

LICENSEE EVENT REPORT (LER)

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Jet Pump Instrument Nozzle Cracking

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LICENSEE CONTACT FOR THIS LER (12)

NAME David L. Smith	TELEPHONE NUMBER
	AREA CODE: 2 0 5 NUMBER: 7 2 9 0 8 6 5

COMPLETE ONE LINE FOR EACH COMPONENT FAILURE DESCRIBED IN THIS REPORT (13)

CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANUFACTURER	REPORTABLE TO NPRDS	CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANUFACTURER	REPORTABLE TO NPRDS

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT EXPECTED (14)

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ABSTRACT (Limit to 1400 spaces, i.e., approximately fifteen single-space typewritten lines) (16)

Based on information received from a Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) publication "Inside NRC," the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) inspected 10 additional welds on the jet pump instrument nozzles. Of these, two welds were determined to need repair. These welds will be repaired by the weld overlay procedure to be completed prior to unit startup. TVA has an inspection plan which is carried out during refueling outages for identifying defective welds. These additional welds will be examined in upcoming units 1 and 2 refueling outages.

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During normal operation Unit 1 was operating at 95 percent, Unit 2 at 59 percent, and Unit 3 was in a refueling outage. Only Unit 3 was affected by this event.

Additional welds were inspected on the jet pump instrument nozzles (NZL) based on information received via a Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) publication "Inside NRC." Ten welds were examined and two were determined to need weld repair. "Weld overlay" repairs on both nozzles will be complete prior to returning the unit to operating status. These two 4-inch reducer "safe-end" welds had axial indications up to 82 percent through wall in the base metal. One of the "safe ends" has two indications visible from the outside. These two welds are suspected to be a product of intergranular stress corrosion cracking due to the "safe ends" being moderately sensitized.

TVA is presently in an inspection program to ultrasonically test all twelve recirculation reactor vessel (RPV) penetrations (PEN) for indications of intergranular stress corrosion cracking. Metallography (acid etching) will be done on two out the ten recirculation discharge reactor vessel penetrations and on both of the inlet penetrations. The jet pump instrument nozzle welds will be inspected during the upcoming units 1 and 2 refueling outages (Unit 2 refueling outage - August, 1984) and depending on the results of the unit 3 ultrasonic test inspection program a decision will be made on the extent of units 1 and 2 ultrasonic test inspections that will be needed. If an opportunity of a short outage presents itself prior to the next refueling outage, Unit-1 will be checked out at that time.

A contributing factor in this issue may be that Units 2 & 3 were procured from IHI, a Japanese vendor, while Unit 1 was bought from Coulter Steel & Forging Co. The certified material test reports from the Units 2 & 3 vessel penetrations show a higher carbon content than those of U-1. Thus, also pointing to more susceptibility for sensitization areas.

If the cracked welds had failed during normal operation, a minimum of reactor coolant would be lost because these welds were on a 4-inch reducer to the jet pump instrument nozzle "safe-end" and the penetration has twelve 1-inch instrument lines inside it. These instrument lines have .004 tolerance between themselves and the 4-inch penetration. Therefore, a minimum flow would have been released with the drywell sump pumps unidentified leakage alerting the licensed unit operator to the line break. Since the unit is analyzed for a loss of coolant accident for a 24-inch line, these two jet pump instrument nozzle breaks would be negligible.

Previous similar events

- BFRO-50-259/83-23
- BFRO-50-260/82-40
- BFRO-50-296/79-19

Responsible Plant Section

N/A

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

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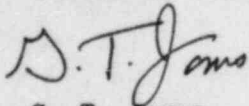
Dear Sir:

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY - BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT UNIT 3 - DOCKET
NO. 50-296 - FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE DPR-68 - REPORTABLE OCCURRENCE
REPORT BFRO-50-296/84006

The enclosed report provides details concerning jet pump instrument nozzle
cracking. This report is submitted in accordance with 10 CFR 50.73
(a)(2)(ii).

Very truly yours,

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY



G. T. Jones
Power Plant Superintendent
Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant

Enclosure

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