

LICENSEE EVENT REPORT (LER)

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TITLE (4)  
**Jet Pump Instrument Nozzle Cracking**

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 0 0

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

20.402(b)	20.405(c)	50.73(a)(2)(iv)	73.71(b)
20.405(a)(1)(i)	50.36(a)(1)	50.73(a)(2)(v)	73.71(c)
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20.405(a)(1)(iii)	50.73(a)(2)(i)	50.73(a)(2)(vii)(A)	Part 21
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20.405(a)(1)(v)	50.73(a)(2)(iii)	50.73(a)(2)(x)	

LICENSEE CONTACT FOR THIS LER (12)

NAME <b>David L. Smith</b>	TELEPHONE NUMBER 2 0 5 7 2 9 - 0 8 6 5
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COMPLETE ONE LINE FOR EACH COMPONENT FAILURE DESCRIBED IN THIS REPORT (13)

CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANUFACTURER	REPORTABLE TO NPROS	CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANUFACTURER	REPORTABLE TO NPROS

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)

Based on information received from the publication "Inside NRC," the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) inspected 10 welds on the jet pump instrument nozzles. Of these, two welds were determined to need repair. These welds will be repaired by the weld overlay procedure to be completed prior to unit startup. TVA has an inspection plan which is carried out during refueling outages for identifying defective welds.

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

During normal operation unit 1 was operating at 95 percent, unit 2 at 59 percent, and unit 3 was in a refueling outage. Only unit 3 was affected by this event.

Additional welds were inspected on the jet pump instrument nozzles (NZL) based on information received from the publication "Inside NRC." Ten welds were examined and two were determined to need weld repair. Weld overlay repairs on both nozzles will be complete prior to returning the unit to operating status. These two 4-inch reducer safe-end welds had axial indications up to 82 percent through wall in the base metal. One of the safe ends has two indications visible from the outside. These two welds are suspected to be a product of intergranular stress corrosion cracking due to the safe ends being moderately sensitized.

TVA is presently in an inspection program to ultrasonically test all twelve recirculation reactor vessel (RPV) penetrations (PEN) for indications of intergranular stress corrosion cracking. Metallography (acid etching) will be done on two out of the ten recirculation discharge reactor vessel penetrations and on both of the inlet penetrations. The jet pump instrument nozzle welds will be inspected during the upcoming units 1 and 2 refueling outages (unit 2 refueling outage - September 1984), and depending on the results of the unit 3 ultrasonic test inspection program, a decision will be made on the extent of units 1 and 2 ultrasonic test inspections that will be needed. If an opportunity of a short outage presents itself prior to the next refueling outage, unit 1 will be checked out at that time.

A contributing factor in this issue may be that units 2 and 3 were procured from Ishikawajima-Harima Heavy Industry Company, Ltd., a Japanese vendor, while unit 1 was bought from Coulter Steel and Forging Co. The certified material test reports from the units 2 and 3 vessel penetrations show a higher carbon content than those of unit 1; thus also pointing to more susceptibility for sensitization areas.

If the cracked welds had failed during normal operation, a minimum of reactor coolant would be lost because these welds were on a 4-inch reducer to the jet pump instrument nozzle safe-end and the penetration has twelve 1-inch instrument lines inside it. These instrument lines have .004 tolerance between themselves and the 4-inch penetration. Therefore, a minimum flow would have been released with the drywell sump pumps unidentified leakage alerting the licensed unit operator to the line break. Since the unit is analyzed for a loss of coolant accident for a 24-inch line, these two jet pump instrument nozzle breaks would be negligible.

The above mentioned inspections were performed on units 1 and 3 and no new indications were found. Unit 2 will be examined to the same extent as units 1 and 3.

This event is deemed Part 21 reportable. The jet pump instrument nozzles were furnished by Ishikawajima-Harima Heavy Industry Company, Ltd.

Previous similar events - BFRO-50-259/83-23; -260/82-40; -296/79-19

Responsible Plant Section - N/A

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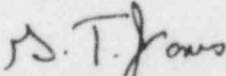
Dear Sir:

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY - BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT UNIT 3 - DOCKET  
NO. 50-296 - FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE DPR-68 - REPORTABLE OCCURRENCE  
REPORT BFRO-50-296/84006 R3

The enclosed updated report provides additional details that concern jet  
pump instrument nozzle cracking. This report was originally submitted in  
accordance with 10 CFR 50.73 (a)(2)(ii) and was determined to be 10 CFR 21  
reportable.

Very truly yours,

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY



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