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On July 14, 1984, Unit 3 experienced a reactor trip from a subcritical condition. The reactor trip signal was caused by a power interruption of the source range nuclear instrumentation control power while Maintenance personnel were troubleshooting the circuitry.

All equipment functioned as designed on initiation of the Engineered Safety Feature Actuation Signal (ESFAS). Immediate actions included:

- Verification that an actual reactor power excursion had not occurred via the other source range channel N-31 and, intermediate range channels N-35 and N-36.
- Verification that a power interruption of the N-32 circuitry had occurred by Maintenance personnel troubleshooting the equipment.
- 3) Performed Off-Normal Operating Procedure 208.1 for reactor trip.
- 4) In accordance with 10 CFR 50.72(b)(2)(ii), notification of a Significant Event was made to the NRCOC and the resident inspector.

Immediate corrective action was to counsel Maintenance personnel on the need to exercise caution when troubleshooting the nuclear instrumentation with the reactor protection equipment in service.

The health and safety of the public were not affected. Similar occurrences: 251-84-14.

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At 11:14 a.m., on July 14, 1984, Unit 3 experienced a reactor trip from a subcritical condition due to maintenance being performed on the nuclear instrumentation.

The reactor shutdown banks A and B were in the withdrawn position. The unit was stable with the source range instrumentation indicating approximately 450 counts per second. Maintenance personnel were troubleshooting a suspected faulted electrical connector in channel two of the source range instrumentation. The reactor trip was bypassed for channel two with channel one in the normal position. The reactor trip occurred when the control power to channel two was interrupted by disconnection of a multiplug connector.

The nuclear instrumentation is designed to fail in the safe position upon control power loss. Therefore, the bistables failed to the safe position. The required one out of two source range high flux at shutdown logic was made up and the reactor trip breakers opened.

Reactor trip conditions were verified and all equipment functioned as designed on initiation of the Engineered Safety Feature Actuation Signal (ESFAS). It was determined that no increase in neutron flux had actually occurred according to the other source range N-31 and intermediate range N-35 and N-36. Maintenance personnel were instructed to exercise caution when troubleshooting the nuclear instrumentation with the reactor protection equipment in service.

The source range channel N-32 was repaired and returned to service at 10:10 p.m., July 14. Unit 3 was returned to service at 12:05 p.m., July 17, 1984.



August 13, 1984 PNS-LI-84-288

U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Document Control Desk Washington, D.C. 20555

Gentlemen:

Re:

Reportable Event 84-21 Turkey Point Unit 3

Date of Event: July 14, 1984 Engineered Safety Feature Actuation - Reactor Trip

The attached Licensee Event Report is being submitted pursuant to the requirements of 10 CFR to provide notification of the subject event.

Very truly yours,

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