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BRUNSWICK STEAM ELECTRIC PLANT, UNIT NOS. 1 AND 2
DOCKET NOS. 50-325 AND 50-324/LICENSE NOS. DPR-71 and DPR-62
LICENSEE EVENT REPORT 1-96-004

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 10, Part 50.73, Carolina Power & Light Company submits the enclosed Licensee Event Report. This voluntary report fulfills the requirement for a written report within thirty (30) days of a reportable occurrence.

Please refer any questions regarding this submittal to Mr. George Honma at (910) 457-2741.

Sincerely,

W. Levis
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Enclosures

1. Licensee Event Report
2. Summary of Commitments

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Mr. D. C. Trimble, NRR Project Manager - Brunswick Units 1 and 2
Mr. C. A. Patterson, Brunswick NRC Senior Resident Inspector
The Honorable H. Wells, Chairman - North Carolina Utilities Commission

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LICENSEE EVENT REPORT (LER)

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TITLE (4)
Standby Gas Treatment System Charcoal Testing

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LICENSEE CONTACT FOR THIS LER (12)

NAME Mark A. Turkal, Regulatory Affairs	TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code) (910) 457-3066
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COMPLETE ONE LINE FOR EACH COMPONENT FAILURE DESCRIBED IN THIS REPORT (13)									
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ABSTRACT (Limit to 1400 spaces, i.e., approximately 15 single-spaced typewritten lines) (16)

On March 21, 1996, with Unit 1 in Cold Shutdown for repairs to service water pumps, it was determined that vendor testing performed on installed charcoal in the standby gas treatment system was not performed to the pre and post sweep temperature requirements of Regulatory Guide 1.52, Revision 1. Surveillance Requirement 4.6.6.1.b.2 specifies testing which meets the laboratory testing criteria of Regulatory Position C.6.a of Regulatory Guide 1.52, Revision 1.

When this issue was identified, Unit 1 was in Operational Condition 4 with no movement of irradiated fuel in secondary containment. A management decision was made to hold startup of Unit 1 until resolution of the issue was complete. Testing of samples of the installed charcoal was satisfactorily completed and system operability was confirmed on March 23, 1996, prior to restart of Unit 1.

This event is being reported as a voluntary LER.

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TITLE

Standby Gas Treatment System Charcoal Testing

INITIAL CONDITIONS

On March 21, 1996, Unit 1 was in Cold Shutdown for repairs to service water pumps.

EVENT NARRATIVE

Surveillance Requirement 4.6.6.1.b.2 specifies periodic testing of installed charcoal which meets the laboratory testing criteria of Regulatory Position C.6.a of Regulatory Guide 1.52, Revision 1. Regulatory Guide 1.52, Revision 1 requires radioiodine removal efficiency for methyl iodide be conducted at 70% relative humidity with a pre-loading sweep at 25 degrees C, loading for 2 hours at 80 degrees C, and a 2 hour post-loading sweep at 25 degrees C. CP&L contracted a vendor to perform this testing who, in turn, certified that the testing was performed in accordance with Regulatory Guide 1.52, Revision 1.

On March 21, 1996 it was determined that vendor testing performed on the installed charcoal in the Unit 1 standby gas treatment system (BH) was not performed to the pre- and post-sweep temperature requirements of Regulatory Guide 1.52, Revision 1. The installed charcoal had been tested at 70% relative humidity with pre-loading, loading, and post-loading completed at 80 degrees C. The vendor provided his certification that the testing was performed in accordance with Regulatory Guide 1.52, Revision 1 because he considered the testing employed to be equivalent to that specified in the regulatory guide and to be adequate for determining charcoal adsorbancy. This position was subsequently corroborated by an independent industry expert. In addition, similar charcoal efficiency results were obtained by subsequent testing of BNP charcoal samples to the Regulatory Guide 1.52, Revision 1 temperature profiles.

When this issue was identified, Unit 1 was in Operational Condition 4 with no movement of irradiated fuel in secondary containment. A management decision was made to hold startup of Unit 1 until resolution of the issue was complete. Testing of samples of the installed charcoal was satisfactorily completed and system operability was confirmed on March 23, 1996, prior to restart of Unit 1.

CAUSE OF EVENT

This event was caused by the vendor's interpretation of Regulatory Guide 1.52, Revision 1. The vendor performed testing which he believed was equivalent to but did not conform with the verbatim pre and post loading sweep temperature requirements of the Regulatory Guide. The documentation received by BNP for the testing stated that it met the criteria of Regulatory Guide 1.52, Revision 1. The vendor believed that performance of an equivalent test met this requirement.

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CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

Testing of samples of the installed charcoal per Regulatory Guide 1.52, Revision 1, was satisfactorily completed on March 23, 1996, prior to restart of Unit 1.

New charcoal had been installed in the Unit 2 standby gas treatment system and the control building emergency air filtration system. The 18-month surveillances for this charcoal had not yet expired. However, testing of charcoal installed in the Unit 2 standby gas treatment system and the control building emergency air filtration system was also performed. The results of this testing indicated that the charcoal's radioiodine removal efficiency for methyl iodide exceeded the Regulatory Guide 1.52, Revision 1 acceptance criteria of 99.825%.

The vendor has been notified that future testing will be performed in accordance with the requirements specified in the purchase order.

SAFETY ASSESSMENT

The safety significance of this event was minimal. Testing of samples of the Unit 1 standby gas treatment system installed charcoal was satisfactorily completed on March 23, 1996, prior to restart of Unit 1. New charcoal had been installed in the Unit 2 standby gas treatment system and the control building emergency air filtration system. The 18-month surveillances from original installation for this charcoal had not yet expired.

CP&L tested samples of the installed charcoal in the Unit 2 standby gas treatment system and the control building emergency air filtration system. The results of this testing indicated that the charcoal's radioiodine removal efficiency for methyl iodide exceeded the Regulatory Guide 1.52, Revision 1 acceptance criteria of 99.825%.

PREVIOUS SIMILAR EVENTS

None.

EIIS COMPONENT IDENTIFICATION

<u>System/Component</u>	<u>EIIS Code</u>
Standby Gas Treatment System	BH
Control Building Emergency Air Filtration System	None

Enclosure
List of Regulatory Commitments

The following table identifies those actions committed to by Carolina Power & Light Company in this document. Any other actions discussed in the submittal represent intended or planned actions by Carolina Power & Light Company. They are described to the NRC for the NRC's information and are not regulatory commitments. Please notify the Manager-Regulatory Affairs at the Brunswick Nuclear Plant of any questions regarding this document or any associated regulatory commitments.

Commitment	Committed date or outage
1. None	NA