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Salem Generating Station

October 27, 1982

Mr. R. C. Haynes
Regional Administrator
USNRC
Region 1
631 Park Avenue
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406

Dear Mr. Haynes:

LICENSE NO. DPR-75
DOCKET NO. 50-311
REPORTABLE OCCURRENCE 82-122/01T

Pursuant to the requirements of Salem Generating Station Unit No. 2, Technical Specifications, Section 6.9.1.8.c, we are submitting Licensee Event Report for Reportable Occurrence 82-122/01T. This report is required within fourteen (14) days of the occurrence.

Sincerely yours,

H. J. Midura
General Manager -
Salem Operations

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Report Number: 82-122/01T
Report Date: 10-27-82
Occurrence Date: 10-18-82
Facility: Salem Generating Station, Unit 2
Public Service Electric & Gas Company
Hancocks Bridge, New Jersey 08038

IDENTIFICATION OF OCCURRENCE:

Containment Service Water Leak - No. 24 Containment Fan Coil Unit.

This report was initiated by Incident Report 82-339.

CONDITIONS PRIOR TO OCCURRENCE:

Mode 1 - Rx Power 82% - Unit Load 910 MWe.

DESCRIPTION OF OCCURRENCE:

At 1440 hours, October 18, 1982, while in containment performing maintenance on No. 22 Containment Fan Coil Unit (CFCU), a boiler repairman discovered a small service water leak of approximately 0.25 GPM on No. 24 CFCU. No. 24 CFCU was declared inoperable and the leak was isolated. Prompt notification was made to the NRC by telephone at 1449 hours, in accordance with NRC IE Bulletin 80-24, with written confirmation transmitted on October 19, 1982. Technical Specification Action Statement 3.6.2.3a was already in effect as of 1254 hours, October 18, 1982, due to the maintenance on No. 22 CFCU. Because both CFCU's are in the same group, Action Statement 3.6.2.3a still applied, and no new action statement was entered. Both containment spray systems were operable throughout the occurrence.

DESIGNATION OF APPARENT CAUSE OF OCCURRENCE:

Investigation of the problem revealed that the leakage was due to erosion of the cooling coils. The coils are fabricated of copper nickel alloy, which is susceptible to erosion by silt laden service water. Similar failures of other CFCU's have been noted, with most leaks occurring at bends where erosion is more significant.

ANALYSIS OF OCCURRENCE:

Primary containment is a design feature which ensures that the release of radioactive materials in the event of accident conditions will be restricted such that site boundary radiation doses will be within the limits of 10CFR100.

ANALYSIS OF OCCURRENCE: (continued)

NRC IE Bulletin 80-24 requires that any service water leak inside the containment be considered as a degradation of the containment boundary. If containment pressure increased to the design pressure of 47 psig during an accident, there is a possibility of the release of radioactivity through the service water discharge. The occurrence, therefore, constituted an abnormal degradation of the primary containment and is reportable in accordance with Technical Specification 6.9.1.8.c.

The CFCU's operate in conjunction with the containment spray systems to remove heat and radioactive contamination from the containment atmosphere in the event of a design basis accident. Operability of this equipment is necessary to ensure offsite radiation dose is maintained within the limits of 10CFR100.

Action Statement 3.6.2.3a requires:

With one group of CFCU's inoperable and both containment spray systems operable, restore the inoperable group of cooling fans to operable status within 7 days, or be in at least hot standby within the next 6 hours and in cold shutdown within the following 30 hours.

Because the leakage was immediately isolated, containment integrity was maintained. Containment cooling capability was provided by the redundant CFCU's and containment spray systems. The occurrence, therefore, involved no risk to the health or safety of the public. Due to the loss of redundancy in design and engineered safety features, the event constituted operation in a degraded mode permitted by the limiting conditions for operation.

CORRECTIVE ACTION:

No. 22 CFCU was satisfactorily tested and returned to service October 18, 1982. The leaking coil on No. 24 CFCU was blanked off, and the unit was satisfactorily tested. No. 24 CFCU was declared operable and Action Statement 3.6.2.3a was terminated at 0248 hours, October 21, 1982.

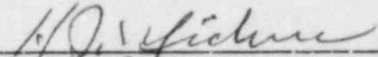
Design Change Request 2EC-0505 has been issued to replace the CFCU cooling coils with coils manufactured of AL-6X steel, for improved erosion and corrosion resistance in the service water environment. This change is scheduled for implementation during the next refueling outage. A commitment to submit a Supplemental Report upon completion was made in LER 82-070/01T.

FAILURE DATA:

A number of containment service water leaks due to similar failures of CFCU cooling coils have occurred since January 1, 1982.

Westinghouse Electric Corporation
Containment Fan Coil Unit
U-Tube Cooling Coil.

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SORC Meeting No. 82-96