

TOLEDO EDISON COMPANY
DAVIS-BESSE NUCLEAR POWER STATION UNIT ONE
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR LER NP-33-83-99

DATE OF EVENT: December 10, 1983

FACILITY: Davis-Besse Unit 1

IDENTIFICATION OF OCCURRENCE: Chlorides exceeded Technical Specification limit

Conditions Prior to Occurrence: The unit was in Mode 1, with Power (MWt) = 2769 and Load (Gross MWe) = 919.

Description of Occurrence: At 0845 hours on December 10, 1983, a routine analysis of the Reactor Coolant System sample indicated 0.20 ppm chloride which exceeds Technical Specification 3.4.7 limit of 0.15 ppm chlorine. After the routine chloride analysis indicated 0.20 ppm, the analysis required verification since Purification Demineralizer 1-1 had only been in service since November 8, 1983. Further analysis at 0930 hours, 1030 hours, 1230 hours, and 1430 hours confirmed the results. The maximum measured value in the reactor coolant was 0.26 ppm chloride at 1430 hours, while the maximum at the Purification Demineralizer 1-1 effluent was 0.28 ppm chloride.

Designation of Apparent Cause of Occurrence: Purification Demineralizer 1-1 was exhausted on chlorides. The breakthrough on chlorides was premature since it had only been in service about a month; the expected life should be a full fuel cycle.

2 | The type of resin that exhausted was Diamond Shamrock Mixed Bed H/OH Resin ARM-9390 which is a strong-acid, weak-base resin. A weak-base resin does not hold chlorides as well as strong-base resins. With weak-base resin, demineralized water hydrolyzes the chloride, and the chloride comes off as a weak acid. A failure to recognize that ARM-9390 contained a weak base resin was made at the time that it was selected as the replacement resin for the demineralizer. The specifications for ARM-9390 as supplied by the technical representative and the resin data literature stated that the resin was applicable for use in demineralizers for reactor coolant system water. Had the information for the resin been verified for compliance with the specifications in station procedure LI-4782.00, the ARM-9390 would have been unacceptable.

Analysis of Occurrence: There was no danger to the health and safety of the public or station personnel. The chlorides exceeded the Technical Specifications steady state limit for only approximately 22 hours and was well below the transient limit. Corrosion studies show that operation may continue with concentration levels in excess of the steady state limits, up to transient limits, for the specified limited time intervals (24 hours) without having a significant effect on the structural integrity of the Reactor Coolant System.

Corrective Action: The immediate corrective action was to place Purification Demineralizer 1-2 in service to remove chloride. The Reactor Coolant System was within the Technical Specification limit of 0.15 ppm chloride by 0700 hours on December 11, 1983. Further corrective steps were to replace the resin in Purification Demineralizer 1-1 with Rohm & Haas Resin

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2 | IRN-150LC. To prevent the weak-base resin from being purchased, reactor coolant system demineralizer resin will be purchased, receipt inspected, and stored under the Toledo Edison Company Nuclear Quality Assurance Program.

Failure Data: This is the first time that ARM-9390 resin was loaded into purification demineralizers. Previous mixed bed resins have been strong-acid/strong-base resin which provides a longer period of operation prior to exhaustion.

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Gentlemen:

LER No. 83-099 Rev.2
Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station Unit 1
Date of Occurrence: December 10, 1983

Enclosed is Licensee Event Report 83-099, Rev.2, which is being submitted in accordance with 10CFR50.73, to provide 30 day written notification of the subject occurrence.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen M. Quennoz".

Stephen M. Quennoz
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Enclosure

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