

LICENSEE EVENT REPORT (LER)

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TITLE (4)
Violation of Plant Technical Specification 3.8.4.1

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 NAMES		DOCKET NUMBER (5)
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THIS REPORT IS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF 10 CFR 5. (Check one or more of the following) (11)												
OPERATING MODE (9) 4		20.402(b)			20.406(c)			50.73(a)(2)(iv)			73.71(b)	
POWER LEVEL (10) 0 10 13		20.406(a)(1)(i)			50.38(c)(1)			50.73(a)(2)(v)			73.71(c)	
		20.406(a)(1)(ii)			50.38(c)(2)			50.73(a)(2)(vi)			OTHER (Specify in Abstract below and in Text, NRC Form 305A)	
		20.406(a)(1)(iii)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			50.73(a)(2)(ii)				
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		20.406(a)(1)(v)						50.73(a)(2)(iv)				
		20.406(a)(1)(vi)						50.73(a)(2)(v)				

LICENSEE CONTACT FOR THIS LER (12)

NAME Robert N. Keller, Associate Engineer		TELEPHONE NUMBER 2 0 3 4 4 7 - 1 7 9 1	
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COMPLETE ONE LINE FOR EACH COMPONENT FAILURE DESCRIBED IN THIS REPORT (13)

CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANUFACTURER	REPORTABLE TO NRRDS	CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANUFACTURER	REPORTABLE TO NRRDS
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SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT EXPECTED (14)

<input type="checkbox"/> YES (If yes, complete EXPECTED SUBMISSION DATE)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	EXPECTED SUBMISSION DATE (15)	MONTH	DAY	YEAR

ABSTRACT (Limit to 1400 spaces, i.e., approximately fifteen single space typewritten lines) (16)

On 2/2/86 at 1420 hours, with the plant operating normally in Mode 2, it was discovered that the limiting condition for operation and action statement for Technical Specification 3.8.4.1 had not been met. Technical Specification 3.8.4.1 requires verification, once per seven days, that each inoperable containment electrical penetration protective circuit breaker is racked out or removed, or its backup circuit breaker is tripped. The plant entered Mode 4 on 1/13/86 at 0417 hours, at which time there were nine containment penetration breakers inoperable (with their backup circuit breakers tagged in the trip position). The required verification had not been performed since that date, but was completed immediately upon discovery of the violation.

Investigation into the incident revealed apparent cause to be a failure to adequately track this weekly surveillance requirement. To preclude recurrence, the action statement for Limiting Condition of Operation 3.8.4.1 has been added to the Operations Department Surveillance Tracking System. In addition, all limiting conditions for operation that cannot be met are identified on the daily schedule with individual department responsibilities assigned.

This report is being submitted in accordance with 10CFR50.73 (a) (2) (i) (B).

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TEXT (If more space is required, use additional NRC Form 386A's) (17)

On 2/2/86 at 1420 hours, with the plant operating normally in Mode 2 at 3% power level, it was discovered that the limiting condition for operation and action statement for Technical Specification 3.8.4.1 had not been met. Technical Specification 3.8.4.1, which is applicable in Modes 1 through 4, requires that each containment electrical penetration protective circuit breaker be operable. If one or more are declared inoperable, the Technical Specification Action Statement requires that the following be done once per seven days: Verify that the inoperable breaker(s) are removed or racked out of service, or its backup circuit breaker is tripped. On 1/11/86, while the plant was in Mode 5, a total of nine containment penetration breakers were declared inoperable due to a lack of satisfactory test data. The backup circuit breakers for each were tagged in the trip position on that date. Two days later, on 1/13/86 at 0417 hours, the plant entered Mode 4, at which time Technical Specification 3.8.4.1 became applicable. The required verification was not performed from 1/13/86 to 2/2/86, but was completed immediately upon discovery of the violation.

Apparent cause of the incident was a failure to adequately track the seven day surveillance requirements of Technical Specification 3.8.4.1. The Maintenance Department notified Operations on 1/11/86 that the breakers were inoperable. At that time it became Operations' responsibility for meeting the action statement when the limiting condition for operation became applicable. The Operations Department failed to adequately address the administrative tracking of the weekly requirement.

The action statement for Technical Specification 3.8.4.1 has since been added to the Operations Surveillance Tracking System. In addition to this, all limiting conditions for operation that cannot be met are now carried on the daily schedule for promulgation to all departments.

There were no immediate safety concerns to the public or plant as a result of this incident. In order for an accident to occur related to this violation, three failures would have to occur simultaneously: 1) A failure of the Plant Administrative Tagging System whereby tags would be erroneously removed and a circuit energized without declaring the penetration circuit breaker fully operable; 2) A fault would have to occur downstream of the containment electrical penetration which would draw enough overcurrent to challenge the integrity of the penetration, and; 3) The secondary backup circuit breaker would have to fail to trip on overcurrent. None of these failures actually took place.

This report is being submitted in accordance with 10CFR50.73 (a) (2) (i) (B).

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Docket No. 50-423
Licensee Event Report 50-423/86-007-00

Gentlemen:

This letter forwards Licensee Event Report 86-007-00 required to be submitted within thirty days pursuant to 10CFR50.73 (a) (2) (i) (B), any operation or condition prohibited by the Plant's Technical Specifications.

Yours truly,

NORTHEAST NUCLEAR ENERGY COMPANY

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Wayne D. Romberg'.

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Station Superintendent
Millstone Nuclear Power Station

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Attachment: LER 86-007-00

cc: Dr. T. E. Murley, Region I

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