



SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION TO  
LER 83-057/03 L-0

Mississippi Power & Light Company  
Grand Gulf Nuclear Station - Unit 1  
Docket No. 50-416

Technical Specification Involved: 3.8.2.2, 3.8.1.2  
Reported Under Technical Specification: 6.9.1.13.b

Event Narrative:

Plant Conditions:

Mode Switch: Refuel  
Reactor Temperature: 90°F  
Reactor Power: 0%  
Core alterations being performed,  
Division II, Division III emergency diesel generators inoperable

During performance of an "all cells check" surveillance on the Division I Battery (1A3) it was observed that the average electrolyte temperature of every sixth connected cell was not greater than 60°F as required by Technical Specification Surveillance Requirement 4.8.2.1.b.3. This resulted in failure of the battery to pass the surveillance and declaring the Division I D.C. power source inoperable. The respective division diesel generator was also declared inoperable. Since the Division II diesel generator had already been declared inoperable (see above plant status) action statement (a) of Technical Specification 3.8.1.2 was entered. The required actions (suspension of core alterations, suspension of operations with a potential for draining the vessel, and initiation of action(s) to restore the power source immediately) were initiated immediately. The cause of the average cell temperatures being less than 60°F was due to low room temperatures. The low room temperatures were caused by the pilot switches for the battery room heater control circuit being in the "OFF" position. The pilot switches were placed in the "ON" position raising room temperature, thus raising the electrolyte temperature. The surveillance was conducted again approximately 5 hours later and the temperatures were satisfactory.

The system integrated operating instructions (04-1-01-Z77-1) have since been revised to include verification that the heater pilot switches are in the "ON" position as normal electrical lineup for system operation. This is a final report.