

LER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

BFRO-50-260 / 82013 Technical Specification Involved 2.1.A.1.a & c
Reported Under Technical Specification 6.7.2.b(2) * Date Due NRC 4.24.83

Event Narrative:

Unit 1 was operating at 87-percent power; unit 3 was operating at 99-percent power. These units were unaffected by this event. With unit 2 at 56-percent power during reactor startup, the nuclear engineer noted, through normal core performance monitoring, that the calculated R (FRP/CMFLPD) of 0.880 was less than the R setpoint of 0.901 (Technical Specification 2.1.A.1. a & c). There was no effect on the public health or safety as the calculated APRM scram value was not exceeded during the event. The 120-percent scram clamp was operable during the event.

The cause of the event was the limited number of power rods that could be withdrawn to compensate for sharper rod withdrawal. Power rod withdrawal was limited by condensate demineralizer problems that restricted reactor load increase. After rod withdrawal was stopped and R was indicated out, TIP data was taken to check R factor validity and control rods were moved to restore the R factor within limits. R was noted out of limits at 0032 hours and was restored within limits at 0126 hours (54 minutes). Based on previous events and BWR Standard Technical Specifications, TVA has initiated changes to the technical specifications involved. These changes have been approved and issued for unit 1. When similar technical specification revisions are approved for units 2 and 3, TVA will be allowed six hours for R factor corrections on all 3 units.

* Previous Similar Events:

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260/81018, 81037, 82022
296/81040, 81041, 81045, 82038, 82048, 82062

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