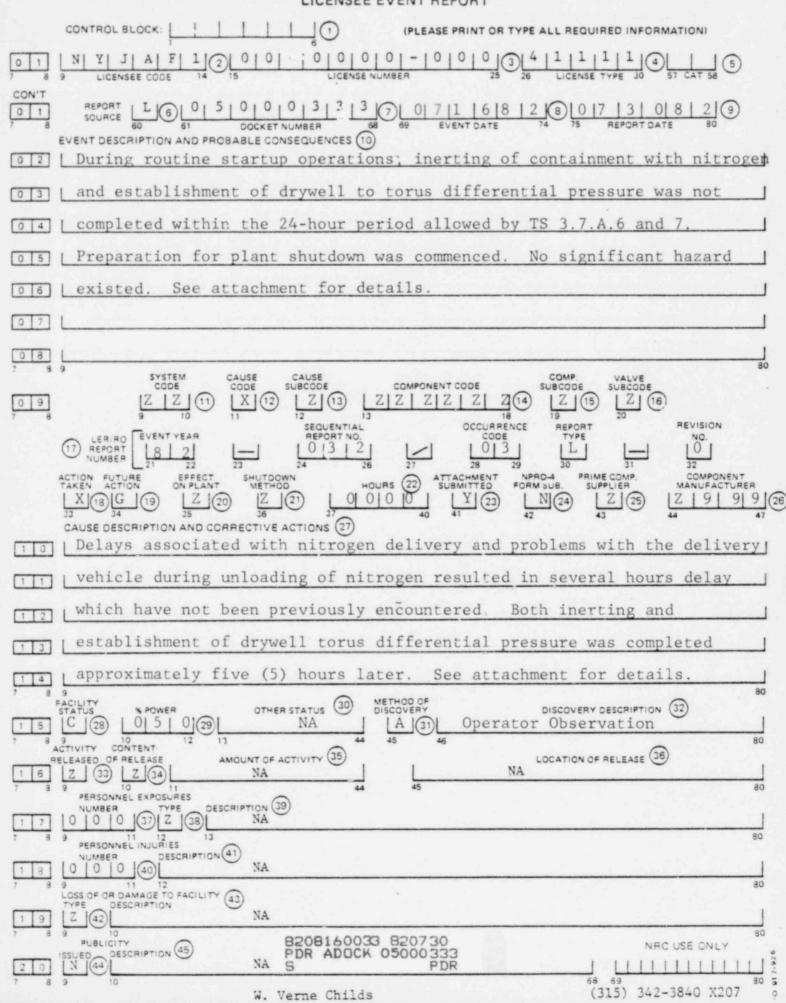
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During routine startup operations, inerting of the primary containment with nitrogen to maintain the oxygen concentration at equal to or less than 4% and the establishment of drywell to torus differential pressure was not completed within the 24-hour period after placing the mode switch in the run position as required by Technical Specification 3.7.A.6 and 3.7.A.7. Preparation for plant shutdown was commenced as required.

Inerting of the primary containment and establishing of the drywell to torus differential pressure was completed approximately five hours later. A review of the circumstances associated with the problem indicate that several factors contributed. Although nitrogen was ordered far enough in advance of the evolutions to permit the completion within the time frame required by Technical Specifications, the nitrogen shipper was late in arriving at the plant site. In addition, a pressure control problem developed on the transport vehicle which forced an unforseen change in the inerting process and lengthened the time required to complete the evolution. Further difficulties encountered with the inerting were the result of a procedural inadequacy in that the procedure does not contain the appropriate guidance for the operator when inerting the containment directly from the nitrogen transport vehicle.

To prevent recurrence the applicable Operating Procedures will be revised such that inerting primary containment can be accomplished in a timely manner from either the nitrogen storage tanks or a nitrogen transport vehicle.