

LICENSEE EVENT REPORT (LER)

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TITLE (4) Loss of RHR - Failed Level Indication

Table with columns: EVENT DATE (5), LER NUMBER (6), REPORT DATE (7), OTHER FACILITIES INVOLVED (8). Includes sub-columns for month, day, year, sequential number, revision number, and facility names.

Table for regulatory requirements: OPERATING MODE (9), POWER LEVEL (10), and checkboxes for 20.402(b), 20.406(a-f), 80.73(a-f), and 73.71(b-e).

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Table for component failures: COMPLETE ONE LINE FOR EACH COMPONENT FAILURE DESCRIBED IN THIS REPORT (13). Columns include CAUSE, SYSTEM, COMPONENT, MANUFACTURER, and REPORTABLE TO NPROS.

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ABSTRACT (Limit to 1400 spaces, i.e., approximately fifteen single-space typewritten lines) (16)

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On October 16, 1984, with North Anna Unit 2 in Mode 5 a complete loss of Residual Heat Removal (RHR) capability occurred when both RHR pumps were unable to operate due to the introduction of air into the RHR system. The incident occurred during the drain down of the Reactor Coolant System (RCS), when the level of the RCS was being monitored via a standpipe off the centerline of one of the RCS loops. The isolation valve to which the standpipe was attached became clogged sometime during the drain down and falsely indicated 64 inches above centerline when in fact the level was below the RHR suction line (below centerline). Subsequently, letdown from the RCS was isolated and makeup initiated. RHR capability was regained 2 hours after initiation of the event. RCS level indication was moved to an alternate tap off loop centerline and indicated satisfactorily.

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On October 16, 1984, with North Anna Unit 2 in Mode 5 a complete loss of Residual Heat Removal (RHR) (EIIS System Identifier B0) capability occurred when both RHR pumps were unable to operate due to the introduction of air into the RHR system. The incident occurred at 1153 hours during the drain down of the Reactor Coolant System (RCS) (EIIS System Identifier AB). The level of the RCS was being monitored via a standpipe off the centerline of one of the RCS loops when the event occurred. The isolation valve (EIIS Component Identifier ISV) to which the standpipe was attached became clogged sometime during the drain down and falsely indicated 64 inches above centerline when in fact the level was below the RHR suction line (below centerline). Upon introduction of air, the "A" RHR pump began cavitating. The redundant pump was started and also experienced cavitation. A RCS level problem was assumed due to previous RHR pump cavitation problems. Letdown from the RCS was secured and makeup initiated to restore level. During the make up process, venting of the RHR system was conducted and RHR returned to service at 1355 hours. The standpipe level indication was moved to an alternate tap off loop centerline and indicated 12" above centerline. The clogged valve was closed, blank flanged and will be repaired during the next refueling outage.

Since this event occurred at the end of the Unit 2 refueling outage, the core decay heat load was relatively low. Reactor core exit temperature did increase from approximately 90 to 125 degrees Fahrenheit during this event. Since the RHR system at North Anna is independent of the Low Head Safety Injection System, the LHSI System could have been aligned to supply alternate cooling.

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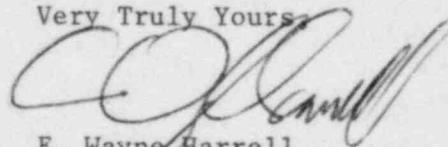
Dear Sirs:

The Virginia Electric and Power Company hereby submits the following License Event Report applicable to North Anna Unit No. 2.

Report No. LER 84-008-00

This report has been reviewed by the Station Nuclear Safety and Operating Committee and will be forwarded to Safety Evaluation and Control for their review.

Very Truly Yours,



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