

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION TO
LER 82-080/01 T-0

Licensee: Mississippi Power & Light Co.
Facility: Grand Gulf Nuclear Station - Unit 1
Docket No: 50-416

A special inspection of the 21 capscrews which secure the rear crankcase cover to the engine block on the Division 2 Standby Diesel Generator revealed that one capscrew had failed. The capscrews are SAE Grade 5, 5/8" NC x 1-3/4".

The maintenance work order which led to the discovery of the failed capscrew had been initiated as a follow-up to a previous, similarly failed capscrew on the same Division 2 Standby Diesel Generator rear crankcase cover. This situation was previously reported to the NRC as a Potentially Reportable Deficiency (PRD) 82/14 under 10 CFR 50.55e. The first failure occurred on March 15, 1982 during the 24-hour load test performed as part of the Pre-Operational Test Program. The failure on March 15, 1982 resulted in a generator fault caused by the head of the broken capscrew becoming lodged between the generator stator and rotor while the generator was at 100% load. This resulted in the generator tripping on Generator Differential Current. The generator was subsequently replaced. The capscrews securing the rear crankcase cover were inspected for correct tightness and found to be below the required 60 ft-lbs. The capscrews were replaced on both the Division 1 and 2 Diesel Generators and torqued to the required 60 ft-lbs.

The follow-up work order, performed on October 4, 1982, instructed that each of the capscrews securing the rear crankcase cover to the engine block be checked for correct tightness (60 ft-lbs). Three of the capscrews were found to be less than 40 ft-lbs (20, 23 and 35 ft-lbs). The work order further instructed that any capscrews not within ± 2 ft-lbs of the required 60 ft-lbs be torqued within the acceptable range. When the capscrew (which was at 20 ft-lbs originally) was tightened, it sheared off approximately one inch from the bottom side of the head before reaching 60 ft-lbs. The remaining capscrews were tightened successfully. An additional work order was issued to replace the 21 capscrews on the Division 2 Diesel Generator rear cover and torqued to 60 ft-lbs. An inspection of the Division 1 Diesel Generator revealed no problems. (The Division 3 Diesel Generator is supplied by a different manufacturer so no inspection was required).

Currently Nuclear Plant Engineering is evaluating the failed capscrew and their findings will be reported in a followup LER.