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PLANT AND SYSTEM IDENTIFICATION:

General Electric - Boiling Water Reactor - 2511 MWt rated core thermal power. Energy Industry Identification System (EIIS) codes are identified in the text as [XX].

IDENTIFICATION OF OCCURRENCE:

The Unit One Diesel Generator inadvertent auto-start due to contact with relay.

Discovery Date: 3-17-86

Report Date: 4-14-86

This report was initiated by Deviation Report D-4-1-86-34

CONDITIONS PRIOR TO OCCURRENCE:

REFUEL Mode(2) - Rx Power 00% - Unit Load 000 MWe

REFUEL Mode(2) - Refuel - In this position interlocks are established so that one control rod only may be withdrawn when flux amplifiers are set at the proper sensitivity level and the refueling crane is not over the reactor. Also, the trip from the turbine control valves, turbine stop valves, main steam isolation valves, and condenser vacuum are bypassed. If the refueling crane is over the reactor, all rods must be fully inserted and none can be withdrawn.

DESCRIPTION OF OCCURRENCE:

On March 17, 1986, at 1658 hours, Unit One was in the SHUTDOWN mode for a scheduled refueling outage. Electrical Maintenance personnel had recently completed the action steps of surveillance QMS 700-5. Core Spray [BM] Logic Functional Test, when the Unit One Diesel Generator [EX] auto-started and operated unloaded.

Once it had been determined that the diesel generator had not auto-started due to a valid emergency signal, its control switch was placed in the stop position and the diesel was allowed to operate through its 11 minute cool down timer. When the diesel engine had stopped at approximately 1724 hours, following its cool down period, its control switch was placed in the AUTO position.

Initially it was supposed that the electrical maintenance personnel had caused the inadvertant auto-start via the Core Spray logic test. The last portion of the logic test was performed again in an attempt to duplicate the event. The auto-start could not be repeated via the test. All affected systems were then returned to normal and further investigation was deemed necessary.

This report is being submitted pursuant to the requirements of 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(iv), which requires the reporting of any event or condition that results in actuation of any Engineered Safety Feature.

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APPARENT CAUSE OF OCCURRENCE:

No absolute cause for this event could be determined. When the event occurred no additional alarms or system actuations were received that could support a definitive cause for the auto-start.

A review of the electrical drawings indicates that there are four relays which could initiate an auto-start without causing additional alarms or system actuations. Two relays are located in the auxiliary electric room within the panels which the Electrical Maintenance personnel were conducting the Core Spray Logic testing. One relay (auto-start relay) is located at 4KV Bus 14-1 within the Unit One Diesel Generator to Bus 14-1 breaker control cubicle. The final relay (fast start relay U1-DG) is located in the Unit One Diesel Generator sensitive. One is located within the auxiliary electric room panels and the other is located at the Bus 14-1 cubicle.

Quality control personnel performed a visual inspection of the 1-1430-108B relay (one of the two located in the auxiliary electric room panels). Although this relay is not considered to be contact sensitive, its coil had been replaced during the outage per modification M-4-1-85-22. HFA Relay Coil Replacement. No indications of wiring or physical inconsistencies could be found.

Since no additional alarms or system actuations occurred at the time of the event (indicating electrical actuation) it can only be surmised that inadvertant physical contact was made with one of the contact sensitive relays by personnel either at the auxiliary electric room panels or at Bus 14-1. Electrical Maintenance personnel were in the auxiliary electric room securing from the logic test. No one was known to be working in the area of Bus 14-1.

ANALYSIS OF OCCURRENCE:

The Unit One Diesel Generator was operable and available at all times throughout this event. Its ability to perform its designed function was not impaired in any way. Technical Specification 3.9.E.3 requires that a minimum of one diesel generator be operable in the REFUEL/SHUTDOWN mode when there is potential for draining the reactor vessel, secondary containment is required, or a core or containment cooling system is required. The 1/2 Diesel Generator was available at all times during this event.

An event with a probable cause of this type would not occur at another power level. The type of surveillance testing and work being conducted when this event occurred is only performed during unit refueling outages. However, had the diesel generator inadvertantly started with no valid emergency signal during power operation, it still would be capable of performing its designed function had it been required.

Consequently, no safety implications or consequences as to plant operation or public health were imposed during this event or would have been imposed during power operation.

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CORRECTIVE ACTION:

The immediate corrective action taken was to verify that no valid emergency signal was present that would auto-start the Unit One Diesel Generator. The diesel generator was then shutdown and the last portion of the core spray logic test was performed again in attempt to repeat the auto-start. When this proved unsuccessful all affected systems were returned to normal with the diesel generator control switch remaining in the AUTO position.

This is considered to be an isolated event, thus no further corrective action is deemed necessary.

FAILURE DATA:

A similar event in which the 1/2 Diesel Generator was started by inadvertent contact with a relay is documented in Unit One LER 86-08.

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