

LICENSEE EVENT REPORT

CONTROL BLOCK: (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION)

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01 REPORT SOURCE L 6 0 5 0 - 0 2 9 3 7 0 8 0 1 8 2 8 0 8 1 3 8 2 9

EVENT DESCRIPTION AND PROBABLE CONSEQUENCES 10
On August 1, 1982, at 0145, during power ascension following a scheduled power re-
duction, the speed of the "A" Recirculation Pump went greater than 15% above the
speed of "B" Recirculation Pump (below 80% reactor power) speed mismatch between
pumps allowed by T.S. Section 3.6.F.

09 SYSTEM CODE C B 11 CAUSE CODE E 12 CAUSE SUBCODE B 13 COMPONENT CODE M E C F U N 14 COMP SUBCODE Z 15 VALVE SUBCODE Z 16
17 LER/RD REPORT NUMBER 8 2 23 0 2 2 27 0 3 28 30 L 31 0 32
ACTION TAKEN A 18 FUTURE ACTION G 19 EFFECT ON PLANT Z 20 SHUTDOWN METHOD Z 21 HOURS 0 0 0 0 22 ATTACHMENT SUBMITTED Y 23 NPRD-4 FORM SUB. N 24 PRIME COMP. SUPPLIER N 25 COMPONENT MANUFACTURER B 0 4 5 26

CAUSE DESCRIPTION AND CORRECTIVE ACTIONS 27
10 The cause of this event was a broken timing belt on "A" Recirculation Pump scoop
11 tube positioner. The Recirculation Pump speed mismatch was corrected to acceptable
12 T.S. limits by local manual control of the positioner within 20 minutes. The belt
13 was replaced on August 4, 1982 and manual control returned to remote operation in
14 the Control Room.

15 FACILITY STATUS F 28 % POWER 0 7 5 29 OTHER STATUS NA 30 METHOD OF DISCOVERY A 31 DISCOVERY DESCRIPTION Operator Observation 32

16 ACTIVITY CONTENT Z 33 RELEASED OF RELEASE Z 34 AMOUNT OF ACTIVITY NA 35 LOCATION OF RELEASE NA 36

17 PERSONNEL EXPOSURES NUMBER 0 0 0 37 TYPE Z 38 DESCRIPTION NA 39

18 PERSONNEL INJURIES NUMBER 0 0 0 40 DESCRIPTION NA 41

19 LOSS OF OR DAMAGE TO FACILITY TYPE Z 42 DESCRIPTION NA 43

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On August 1, 1982, reactor power was being increased following a scheduled power reduction for backwash. At 0145, the operators noticed the "A" Recirculation Pump flow had become greater than "B" recirculation flow. Immediate corrective action was taken by instituting "off normal" procedure #2.4.20 "Reactor Recirc. System Speed on Flow Control System Malfunction". The speed mismatch was brought under control and within the Technical Specification allowable limits of 15% (below 80% reactor power) in approximately twenty (20) minutes.

When the speeds had been brought within the limits set by the procedure (10%) an investigation disclosed that the timing belt in the scoop tube positioner had broken allowing the pump to increase its speed to the highest allowed by a mechanical stop placed on the positioner. This speed has been calculated to be 97% of design.

The timing belt was subsequently replaced on 8/4/82 and local manual control returned to remote operation from the Control Room.

A Prompt Report was initially issued when it was thought that a limiting condition of operation had been exceeded without proper action. Investigation has determined that, by following the procedure 2.4.20, the operators were reducing power, which is the first step in causing a controlled reactor shutdown. The procedure also specifically refers to the Technical Specification Section 3.6.F for allowable pump speeds.

For long term corrective actions to preclude a recurrence, a procedure change to 2.4.20 is being prepared to incorporate the actions specified in 10CFR50.36 and to clarify the point at which such actions would be required.