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During a plant shutdown, with all rods inserted, for repairs on the turbine electro hydraulic control system, the Reactor Protection System (RPS) was actuated initiating a scram. This was caused by the removal of a fuse as part of a surveillance test procedure to test the Main Steam Isolation Valve Full Closure Scram.

This scram occurred as a result of deficient preliminary steps in the implementation of a new procedure N1-ST-V8.

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TEXT

On Movember 12, 1984, during a maintenance outage, the reactor was in hot shutdown and subcritical, reactor vessel pressure was less than 600 psig, the mode switch was set to "refuel" and all control rods were fully inserted. At 11:29 hrs, operator surveillance test N1-ST-V8 "Main Steam Isolation Valve Full Closure Test" was being performed. This test is conducted by closing one MSIV at a time and verifying valve full closure and reactor auto trip signals. Prior to stroking of the MSIVs, fuse #F-27 must be pulled to unbypass the MSIV scram bypass when reactor pressure is less than 600 psig. However, when fuse #F-27 was removed, the RPS bypass on low condenser vacuum was also removed thus enabling the low vacuum scram. Also when #F-27 was pulled, the bypass on the 7" vacuum switch in the vessel isolation circuitry was removed. Thus, a vessel isolation signal also occurred.

ASSESSMENT OF SAFETY CONSEQUENCES

There are no potential safety consequences arising out of this event because:

- 1) The plant is designed so that the low condenser vacuum MSIV closure scram relays are connected in parallel with the low condenser vacuum MSIV closure scram bypass below 600 psig relays. Consequently, the system responded as designed.
- 2) The reactor was shutdown and subcritical.
- 3) The mode switch was set to "refuel".
- 4) All control rods were fully inserted during the event.

CORRECTIVE ACTION

The surveillance procedure N1-ST-V8 will be reviewed and changed to incorporate the corrections which will prevent this type of event from occurring in the future.

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Gentlemen:

In accordance with 10 CFR 50.73, we hereby submit the following Licensee Event Report:

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which is being submitted in accordance with 10 CFR 50.73, (a) (2) (iv), "Any event or condition that resulted in manual or automatic actuation of any Engineered Safety Feature (ESF), including the Reactor Protection System (RPS). However actuation of an ESF, including the RPS. that resulted from and was part of the preplanned sequence during testing or reactor operation need not be reported."

This report was completed in the format designated in NUREG-1022, dated September 1983.

Very truly yours.

Thomas E. Lempges Vice President

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Attachments (3 copies) cc: Dr. Thomas E. Murley Regional Administrator