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Attachment

**NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY
PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATOR**

LER 83-001/017-6

Event Description

On February 4, 1980, Wener noted that the codes used in the Keweenaw and Prairie Island units was conservative. The peak clad temperature (T_{clad}) was greater than 2190°F, which was above the 2200°F limit.

With the 13% error in PCF included, the portion of fuel exposures sufficient to meet the present F₀ limit of 2.21. The exposure of standard fuel at greater than 13% of the TOPROD fuel at beginning of life will assure that the F₀ limit will assure that the F₀ limit will be met. (Calculations indicate a 21% margin.) This concludes that operation of the current system within acceptable RCCS evaluation criteria.

A review of power distribution was made for all cycles containing losses. It was found that if and when a 1% penalized P-1 limit or P-2 limit was not exceeded throughout Unit 1 the 1% penalized limit was not exceeded. However, on the current cycle P-1 was exceeded by 0.3%. No other measurement taken on Unit 1 exceeded the 1% limit during cycle 8. May 1969 was the last time a loss of power occurred in a forced shutdown. This was at the time of the accident.

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PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT
Docket No. 30-282 License No. NUREG-0001

Error Found in Exxon DOCE Analysis

The License Event Report for this occurrence is attached.

This event is reported in compliance with Technical Specification 6.7.B.1.h since errors were discovered in the transient or accident analyses or in the methods used for such analyses as described in the safety analysis report or in the bases for the technical specifications that have or could have permitted reactor operation in a manner less conservative than assumed in the analyses.

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