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PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT
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Unit 2 Reactor Trip from Zero Power When Fuses Were Removed
from the Wrong Nuclear Instrumentation Channel Drawer

The Licensee Event Report for this occurrence is attached.

This event was reported via the Emergency Notification System in accordance with 10 CFR Part 50, Section 50.72, on October 7, 1990. Please contact us if you require additional information related to this event.

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LICENSEE EVENT REPORT (LER)

ESTIMATED BURDEN PER RESPONSE TO COMPLY WITH THIS INFORMATION COLLECTION REQUEST: 50.0 HRS. FORWARD COMMENTS REGARDING BURDEN ESTIMATE TO THE RECORDS AND REPORTS MANAGEMENT BRANCH (P-330), U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION, WASHINGTON, DC 20555, AND TO THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION PROJECT (3150-0104), OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, WASHINGTON, DC 20503.

FACILITY NAME (1) PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT UNIT 2 DOCKET NUMBER (2) 0 5 0 0 0 3 1 0 6 1 OF 0 3 PAGE (3)

TITLE (4) Unit 2 Reactor Trip from Zero Power When Fuses Were Removed from the Wrong Nuclear Instrumentation Channel Drawer

EVENT DATE (5)			LER NUMBER (6)			REPORT DATE (7)			OTHER FACILITIES INVOLVED (8)												
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OPERATING MODE (9) N

POWER LEVEL (10) 0 1 0 1 0

THIS REPORT IS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF 10 CFR §: (Check one or more of the following) (11)

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LICENSEE CONTACT FOR THIS LER (12)

NAME Arne A Hunstad, Staff Engineer TELEPHONE NUMBER 6 1 1 2 3 1 8 1 8 1 - 1 1 1 2 1 1

COMPLETE ONE LINE FOR EACH COMPONENT FAILURE DESCRIBED IN THIS REPORT (13)

CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANUFACTURER	REPORTABLE TO NRC	CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANUFACTURER	REPORTABLE TO NRC

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT EXPECTED (14) YES (If yes, complete EXPECTED SUBMISSION DATE) [XX] NO

EXPECTED SUBMISSION DATE (15) MONTH DAY YEAR

ABSTRACT (Limit to 1400 spaces, i.e., approximately fifteen single-space typewritten lines) (16)

On October 7, 1990 Unit 2 was critical at zero power after refueling. Zero power physics testing had just been completed. The reactivity computer used for physics testing was to be disconnected from Nuclear Instrumentation (NIS) Power Range Channel N41. An instrument and control technician, when asked to do the work, reviewed the procedure and the logic diagrams to determine what his actions should be. With procedure in hand, he proceeded to remove the control power and instrument power fuses from the front panel of the NIS drawer, causing a Unit 2 reactor trip at 1712 because he had inadvertently removed the fuses from NIS Intermediate Range Channel N35 instead of Power Range Channel N41. The trip and recovery from the trip were uneventful.

Cause of the event was personnel error in removing fuses from the wrong NIS channel drawer. Channel N35 is immediately above Channel N41 on the NIS rack. The technician failed to use self-checking when removing the fuses.

LICENSEE EVENT REPORT (LER)
TEXT CONTINUATION

ESTIMATED BURDEN PER RESPONSE TO COMPLY WITH THIS INFORMATION COLLECTION REQUEST: 500 HRS. FORWARD COMMENTS REGARDING BURDEN ESTIMATE TO THE RECORDS AND REPORTS MANAGEMENT BRANCH (F-530), U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION, WASHINGTON, DC 20555, AND TO THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION PROJECT (3150-0104), OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, WASHINGTON, DC 20503.

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EVENT DESCRIPTION

On October 7, 1990 Unit 2 was critical at zero power after refueling. Zero power physics testing had just been completed. The reactivity computer used for physics testing was to be disconnected from Nuclear Instrumentation (NIS) (EIIS System Code IG) Power Range Channel N41. An instrument and control technician, when asked to do the work, reviewed the procedure and the logic diagrams to determine what his actions should be. With procedure in hand, he proceeded to remove the control power (EIIS Component Identifier JC) and instrument power fuses (EIIS Component Identifier FU) from the front panel of the NIS drawer, causing a Unit 2 reactor trip at 1712 because he had inadvertently removed the fuses from NIS Intermediate Range Channel N35 instead of Power Range Channel N41. The trip and recovery from the trip were uneventful.

CAUSE OF THE EVENT

Cause of the event was personnel error in removing fuses from the wrong NIS channel drawer. Channel N35 is immediately above Channel N41 on the NIS rack. The technician failed to use self-checking when removing the fuses.

ANALYSIS OF THE EVENT

The trip signal was generated when the fuses from Intermediate Range Channel N35 were pulled, satisfying a one of two trip coincidence logic. Reactor trip signals from the power range channels require two of four channels to be tripped.

There was no effect on public health and safety since the reactor protection system operated as designed. This event is reportable pursuant to 10CFR50.73(a)(2)(iv).

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CORRECTIVE ACTION

The technician was counseled in the need to use self-checking.

Labeling of the NIS drawers has been improved to help prevent recurrence. A procedure revision has been initiated that will provide for use of Power Range Channel N44 instead of N41, since the rack containing N44 has no associated Intermediate Range or Source Range Channels. The revision will be completed prior to the next use of the procedure.

FAILED COMPONENT IDENTIFICATION

None.

PREVIOUS SIMILAR EVENTS

There have been no previous similar events reported at Prairie Island.