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Additional Safety Evaluation
of Transients Resulting from
Inability of Operator to Control
Steam Generator Level at 120 Inches

I. INTRODUCTION

The Davis-Besse Unit 1 Steam and Feedwater Line Response Control System (SRFC) design objectives are to prevent the release of high energy steam, to automatically start auxiliary feedwater (AFW), and to provide adequate AFW, via essential steam generator level control, to remove decay heat during anticipated and design basis events when AFW is required. Table 1 illustrates the various conditions and control actions for which AFW operation is required. For all initiation signals, the SRFC maintains and controls AFW addition automatically to maintain a 120" level (0" indicated on the steam generator instrumentation) in the steam generator.

The present manual circulation rate at Davis-Besse 1 (DBCO) demonstrated that a 30-inch (indicated) steam generator level of AFW provides adequate manual circulation for decay heat removal.

The new essential 50 level control sequence of 120-inches (30-inch-indicated) is thus in excess of minimum 50 level requirements.

Operating procedures regarding manual control of steam generator level at 30-inches on the starting stage level instrument following non-FOCA events were developed and used at Davis-Besse Unit 1 during the initiation of dependent design changes to the SRFC. Major improvements of increased minimum level and duration of AFW are being implemented. Circulation capability will exist through operator intervention during conditions where AFW is required.

Inability of the operator to comply with the present operating procedures will possibly result in a necessary loss of minimum level and/or level indication under certain conditions. Loss will not produce consequences which are non-reversible or detrimental to safe operation of Davis-Besse Unit 1.

II. DISCUSSION

The following section is divided into three segments: Relationship with Events Presented in the Davis-Besse Unit 1 SRFC, Loss of Operator Action, and Loss of Feedwater.

A. Relationship with events presented in the SRFC

Addition of auxiliary feedwater at times considerably greater than the decay heat generation rate will result in overheating of the reactor coolant, contraction and a reduction of pressure level. This sequence of events is typical of several transients presented in the SRFC which have been submitted to the NRC and approved as a part of the licensing process. Overheating transients can be caused by a variety of circumstances, failures, combinations of operating conditions, and improper

Of these two transients the loss of feedwater results in the greatest volumetric coolant contraction, because the normal coolant flow (DC pumps operating) causes a faster rate of heat rejection to the steam generator.

1. Loss of Offsite Power

Preliminary calculations for a reactor trip following a loss of offsite power show that the pressurizer loss indication does not apply. The assumptions used to derive this result included a full reactor auxiliary feedwater flow (~2400 gpm) resulting in a fill time to 120" of about 4 minutes. No net mass change to the primary coolant (no makeup, no loss) was considered, even though the makeup controls would respond to decreasing pressurizer level by increasing the net input to above 200 gpm. At the termination of the transient the pressurizer level is slightly above the surge line. Reactor coolant pressure reaches about 1000 psi and high pressure injection may be automatically initiated.

Although the net makeup was not considered, it could be used once the pressurizer is refilled to the normal level. At the same time compression of the steam voids cause a partial repressurization of the system ensuring that the coolant remains subcooled. This condition presents no safety concerns.

2. Loss of Feedwater

This transient has a greater reactor coolant contraction than the loss of offsite power case, resulting in emptying of the pressurizer. Consequently it will be described in greater detail.

A brief summary of the events is:

- Reactor trip Time = 0
- Makeup control valve opens with admitting full makeup to reactor coolant system Time = 0⁺
- AFW initiated Time ~ 10 sec
- Pressurizer empties; DC system pressure slightly greater than 1300 psi Time ~ 1 min
- HPI initiated by STAS; makeup isolated Time ~ 1⁺ min
- Steam generator level = 10 ft; voids exist in reactor coolant Time ~ 1 min
- HPI inflow replaces volume occupied by voids; pressurizer level begins to be restored Time ~ 7-8 min

The major concerns that evolve from this transient are the disposition of the steam voids and the approach to DNS. Both of the concerns are alleviated by the reactor coolant pumps.

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Steam voids will not collect in reactor coolant piping and no flow blockage will occur because of dispersal and mixing by the forced flow. The emergency extraction limit will be set below the peak output of the core at the decay heat level and all reactor pumps are operating, insuring core heat removal. It is concluded that no safety problem exists.

TABLE 1: STEAM AND FEEDWATER LINE RUPTURE CONTROL SYSTEM (SFRCS) ACTUATION PARAMETERS

<u>Actuation Parameter</u>	<u>Setpoint</u>	<u>Accident</u>
<u>Station Variables</u>		
1. Low Steam Line Pressure	$< 591.6 \text{ psig}^{1,2}$	Steam Line Break Feedwater Line Break
2. Low SG Level	$\leq 17 \text{ inches}^1$	Loss of F/W
3. SG Pressure Minus Main Feedwater Line Pressure	$> 197.6 \text{ psi}^1$	F/WLS, LOWEN
4. Loss of All SC Pumps ³		Loss of Off-Site Power

NOTES:

- When activated, SFRCS closes both main steam isolation valves, closes both main F/W control and stop valves, initiates AFW and controls AFW to maintain a 120 inch level in the SGs.
- Alignment of AFW to a pressurized SG is provided for steam and feedwater line breaks.
- AFW initiated but steam and feedwater line isolation does not occur.

Analysis of the Effect of a Loss of Heat Sink Capacity on the Reactor System

Introduction:

The following bounding analysis conservatively addresses the events occurring within the primary reactor coolant system and reactor following a loss of heat sink capacity from 100% power for the Davis-Besse Unit 1. Auxiliary feedwater control has been assumed to be in service with both steam generators.

Assumptions:

Because of the conservative, bounding, nature of this calculation, the overcooling of the primary system due to auxiliary feedwater injection causes a contraction of coolant volume sufficient to create steam within the primary system. The steam is shown to be uniformly distributed within the RCS and the void fraction is 1%. The reactor coolant pump maintains full capability. The DNB ratio is shown to exceed 2.0 and no reactor shutdown is necessary. Thus, during the course of the transient, no core shutdown develops. Further, following the time of maximum contraction, the system returns to full pressure, pressure is maintained, and the reactor coolant returns to a subcooled water condition without operator action.

Analysis:

The following assumptions have been made to assure the bounding nature of the results:

Reactor Power:

100% until boiling stops in the steam generators; or until that time. This assumption is conservative as core heat would compensate for the cooling caused by the auxiliary feedwater.

Initial Coolant Inventories Were:

$$RCS = 11290 \text{ ft}^3$$
$$Pressurizer = 861 \text{ ft}^3$$

These assumptions are nominal operating values.

Initial Temperatures:

The whole system is taken to be at $T_{\text{average}} = 582^{\circ}\text{F}$.

This assumption is a reasonable average.

Initial System Mass: ~ 500,000 lbs

The mass is figured from the temperature and volumes above.

Makeup System:

No credit is taken for additional makeup flow which will occur at the pressurized losses level. (In all likelihood, the makeup system will contribute approximately 200 ft^3 extra liquid volume).

Local Power (kw/ft^3): 18.4 kw/ft^3 .

This value is taken as the minimum allowed by Technical Specifications.

Secondary Side Volume At 10 Foot Level

711 ft^3 per generator, actual volume.

Auxiliary Feedwater Flow:

166.5 ft^3/min . per generator actual value.

Auxiliary Feedwater Enthalpy:

2 Btu/lb lower bound for maximum cooling.

With the initiating event, loss of main feedwater, the reactor coolant system pressure will start to rise. Reactor trip will occur at high RCS pressure. Following trip, the RCS pressure will fall because core power has been reduced and boiling of residual main feedwater or auxiliary feedwater is occurring in the steam generators. These events are almost identical to those which occur in a main feed line break and are analyzed in detail in Section 15.2.2 of the TRS.

In short order, the system will return to the initial configuration but, because the auxiliary feedwater flow description has exceeded the decay heat generation rate, the RCS continues to depressurize. During this phase, residual main feedwater and residual auxiliary feedwater will be boiled and vented through the steam generator safety relief valves. The primary system average temperature will fall to the saturation temperature of water at the safety valve set pressure. In this case, primary and secondary conditions are expected to be approximately as follows:

	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Secondary</u>
Pressure	1800 psia	980 psia
Temperature	542 F	542 F
Mass	503344 lbs	0 lbs
Liquid Volume in Press.	400 ft^3	N.A.
Time Into Transient	2.2 min.	2.2 min.

It is convenient to assume complete boiling at the secondary side when the complete equilibrium between primary and secondary sides, as these assumptions lead to the maximum value of injection of auxiliary feedwater and therefore, maximum contraction. RCS pressure is held up by the steam bubble in the pressurizer.

The rise has been estimated by calculating the necessary energy loss by the primary system from its initial conditions, the mass of auxiliary feedwater required to remove this energy, and then dividing by the auxiliary feedwater flow rate.

$$\text{rise} = \frac{(586 - 542) 503364}{(1194-0) 333.62} = 54 \text{ sec.}$$

Six seconds was used to estimate the initial pressurization portion of the transients.

In performing the remainder of the evaluation 10 feet of cooled (30 F) auxiliary feedwater is placed in each steam generator and the liquid enthalpy condition calculated. Because water's 10 feet level is obtained this auxiliary feedwater flow stops, this condition represents the maximum contraction possible. The state variables resulting are:

	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Secondary</u>
Pressure	560 psia	560 psia
Temperature	478 F	478 F
Enthalpy of Water	462 Btu/lbm	462 Btu/lbm
Specific Volume	.020 ft ³ /lbm	.020 ft ³ /lbm

From the specific volume, the primary liquid volume can be calculated:

$$V_{l1} = 107_2 = 10052 \text{ ft}^3$$

As 10052 is smaller than the RCS minus pressurizer volume, the remaining volume must be filled with steam.

$$V_{st} = 10426 - 10052 = 374 \text{ ft}^3 \approx 400 \text{ ft}^3$$

400 ft³ corresponds to a system void fraction of 3.8% or 6%, and as will be shown later, is of no consequence as far as core heating or system performance is concerned. This steam volume is larger than actually expected for two reasons: 1) some temperature differences voids always exist between the primary and secondary systems, and 2) the effect of core decay heat has been ignored. Both of these voids increase the primary side liquid temperature, thus increasing its volume and reducing the steam volume.

Following this state of maximum contraction, no further heat is removed from the RCS via the secondary side until the RCS sides is compensated due to decay heating; this will expand the liquid volume, compress the steam and repressurize the RCS. As no heat can be lost from the secondary

The results are shown in Figure 5. The results show that the steam generators will be very early within 10 seconds of total feedwater loss. At this time, the decay heat rate is less than 1.2% using $100\% + 10\%$ (the LOCA evaluation curve). As 10% pressure and high void and high power are conservative bounds a 20% evaluation was performed.

- $\rho = 500$ psia
- $T =$ corresponding saturation value
- $\mu = 5\%$
- power = 10%
- $\dot{V} =$ full volumetric flow.

The maximum DNBR was >1.5 in the hottest channel with maximum design conditions assumed and well within acceptable values.

- V. Will any steam remain trapped in the primary system? Some may be trapped for a short period of time in the upper part of the reactor vessel but this will be of no consequence and will eventually be condensed by thermal conduction through the surrounding water.

Conclusion

The maximum correction of the RCS water has been calculated taking no credit for mitigating systems (except flow, RSI) and no credit for decay heating. No adverse consequences of the transient have been shown and, therefore, this transient poses no concerns to the safe operation of the plant.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

For STROB activation and fill of the steam generators to the auto-essential level control point of 120' without operator action:

- No unreviewed safety question exists
- The loss of offsite power transient will not cause the pressurizer to drain although a loss of pressurizer indicated level will occur.
- The loss of feedwater transient may result in pressurizer emptying, however acceptance criteria for DNBR will be met. Steam bubbles which exist in the reactor coolant for a short time will be collapsed by RSI injection. Pressurizer refilling by RSI will occur.
- No return to power will result in the long term.

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Burlington Station, Ohio
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Oak Harbor, Ohio 43150

Subject: COTS Tire Breaker Maintenance

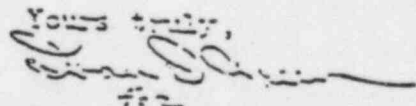
Dear Sir:

In the past, some of our plants have experienced problems with COTS tire breakers. The problems have been traced to lack of preventive maintenance. Our records show a general, quarterly schedule of preventive maintenance was not being followed. The maintenance program outlined in the COTS tire breaker manual, specifically attention should be given to wheel axles, bearings, and lubrication of the breakers.

Our records indicate that the program is completed at a minimum frequency of every 1000 hours or 100 hours of operation. It is requested that you advise the applicable schedule to advise appropriate maintenance.

Our concern is that if proper maintenance is not accomplished, additional wear and tear resulting in an increased number of tire breakers. Also, we need to prevent all accidents we can to reduce the risk of lost capacity days.

If we can be of further assistance, please advise.

Yours truly,

F. D. Murray
Site Operation Manager

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Mr. J. D. Kelly, Control Department
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Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Subject: 60X 7103 Control System

Dear Sir:

On March 23, 1978, Babcock & Wilcox was notified by your company that you had received a copy of the letterhead memorandum (LHM) dated March 16, 1978, from the Westinghouse Electric Corporation (WEC) regarding the 60X 7103 Control System. The LHM stated that the system was found to be inoperable and that the cause of the failure was the loss of power to the control system. The LHM also stated that the system was found to be inoperable because of a failure of the control system.

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2. Given that the operator can determine that electrical power has been lost to all or part of the RH, he should know the location of the power supply breakers, and have a procedure available to quickly re-apply power.
3. If the fault cannot be cleared (i.e. the breakers to the power supplies remain), the operator should have a list of alternate instrumentation available to him, and he should be thoroughly trained in its use. The list is:
- a. RHG gauges
 - b. RHG gauges
 - c. RHG (Essential Controls and Instrumentation)
 - d. SGRT (Safety Related Controls and Instrumentation)
 - e. Reactor shutdown gauges
 - f. Reactor gauges
 - g. Night computer

4. Recognizing that no procedure can cover all possible combinations of RHG failures, the operator's response should be keyed to certain variables. If the operator notices that there are instrumentation problems (as opposed to a loss of steam line break, for example), he can limit the problem by controlling the critical variables:
- a. Reactor power level (via RHG or Reactor Manual Trip)
 - b. RHG gauges (via Reactor Control System, spray, E/W relief valves, etc.)
 - c. Steam Generator level (via feed flow, feedwater valves, etc.)
 - d. Steam Generator pressure (via turbine bypass system)

The Reactor power level and RHG gauges ensure that the Reactor Control System is stable, the Steam Generator level and pressure ensure adequate cooling water supply.

Recognizing that the operator is not a direct participant in the events involving the loss of RHG power at Reactor start. As can be seen by this document, the operator's primary function is the ability to recognize a loss of RHG power and the critical need to maintain the severity of a transient and shut it down.

If you have any questions or comments, please advise.

Yours truly,

Ivan V. Green
Site Operations Manager

cc: See attached sheet.

EVENT

- Lost MW power supply cabinets 3, 6, 7
- This caused a loss of valve signals to the ICS. RTU limits ran back feedwater, resulting in a partial loss of feedwater (actual MW power was 72%).
- Probable opening of "B" turbine bypass valves to the condenser (during start-up).
- Reactor trip on high pressure, turbine trip on interlock.
- Pressurizer code relief setting was known to be low (approximately 2225 psig). The electronic relief was isolated due to previous leakage problems. The data indicates primary pressure went to 2400 psig. Code relief valve lifted.
- ICS closes main condenser and starting feed valves and drive main feed pumps to minimum speed following trip.
- Decay heat and RC pumps energy removal accomplished through generators by evaporator boil off and the addition of main feedwater.
- Pressurizer code relief valve asserts at approximately 2100 psig.
- Operator starts RTU pump "B".
- Operator stops RTU pump "B".
- OTSC "B" pressure reaches 425 psig set-point of steam line isolation logic.
- OTSC "B" goes dry.

and temperature control.

4:25
7:15

- RC pressure = 1900 psig
- STAS activation at 1600 psig

This starts HPT, but not initiates emergency feed. The emergency FW pump is started and the bypass emergency FW valves are opened to full open position. The system makes no automatic attempt to control steam generator water level.

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- RC pressure at 1475 psig. It starts to recover from this point due to HPT. $T_{ave} = 5280^{\circ}F$.

13:55

- "A" HPT pump secured.

15:05

- HPT secured.

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- "B" HPT initiated. From this point on, the operator started and stopped HPT pumps as necessary to maintain pressure level.

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- Steam line failure logic closes FOS-control starting feed valves to each OTSG when the corresponding OTSG pressure falls below 435 psig.

51:25

- Secured RCP-D ($T_{ave} = 435^{\circ}F$)
This reduced RCP's to three

57:27

- OTSG "A" water level = 599.7"

Speculate that 2 ft. of tubes are not flooded (at top) due to steam line arrangement.

1:00:00

- Hourly computer log print-out
Steam temp. 3800° (OTSG "B")
Steam pressure 171 psig (OTSG "B")

Assuming $T_{ave} = T_{sat} \Rightarrow T_{ave} = 380^{\circ}F$

- Power restored to MW cabinets 5, 6, 27

$T_{ave} = 285^{\circ}F$

RCS Pressure = 2000 psia

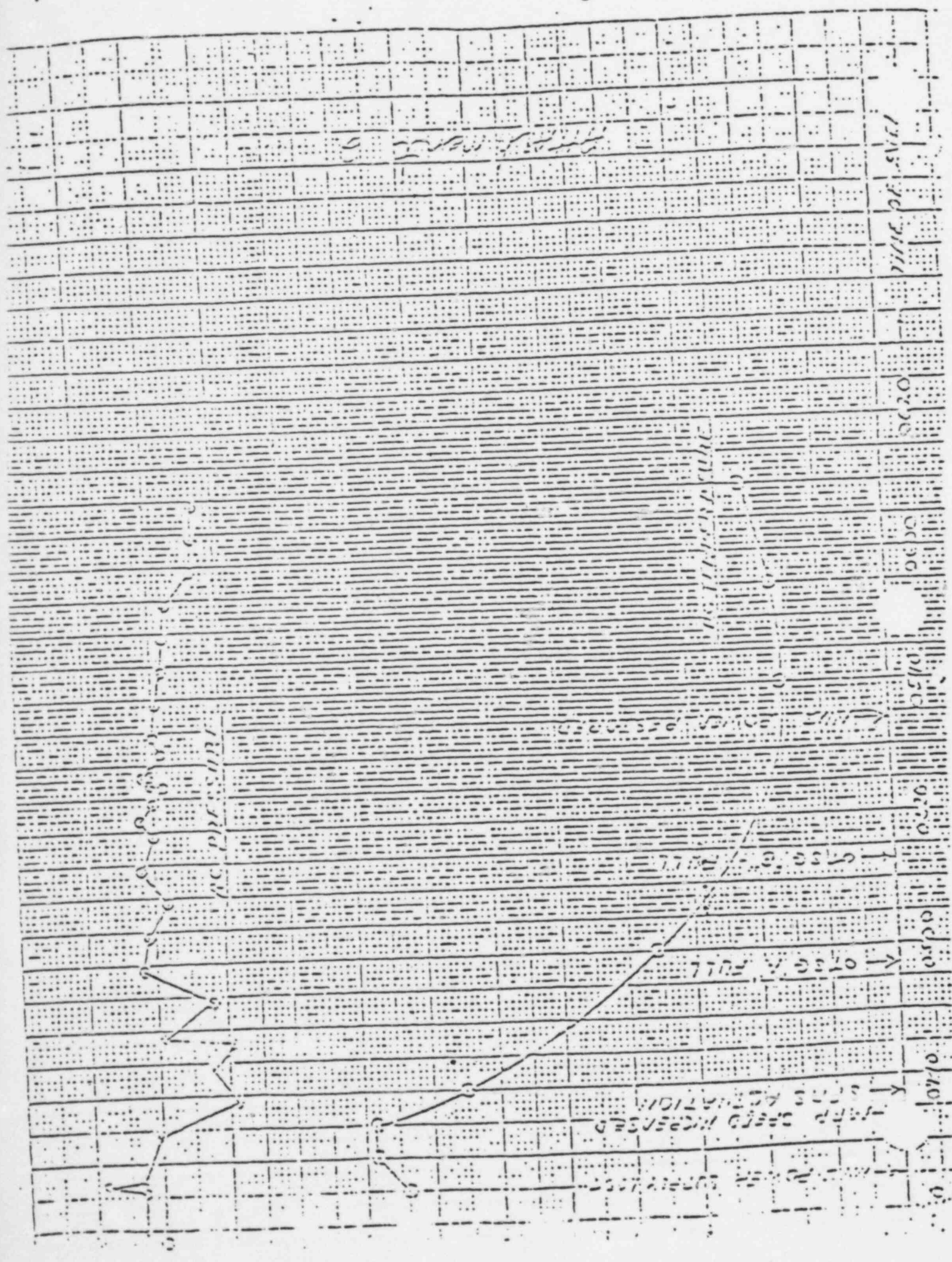
Both OTSG full level ranges signal high

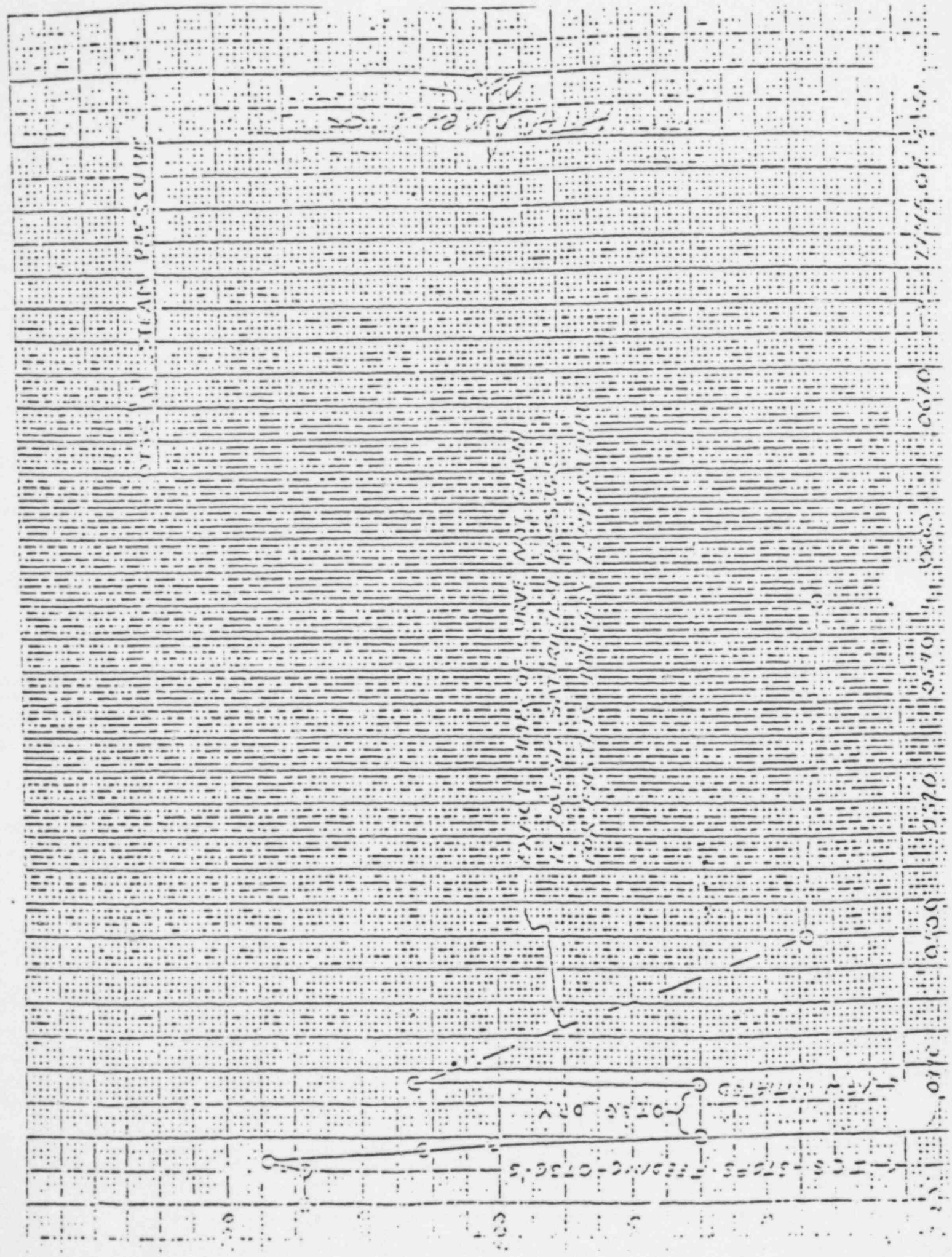
Operator begins to reduce RCS pressure using pressurizer spray.

ICS closes turbine bypass valves to condens

Operator stops emergency FW flow.

Operator stops main FW pumps.





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WATER LEVEL