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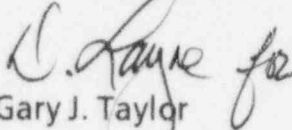
Gentlemen:

Subject: VIRGIL C. SUMMER NUCLEAR STATION
DOCKET NO. 50/395
OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-12
LICENSEE EVENT REPORT (LER 960003)

South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G) is submitting this report pursuant to the requirements of 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(i)(B).

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Very truly yours,


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LICENSEE EVENT REPORT (LER)

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FACILITY NAME (1) Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station		DOCKET NUMBER (2) 05000395	PAGE (3) 1 OF 3
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TITLE (4)
Entry into Technical Specification 4.0.3 Due to Missed Surveillance

EVENT DATE (5)			LER NUMBER (6)			REPORT DATE (7)			OTHER FACILITIES INVOLVED (8)	
MONTH	DAY	YEAR	YEAR	SEQUENTIAL NUMBER	REVISION NUMBER	MONTH	DAY	YEAR	FACILITY NAME	DOCKET NUMBER
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OPERATING MODE (9) 1

POWER LEVEL (10) 100

THIS REPORT IS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF 10 CFR §: (Check one or more) (11)

20.2201(b)	20.2203(a)(2)(v)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	50.73(a)(2)(i)	50.73(a)(2)(viii)
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20.2203(a)(2)(iii)	50.36(c)(1)		50.73(a)(2)(v)	Specify in Abstract below or in NRC FORM 366A
20.2203(a)(2)(iv)	50.36(c)(2)		50.73(a)(2)(vii)	

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
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SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT EXPECTED (14)

YES (If yes, complete EXPECTED SUBMISSION DATE.)	NO	EXPECTED SUBMISSION DATE	MONTH	DAY	YEAR
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ABSTRACT (Limit to 1400 spaces, i.e., approximately 15 single-spaced typewritten lines) (16)

On February 6, 1996, V. C. Summer Nuclear Station identified a discrepancy in test methodologies between Technical Specifications (TS) required testing and actual testing performed. The cause of this discrepancy was a failure to recognize that discrepancy.

On February 9, 1996, an emergency TS change was initiated to reflect the more conservative testing methodology. This change was approved by the NRC on February 10, 1996.

The need for expedient action resulted from a determination that the TS Surveillance Requirement 4.7.6.c.2 was not met due to the testing performed on this equipment being different than the TS required testing. This resulted in entering TS 4.0.3 at 1830 hours on February 9, 1996. V. C. Summer exited TS 4.0.3 at 1310 hours on February 10, 1996.

The corrective action was obtained via an emergency TS change.

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

PLANT IDENTIFICATION:

Westinghouse - Pressurized Water Reactor

EQUIPMENT IDENTIFICATION:

EIIS System Code - VI

IDENTIFICATION OF EVENT:

Entry into Section 4.0.3 of the Technical Specifications due to a missed surveillance.

EVENT DATE:

February 9, 1996

REPORT DATE:

April 26, 1996

CONDITIONS PRIOR TO THE EVENT:

MODE 1 - 100% Reactor Power

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT:

On February 6, 1996, V. C. Summer Nuclear Station identified a discrepancy in test methodologies between the Technical Specifications (TS) required testing and actual testing performed. The cause of this discrepancy was a failure to recognize that discrepancy.

The need for expedient action to avoid an unnecessary plant shutdown resulted from a determination that the TS Surveillance Requirement 4.7.6.c.2 was not met due to the testing performed on this equipment being different than the TS required testing. This resulted in entering TS 4.0.3 at 1830 hours on February 9, 1996.

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DESCRIPTION OF EVENT: (Continued)

At the time of discovery, the station tested the charcoal in the Engineering Safeguards Features (ESF) air handling units per ANSI N509-1980. Although this method of testing provided better assurance that the air handling units performed their design function, it did not meet the requirements of the TS. Therefore, an emergency TS amendment was submitted on February 9, 1996, to recognize current testing methodology, to preclude an unnecessary plant shutdown. This submittal was approved by the NRC on February 10, 1996. V. C. Summer exited TS 4.0.3 at 1310 hours on February 10, 1996.

CAUSE OF EVENT:

The cause of this event was a failure to recognize a discrepancy in test methodologies between TS required testing and actual testing performed.

ANALYSIS OF EVENT:

V. C. Summer entered TS 4.0.3 at 1830 hours on February 9, 1996, when it was determined that TS surveillance requirement 4.7.6.c.2 was not met due to utilizing a testing methodology different from, although more conservative than, that specified.

IMMEDIATE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:

An emergency TS change was requested. The change was approved by the NRC on February 10, 1996.

PRIOR OCCURRENCES:

None