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At 0507 hours on May 21, 1984, while the reactor was in cold shutdown, a unplanned partial Group V (Reactor Water Clean-Up Inlet Line) isolation was experienced due to noise in the Reactor Water Clean-Up (RWCU) leak detection electrical circuitry. Similar isolations occurred on June 3, June 5, and June 6 (also while in cold shutdown). Each of the isolations was investigated and determined to be spurious.

Maintenance performed trouble shooting activities in an effort to determine the root cause for these isolations. Inspection of the isolation logic and electrical components of the circuitry identified no specific problems. The spurious isolations appear to be caused by random noise in the circuit.

The spurious isolation of the RWCU system has been a recurrent problem. Although primary containment isolation was not required to be operable, this event is reportable as an ESF actuation (containment isolation).

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At 0507 hours, while the reactor was in cold shutdown, the inboard reactor water clean-up inlet valve, CE-ISV-2700, automatically isolated for no immediately apparent reason, thus constituting an unplanned actuation of an engineered safety feature. After investigation of the situation, operators correctly attributed the isolation to electrical noise. At 0528 hours the inlet valve was reopened and the RWCU system was restored to normal.

On June 5, 1984 and again on June 6, 1984 the RWCU system isolated in a manner identical to the event described above. On June 3, 1984 a similar event occurred with redundant inlet valve CE-ISV-2701 isolating. The cause of each of these events appears to have been electrical noise in the RWCU leakage detection circuitry.

Trouble shooting activities and inspections were initiated to determine the root source of the electrical noise and spurious isolations. The isolation logic and electrical components of the circuitry were inspected and tested. Testing included temperature monitoring equipment and the RWCU isolation relays' dropout voltage.

These activities were unable to identify a specific problem. We believe the spurious isolation signals are the result of random noise in the circuit. The spurious isolation of the reactor water clean-up system has been a recurrent problem. Further study to reduce the susceptability of the system to spurious isolation from random electrical noise is being pursued.

Although primary containment isolation was not required to be operable (Technical Specification 3.7.A) the containment isolation performed as designed during these events.

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