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In accordance with Appendix A, Beaver Valley Technical Specifications, the following Licensee Event Report is submitted:

LER 95-011-00, 10 CFR 50.73.a.2.i.B, "Condition Prohibited by Technical Specifications - Missed Source Range Surveillance."

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ABSTRACT (Limited to 1400 spaces, i.e., approximately 15 single-spaced typewritten lines) (16)

On December 18,1995, at 1611 hours, Unit 1 commenced a plant shutdown from 100% power for maintenance. A step in the shutdown procedure that requires the completion of a source range channel functional test if one had not been performed in the previous 30 days was inadvertently missed. This placed the station in technical specification 3.3.1.1, action statement 5, which requires the performance of a shutdown margin determination every 12 hours. As required by plant procedure, shutdown margin was determined every eight hours during cooldown from mode 3 to mode 5, and once per 24 hours thereafter. When shutdown margin was not determined every 12 hours after the plant entered mode 5, technical specification 3.3.1.1 action statement 5 was violated. On December 21, 1995, an operations supervisor reviewed the required tests for shutdown and noticed that the source range functional test had not been performed. All source range channels were immediately tested and found to be satisfactory at 1330 hours on December 21, 1995. Reactor Coolant System boron concentration and shutdown margin remained above the Technical Specification minimum values at all times. This report is being submitted in accordance with 10 CFR 50.73.a.2.i.B as a condition prohibited by the plant's technical specifications.

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DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

On December 18, 1995, at 1611 hours, Unit 1 commenced a controlled plant shutdown for the replacement of degraded river water expansion joints. Operators planned to cooldown the plant from 100% power to cold shutdown (mode 5). Operating Manual (OM) Procedure 10M-51.4.A "Station shutdown - Minimum Load to Startup Mode or Hot standby Mode" was utilized to reduce power from mode 1 to hot standby (mode 3). Instruction step IV.B.5 requires the performer to record the date of the last performance of Operating Surveillance Test (OST) procedure 10ST-2.3 "Nuclear Source Range Channel Functional Test" and to perform the OST if it was not completed in the previous thirty days. The previous source range functional test was completed on August 20, 1995, 121 days earlier. This exceeded the 92 day time limit required by technical specification 3.3.1.1 and the thirty day requirement listed in step IV.B.5 of 10M-51.4A for performing the source range OST. The on shift control room operations supervisors controlling the shutdown procedure inadvertently missed this requirement to perform a source range channel functional test. This placed the plant in action statement 5 of Technical Specification 3.3.1.1 requiring a shutdown margin determination every 12 hours.

Plant shutdown continued and the plant entered mode 3 at 0005 hours on December 19, 1995 with the source range monitors energized. Procedure 10M-51.4.C "Station Shutdown - Cooldown From the Hot Standby (Mode 3) to the Hot Shutdown (Mode 4)" was used to shutdown the plant from mode 3 to mode 4. Instruction step IV.A.8 requires the determination of shutdown margin every 8 hours until a stable reactor coolant system temperature is reached in mode 5. Shutdown margin is determined only per 24 hours thereafter. Per the cooldown procedure, the operators completed shutdown margin determinations every eight by an until mode 5 was reached at 0057 hours on December 20, 1995, when they began a once per 24 hour shutdown margin determination. Reactor Coolant system boron concentration and shut down margin remained above the Technical Specification minimum values at all times.

On December 21, 1995, an operations supervisor was reviewing the required tests for shutdown and noticed that 1OST-2.3 had not been completed. He immediately informed the shift supervisor of the discrepancy and the source range functional channel test was completed satisfactorily at 1330 hours on December 21, 1995. From the time of entry into mode 5 until the source range functional test was completed, three shutdown margin determinations were required, two were performed and one was missed.

CAUSE OF THE EVENT

Lack of attention to detail by the operations supervisors controlling the plant shutdown procedure was the primary cause of the missed surveillance.

A contributing factor to this event is that the format of the existing shutdown procedure, 10M-51.4.A, is not arranged so that the review of the past source range OST performance occurs prior to energizing the source range channels and placing them in service. Also, the procedure contains no caution statement to inform the operators that the shutdown margin must be determined every 12 hours if the source range functional test is not complete.

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CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

The following corrective actions have been or will be completed:

- 1. Operations Surveillance Test, 1OST-2.3 was completed satisfactorily at 1330 hours on December 21, 1995.
- 2. The involved operations supervisors were counseled.
- Station shutdown procedure, 10M-51.4A, will be revised to incorporate procedural enhancements that will prevent recurrence of this event.
- 4. Unit 2 shutdown procedures will be reviewed for the applicability of similar enhancements.

REPORTABILITY

This written report is submitted in accordance with 10 CFR 50.73.a.2.i.B as a condition prohibited by the plant's technical specifications. Action statement 5, of technical specification 3.3.1.1, requires a shutdown margin determination every 12 hours if the source range channel functional test has not been completed in the previous 92 days. Since the source range channel functional test was last completed 121 days earlier, and a shutdown margin determination was not completed every twelve hours once the plant entered mode 5, the requirements of technical specification 3.3.1.1 were not met

SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

The safety significance was minimal. Source range channels were both in service and providing indication throughout the event and were capable of providing protective functions. Reactor Coolant System boron concentration and shutdown margin remained above the Technical Specification minimum values at all times.

SIMILAR EVENTS

There have been no previous reportable events involving a missed source range channel functional coincident with a missed shutdown margin determination at Beaver Valley Unit 1.