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South Texas Project Electric Generating Station
Unit 1
Docket No. STN 50-498
Response to Notice of Violation 498/8847-01

Houston Lighting & Power Company (HL&P) has reviewed Notice of Violation 498/8847-01 dated August 31, 1988. HL&P concurs that the cited violations occurred. These Licensee violations were fully addressed as the subject of the attached Licensee Event Reports. The status of actions addressed in the attached is updated as follows:

Licensee Event Report 88-040, "Failure to Stagger Reactor Trip Breaker Surveillance Test Intervals"

Corrective actions described in the attached LER have been completed.

Licensee Event Report 88-043, "Failure to Perform Surveillance Test of Diesel Generator Fuel Oil for Contamination"

Corrective actions described in the attached LER have been completed.

Appropriate actions have been taken to ensure compliance in the future.

If you should have any questions on this matter, please contact Mr. M. A. McBurnett at (512) 972-8530.

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Attachments: 1) Licensee Event Report 88-040

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2) Licensee Event Report 88-043

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Docket No. STN 50-498
License Event Report 88-040 Regarding Failure
to Stagger Reactor Trip Breaker Surveillance Test Intervals

Pursuant to 10CFR50.73, Houston Lighting & Power (HL&F) submits the attached Licensee Event Report (LER 88-040) regarding failure to stagger reactor trip breaker surveillance test intervals. This event did not have any adverse impact on the health and safety of the public.

If you should have any questions on this matter, please contact Mr. C.A. Ayala at (512) 972-8628.

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DESCRIPTION OF OCCURRENCE:

On June 23, 1988, during the annual review of the plant surveillance database as required by procedure, the HL&P Plant Surveillance Coordinator identified that the surveillances associated with Technical Specification 4.3.1.1 and 4.3.2.1 were scheduled with a method that could result in improper staggering of test intervals. This method, known as frequency based scheduling, determines the next due date for a given surveillance by adding the surveillance interval to the last date the surveillance was performed and adjusting the due date as required by Technical Specification 4.0.2. The result of this calculation assures that the surveillance interval for each train meets the Technical Specification requirement, however, the stagger (equal to the test interval divided by the number of trains) between tests of redundant trains may not remain constant.

Upon the discovery of the error in the scheduling method used, the Plant Surveillance Coordinator requested the responsible Divisional Surveillance Coordinator to review his surveillances for compliance with the staggered test basis. The review identified that the surveillance tests for the Reactor Trip Breakers undervoltage and shunt trip devices did not meet the staggered test basis of Technical Specification 4.3.1.1.20 between June 20, 1988 and June 23, 1988. Subsequently, "Staggered Test Basis" surveillances for all other divisions were reviewed to assure that Staggering intervals were correct for the current mode. The history of these surveillances was also reviewed back to the issuance of the Operating License. Two surveillances were found to have been improperly staggered on Pressurizer Water Level Protection and Extended Range Nuclear Instrumentation.

On June 24, 1988, with Unit 1 in Mode 3, the Divisional Surveillance Coordinator notified the Shift Supervisor of the failure to meet the staggered test basis which was a violation of Technical Specification 4.3.1.1.20. The condition was subsequently determined to be reportable on June 25, 1988 and the NRC was notified pursuant to 10CFR50.72 at 1602 hours. The test had already been performed on June 23, 1988, as scheduled, within its required surveillance interval.

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CAUSE OF OCCURRENCE:

The root causes of this event were:

- Staggered test basis surveillances utilized frequency based scheduling which did not control the interval between tests of redundant trains.
- Inadequate surveillance program in that no requirement exists for assuring staggered intervals are restored and maintained after mode changes.

ANALYSIS OF EVENT:

This condition resulted in the violation of the staggered text basis for the Reactor Trip Breaker undervoltage and shunt trip devices, Pressurizer Water Level Protection and Extended Range Nuclear Instrumentation as required by Technical Specifications which is reportable under 10CFR50.73(a)(2)(i)(B). The surveillance interval requirements were met. There were no adverse safety or radiological consequences as a result of this event. The event did not produce any additional risk to the public.

CORRECTIVE ACTION:

The following corrective actions are being taken to prevent recurrence of the event:

- The surveillance data base was revised to establish calendar based scheduling for all staggered test basis surveillances associated with Technical Specification paragraphs 4.3.1.1 and 4.3.2.1.
- 2. A Surveillance Program Task Force has been established. This Task Force will review the entire surveillance program in detail and provide management with suggestions for improvement. As a result of this incident, a subcommittee to the Surveillance Program Task Force has been created whose objectives are to more fully evaluate Staggered Test Basis surveillances, identify any additional corrective actions, and to implement changes to the staggering methods employed at STP. This activity will be completed by September 30, 1988.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The following LER's have been previously submitted regarding surveillance test program deficiencies at STPEGS:

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LER 88-00	Inadequate Surveillance Performed on a Control Room Intake Radioactivity Monitor
LER 88-00	Inadequate Surveillance Testing of master Relays
LER 88-00	Incorrect Formula in a HVAC Surveillance Procedure
LER 88-010	Inoperability of Reactor Coolant Pump Seal Injection Containment Isolation Valves
LER 88-01	Nonperformance of Scheduled Surveillance Test for Essential Chilled Water Pump as a Result of a Lost Test Package
LER 88-01:	Failure to Fully Implement Technical Specification Surveillance Requirements Due to Procedural Deficiency
LER 88-013	Failure to Test RCS Low Flow Times Due to Procedure Deficiencies
LER 88-023	Nonperformance of a Scheduled Surveillance Test for Essential Cooling Water Screen Wash Booster Pump Due to an Inadequate Procedure

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LER 88-034 Failure to Test Containment Spray Sequencer Actuation

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LER 28-038 Failure to Perform Surveillance Testing of

Intermediate Range Nucleur Instrumentation Prior to

Entering Mode 2

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Licensee Event Report 88-343 Regarding Failure to Perform Surveillance Testing of Diesel Generator Fuel Oil for Contamination

Pursuant to 10CFR50.73, Houston Lighting & Power (HL&P) submits the attached Licensee Event Report (LER 88-043) regarding failure to perform surveillance testing of diesel generator fuel oil for contamination due to a personnel error. This event did not have any adverse impact on the health and safety of the public.

If you should have any questions on this matter, please contact Mr. C.A. Ayala at (512) 972-8628.

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DESCRIPTION OF OCCURRENCE:

On July 12, 1988, with Unit 1 in Mode 1 at 76 percent power, the Houston Lighting & Power (HL&P) Chemical Operations and Analysis (CO&A) Department Divisional Surveillance Coordinator discovered that the monthly surveillance on Standby Diesel Generator (SDG) #11 Fuel Oil Storage Tank for particulate contamination had not been performed within its required interval. The Shift Supervisor was notified at 0945 hours and preparations were made to perform the test. The surveillance test was completed satisfactorily at 1007 hours. The NRC was notified at 1613 hours.

A subsequent investigation revealed that on June 17, 1988 the CO&A backup Divisional Surveillance Coordinator received the surveillance test package and misfiled it in a hold file instead of forwarding it to the Lead Chemical Technician's Office. When the surveillance became due on the Chemistry Sampling Schedule on June 30, 1988, the HL&P Lead Chemical Technician could not locate the surveillance test package or the test completion notice.

On July 1, 1988, the surveillance test appeared on the daily overdue surveillance report. The Divisional Surveillance Coordinator was advised by another Lead Chemical Technician that he thought the surveillance test had been completed as scheduled and took no further action. The surveillance test again appeared on the overdue report on July 5, 1988. At that time, the Divisional Surveillance Coordinator believed that the test completion notice had been misplaced, and did not take the time to investigate until July 12, 1988 when the missing surveillance test package was found in the hold file. By then the grace period for this surveillance had been exceeded by two days.

CAUSE OF OCCURRENCE:

The cause of this event was failure of the Divisional Surveillance Coordinator to take proper action in response to the surveillance schedule and overdue reports for this surveillance test.

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ANALYSIS OF EVENT:

Failure to perform aurveillance testing of Standby Diesel Generator Fuel Oil Storage Tank for particulate contamination is a violation of Technical Specification 4.8.1.1.2.D and is reportable under 10CFR50.73(a)(2)(i)(B). The test was performed on July 12, 1988 and the particulate contamination level was determined to be acceptable.

There were no adverse safety or radiological consequences as a result of this event. The event did not produce any additional risk to the public.

CORRECTIVE ACTION:

The following corrective actions are being taken to prevent recurrence of the event:

- The Plant Manager has issued a directive to emphasize the requirement that surveillances be performed on their due dates and that the use of the grace period be limited. Additionally, direction has been included instructing personnel to review objective evidence to verify surveillance completion.
- The Plant Surveillance Program procedure has been revised to require the responsible department manager to review the overdue report and allocate sufficient resources to insure timely completion of surveillance tests.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The following LER's have been previously submitted regarding surveillance test program deficiencies at STPEGS:

LER 87-009 Surveillance Deficiency Due to a Procedural Inadequacy Resulting in a Technical Specification Violation

LER 87-017 Pressurizer Low Pressure Safety In. -tion Setpoint Too Low Due to Procedural Error

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	LER	88-006	Inadequate Surveillance Testing of Master Relays
	LER	88-007	Incorrect Formula in a HVAC Surveillance Procedure
	LER	88-010	Inoperability of Reactor Coolant Pump Seal Injection Containment Isolation Valves
	LER	88-011	Nonperformance of Scheduled Surveillance Test for Essential Chilled Water Pump as a Result of a Lost Test Package
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