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Subject:

McGuire Nuclear Station Unit 2

Docket No. 50-370

Licensee Event Report 370/95-03, Revision 0 Problem Investigation Process No.: 2-M95-1503

## Gentlemen:

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.73 Sections (a) (1) and (d), attached Licensee Event Report 370/95-03 concerning a momentary loss of Containment Integrity. This report is being submitted in accordance with 10 CFR 50.73 (a) (2) (v). This event is considered to be of no significance with respect to the health and safety of the public.

Very truly yours,

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SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT EXPECTED (14)

Unit Status: August 15, 1995. Unit 2- Mode 1, (Power Operations), 100 percent power

NO

Containment Integrity was momentarily lost when the seals on the Auxiliary Building door of the Unit 2 Upper Personnel Airlock inadvertently deflated while the Reactor Building door was open for normal ingress of Station personnel and equipment. The Reactor Building door was immediately closed and sealed by personnel in the airlock.

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EVENT CAUSE: This event is assigned a cause of a Degraded Subcomponent Contributing to Failure. A worn Linear Actuating Cylinder allowed inadvertent actuation of a limit switch which caused the seals to deflate on the door that was being used to maintain Containment Integrity.

## CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:

- Compare the current condition of all personnel airlock doors with the design criteria to identify and correct discrepancies.
- Interim measures will be developed for Personnel Airlock Door operation until door alignment problems are corrected.
- · Perform an assessment to address improvements to operation, maintenance, and ownership of containment airlock doors.

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## EVALUATION:

## Background

The Linear Actuating Cylinder (LAC) referred to in this report drives a door [EIIS:DR] retaining pin into a hole in the door jamb to keep the door from moving after it is closed such that the door seals are properly positioned over their sealing surfaces.

## Description of Event

## August 15, 1995. Unit 2, (Power Operations), 100% power

- While plant personnel were accessing upper containment for maintenance activities, problems were experienced with getting the Containment Upper Personnel Airlock [EIIS:AL] Auxiliary Building [EIIS:NF] door (AB door) seals [EIIS:SEAL] to inflate.
- The AB door seals inflated after repeated attempts to actuate the door sealing circuit.
- The Containment Upper Personnel Airlock Reactor Building door (RB door) was unsealed and opened.
- An interlock in the door operating circuit prevents one door from unsealing if the other door is unsealed. In this case, the circuitry for the AB door was satisfied and allowed the unsealing and opening of the AB door.
- The interlock limit switch [EIIS:33] changed state due to a defect in the lower LAC on the AB door which allowed the seals on the AB door to deflate. This was caused by a vibration resulting from the ongoing activity in the airlock.
- The maintenance personnel in the airlock immediately recognized the effect on Containment Integrity of both doors being unsealed at the same time and closed and resealed the RB door.

## Conclusion

- There were no personnel injuries, radiation overexposures, or uncontrolled releases of radioactive material resulting from this event. This event is not Nuclear Plant Reliability Database (NPRDS) reportable.
- This event is assigned a cause of Degraded Subcomponent Contributing to Failure.

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- A worn LAC component allowed excessive travel of the LAC shaft to
  position a limit switch actuating cam such that the seals inflated
  and satisfied the interlock for the RB door but subjected the switch
  to inadvertently changing state when it experienced slight vibration.
- Past experiences with airlock door failures have not resulted in a loss of Containment Integrity, but corrective actions were not effective in preventing failures of the LAC components.
- A search of the PIP and OEP data base for the past 24 months revealed no other losses of Containment Integrity due to airlock door failures. However, there is evidence of repeated problems with Containment Personnel Airlock doors.

## CORRECTIVE ACTION:

## Immediate:

1. The RB door was closed and sealed by personnel in the airlock, who were present for the duration of the event.

## Subsequent:

1. The defective LAC was replaced.

#### Planned:

- 1. Engineering personnel will compare the current physical condition of all Personnel Airlock doors with the design criteria and implement actions to correct any additional discrepancies noted.
- Engineering personnel will establish interim measures for Containment Personnel Airlock door operation until door alignment problems are corrected.
- 3. McGuire Safety Review Group will perform an assessment to address operation, maintenance, and ownership of containment airlock doors.

## SAFETY ANALYSIS:

No unplanned releases of radioactivity occurred as a result of this event. The health and safety of McGuire site personnel and the public were not affected by this event.

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The impact to Nuclear Safety of this event is considered to be negligible for the following reasons:

 Timely and appropriate action by personnel in the airlock resulted in the duration of the loss of Containment Integrity being less than 1 minute.

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- The chance of an accident occurring during this time which would have resulted in a release that could have exceeded 10CFR Part 100 limits was minimal and did not exceed the allowable Technical Specification time to comply with the Limiting Condition for Operation upon loss of Containment Integrity.
- Any release which could have occured during this event would have been monitored and controlled by the Auxiliary Building ventilation system.