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Reference: Facility Operating License No. NPF-86, Docket No. 50-443

Subject: Licensee Event Report (LER) 94-05-00: "Non-Compliance with Technical Specification Action Statement Requirements"

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find Licensee Event Report (LER) No. 94-05-00 for Seabrook Station. This submittal documents an event which occurred on March 1, 1994. This event is being reported pursuant to 10CFR50.73(a)(2)(i).

Should you require further information regarding this matter, please contact Mr. James M. Peschel, Regulatory Compliance Manager at (603) 474-9521 extension 3772.

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On March 1, 1994, North Atlantic Energy Service Corporation (North Atlantic) found the auxiliary sample pump for the Wide Range Gas Monitor Noble Gas Activity Monitor [VL] not running. Technical Specification Surveillance Requirement 4.3.3.10, Table 3.3-13 ACTION 35 requires continuous auxiliary sampling equipment be in service when the plant vent Wide Range Gas Monitor (WRGM) is inoperable.

North Atlantic entered Technical Specification 3.3.3.10 Action b on February 17, 1994 when the Wide Range Gas Monitor (WRGM) was taken out of service in order to implement a design modification. On March 1, 1994, lighting transformer I-ED-X-17C, which supplies power to Lighting Panels L27 and L32, was removed from service for breaker and transformer inspections. The tagout isolation was completed on March 1, 1994 at 1008 deenergizing the WRGM auxiliary pump required by Technical Specification Action Table 3.3-13 Action 35. This condition remained undetected until 1220 that same day when a chemistry technician performing the Technical Specification 2.CO Surveillance identified the WRGM auxiliary sample pump not running.

There were no adverse safety consequences as a result of this event.

The root cause of this event is currently under investigation and will be provided to the NRC in a supplemental report. North Atlantic expects to submit this report by May 30, 1994.

The immediate corrective actions taken in response to WRGM auxiliary sample pump found not running was to restore power to the pump and place it back in operation. North Atlantic will address long term corrective actions to prevent reoccurrence of the type event in a supplemental report.

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Description of Event

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Seabrook Station Technical Specification 3.3.3.10 requires the plant vent WRGM to be OPERABLE at all times. Technical Specification Surveillance Requirement 4.3.3.10 specifies that if the WRGM is inoperable the ACTIONS shown in Table 3.3-13 must be taken. Table 3.3-13 ACTIONS allow effluent releases to continue provided the following actions are taken: grab samples taken every 12 hours, continuously sample with auxiliary sampling equipment, and estimating the plant vent flow rate every 4 hours.

North Atlantic entered Technical Specification 3.3.3.10 Action b on February 17, 1994 when the Wide Range Gas Monitor (WRGM) was taken out of service in ord. to implement a design modification. The required Technical Specification actions associated with the inoperable V RGM were performed.

On March 1, 1994 lighting transformer 1-ED-X-17C, which supplies power to Lighting Panels L27 and L32, was removed from service for breaker and transformer inspections. During the tagout preparation and review it was not recognized that one of the lighting panel circuits supplied a receptacle that provided power to the WRGM auxiliary sample pump. This check failed to identify the receptacle associated with the WRGM auxiliary sample pump.

The tagout isolation was completed on March 1, 1994 at 1008 deenergizing the WRGM auxiliary pump required by Technical Specification Action Table 3.3-13 Action 35. This condition remained undetected until 1220 that same day when a chemistry technician performing the Technical Specification LCO Surveillance identified the WRGM auxiliary sample pump not running. The Lighting Panel L27 was reenergized on March 1, 1994 at 1250, and the WRGM auxiliary sample pump was automatically started. The chemistry technician verified proper operation of the pump at 1305. This condition represents a condition prohibited by Technical Specifications as it is a failure to comply with Technical Specification ACTIONS.

Safety Consequences

There were no adverse safety consequences as a result of this event. The Wide Range Gas Monitor does not perform any accident mitigation function and the event did not interfere or inhibit any safety related equipment from performing its function. In addition, the plant continuous air monitors were reviewed to verify that no abnormal radiological conditions existed during this period.

Root Cause

The root cause of this event is currently under investigation and will be provided to the NRC in a supplemental report. North Atlantic expects to submit this report by May 30, 1994.

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Corrective Actions

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Plant Conditions

At the time of this event, the plant was in Mode 1, at 100 percent power, with a Reactor Coolant System temperature of 587 degrees Fahrenheit and a pressure of 2235 psig.

Previous Occurrences

North Atlantic will report and previous occurrences related to this event in a supplemental report.