

LICENSEE EVENT REPORT (LER)

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TITLE (4)  
Auxiliary Building Ventilation Isolation

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OPERATING MODE (9) 3	THIS REPORT IS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF 10 CFR §: (Check one or more of the following) (11)									
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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)

YES (If yes, complete EXPECTED SUBMISSION DATE)  NO

EXPECTED SUBMISSION DATE (15)	MONTH	DAY	YEAR

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

A high radiation alarm was actuated which caused an auxiliary building ventilation isolation (ABI) to occur. Investigation revealed that a spike occurred on the spent fuel pool (SFP) radiation monitor. The background radiation level is so close to the setpoint that normal fluctuations of the detector can trip the alarm. Radiation levels were not above normal during this time.

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TEXT (If more space is required, use additional NRC Form 366A's) (17)

This LER involves three separate incidents. The first auxiliary building isolation (ABI) occurred at 0444C on 05/31/84 while unit 1 was in mode 3 (0% power, 2235 psig, 547 degrees F) and unit 2 was in mode 1 (100% power, 2235 psig, 578 degrees F) and was returned to normal at 0504C on 05/31/84. The second ABI occurred at 1550C on 06/02/84 while unit 1 was in mode 1 (50% power, 2235 psig, 563 degrees F) and unit 2 was in mode 1 (100% power, 2235 psig, 578 degrees F) and was returned to service at 1605C on 06/02/84. The third ABI occurred at 2253C on 06/04/84 while unit 1 was in mode 3 (0% power, 2235 psig, 520 degrees F) and unit 2 was in mode 1 (100% power, 2235 psig, 578 degrees F) and was returned to service at 2307C on 06/04/84. All associated equipment and personnel responded and performed as expected during the ABI. The operator responded to the alarm (RM-90-103) and determined that the alarm was in fact an inadvertent spike and not a high radiation level. Personnel were notified to check the monitor, reset the alarm in the control room, and repair or reset the monitor.

In all three incidents, the radiation level in and around the spent fuel pit (SFP) was near the setpoint of the radiation monitor. The Geiger-Mueller (G-M) tube used in the radiation monitor does not give a smooth constant output. Occasionally, the G-M tube will fluctuate enough naturally to set off the alarm. The movement of contaminated material in the SFP area could also have set off the alarm. The SFP area was cleaned up, and the background was lowered to the 1-2 millirem/hr range.

There was no effect on public health or safety, and no plant safety margins were exceeded. Radiation levels were not above normal during this time.

Previous occurrences - SQRO-50-327/84002, SQRO-50-327/84010, SQRO-50-327/84015, and SQRO-50-327/84029.

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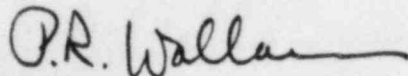
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50-327 - FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE DPR-77 - REPORTABLE OCCURRENCE REPORT  
SQRO-50-327/84037

The enclosed licensee event report provides details concerning the auxiliary building ventilation isolation caused by an inadvertent spike on the radiation monitor. This event is reported in accordance with 10 CFR 50.73, paragraph a.2.iv.

Very truly yours,

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