

LICENSEE EVENT REPORT (LER)

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TITLE (4) **Missed Fire Watch Inspection In Containment Building Due To Personnel Error And Access Being Denied During A Period Of High Airborne Contamination In Containment**

EVENT DATE (5)			LER NUMBER (6)			REPORT DATE (7)			OTHER FACILITIES INVOLVED (8)			
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ABSTRACT (Limit to 1400 spaces - i.e. approximately fifteen single space typewritten lines) (16)

At approximately 1114 hours on 8/19/88, operations personnel discovered that the required hourly fire watch inspection interval for the containment building had been exceeded contrary to the requirements of River Bend Station Technical Specification action 3.7.7.a, which requires a continuous hourly fire watch be established on at least one side of an affected fire-rated assembly.

Fire watch inspection personnel were denied access to the containment building during a period when containment airborne radiation levels prohibited personnel access.

To prevent recurrence, the fire watch inspection group will be under the direction of the electrical maintenance shift foreman. The foreman will be trained in aspects of technical specification compliance with respect to hourly fire watch inspection requirements.

No fire occurred during the period of noncompliance, and the health and safety of the public was not adversely affected.

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Reported Condition

At approximately 1114 hours on 8/19/88, it was discovered by operations personnel that the required hourly fire watch inspection interval for the containment building (*NG*) had been exceeded contrary to the requirements of River Bend Station (RBS) Technical Specification Action 3.7.7.a, which requires a continuous hourly fire watch be established on at least one side of an affected fire-rated assembly. This condition is being reported pursuant to 10CFR50.73(a)(2)(i)(B) as operation prohibited by the technical specifications.

Investigation

At approximately 0850 hours on 8/19/88, the fire watch inspection in the containment building (elevation 114 feet) was completed satisfactorily. At 0950 hours an attempt was made to enter the containment building to perform the 1000 hour fire watch inspection. Personnel access to the containment was denied due to containment airborne radiation levels. A similar attempt at entry was made at 1050 hours to perform the 1100 hours inspection, and access was again denied; however, the operation shift supervisor was contacted, and personnel performing the inspection (outfitted with respirators) were allowed access to containment. Entry was then made into the containment building, and the fire watch inspection was satisfactorily completed at approximately 1200 hours. The root cause of the missed surveillance was determined to be the result of fire watch personnel not fully understanding the consequences of not completing the required containment hourly surveillance with respect to technical specification compliance. The fire watch personnel did not initially contact the control room to gain entry and were not prepared to enter the containment with the proper safety equipment for the existing radiological conditions.

The continuous hourly fire watch had been instituted in the containment building due to unsatisfactory findings concerning fire-rated assemblies (a detailed explanation of these findings can be found in RBS LER 87-005).

A review of previously submitted LERs from RBS for similarity to the event reported here did not reveal any events involving violation of a technical specification requirement for fire watches due to the inability to gain access to an area of the plant because of adverse or abnormal radiological conditions.

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Corrective Action

Corrective action to prevent recurrence will consist of placing the fire watch group under the direction of the electrical maintenance shift foreman. The foreman will be trained in aspects of technical specification requirements and action required for compliance with fire watch inspection requirements.

Safety Assessment

There was no fire in the subject area during the period of noncompliance and no actual adverse safety consequences resulted from this condition. The health and safety of the public were not adversely affected.

Note: Energy Industry Identification System Codes are identified in the text as (*XX*).



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River Bend Station - Unit 1
Docket No. 50-458

Please find enclosed Licensee Event Report No. 88-017 for River Bend Station - Unit 1. This report is being submitted pursuant to 10CFR50.73.

Sincerely,

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