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Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation ATTN: Neil S. Carns, President and Chief Executive Officer P.O. Box 411 Burlington, Kansas 66839

SUBJECT: MAY 10, 1996, PREDECISIONAL ENFORCEMENT CONFERENCE

This refers to the meeting conducted in the Region IV office on May 10, 1996. This meeting was held to discuss the apparent violations associated with the frazil ice event of January 30, 1996, at the Wolf Creek Generating Station.

We found the discussions beneficial and believe that they provided ur with a better understanding of the event and your subsequent corrective actions and plans. This information will be considered in determining our final decision regarding any enforcement in this matter.

The meeting attendees are listed in Enclosure 1 and the subjects discussed during your presentation are included as Enclosure 2.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

J. E. Dyer, Director

Division of Reactor Projects

Enclosures:

1. Attendance List

2. Licensee Presentation

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January 30, 1996, Icing Event And Related Concerns

Enforcement Meeting May 10, 1996

Icing Event Related Concerns

•	Ope	erations Concerns:
		Failure to follow procedure in aligning ESW (Apparent Violation 9603-04)
	0	Failure to complete technical specification required cooldown within specified time limits (Apparent Violation 9603-11)
		Failure to maintain procedures (Apparent Violation 9603-10)
		Auxiliary feedwater terry turbine over-speed event (Related Issue)
	Eng	gineering Concerns:
		Quality of engineering work products (Inspection Followup Item 9603-12)
		Missed opportunities to identify and prevent occurrence (Apparent Violation 9603-03)
		Inadequate warming line design (Apparent Violation 9603-02)
		Inadequate evaluation of an unreviewed safety question determination (Apparent Violation 9603-01)
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		Inadequate corrective actions (Apparent Violation 9603-09)
		Inadequate work instructions (Apparent Violation 9603-07)
		Failure to follow work instructions (Apparent Violation 9603-06)
		Failure to follow procedure (Apparent Violation 9603-08)

Primary

- ☐ Handling:
 - Failing to control the machine to desired parameters
- □Communication:
 - Incorrect readback, hearback; failing to provide accurate information; providing incorrect information

□ Procedural:

 Failing to make required callouts, making inaccurate callouts; not conducting or completing required checklists or briefs; not following prescribed checklist procedures; failing to consult or obtain critical information

☐ Resource Management:

 Failing to assign task responsibilities or distribute tasks among crew members; failing to prioritize task accomplishment; overloading crew members; failing to transfer/assume control of the machine

- ☐Situational Awareness:
 - Controlling machine to wrong parameters
- ☐ Systems Operation:
 - Mishandling engines or hydraulic, brake, and fuel systems; misreading and mis-setting instruments; failing to use ice protection; disabling warning systems

☐ Tactical Decision:

 Improper decision making; failing to change course of action in response to signal to do so; failing to heed warnings or alerts that suggest a change in course of action

Secondary:

There is only one secondary error and this is the type of error that depends on another crew member previously or simultaneously making a primary error. This error is:

Monitoring/challenging:

 Failing to monitor and/or challenge faulty action or inaction (primary error) by another crew member

Operations Concerns

- Apparent Violation 9603-04 (Tech. Spec. 6.8.1):
 - □On January 30, 1996, Control Room personnel failed to align the ESW system as required by the alarm response procedure (ALR)

Root Causes:

- □ ALR referred to another procedure for short term actions
- □ Personnel failed to obtain and verify the referenced procedure

Contributing Factors:

- ☐ Failure to follow-up after initial action
- □ Teamwork, communications, self-checking, questioning attitude, command and control
- ☐ Assumption the Operators would perform correctly

- Short Term Corrective Actions:
 - □ Selected ALRs corrected immediately
 - ■Briefing paper and presentations on procedure use and adherence - Complete
 - Management expectations for conduct of operation reinforced with crews Complete
 - "Codeword" philosophy Implemented
 - ☐ "Follow-up" buttons Implemented

- Long Term Corrective Actions:
 - □ Pilot program for unexpected actions or verbal response during simulator training - Ongoing
 - □ Upgrade alarm response procedures (currently 395 of 679 procedures reviewed, 39 upgraded) Ongoing
 - "Codeword" philosophy effectiveness review -Implemented
 - "Follow-up" button effectiveness review -Implemented
 - ☐ "Attribute" matrix for continuing personnel assessment

"Poison Pill" Scenario Summary

Objectives:

- □ Begins with a normal evolution (paralleling the main generator to the grid)
- □ The evolution is complicated by series of malfunctions and misinformation (reactor trip, loss of PA01 buss, CCW service loop leak, and mis-positioned components)
- ☐ Intended to expose the operating crews to a complex set of plant conditions requiring independent Operator action
- ☐ Includes diagnosis of incorrect system alignments
- □ Designed to re-inforce use of "follow-up" button, "codeword" and to exercise the "monitor and challenge" concept

Communications Scenario Summary

Objectives:

- □ Exposes the operating crews to a series of unexpected conditions designed to challenge crew communications
- □ Designed to demonstrate use of the "follow-up" buttons and "codeword" as appropriate
- □ Simulation is halted at predetermined times to critique crew communications
- □ Inaccurate verbal information is provided
- ☐ Failures include: Stator Cooling Water temperature control, Loss of "B" Circulating Water pump, Circulating Water leak causing decrease in vacuum, Intercept valve fails closed, Refueling Water Storage Tank low level alarm, and blown fuse on Control Rod H-8

Attribute Matrix

	low	med	high
Communications	X		
Judgement		X	
Coaching		X	
Accountability			Χ
Verbal skills		X	
Written skills			X
Leadership		X	

- Apparent Violation 9603-11 (Tech. Spec. 6.8.1):
 - ☐ Failure to complete a plant cooldown from MODE 3 to MODE 4, as required by Technical Specification 3.7.1.2.b, within 6 hours

- Root Cause:
 - ☐ Inadequate / unclear procedural guidance
- Contributing Factors:
 - □ Supervising Operator (SO) believed he was required to complete General Operating Procedure GEN 005 "Minimum Load to Hot Standby," prior to beginning GEN 006 "Hot Standby to Cold Shutdown"
 - □ SO had not been required to complete a 6 hour 'real time' plant cooldown

- Short Term Corrective Actions:
 - □GEN 005 revised to indicate steps that must be completed prior to entering GEN 006 Completed
 - □Briefings conducted with Control Room crews (communications, command and control) - Completed

- Long Term Corrective Actions:
 - ☐ Simulator training for accelerated plant shutdown / cooldown will be conducted by 7/31/96 Ongoing
 - To date, all crews that have been trained completed cooldown within 6 hour action statement requirement
 - □ Adoption of the Improved Tech. Spec. -Ongoing
 - Upon adoption, the MODE change time requirement will be 18 hours (versus 6 hours)

Cooldown Scenario Summary

Objectives:

- □ To establish plant conditions where the operator must identify the need to shutdown and cooldown to comply with Tech. Spec. requirements
- □ Began with "A" Train outage in progress ("A" EDG and "A" ESW pump)
- □ Following a reactor trip, the TDAFWP fails, forces the operating crew into Tech. Spec. 3.7.1.2 Action b
 - This action requires a cooldown to Mode 4 in less than 6 hours
- □ The completion of the actions within the required 6 hours using GEN 005 and GEN 006

- Apparent Violation 9603-10 (Tech. Spec. 6.8.1):
 - ☐Two examples:
 - On January 30, 1996, one Emergency
 Operating Procedure (EMG) was missing from the Control Room
 - A subsequent NRC review of Control Room procedures identified one missing Alarm Response Procedure (ALR)

Procedure Audit Summary

- Initial Audit (3-12-96) Showed:
 - □ 31 errors out of 5439 procedure audited
 - □ 4/31 original errors were not corrected
 - Due to improper interface between the Shift Clerks and Document Services.
 - 1/4 were found by the NRC on 3-22-96
 - All 31 were re-verified upon this discovery by the NRC
- Procedures maintained at the Auxiliary Shutdown Panel, Emergency Operations Facility (EOF), and Technical Support Center (TSC) were audited as a result of the above problem

- Root Cause:
 - ☐Personnel error Inattention to detail
- Contributing Factors:
 - ☐Inadequate on-the-job training of Shift Clerks
 - □ Ineffective interface between Shift Clerks and Document Services personnel
 - ☐Procedure use process

- Short Term Corrective Actions:
 - □ Replaced missing procedures Completed
 - □Performed audit of Control Room, TSC and EOF Procedures and corrected all identified deficiencies Completed (3/27/96)

Long Term Corrective Actions:

- □ Shift Clerk training (3/27/96) and qualification card enhancement - Completed
- ☐ Second quarter procedure audit Completed (5/1/96)
- □ Procedure Al 15A-002, "Procedure Audit" provides guidance for performing procedure audits Completed
- ☐ Enhanced procedure update process Ongoing

Engineering Concerns

Quality Of Engineering Work Products / Failure To Prevent Occurrence

- NRC Inspection Report 50-482/95-07:
 - ■Need to improve technical rigor, attention to detail, aggressiveness, and questioning attitude:
 - Inadequate safety evaluations
 - Failure to properly document technical concerns
 - Potential negative indicators (plant observations and industry events)

Quality Of Engineering Work Products / Failure To Prevent Occurrence

- WCNOC Incident Investigation Team Report 96-002
- NRC Inspection Reports 50-482/96-03:
 - Need to improve engineering rigor, documentation, and questioning attitude (IFI 9603-12):
 - Operability evaluations
 - Clarifications of Technical Specifications
 - Potential negative indicators (plant observations and industry events)
 - □ Apparent Violation 9603-03, "Failure To Prevent Occurrence"

- WCNOC Acknowledges And Agrees That The Quality Of Engineering Work Needs To Be Improved
- WCNOC Acknowledges And Agrees With Apparent Violation 9603-03
- Cause:
 - □ Lack of consistent and demonstrated management expectations
 - □ Inadequate personnel accountability (all levels of engineering)

Corrective Actions / Status:

- ☐ Evaluations of safety / operationally significant issues will be approached as if WCNOC was the original designer or the independent verifier
- ☐ Improve evaluation targeting, prioritization, scheduling, tracking, performance evaluation tools
 - Preliminary tool developed by 6/30/96

Corrective Actions / Status:

- □Perform system functional assessments:
 - Auxiliary Feedwater System 12/31/96
 - Essential Service Water System 6/30/97
 - Component Cooling Water System 12/31/97
 - Residual Heat Removal System 4/30/98

Note: Use the auxiliary feedwater functional assessment to time machine test new expectations and tools

Corrective Actions / Status:

- □ Review of outstanding safety-related action requests - Completed
 - No safety significant concerns identified
- □ Plan for PSRC review of safety-related action request > 6 months old - Implemented
- □ Removed incorrect information on frazil ice in Technical Specification Clarification - Completed

Inadequate ESW Design

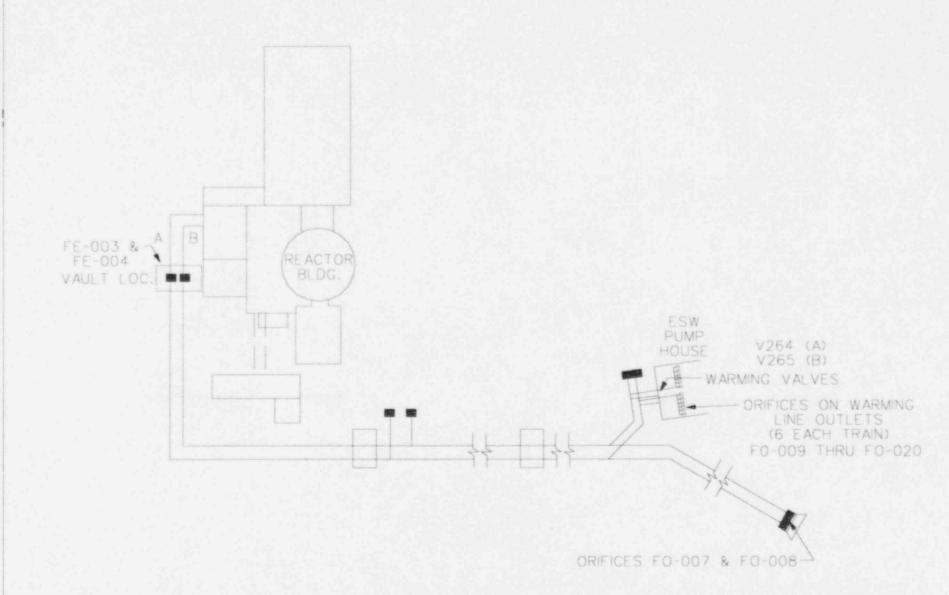
- Apparent Violation 9603-02 (10CFR50, Appendix B, Criterion III):
 - ☐ESW Warming Line inadequate to prevent the formation of frazil ice
- Apparent Violation 9603-01 (10 CFR 50.59):
 - □De facto design change caused by original design error

Inadequate ESW Design

- Apparent Violation 9603-02 (10 CFR 50 Appendix, B, Criterion III):
 - WCNOC acknowledges and agrees with this violation
- Apparent Violation 9603-01 (10CFR50.59):
 - WCNOC denies this violation
 - Basis for denial:
 - The frazil icing event was not caused by a design change
 - The frazil icing event was not caused by a procedure change
 - The frazil icing event was not caused by an unanalyzed test
 - There was no desire or intent on the part of WCNOC to implement a design change, procedure change, or to conduct an unanalyzed test

Inadequate ESW Design

- Root Cause:
 - Design of ESW was inadequate to prevent frazil ice formation
- Corrective Actions Status / Schedule:
 - □ ESW Modifications Completed
 - □ Winterization Plan Including Icing Contingencies Completed
 - Will include air bubbler capability
 - □ Revising PSA Model to include ESW warming line failure -6/28/96
 - □ Temperature instrumentation of lake water, pump suction and warming line - 10/1/96



ESW UNDERGROUND RETURN PIPING OVERVIEW

Maintenance Concerns

TDAFWP Apparent Violations

Basic Problem

Problems

- □ Poor work practice by mechanics and mechanical supervisors January 1996
- Poor engineering evaluation of packing failure
- Suitability of new packing material not questioned
- Poor planner instructions
- Vendor basis for AFW pumps run versus standby

Inadequate Corrective Action

- Apparent Violation 9603-09 (10 CFR 50, Appendix B, Criterion XVI):
- Root Cause:
 - □ Poor engineering evaluation of an equipment problem
- Contributing Factors:
 - ☐ Failure to question the packing material suitability
 - ☐ Failure of Sys. Eng. to be involved sufficiently in determining corrective actions

Inadequate Corrective Actions

Corrective Actions:

- Manager Maintenance expectations for self-critical evaluation issued - Completed (1/96)
- □ Root Cause Analysis training requirements increased implemented (4/96)
- □ Sys. Eng. more involved in corrective maintenance -Measure with 3rd Qtr. 96 self-assessment.
- Sys. Eng. now reports to Plant Manager Implemented
- □ Conduct self assessment 3rd Qtr. 96 to evaluate new material impact on key equipment
- □ TDAFWP repacked with 1625 packing Completed

Work Instructions Not Complete

- Apparent Violation 9603-07 (10 CFR 50 Appendix B, Criterion V):
- Root Cause:

□ Failure to incorporate all prime source information into work instructions

Work Instructions Not Complete

Corrective Actions:

- Revised work instructions for packing Completed
- ☐ Repacked using new instructions Completed
- ☐ Improved post maintenance run-in test Completed
- □ Trained all planners in packing, post maintenance testing (PMT), and use of prime source documents -Completed
- Assigned person to provide independent oversight of work - Implemented

Work Instructions Not Complete

Corrective Actions:

- □ Packing training given to mechanics, planners and applicable Sys. Engs. - Completed
- Lessons learned added to Maintenance Continued Training -Starts 5/13/96
- Developed post maintenance retest procedure, SYS AL-123 -Completed
- □ Conduct field work surveillances of work package adequacy; conduct self assessment 4 Qtr 96 to measure effectiveness
- Reviewed all outstanding TDAFWP maintenance -Completed
- Assigned new Planning Superintendent

- Apparent Violation 482/9603-06 (Tech. Spec. 6.8.1):
- Root Cause:
 - □ Workers performed own interpretation to work instructions rather than stop and seek supervisory clarification
- Contributing Factors:
 - Work instructions not adequate
 - Mind set not to overtighten
 - Worker trained on finger tight
 - Supervisor failed to correct problem

Corrective Actions:

- Retrained mechanics and supervisors on following procedures - Completed
- Rewrote work instructions Completed
- Measure work package adequacy with self-assessment by 3rd Qtr 96
- □ Trained mechanics and supervisors in new packing procedure Completed
- □ Developed mock-up repack training 5/13/96
- □ Reviewed Manager Maintenance Expectations Completed
- ☐ Counsel all supervisors by Plant Manager, Chief Operating Officer and Maintenance Manager by 5/30/96

- Apparent Violation 482/ 9603-08 (Tech. Spec. 6.8.1):
 - ☐ Troubleshooting beyond the scope of procedure
 - Procedure states scope of work to be:
 - Limited and controlled by CWA or SS
 - To extent necessary to derive accurate work instructions for subsequent rework
 - Where system integrity is altered, verification of restoration must exist within the documentation

Basis For Denial:

- Scope limited to 4 defined steps
- ☐ Prerequisite coordination with SS & CWA
- Only purpose, to take measurements & verify set screw tightness
- Same workers on inboard and outboard
- ☐ Equipment tagged out, listed in EOL
- Used troubleshooting to identify non-conformance, used planned work task (WPT) to return to conforming condition

Basis For Denial:

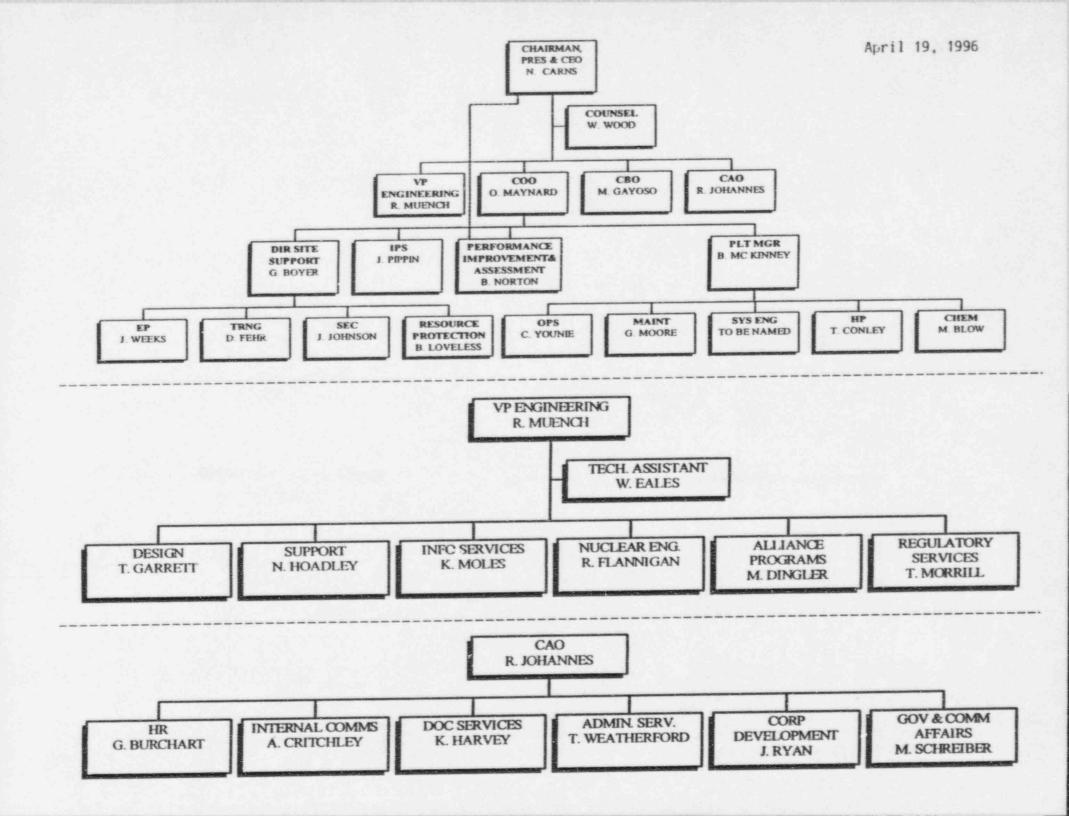
- No NCR identified on outboard gland (it did not fail)
- □ Planned WPT used to conduct PMT and surveillance to verify Tech. Spec. 3.7.1.2 acceptance criteria
- □ Troubleshooting performed under direct supervision of Supt. Mech. Maintenance
- ☐ Troubleshoot was basic, within skill of craft
- ☐ Was within AP 16C-002, Att. C
- ☐ Had a planned WPT been used, craft would not have done anything differently

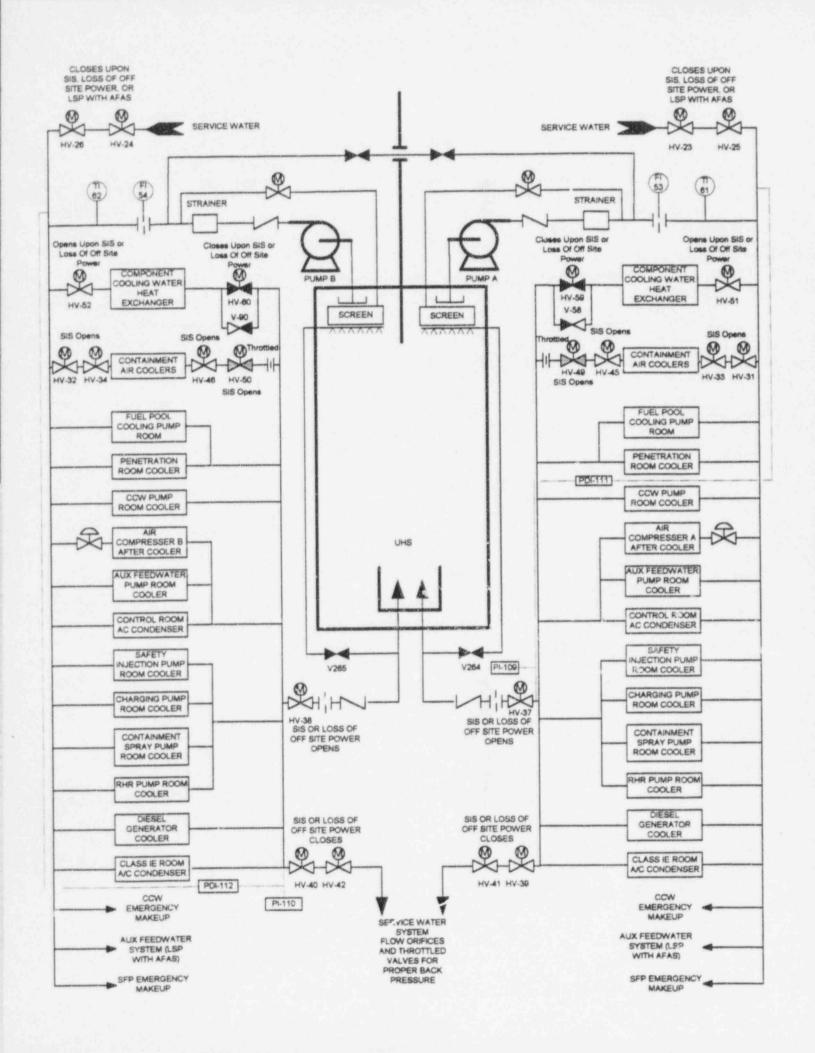
MAINTENANCE SUMMARY

- WCNOC understands the significance of these events
- WCNOC is not satisfied with its performance
- WCNOC will implement corrective actions that will prevent recurrence
- WCNOC will follow-up on its corrective actions to assure effective implementation

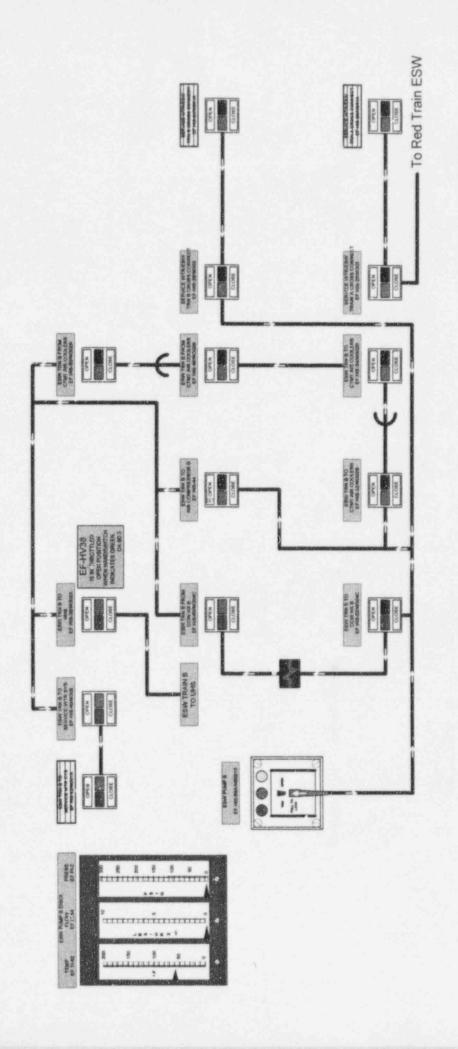
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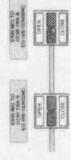
- WCNOC understands the significance of these events
- WCNOC is not satisfied with its performance
- WCNOC is aggressively implementing corrective actions to prevent recurrence
- Quarterly letter to Regional Administrator
- Potential industry applicability





Main Control Board RL019 ESW SYSTEM (Yellow Train)





Significance and Mitigation						
Apparent Violation	Agree or Disagree	Significance	Mitigating Factors			
OPERATIONS						
04-Failure to follow procedures	Agree	Mcderate in this event	Self Identified Self disclosed Prompt Corrective Actions			
10-Failure to maintain procedures	Agree	Low for this event	Self Identified Self disclosed Back up method immediately available Prompt corrective actions			
11-Failure to complete cool down	Agree	Low - Tech Spec times will be lengthened in future	Self Identified Self disclosed Prompt Corrective Actions			
ENGINEERING						
01-Inadequate Evaluation of an unreviewed safety question determination	Disagree - Not a design change - Not a procedure change - Not a new test - Previous usage - believe Criterion III	NA	NA			
02-Inadequate Design	Agree	High	Old design deficiency Self Identified Not likely to be identified through routine surveillance or QA Audit Prompt corrective actions Error was not willful in nature Error Self disclosed			
03-Missed Opportunities	Agree	High	Self Identified Self disclosed			

Significance and Mitigation						
Apparent Violation	Agree or Disagree	Significance	Mitigating Factors			
MAINTENANCE						
06-Failure to follow work instructions	Agree	Low for this event	Self Identified Self disclosed Prompt Corrective Actions			
07-Inadequate work instructions	Agree	Moderate in this event - TDAFWP continued to operate	Self Identified Self disclosed Prompt Corrective Actions			
08-Failure to follow procedures (Trouble Shooting)	Disagree - Limited and controlled - No rework performed - Equipment was tagged out - Work was documented - Did not impact operation	NA	NA NA			
09-Inadequate Corrective Action (TDAFWP)	Agree	Moderate in this event	Self Identified Self disclosed Prompt Corrective Actions			

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