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# OPERATING REACTORS EVENTS FULL BRIEFING (95-12) SEPTEMBER 27, 1995

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	HAN	NRR	A. SERKIZ	RES

#### TELEPHONE ATTENDANCE (AT ROLL CALL)

Regions Region I Region II Region IV Resident Inspectors

Misc. K. Jenison, Region I

Attachment 1

# OPERATING REACTORS EVENTS BRIEFING 95-12

LOCATION: U-10 B11, WHITE FLINT WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1995, 11:00 A.M.

LIMERICK, UNIT 1

TRANSIENT INVOLVING
OPEN SAFETY RELIEF
VALVE FOLLOWED BY
COMPLICATIONS

# PRESENTED BY:

EVENTS ASSESSMENT AND GENERIC COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH DIVISION OF REACTOR PROGRAM MANAGEMENT, NRR

# TRANSIENT INVOLVING OPEN SAFETY RELIEF VALVE FOLLOWED BY COMPLICATIONS SEPTEMBER 11, 1995

PROBLEM

WHILE OPERATING AT 100 PERCENT POWER, A MAIN STEAM LINE SAFETY RELIEF VALVE (SRV) OPENED; SUBSEQUENTLY, DURING OPERATION TO REMOVE HEAT FROM THE SUPPRESSION POOL, OPERATION OF ONE RESIDUAL HEAT REMOVAL (RHR) PUMP BECAME ERRATIC.

CAUSE

THE SRV, A TWO STAGE TARGET ROCK VALVE WHICH HAD BEEN "LEAKING", SUDDENLY FAILED OPEN, BELIEVED TO BE DUE TO EXCESSIVE STEAM LEAKAGE THRU THE PILOT VALVE.

SAFETY SIGNIFICANCE

THIS IS THE FIRST INSTANCE OF THIS TYPE OF SRV FAILING OPEN. ERRATIC OPERATION OF THE RHR PUMP APPEARS TO BE ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF CLOGGING OF A SUCTION STRAINER LOCATED IN THE SUPPRESSION POOL.

# DISCUSSION

- REACTOR WAS BEING OPERATED AT 100 PERCENT POWER.
- THE "A" RHR PUMP HAD BEEN OPERATING IN THE SUPPRESSION POOL COOLING MODE SINCE 11:16 AM TO REMOVE HEAT CAUSED BY LEAKING SRVs.

CONTACT: J. CARTER, NRR/DRPM/PECB

REFERENCE: 10 CFR 50.72 #29316

AIT: NO

SIGEVENT: TBD

- HISTORICALLY, SOME SRVs LEAKED; CURRENTLY, FIVE SRVs WERE CONSIDERED TO BE "LEAKERS".
- THE "M" SRV OPENED AT 12:47 PM; SHORTLY THEREAFTER THE "B" RHR PUMP WAS STARTED.
- . ATTEMPTS TO CLOSE THE SRV WERE NOT SUCCESSFUL.
  - MAXIMUM COOLDOWN RATE WAS 130 F/HR
- AT 13:30, THE "A" RHR PUMP SECURED DUE TO FLUCTUATING CURRENT AND FLOW.
- MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF POOL WATER WAS LESS THAN 125 F.
- AFTER CHECKING OUT THE "A" RHR PUMP IT WAS RESTARTED AT 13:45 AND OPERATED AT SLIGHTLY LOWER FLOWS WITH NO FURTHER PROBLEM NOTICED.
- THE RECORDED PUMP SUCTION PRESSURE DECREASED WITH CONSTANT FLOW: THIS IS INDICATIVE OF AN INCREASING PRESSURE DROP ACROSS THE STRAINER.
- PLANT SHUTDOWN WAS NORMAL EXCEPT FOR THE ABOVE OUTLINED PROBLEMS.

# FOLLOWUP

- SPECIAL INSPECTION TEAM WAS ASSEMBLED AT THE SITE:
  - NRR HAD POOL STRAINER EXPERT ON TEAM
  - VALVE SPECIALIST ALSO ON TEAM

- A DIVER ENTERED THE POOL AND FOUND THAT THE "A" SUCTION STRAINER SURFACE HAD SUBSTANTIAL FOREIGN MATERIAL. FIBROUS AND SLUDGE:
  - FIBROUS MATERIAL WAS IDENTIFIED AS A PLASTIC, AND NOT FROM THE POOL
- THE OTHER STRAINERS ONLY HAD A "DUSTING".
- STRAINER IS A "T" ARRANGEMENT HAVING TWO TRUNCATED CONES WITH 5/8 INCH HOLES ON 7/8 INCH CENTER:
  - COVERED WITH WIRE MESH 12x12; WIRE DIAMETER IS 0.023 INCHES
- THE LEAKING SRVs WERE SENT OFF SITE FOR EVALUATION:
  - PROBLEM WAS THAT THE "M" SRV PILOT VALVE WAS LEAKING; NOT THE MAIN VALVE AS WERE THE OTHER SRVS.
    - -- LEAK RATE WAS ESTIMATED AS 3000 LBS/HR; TIGHT VALVE LESS THAN 30 LBS/HR
  - SIGNIFICANT EROSION WAS NOTED ON THE PILOT DISK: LESS ON SEAT
    - -- DISK AND PUSH ROD HAD DROPPED ABOUT 0.075 INCH
    - -- VALVES HAD BEEN REFURBISHED AND RECALIBRATED BY WESTINGHOUSE
    - -- INSITU TESTED AT 500 PSI
- DRAFT BULLETIN AND REGULATORY GUIDE ISSUED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.
- INFORMATION NOTICE TO BE PREPARED.

#### REACTOR SCRAM

Reporting Period: 09/04/95 to 09/10/95

DATE	PLANT & UNIT	POWER	TYPE	CAUSE	COMPLICATIONS	ABOVE	HELOW 15%	YTD TOTAL
09/65/95	KEWAUNEE 1	96	SA	Equipment Failure	NO	1	1	2
09/05/95	FITZPATRICK 1	100	SA	Maintenance Error	NO	1	0	1
09/06/95	DIABLO CANYON 1	100	SA	Equipment Failure	NO	1	0	1
09/08/95	COOK 2	100	SM	Operating Error	NO	4	0	4

Attachment 3

### COMPARISON OF WEEKLY SCRAM STATISTICS WITH INDUSTRY AVERAGES

#### PERIOD ENDING 09/10/95

	W MARKS	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991*
	NUMBER	WEEKLY	* EKLY	WEEKLY	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
	OF		AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
SCRAM CAUSE	SCRAMS	AVERAGE (YTD)	AVERAGE	AVENAGE	ATENAGE	HILANGE
POWER GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO	15%	(110)				
EQUIPMENT FAILURE*	2	1.91	1.52	1.83	2.62	2.83
DESIGN/INSTALLATION ERROR*	0	0.17	0.08	0.04		0.02
OPERATING ERROR*	1	0.17	0.21	0.27	0.31	0.04
MAINTENANCE ERROR*	1	0.44	0.54	0.52	0.50	
EXTERNAL*	0	0.25	0.17	0.13		
OTHER*	0	0.03		0.02		0.62
Subtotal	4	2.97	2.52	2.81	3.43	3.51
POWER LESS THAN 15%						
EQUIPMENT FAILURE*	0	0.14	0.27	0.38	0.42	0.27
DESIGN/INSTALLATION ERROR*	0	0.00	0.02		*	
OPERATING ERROR*	0	0.17	0.08	0.13	0.15	*
MAINTENANCE ERROR*	0	0.11		0.02	0.08	*
EXTERNAL*	0	0.00		0.04	1 1	*
OTHER*	0	0.00				0.19
Subtotal	0	0.42	0.37	0.57	0.65	0.46
TOTAL	4	3.39	2.89	3.38	4.08	3.97
		1995	1994	1993	1992	1991
	NO. OF	WEEKLY	WEEKLY	WEEKLY	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
SCRAM TYPE	SCRAMS	AVERAGE (YTD)	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
TOTAL AUTOMATIC SCRAMS	3	2.24	2.19	2.44	3.06	3.25
TOTAL MANUAL SCRAMS	1	1.13	0.69	0.94	1.02	0.69

TOTALS MAY DIFFER BECAUSE OF ROUNDING OFF

<sup>\*</sup> Detailed breakdown not in database for 1991 and earlier

<sup>-</sup> EXTERNAL cause included in EQUIPMENT FAILURE

<sup>-</sup> MAINTENANCE ERROR and DESIGN/INSTALLATION ERROR causes included in OPERATING ERROR

<sup>-</sup> OTHER cause included in EQUIPMENT FAILURE 1991 and 1990

#### REACTOR SCRAM

Reporting Period: 09/11/95 to 09/17/95

DATE	PLANT & UNIT	POWER	TYPE	CAUSE	COMPLICATIONS	ABOVE	YTD BELO₩ 15%	YTD TOTAL
09/11/95	LIMERICK 1	100	SM	Equipment failure	NO	2	1	3
09/11/95	PERRY 1	100	SA	Equipment Failure	NO	2	1	3
09/14/95	INDIAN POINT 3	54	SM	Equipment Failure	NO	1	1	2
09/17/95	GRAND GULF 1	100	SA	Equipment Failure	NO	5	0	5

Note: Year To Date (YTD) Totals Include Events Within The Calendar Year Indicated By The End Date Of The Specified Reporting Period

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#### COMPARISON OF WEEKLY SCRAM STATISTICS WITH INDUSTRY AVERAGES

#### PERIOD ENDING 09/17/95

	NUMBER	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991*
	OF	WEEKLY	WEEKLY	WEEKLY	MEEKLY	MEEKLY
SCRAM CAUSE	SCRAMS	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
		(YTD)				
POWER GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO	15%					
EQUIPMENT FAILURE*	4	1.97	1.52	1.83	2.62	2.83
DESIGN/INSTALLATION ERROR*	0	0.16	80.0	0.04		0.02
OPERATING ERROR*	0	0.16	0.21	0.27	0.31	0.04
MAINTENANCE ERROR*	0	0.43	0.54	0.52	0.50	
EXTERNAL*	0	0.24	0.17	0.13		
OTHER*	0	0.03		0.02		0.62
Subtotal	4	2.99	2.52	2.81	3.43	3.51
POWER LESS THAN 15%						
EQUIPMENT FAILURE*	0	0.13	0.27	0.38	0.42	0.27
DESIGN/INSTALLATION ERROR*	0	0.00	0.02		- ×	
OPERATING ERROR*	0	0.16	0.08	0.13	0.15	
MAINTENANCE ERROR*	0	0.11		0.02	0.08	
EXTERNAL*	0	0.00		0.04		- 1
OTHER*	0	0.00				0.19
Subtotal	0	0.40	0.37	0.57	0.65	0.46
TOTAL	4	3.39	2.89	3.38	4.08	3.97
		1995	1994	1993	1992	1991
	NO. OF	WEEKLY	WEEKLY	WEEKLY	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
SCRAM TYPE	SCRAMS	AVERAGE (YTD)	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
TOTAL AUTOMATIC SCRAMS	2	2.23	2.19	2.44	3.06	3.25
TOTAL MANUAL SCRAMS	2	1.16	0.69	0.94	1.02	0.69

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#### REACTOR SCRAM

Reporting Period: 09/18/95 to 09/24/95

						ABOVE	YTD BELOW	YTD
DATE	PLANT & UNIT	POWER	TYPE	CAUSE	COMPLICATIONS	15%	15%	TOTAL
09/23/95	DIABLO CANYON 2	50	SM	Other	NO	1	0	1
09/24/95	LASALLE 1	98	SM	Equipment Failure	NO	0 2	0	2

Note: Year To Date (YTD) Totals Include Events Within The Calendar Year Indicated By The End Date Of The Specified Reporting Period

#### COMPARISON OF WEEKLY SCRAM STATISTICS WITH INDUSTRY AVERAGES

#### PERIOD ENDING 09/24/95

	NUMBER	1995 WEEKLY	1994 WEEKLY	1993 WEEKLY	1992 WEEKLY	1991* WEEKLY
SCRAM CAUSE	SCRAMS	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
CRAM CAUSE	SUMMIS	(YTD)	AFERROS			
POWER GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO	15%					
EQUIPMENT FAILURE*	1	1.94	1.52	1.83	2.62	2.83
DESIGN/INSTALLATION ERROR*	0	0.16	0.08	0.04	1 1	0.02
OPERATING ERROR*	0	0.16	0.21	0.27	0.31	0.04
MAINTENANCE ERROR*	0	0.42	0.5+	0.52	0.50	
EXTERNAL*	0	0.24	0.17	0.13		
OTHER*	1	0.05		0.02		0.62
Subtotal	2	2.97	2.52	2.81	3.43	3.51
POWER LESS THAN 15%						
EQUIPMENT FAILURE*	0	0.13	0.27	0.38	0.42	0.27
DESIGN/INSTALLATION ERROR*	0	0.00	0.02		10.00	
OPERATING ERROR*	0	0.16	0.08	0.13	0.15	50 × 2
MAINTENANCE ERROR*	0	0.10		0.02	0.08	100
EXTERNAL*	0	0.00		0.04		100
OTHER*	0	0.00				0.19
Subtotal	0	0.39	0.37	0.57	0.65	0.46
TOTAL	2	3.36	2.89	3.38	4.08	3.97
		1995	1994	1993	1992	1991
	NO. OF	MEEKLY	WEEKLY	MEEKLY	MEEKLY	WEEKLY
SCRAM TYPE	SCRAMS	AVERAGE (YTD)	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
TOTAL AUTOMATIC SCRAMS	0	2.18	2.19	2.64	3.06	3.25
TOTAL MANUAL SCRAMS	2	1.18	0.69	0.94	1.02	0.69

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  - OTHER cause included in EQUIPMENT FAILURE 1991 and 1990

#### NOTES

- PLANT SPECIFIC DATA BASED ON INITIAL REVIEW OF 50.72 REPORTS FOR THE WEEK OF INTEREST. PERIOD IS MIDNIGHT SUNDAY THROUGH MIDNIGHT SUNDAY. SCRAMS ARE DEFINED AS REACTOR PROTECTIVE ACTUATIONS WHICH RESULT IN ROD MOTION, AND EXCLUDE PLANNED TESTS OR SCRAMS AS PART OF PLANNED SHUTDOWN IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PLANT PROCEDURE. THERE ARE 111 REACTORS HOLDING AN OPERATING LICENSE.
- PERSONNEL RELATED PROBLEMS INCLUDE HUMAN ERROR, PROCEDURAL DEFICIENCIES, AND MANUAL STEAM GENERATOR LEVEL CONTROL PROBLEMS.
- 3. COMPLICATIONS: RECOVERY COMPLICATED BY EQUIPMENT FAILURES OR PERSONNEL ERRORS UNRELATED TO CAUSE OF SCRAM.
- "OTHER" INCLUDES AUTOMATIC SCRAMS ATTRIBUTED TO ENVIRONMENTAL CAUSES (LIGHTNING), SYSTEM DESIGN, OR UNKNOWN CAUSE.

#### OEAB SCRAM DATA

ŀ	Manual	and	Automatic	Scrams	for	1987		435
ŀ	Manual	and	Automatic	Scrams	for	1988		291
ľ	Manual	and	Automatic	Scrams	for	1989		252
ŀ	Manual	and	Automatic	Scrams	for	1990		226
I,	Manual	and	Automatic	Scrams	for	1991		206
ı	Manual	and	Automatic	Scrams	for	1992		212
ľ	Manual	and	Automatic	Scrams	for	1993		175
ı	Manual	and	Automatic	Scrams	for	1994		150
ľ	Manual	and	Automatic	Scrams	for	1995	(YTD 09/24/95)	128
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#### OPERATING REACTOR PLANTS SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

# No Sort Specified QUERY> Event Type SIG & Close Out Date >= 07/01/95 & Close Out Date <= 07/31/95

PLANT & UNIT	DATE OF 50.72 EVENT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF EVENT	SIGNIFICANCE	OR BRIEFING	PRESENTER	RECORD
BRAIDWOOD 2	02/15/95 0	Braidwood assessed 100K civil penalty for maintenance errors that created a containment bypass through the hydrogen monitors.	Containment		TAPPERT J.	HIGHLIGHT