

Licensee Event Report
Attachment to LER 82-012/01T-0

An engineering review of integrated ESF system operation identified a situation where differences in the initiation signals supplied to Emergency Service Water (ESW) pumps and the low pressure ECCS pumps could result in loadings on the Class 1E electrical system outside of design limits.

The Core Spray (CS) and Residual Heat Removal (RHR) pumps receive initiation signals on low reactor vessel level and on high drywell pressure. In series with the high drywell pressure signal is a low reactor vessel pressure permissive. The ESW pumps receive a start signal upon diesel generator automatic actuation, with a time delay designed to provide ESW pump loading after the low pressure ECCS pumps. Since the diesel generators are started on a low reactor vessel level or high drywell pressure signal (no reactor vessel pressure permissive), these effectively become the ESW start signals.

An intermediate sized break can be postulated such that a high drywell pressure signal would be received quickly, but where reactor vessel pressure and level remain above these setpoints for some period of time. In such a case, the ESW pumps would receive a start signal initiating their delay timers, while no signal would be received by the ECCS pumps. Further, if the break was sized appropriately, the delay in receipt of a start signal for the ECCS pumps (receipt of a vessel low level or pressure signal) could result in either RHR or CS pumps starting concurrent with ESW pumps. Such a condition exceeds electrical system design limits.

Since the reactor vessel low pressure permissive was installed as a result of LOCA/False LOCA consideration for 2 unit operation, it was determined that appropriate corrective action was to remove this input to the CS and RHR pump start circuitry. This modification is intended as an interim measure, suitable until operation of Unit 2.

When a permanent modification is determined that will correct the problem for 2 Unit operation, a followup report will be filed.