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On December 21, 1984, a temporary loss of power to an uninterruptible AC electrical panel caused the reactor water cleanup system and the reactor enclosure and refuel floor ventilation systems to isolate. The loss of power ('B' RPS logic), combined with concurrent surveillance testing on the 'A' RPS logic, also resulted in the generation of a full scram signal. The cause of the event was an overvoltage condition from the 'B' RPS static inverter. After the event, the scram signal was reset and all affected systems were returned to normal operation.

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Description of the Event:

On December 21, 1984, at 2:52 a.m., prior to initial criticality, a full scram signal was generated. The reactor water cleanup system isolated, the reactor enclosure and refuel floor ventilation systems isolated, and both reactor recirculation pumps tripped. The event occurred as a result of a temporary loss of power to an uninterruptible AC electrical panel. After the event, the scram signal was reset and all affected systems were returned to normal operation.

Consequences of the Event:

At the time of the event, all control rods were fully inserted in the reactor. The Reactor Protection System (RPS) and the Nuclear Steam Supply Shutoff System (NSSSS) operated properly during the loss of power transient. Reactor coolant recirculation was terminated due to reactor recirculation pump end-of-cycle trip. The reactor water cleanup system was restored in less than one hour and the control rod drive cooling system was in service during this time to maintain compliance with Technical Specification 3.4.9.2. There were no adverse consequences.

Cause of the Event:

At the time of the event, a surveillance test was being performed on the 'A' Average Power Range Monitor (APRM). As expected, this produced a Channel 'A' half-scram.

The 1B RPS static inverter feeds electrical panel 1By160. Panel 1By160 feeds the 'B' RPS trip system and various NSSSS isolation relays. As a result of an overvoltage condition from the 1B static inverter, a feeder breaker to panel 1By160 tripped open on overvoltage. Loss of power to 1By160 caused the 'B' Channel of the RPS to actuate and initiate the full scram. Additionally, the NSSSS relays energized from 1By160 de-energized, thereby isolating the reactor water cleanup system and the reactor enclosure and refuel floor ventilation systems.

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Corrective Actions:

A recorder was connected to the output of the 1B RPS static inverter to monitor output voltage. Substantial voltage fluctuations were observed. The voltage regulator board in the static inverter was replaced on January 10, 1985 to correct the problem.

Previous Similar Occurrence:

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SUBJECT:

Licensee Event Report Limerick Generating Station - Unit 1

This LER deals with the generation of a full scram signal and automatic isolation of the reactor water cleanup system and reactor enclosure and refuel floor ventilation systems. This event occurred prior to initial criticality.

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Very truly yours,

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