

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
FOR
LICENSEE EVENT REPORT 82-003

1. Cause Description and Analysis

On November 25, 1981, at 0030 hours with the plant at cold shutdown the Boron Injection Tank (BIT) header pressure indicator (PI-934) was observed reading above scale on the 0-2000 psig indicator. Maximum header pressure was determined to be 2125 psig. The BIT header pressure annunciator (A2-19) alarms at 200 psig. However, because the BIT is a strip heated tank it was common for the annunciator to alarm and the operator to vent the BIT back to the Boric Acid (BA) tanks. With many of the annunciators normally lit during cold shutdown, the importance of this particular alarm was overlooked for the time it took the BIT header pressure to reach 2125 psig. This excessive pressure was caused by the BIT strip heaters heating the BIT, the operator not relieving the pressure, and the BIT safety valve SI-857A failing to relieve at its 1750 psig setpoint.

An evaluation of the pressurization concluded that the excessive pressure did not degrade the integrity of the system.

At the time of the event, it was determined that since the plant was in cold shutdown the event was not reportable. However, on February 9, 1982, this event was reviewed again, and it was determined that it should have been reported.

2. Immediate Corrective Action

The BIT header pressure was vented back to the BA tanks. The set pressure for safety valve SI-857A had apparently drifted upward as it was bench tested to left at ~2000 psig. SI-857A was reset to lift at 1750 psig and was re-installed.

3. Corrective Action To Prevent Recurrence

Annunciator Procedure A2-19 was revised. "BIT header activation" was added to the causes for the alarm, and "vent BIT as necessary through CVC-841A and B (to BA tanks)" was added to the action items. An engineering review has been initiated and is currently in progress to determine if additional corrective actions are required. If any additional actions are identified as a result of this review, a supplement to this LER will be submitted.