

LICENSEE EVENT REPORT (LER)

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EXPIRES - 8/31/93

FACILITY NAME (1)  
**Limerick Generating Station - Unit 1**

DOCKET NUMBER (2)  
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TITLE (4)  
**Reactor Enclosure HVAC Isolation**

EVENT DATE (6)			LER NUMBER (5)			REPORT DATE (7)			OTHER FACILITIES INVOLVED (8)	
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OPERATING MODE (9) **2**

POWER LEVEL (10) **003**

THIS REPORT IS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF 10 CFR 5. (Check one or more of the following) (11)

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COMPLETE ONE LINE FOR EACH COMPONENT FAILURE DESCRIBED IN THIS REPORT (13)

CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANUFACTURER	REPORTABLE TO NRC	CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANUFACTURER	REPORTABLE TO NRC

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT EXPECTED (14)

EXPECTED SUBMISSION DATE (15)

YES (If you complete EXPECTED SUBMISSION DATE)  NO

ABSTRACT (Limit to 1400 spaces, i.e., approximately fifteen single spaces per printed line) (16)

**Abstract: 85-005**

During start up operations, the Reactor Enclosure HVAC isolated as a result of low differential pressure (dp). This isolation is one feature of the Reactor Enclosure Isolation System which is an Engineered Safety Feature designed to respond to various parameters such as High Radiation, Drywell High Pressure or Low Reactor Level as well as low differential pressure. In conjunction with the isolation the standby Gas Treatment System and the Reactor Enclosure Recirculation System correctly responded. The isolation was promptly reset and the ventilation returned to normal.

As all inputs into the isolation logic were normal with the exception of differential pressure (dp) an investigation into the low dp was undertaken. Causes such as open Reactor Enclosure airlocks were eliminated and the investigation led to the conclusion that high winds which were present at the time of the event appear to be giving a false input to the outside sensing leg of the dp instrumentation. This conclusion has been confirmed by observations of the two independent control room dp indicators which show consistently different readings during periods of weather with significant wind velocities. Several

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modifications to the system are being contemplated for a long term solution. As an interim measure the system is being operated, administratively, with the channel showing lower indicated differential pressure in the control mode. Because the system controls will act to maintain the reactor building dp at the system setpoint (which is higher than the low dp isolation trip point) any difference in dp between the two channels will be in a direction away from the isolation trip setpoint. System modifications are anticipated to be completed by March 1, 1985.

Description of the Event:

On January 8, 1985, an isolation of the Reactor Enclosure HVAC occurred with low dp annunciation, Standby Gas Treatment System and Reactor Enclosure Recirculation System initiation and appropriate valve and damper operations. A similar occurrence was reported on LERs 84-041 and 84-045 for Limerick.

Consequences of the Event:

This event occurred with the unit in start-up during low power testing and all systems performed as designed, therefore, the consequences of this event are minimal.

Cause of the Event:

The investigation into this event revealed that all other inputs into this portion of NSSSS system with the exception of low differential pressure were normal. Apparently, as evidenced by direct observations of the two independent dp indicators in the Control Room, high winds can cause a false input in the differential pressure sensors, such that the channels show significantly differing dp indications dependent on wind direction. If the channel showing the higher relative dp is in the control mode the lower channel (which is still actively monitoring dp) can cause isolations.

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Corrective Actions:

The isolation was promptly reset and the HVAC system was restarted and returned to normal operation. As an interim measure the operators have been advised to place the channel demonstrating lower dp in the controlling mode, which will maintain the enclosure dp at the proper level, while assuring that any difference in indicated dp between the two channels will result in the non-controlling channel at a higher relative indicated dp such that a low dp isolation will only result from a valid condition.

Modifications are being made to the system to eliminate this difficulty including increasing system trip time delay and joining the two outside sensing legs into a common leg. These modifications should be completed by March 1, 1985.

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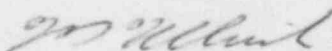
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Limerick Generating Station - Unit 1

This LER deals with the automatic isolation of the Reactor Enclosure Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning System due to low differential pressure.

Reference:	Docket No. 50-352
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Revision Number:	00
Event Date:	January 8, 1985
Report Date:	February 7, 1985
Facility:	Limerick Generating Station P.O. Box A, Sanatoga, PA 19464

This LER is submitted pursuant to the requirements of 10CFR50.73 (a)(2)(iv).

Very truly yours,



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