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1. Description of the Event

On 2-13-86, unit 1 was at 100% power with PT-8.1 (Protection System Logic Test for Normal Operation) in progress. At 0955 hours, the Instrument Technicians performing the test detected the odor of something burning. At the same time, the Control Room Operator observed auxiliary feedwater pump (EIIS No.: P) 1-FW-P-3B running unexpectedly.

An investigation of the situation by the Instrument Technicians disclosed that relay (EIIS No.: RLY) AFP-3XB was out of position. This failed relay was the source of the odor and the pump start.

2. Safety Consequences and Implications

The auxiliary feedwater pumps are used to assure that adequate heat sink is available when required. The failed relay would not have prevented an auto start of the pump if it was required. No other safety equipment was challenged, therefore an unreviewed safety question was not created and the public's health and safety remained unaffected.

3. Cause

The auxiliary feed pump start was due to a failed BFD relay (AFP-3XB). The relay failed due to an open coil (EIIS No.: CL). Although specific cause for the open coil is not known with certainty, a recent internal investigation into BFD relay failures has identified some possible failure mechanisms. The most likely factor seems to be an accumulation of dust and dirt on the relay, particularly on the relay pole piece faces, which causes increased holding currents leading to increased coil temperatures.

4. Immediate Corrective Action

The Control Room Operator secured the auxiliary feedwater pump after it was determined it was not needed for existing plant conditions.

The Instrument Technicians stopped performing PT-8.1 and determined that the test was not the cause of the relay failure.

5. Additional Corrective Action

The relay was replaced and PT-8.1 was resumed which subsequently verified proper relay actuation.

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6. Action Taken to Prevent Recurrence

An investigation and analysis of BFD relay failures at Surry Power Station is complete and the conclusions and recommendations are under review.

Recommendations implemented include cleaning of the reactor protection BFD relays, and the use of improved cleaning techniques in the relay room. Improving relay room ventilation is also being evaluated.

7. Generic Implications

Similar failures have occurred at other plants. For a similar event at Surry, see unit 1 LER 85-021.



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Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Surry Power Station Technical Specifications, Virginia Electric and Power Company hereby submits the following Licensee Event Report for Surry Unit 1.

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86-008-00

This report has been reviewed by the Station Nuclear Safety and Operating Committee and will be reviewed by Safety Evaluation and Control.

Very truly yours,

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