

LICENSEE EVENT REPORT (LER)

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TITLE (4)
Failure to Perform Snubber Surveillance

EVENT DATE (5)			LER NUMBER (6)			REPORT DATE (7)			OTHER FACILITIES INVOLVED (8)		
MONTH	DAY	YEAR	YEAR	SEQUENTIAL NUMBER	REVISION NUMBER	MONTH	DAY	YEAR	FACILITY NAMES		DOCKET NUMBER(S)
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OPERATING MODE (9) N

POWER LEVEL (10) 0 6 4

THIS REPORT IS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF 10 CFR 5: (Check one or more of the following) (11)

20.402(b)	20.406(c)	50.73(a)(2)(iv)	73.71(b)
20.406(a)(1)(i)	50.38(a)(1)	50.73(a)(2)(v)	73.71(a)
20.406(a)(1)(ii)	50.38(a)(2)	50.73(a)(2)(vi)	OTHER (Specify in Abstract below and in Text, NRC Form 356A)
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20.406(a)(1)(v)	50.73(a)(2)(iii)	50.73(a)(2)(ix)	

LICENSEE CONTACT FOR THIS LER (12)

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

CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANUFACTURER	REPORTABLE TO NRPDS	CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANUFACTURER	REPORTABLE TO NRPDS

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 review of surveillance tests revealed that the surveillance test for a snubber located on the steam supply line to the steam driven auxiliary feedwater pump had not been performed as required, prior to plant heat-up. As a result, the snubber and the auxiliary feedwater pump were rendered administratively inoperable.

The Plant was at approximately 64% power at the time of discovery. A shutdown was commenced while, concurrently, performance of the surveillance test was initiated. Subsequently, the test was satisfactorily completed and the power reduction was terminated.

The incident was attributed to personnel error.

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

On September 5, 1984, during review of completed Technical Specifications surveillance tests, it was discovered that the surveillance interval for Snubber #65 [SNB;SB], located on the steam supply line to Steam Driven Auxiliary Feedwater Pump P-8B [P;BA], had been exceeded. The surveillance, which involves a visual inspection of the snubber, was required to be completed prior to plant heat-up following the 1983/1984 refueling outage.

The Plant was operating at approximately 64% power at the time of discovery. With the surveillance interval lapsed, Snubber #65 and, consequently, Auxiliary Feedwater Pump P-8B were rendered administratively inoperable. Therefore, a condition prohibited by Palisades Technical Specifications 3.5.1(a) and 3.5.1(c) existed in that the Plant was initially heated above 325 degrees F and operated at power on several occasions between mid-July and discovery on September 5, 1984.

An Unusual Event was declared and a plant shutdown commenced at 1620 on September 5, 1984. Concurrently, performance of the surveillance test for Snubber #65 was initiated. The surveillance was satisfactorily completed, verifying the operability of Snubber #65 at 1756 on September 5, 1984. Subsequently, the power reduction and Unusual Event were terminated.

The occurrence is attributed to personnel error on the part of the surveillance program administrator in failing to recognize the surveillance test for Snubber #65 had not been completed as required, prior to Plant heat-up. The large number of surveillance tests required to be completed at the end of the outage contributed to the subject surveillance being overlooked. A computerized tracking tool is being developed to assist in the administration of the surveillance program by identifying the status, periodicity and due date of individual surveillance tests.

Performance of the surveillance test verified that the snubber was indeed still operable. Consequently, there was no loss of safety system capability, and no threat to public health or safety resulted.



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PALISADES PLANT - LICENSEE EVENT REPORT 84-018 -
FAILURE TO PERFORM SNUBBER SURVEILLANCE

Attached please find Licensee Event Report 84-018 (Failure to Perform Snubber Surveillance) which is reportable to the NRC per 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(i).

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