

LICENSEE EVENT REPORT (LER)

FACILITY NAME (1) Millstone Nuclear Power Station Unit 3										DOCKET NUMBER (2) 0 5 0 0 0 4 2 3				PAGE (3) 1 OF 0 2			
TITLE (4) Missed Fire Protection Surveillance Due to Administrative Error																	
EVENT DATE (5) MONTH DAY YEAR 0 9 1 8 8 6			LER NUMBER (6) YEAR SEQUENTIAL NUMBER REVISION NUMBER 8 6 - 0 5 2 - 0 0				REPORT DATE (7) MONTH DAY YEAR 1 0 1 5 8 6			OTHER FACILITIES INVOLVED (8) FACILITY NAMES DOCKET NUMBER(S) 0 5 0 0 0 0							
OPERATING MODE (9) I		THIS REPORT IS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF 10 CFR 5. (Check one or more of the following) (11):															
POWER LEVEL (10) 1 0 0		20.402(b)				20.405(e)				50.73(a)(2)(iv)				73.71(b)			
		20.405(a)(1)(i)				50.38(e)(1)				50.73(a)(2)(v)				73.71(c)			
		20.405(a)(1)(ii)				50.38(e)(2)				50.73(a)(2)(vi)				OTHER (Specify in Abstract below and in Text, NRC Form 366A)			
		20.405(a)(1)(iii)				X 50.73(a)(2)(i)				50.73(a)(2)(vii)(A)							
		20.405(a)(1)(iv)				50.73(a)(2)(ii)				50.73(a)(2)(viii)(B)							
		20.405(a)(1)(v)				50.73(a)(2)(iii)				50.73(a)(2)(ix)							
LICENSEE CONTACT FOR THIS LER (12)																	
NAME Barry Pinkowitz, Senior Engineer										TELEPHONE NUMBER AREA CODE 2 0 3 4 4 4 - 5 5 1 5							
COMPLETE ONE LINE FOR EACH COMPONENT FAILURE DESCRIBED IN THIS REPORT (13)																	
CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANUFACTURER	REPORTABLE TO NPDOS		CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANUFACTURER	REPORTABLE TO NPDOS							
SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT EXPECTED (14)										EXPECTED SUBMISSION DATE (15)		MONTH	DAY	YEAR			
YES (If yes, complete EXPECTED SUBMISSION DATE) X NO																	
ABSTRACT (Limit to 1400 spaces, i.e., approximately fifteen single-space typewritten lines) (16)																	
<p>At 1530 on 9/18/86 while at 100% power in Mode 1 it was noted that the surveillance requirement to measure the weight and pressure of the fire suppression system halon bottles was not performed within its allotted time as required by plant Technical Specifications.</p> <p>The halon fire suppression system for the instrument rack room was declared inoperable and a continuous fire watch was established.</p> <p>The cause of the error was administrative. The surveillance responsibility was being transferred from the Station Services Department to the unit Maintenance Department and was missed in the transition. As corrective action, the unit Maintenance Department assumed complete responsibility for the halon system. On 9/19/86, Technical Specification Surveillance Requirement 4.7.12.4.B was met and the system declared operable.</p> <p>This report is being submitted in accordance with 10CFR50.73 (a)(2)(i)(B).</p>																	

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TEXT (If more space is required, use additional NRC Form 366A's) (17)

At 1530 on 9/18/86 while at 100% power in Mode 1 it was noted that the surveillance requirement to measure the pressure and weight of the fire suppression halon bottles for the instrument rack room was not performed within the 6 months plus 25% period required by Plant Technical Specifications.

The halon fire suppression system for the instrument rack room was immediately declared inoperable and a continuous fire watch established within one hour in accordance with Technical Specifications 3/4.7.12.4.

The cause of the error was administrative. The surveillance responsibility was in the process of being transferred from the Station Services Department to the unit Maintenance Department. During the transition, no department was clearly in charge of this surveillance. On 9/19/86, Technical Specification surveillance requirement 4.7.12.4.B was performed satisfactorily and the system declared operable.

Although the halon system was declared inoperable, the heat detection system associated with halon and the independent smoke and fire detection systems in the instrument rack room continued to function and would have provided an alert to a fire to allow action utilizing secondary fire suppression measures, such as fire extinguishers. The satisfactory performance of the halon weight and pressure surveillance indicates that the system would have acted to extinguish a fire if required. The availability of these means of fire suppression indicate that there was never a threat to the health and safety of the public.

As corrective action, the unit Maintenance Department has assumed complete responsibility for the halon fire suppression system. The removal of ambiguity from the system assignment coupled with computerized scheduling will prevent recurrence of this incident.

This report is being submitted in accordance with 10CFR50.75(a)(2)(i)B in that the halon system became inoperable due to the missed surveillance on 8/26/86 and the condition was not identified until 9/18/86.

There have been no similar events of missed surveillances due to transfer of responsibility.

EIIS CODESSystems

Fire Detection: IC
Fire Protection (Chemical): KQ

Components

Detectors: DET
Detectors, Flame: 28
Alarm, Fire: FRA

NORTHEAST UTILITIES



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Reference: Facility Operating License No. NPF-49
Docket No. 50-423
Licensee Event Report 50-423/86-052-00

Gentlemen:

This letter forwards Licensee Event Report 86-052-00 required to be submitted within thirty days pursuant to 10CFR50.73(a)(2)(1)(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'.

Wayne D. Romberg
Station Superintendent
Millstone Nuclear Power Station

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Attachment: LER 86-052-00

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

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