

LICENSEE EVENT REPORT (LER)

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TITLE (4)

Boric Acid Tank Inventory Allowed to be Below Tech Spec Limit

EVENT DATE (5)			LER NUMBER (6)			REPORT DATE (7)			OTHER FACILITIES INVOLVED (8)																
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OPERATING MODE (9) <p style="text-align:center;">N</p>	THIS REPORT IS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF 10 CFR 3: (Check one or more of the following) (11)																					
POWER LEVEL (10) <p style="text-align:center;">0 0 0</p>	20.402(b)	20.408(a)(1)(i)	20.408(a)(1)(ii)	20.408(a)(1)(iii)	20.408(a)(1)(iv)	20.408(a)(1)(v)	20.408(a)(1)(vi)	20.408(a)(1)(vii)	20.408(a)(1)(viii)	20.408(a)(1)(ix)	20.408(a)(1)(x)	80.73(a)(2)(iv)	80.73(a)(2)(v)	80.73(a)(2)(vi)	80.73(a)(2)(vii)(A)	80.73(a)(2)(vii)(B)	80.73(a)(2)(viii)	80.73(a)(2)(ix)	73.71(b)	73.71(a)	OTHER (Specify in Abstract below and in Text, NRC Form 388A)	

LICENSEE CONTACT FOR THIS LER (12)

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

CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANUFACTURER	REPORTABLE TO NPRDS	CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANUFACTURER	REPORTABLE TO NPRDS

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT EXPECTED (14)

YES (If yes, complete EXPECTED SUBMISSION DATE) NO

EXPECTED SUBMISSION DATE (15)	MONTH	DAY	YEAR

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

In preparation for cooldown for refueling, the reactor coolant system was borated to the cold shutdown boron concentration with the contents of the boric acid tank, whose level then fell below the Tech Spec minimum of 2000 gallons. Tech Spec clarification may be pursued.

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TEXT (If more space is required, use additional NRC Form 366A's) (17)

On January 12th, Unit 1 was at hot shutdown and preparing for cooldown for refueling. The reactor coolant system (RCS) (AB) is borated to the cold shutdown boron concentration before cooldown is begun. Boric acid for this operation is supplied from the boric acid tank (BAT) (TK). At 0400, with the RCS at cold shutdown boron concentration, the BAT level dropped below 2000 gallons, the Tech Spec minimum. Since boration was to continue, several hundred gallons of boric acid were added to the BAT and the level was brought well above 2000 gallons. At 0900 the RCS had been borated to the refueling shutdown boron concentration and the level again dropped below 2000 gallons and was allowed to remain there.

Though this operation was technically in violation of Tech Specs, the reactor core was in a safer condition with the boric acid in the RCS rather than in a BAT. The boric acid inventory is maintained to mitigate the consequences of a steam line break accident. At the first time the BAT was below the Tech Spec minimum, sufficient boric acid had already been added to the RCS to mitigate the postulated accident.

There was no effect on public health and safety. Involved personnel have reviewed this event. A Tech Spec change may be pursued to clarify the requirements for a boric acid inventory.



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PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT
Docket No. 50-282 License No. DPR-42

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Below Tech Spec Limit

The License Event Report for this occurrence is attached.

This event was reported via Emergency Notification System per 10 CFR Part 72
on January 12, 1985.

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