

LICENSEE EVENT REPORT (LER)

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TITLE (4): Reactor Scram on Low RPV Water Level

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POWER LEVEL (10): 0.9, 2	20.408(a)(1)(ii)	50.38(a)(1)		50.73(a)(2)(v)	73.71(a)
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COMPLETE ONE LINE FOR EACH COMPONENT FAILURE DESCRIBED IN THIS REPORT (13): Ext. 2279

CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANUFACTURER	REPORTABLE TO NRC	CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANUFACTURER	REPORTABLE TO NRC									
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ABSTRACT (Limit to 1400 spaces; if appropriate, attach single-space typewritten lines) (16)

The Gland Steam Condenser Bypass Valve (COND-PCV-5) closed during corrective maintenance activities due to an Equipment Operator error. The closing of the valve caused two condensate booster pumps to trip off line due to low suction pressure. The pump trips caused a loss of feedwater flow and subsequently a Reactor Scram from low reactor water level.

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TEXT (if more space is required, use additional NRC Form 288A's) (17)

Plant Conditions

- a) Plant Mode - 1
- b) Power Level - 92%

Event

While maneuvering the plant from 94 to 96% power, condensate booster pump COND-P-2C tripped on low suction pressure. Prompt action by the operations staff precluded a low reactor level scram by reducing power to 85%. An instrument calibration was conducted on the pressure sensor to determine if the trip was caused by a faulty switch. The switch proved not to be the cause. The tripped pump was restarted and power escalation began while continuously monitoring condensate booster pump suction pressure locally. At 92% power, the suction pressure read 62 psig which was evaluated as low. Further investigation revealed the cause to be a partially open (30%) Gland Seal Steam Condenser (GSSC) flow control valve, COND-PCV-5. This condition caused an excessive amount of the condensate system flow to be diverted through the GSSC and accounted for the low suction pressure. The range spring on the valve positioner (Fischer 486 U-16-60 Actuator with a Fischer 3570 Positioner and Limitorque HIBC Manual Gear Actuator) had come loose causing the valve to position incorrectly.

To permit positioner repair without further reduction in plant power, the valve was secured in a position providing adequate GSSC flow. I&C requested that operations place the valve in local manual control and isolate the valve air supply. However, the operator mistakenly closed the equalizing valve across the air actuator rather than the air supply to the actuator. With a closure signal present, the actuator overcame the mechanical linkage causing the valve to stroke to the full closed position. The set screw and key that secure the manual engagement collar were sheared and the manual operator rendered useless.

The valve closing caused a pressure drop that tripped two condensate booster pumps on low suction pressure. This in turn caused a loss of feedwater and a Reactor Scram (level 3) on low water level.

Immediate Corrective Action

Recovered Plant per normal operating procedures.

Further Corrective Actions

The valve positioner and manual actuator were repaired. The range spring failed when a screw holding the retaining clip on the spring came loose. It was reinstalled using Loc-tite to ensure the screw would stay set.

The Training Department will provide training for operations on the comprehensive understanding of air supply valving and the relationship to manual actuator effects for COND-PCV-5 type actuators.

Safety Significance

There was no safety significance to the event and the Plant responded as designed.

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

Subject: NUCLEAR PLANT NO. 2
LICENSEE EVENT REPORT NO. 84-114

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is Licensee Event Report No. 84-114 for WNP-2 Plant. This report is submitted in response to the report requirements of 10CFR50.73 and discusses the item of reportability, corrective action taken, and action taken to preclude recurrence.

Very truly yours,

JM Powers for

J. D. Martin (M/D 927M)
WNP-2 Plant Manager

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Licensee Event Report No. 84-114

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