME	ORGANIZATION
P. Boehnert M. Reardon M. Dapas W. Haass J. Carter A. Fitzgerald E. Adensam P. Eapen J. Calvo K. Hart	ACRS NRR/DOEA NRR/LPEB NRR/RVIB NRR/DOEA NRR/DOEA NRR/DRP AEOD NRR/DOEA SECY	N. Kadambi C. Thomas B. Siegel J. Mazetiz J. Wilson M. Ryan W. Troskoski A. Thadani R. Kennall	NRR/DOEA NRR/DLPQ NRR/PD3-2 RES/DSIR NRR/PD4-2 ACRS OE NRR/DST NRR/DOEA

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OPERATING REACTORS EVENTS BRIEFING 90-20 EVENTS ASSESSMENT BRANCH LOCATION: 10B-11, WHITE FLINT WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 1990, 11:00 A.M.

COMANCHE PEAK UNIT 1

INADVERTENT SAFETY INJECTIONS

DRESDEN UNIT 2

STUCK OPEN SAFETY RELIEF VALVE

COMANCHE PEAK UNIT 1 INADVERTENT SAFETY INJECTIONS JULY 26 & 30, 1990

PROBLEM

TWO INADVERTENT SAFETY INJECTIONS WITHIN FOUR DAYS. BOTH OCCURRED AUTOMATICALLY ON MAIN STEAM LINE LOW PRESSURE SIGNALS WHILE IN MODE 3 (HO? STANDBY).

CAUSE

JULY 26, 1990 - INADVERTENT OPENING OF TWO MAIN STEAM ISOLATION VALVES (MSIV) BECAUSE OF A DANGER TAG CLEARANCE ERROR THAT RESULTED IN CONTROL CIRCUIT FUSES BEING PULLED IN THE WRONG SEQUENCE.

JULY 30, 1990 - UNCERTAIN; IMPROPER OPERATION OF THE NO. 3 STEAM GENERATOR ATMOSPHERIC RELIEF VALVE (SGARV) BECAUSE OF TWO PHASE FLOW THROUGH THE VALVE IS SUSPECTED.

SAFETY SIGNIFICANCE

UNNECESSARY CHALLENGES TO SAFETY-RELATED SYSTEMS AND PLANT EQUIPMENT.

DISCUSSION

JULY 26, 1990:

- O APPROX. 8000 GALLONS INJECTED FROM THE REFUELING WATER STORAGE TANK (RWST) TO THE REACTOR COOLANT SYSTEM (RCS). PRESSURIZER LEVEL INCREASED FROM 25% to 87%. SAFETY INJECTION (SI) WAS TERMINATED AFTER 19 MINUTES VIA EMERGENCY OPERATING PROCEDURES (EOPs).
- O SAFETY SYSTEMS FUNCTIONED AS DESIGNED.

CONTACT: R. KENDALL SIGEVENT: NO REFERENCES: 10 CFR 50.72 #s 18972 & 18998 AND PNOs-IV-90-26 & 27

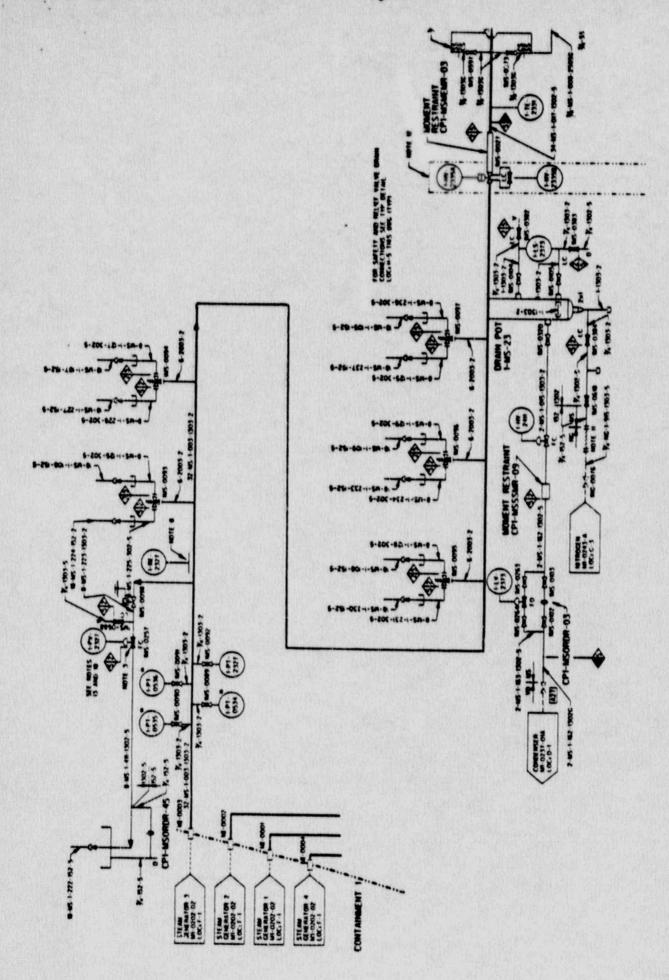
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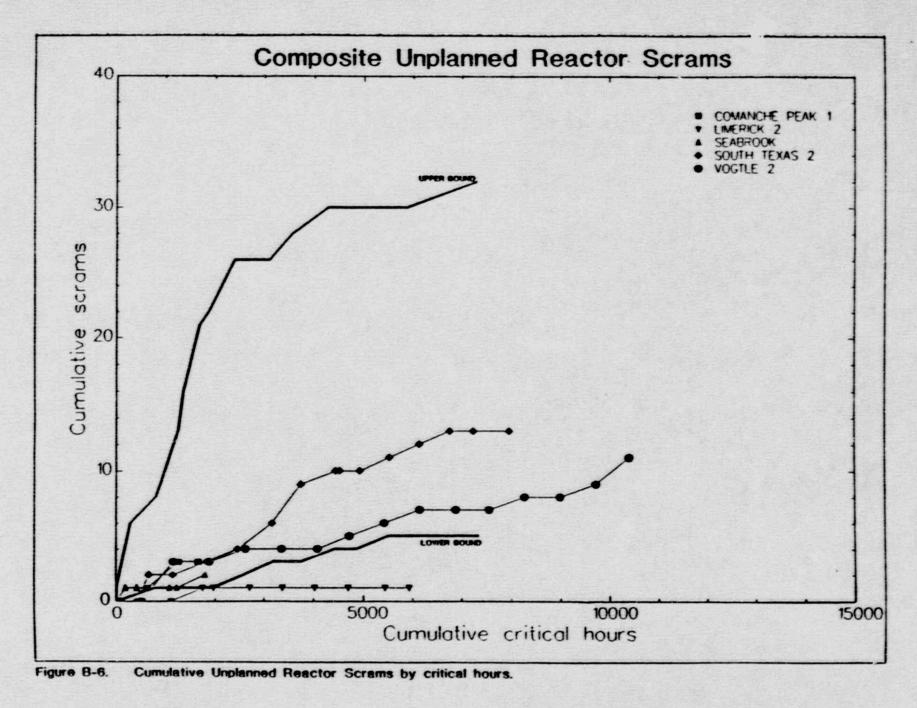
JULY 30, 1990

- O OPERATORS WERE ATTEMPTING TO REDUCE LEVEL IN SG NO. 3 BY USING SGARV NO. 3. NORMAL MEANS FOR REDUCING LEVEL WERE UNAVAILABLE.
- O SGARV NO. 3 DEMAND WAS SET TO 20%; VALVE POSITION INDICATION IN THE CONTROL ROOM INDICATED THE VALVE WAS CLOSED. OPERATORS WERE ABOUT TO INCREASE THE DEMAND SETTING WHEN SI OCCURRED.
- O APPROX. 3500 GALLONS INJECTED FROM RWST TO RCS. PRESSURIZER LEVEL INCREASED FROM 28% TO 73%. SI WAS TERMINATED AFTER 22 MINUTES VIA EOPs.
- O SGARV NO. 3 BLEW OPEN AND STUCK AT APPROX. 50% OPEN. THE VALVE'S LOCAL MANUAL OPERATING MECHANISM HAD BECOME ENGAGED (CAUSE UNKNOWN), PREVENTING REMOTE CLOSURE FROM THE CONTROL ROOM.
- O AUXILIARY OPERATORS TERMINATED THE BLOWDOWN BY MANUALLY CLOSING AN UPSTREAM BLOCK VALVE (700 TURNS; 15 MINUTES).
- O EVIDENCE OF STEAM BLOWBACK FROM THE SGARV VENT STACK; ROOM LIGHTING AND INSULATION WERE DAMAGED. LICENSEE THEORIZES THAT CONDENSATE BACKUP FROM THE MAIN STEAM LINE DRAINS, WHICH HAD BEEN ISOLATED FOR CONDENSER MAINTENANCE, CAUSED IMPROPER SGARV OPERATION AND BLOWBACK
- O HOT STANDBY OPERATING PROCEDURE WAS INADEQUATE FOR THE SPECIFIC PLANT CONDITIONS.
- o ADDITIONAL CONCERNS:
 - INADEQUATE LIGHTING IN SGARV ROOM HINDERED AUXILIARY OPERATORS.
 - PERSONNEL UNFAMILIAR WITH OPERATION OF CONTAINMENT AIRLOCK.
 - SPURIOUS REACTOR TRIP SIGNAL ON SG LO LO LEVEL.
 - APPROPRIATENESS OF MAINTAINING PLANT IN HOT STANDBY VS. COLD SHUTDOWN TO PERFORM ROUTINE EXTENDED MAINTENANCE.

FOLLOWUP

RGN IV SPECIAL INSPECTION TEAM RESPONDED TO THE EVENT. THE INITIAL ACTIONS RESULTING FROM THE LICENSEE'S INVESTIGATION HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND DETERMINED TO BE APPROPRIATE BY REGION IV AND NRR.





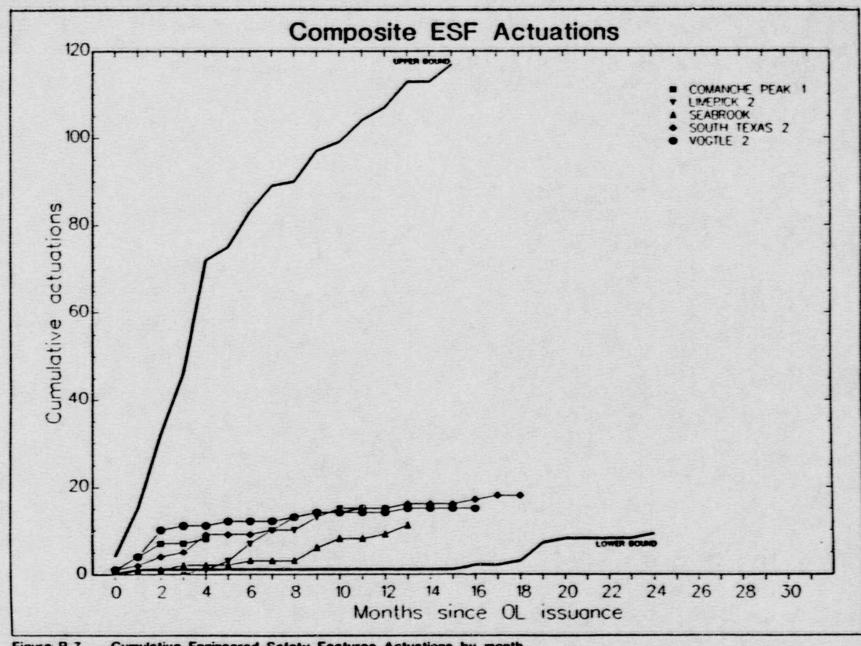
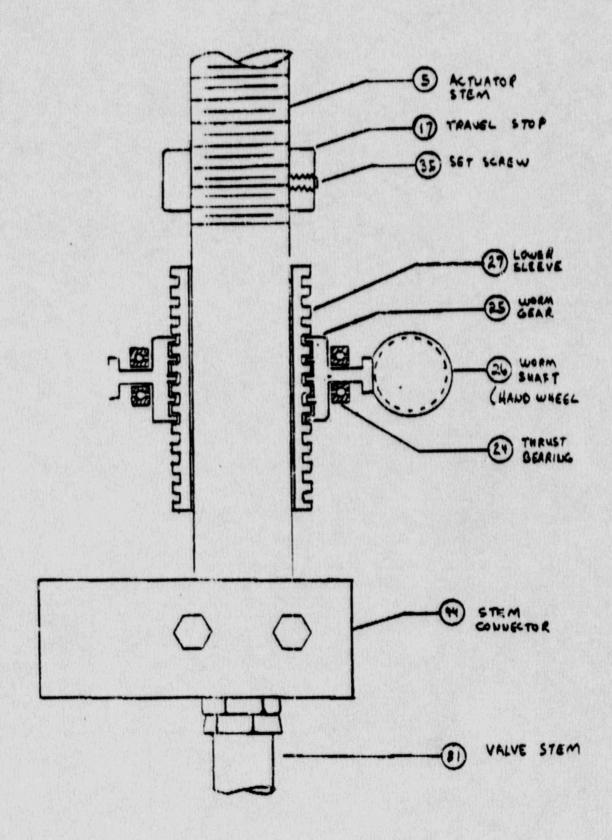


Figure B-7. Cumulative Engineered Safety Features Actuations by month.

SIMPLIFIED HANDWHEEL ASSEMBLY



DRESDEN UNIT 2 STUCK CPEN SAFETY RELIEF VALVE AUGUST 2, 1990

PROBLEM

REACTOR HAD A RAPID UNCONTROLLED COOLDOWN.

CAUSE

SAFETY RELIEF VALVE (SRV) OPENED AND STUCK OPEN.

SAFETY SIGNIFICANCE

RAPID COOLDOWN EXCEEDED NORMAL OPERATION LIMITS. STUCK OPEN SRV IS SMALL-BREAK LOCA.

DISCUSSION

- O REACTOR WAS OPERATING AT 87% RATED POWER.
- O TARGET ROCK SAFETY-RELIEF VALVE OPENED SPURIOUSLY.
- O ACOUSTICAL MONITOR ALARMED.
- O TAIL PIPE TEMPERATURE INCREASED.
- O NO OPEN INDICATION FROM POSITION LIGHTS.
- O UNABLE TO CLOSE SRV.
- o REGION ISSUED CAL ON 8/3.
- O SPECIALIST SENT TO SITE.
- O TORUS BULK WATER TEMPERATURE INCREASED TO MAXIMUM OF 122°F.
- O REACTOR MANUALLY SCRAMMED BEFORE TORUS WATER REACHED 110°F.
- O REACTOR COOLDOWN RATE WAS 120°F/1ST HOUR.
 RATE WITHIN BOUNDING SAFETY-RELIEF BLOWDOWN ANALYSIS.
- O THERE WERE 2 PREVIOUS TRANSIENTS > 100°F/HR LAST ONE WAS 1976.
- O FSAR STATES DESIGN BASIS IS 12 SRV BLOWDOWNS.
- O LICENSEE REPLACES ENTIRE SRV AND PILOT ASSEMBLY.

FOLLOWUP

- O INSPECTORS ARE MONITORING LICENSEE'S ACTIONS.
- O AEOD HAS HUMAN FACTOR INSPECTION TEAM AT SITE.
- O LICENSEE WILL COMPLETE INSPECTION OF SRV/PILOT.

CONTACT: J. CARTER SIGEVENT: YES REFERENCE: 10 CFR 50.72 # 19015 AND MORNING REPORTS 08/02 & 08/03

REACTOR SCRAH JUMMARY MEEK ENDING 08/06/90

1. PLANT SPECIFIC DATA

DATE	SITE	TINU	POWER	SIGNAL	CAUSE	COMPLI- CATIONS	ABOVE 152	PELDW 151	TOTAL
	SDUTH TEIAS SEAPROOK DRESDEN	1 1 2	100 22 87	A	PERSONNEL EQUIPMENT EQUIPMENT	NO NO NO	3 3	1 0	÷

REACTOR SCRAM SUMMARY MEEK ENDING 07/29/90

1. PLANT SPECIFIC DATA

DATE	SITE	UNIT	POWER SIGNA	L CAUSE	COMPLI- CATIONS	ABOVE 151	PELOW 151	TOTAL
07/24/9	O VDGTLE O GRAND BULF O PEACH BOTTOM	1 1 5	100 M 100 A 100 M	EQUIPMENT EQUIPMENT EQUIPMENT	NO ND NO	3 1 3	0	2 1 3

WEEK ENDING 07/22/90

1. PLANT SPECIFIC DATA

DATE	SITE	UNIT	POWER SIGNA	L CAUSE	COMPLI- CATIONS	ABOVE 151	PELOW 151	TOTAL
	O SOUTH TELAS	1	100 A	PERSONNEL	MD		1	
07/20/9	O FARLEY	1	100 H	EQUIPMENT	ND	1	0	1

REACTOR SCRAM SUMMARY MEEK ENDING 07/15/90

1. PLANT SPECIFIC DATA

DATE	SITE	UNIT	POWER	SIGNAL	CAUSE	COMPLI- CATIONS			TOTAL
07/09/90 07/15/90	CLINTON LIMERICK	1 2	91	BOTH A U.S.	PERSONNEL EQUIPMENT	MC NO	2	0	2

21. COMPARISON OF WEEKLY STATISTICS WITH INDUSTRY AVERAGES

SCRAMS FOR WEEK ENDING

SCRAM CAUSE	POWER	NUMBER OF SCRAMS(5)	1990 WEEKLY AVERAGE YTD	1989 WEEKLY AVERAGE	1988 WEEKLY AVERAGE	1987 WEEKLY AVERAGE	1986 WEEKLY AVERAGE (3)(4)
** POWER >15%							
EQUIP. RELATED	>15%	2	3.1	2.9	3.1	3.9	4.3
PERS. RELATED(6)	>15%	1	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.8
DTHER(7)	>15%	0	0.0	0.1	0.5	1.2	0.4
** Subtotal **							
		3	3.6	4.0	4.6	6.4	6.5
** POWER <15%							
EQUIP. RELATED	<15%	0	0.4	0.4	0.5	1.2	1.4
FERS. RELATED	<15%	0	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.8
DTHER	<15%	0	0.0	0.7	0.1	0.3	0.2
** Subtotal **							
		0	0.5	1.4	0.9	2.1	2.4
*** Total ***							
		3	4.1	5.4	5.5	8.5	8.9

TYPE	NUMBER OF SCRAMS	1990 WEEKLY AVERAGE YTD	1989 WEEKLY AVERAGE	1988 WEEKLY AVERAGE	1987 WEEKLY AVERAGE	1986 WEEKLY AVERAGE
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** Subtotal **							
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** FOWER <15%							
EQUIP. RELATED	<15%	0	0.4	0.4	0.5	1.2	1.4
PERS. RELATED	<15%	0	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.8
DTHER	<15%	0	0.0	0.7	0.1	0.3	0.2
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PERFORMANCE INDICATORS SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

PLANT NAME

EVENT

EVENT DESCRIPTION

DATE

WTR SIGNIFICANCE

CALVERT CLIFFS 142

12/20/89 LICENSEE DISCOVERED NON-SAFETY SECTION OF PIPING IN SERVICE MATER SYSTEM COULD RUPTURE IN CASE OF AN EARTHQUATE, AND CAUSE LOSS OF SAFETY-RELATED SERVICE WATER FLOW TO AUX BLDG AND EDGs. MILLSTONE 1

05/11/90 HOUSE HEATING STEAM LINES PASSING THRU VITAL AREAS FOUND NOT TO BE ANALYZED BY HELB FOR FAILURE. SEISMIC EVENT COULD CAUSE MULTIPLE LINE FAILURES RESULTING IN LOSS OF MULTIPLE TRAINS OF SAFETY EQUIPMENT.

O POTENTIAL FOR ALTHAL DESF. 2710N OF SAFETY-RELATED ENCIPHER.

NUAD CITIES 1 4 2

07/07/90 FLOOR DRAIN CHECK VALVE IN ALL ECCS PUMP ROOMS INOPERABLE MOULD ALLOW FLOOD WATER FLOW TO ALL REDUNDANT ECCS EQUIPMENT ROOMS.

O POTENTIAL FOR OR ACTUAL DEGRADATION OF SAFETY-RELATED EQUIPMENT.