

San Onofre 2

1Q/2003 Plant Inspection Findings

Initiating Events

Significance:  Feb 01, 2003

Identified By: Self Disclosing

Item Type: FIN Finding

Loss of generator excitation trip - Unit 2

The licensee failed to have an adequate preventive maintenance procedure to conduct functional testing of the Unit 3 main transformer/generator protective relays. As a result, a maintenance technician inadvertently caused a reactor trip of Unit 2. This self-revealing finding was considered to be more than minor because it resulted in an unnecessary challenge to the reactor protective system and upset plant stability. However, the finding was considered to have very low safety significance because the reactor trip was uncomplicated; operations personnel quickly placed the plant in a stable shutdown condition; and mitigating equipment responded as designed.

Inspection Report# : [2003002\(pdf\)](#)

Significance:  Jun 30, 2002

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: FIN Finding

SBCS miscalibration

The inspectors determined that the licensee implemented an inadequate procedure to calibrate the Unit 2 steam bypass control system, causing the system to malfunction, resulting in an automatic main steam isolation and reactor trip. The issue was considered more than minor because it resulted in an excessive secondary system cooldown and posed an unnecessary challenge to the reactor protection system. However, the finding was considered to have very low safety significance because the reactor trip was uncomplicated, operations personnel quickly placed the plant in a stable shutdown condition, and secondary mitigation equipment remained available. The inspectors considered an apparent cause to the event to be poor procedure development and review. The inspectors concluded that there was a crosscutting aspect of human performance that directly contributed to the event.

Inspection Report# : [2002005\(pdf\)](#)

Significance:  Jun 16, 2002

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

Inadvertent reactor cavity leakage to SG 2E088

The inspectors identified a noncited violation for a lapse in procedural compliance that resulted in a leak path for water from the reactor refueling cavity across a steam generator nozzle dam to the cold leg side of Steam Generator 2E088. This was a violation of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion V. This issue was more than minor because it resulted in an inadvertent leak from the reactor coolant system of approximately 1500 gallons. The finding was considered to have very low safety significance because the leak rate was very small (approximately 0.3 gallons per minute), and the leak was quickly isolated once it was identified. This violation is in the licensee's corrective action program as Action Request 020601156.

Inspection Report# : [2002002\(pdf\)](#)

Mitigating Systems

Significance:  Jul 12, 2002

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

SIT 2T007 water movement to RWST 2T005

The inspectors identified a noncited violation after the licensee implemented an inadequate procedure which resulted in a loss of inventory from the Unit 2 safety injection system to the refueling water storage tank. This was a violation 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion V. The event was considered more than minor because use of the inadequate procedure caused an unnecessary loss of inventory from the safety injection system and rendered a safety injection tank inoperable earlier than the licensee intended. The finding, however, was determined to have very low safety significance because the transfer of water lasted for only 10 minutes and the safety injection tank did not exceed its Technical Specification allowed outage time. The end point of the procedure resulted in the safety injection tank being refilled, and the other three safety injection tanks remained operable throughout the event. The inspectors considered an apparent cause to the event to be poor procedure development and review. The inspectors concluded that there was a crosscutting aspect of human performance that directly contributed to the event.

Inspection Report# : [2002005\(pdf\)](#)

Barrier Integrity

Significance:  Sep 24, 2002

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

Inadequate corrective actions in response to a Part 21 notification

The inspectors identified a noncited violation after the licensee implemented inadequate corrective actions in response to a Part 21 notification for Asea Brown Boveri K-line circuit breakers. The licensee was unaware that Containment Cooling Fan 3ME402 Circuit Breaker 3B0611 was within scope of the Part 21 notification until after two surveillance test failures occurred. This was a violation of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion XVI. The issue was considered more than minor because it resulted in Containment Cooling Fan 3ME402 exceeding its allowed Technical Specification outage time of 7 days. However, the finding was considered to have very low safety significance because of a low probability for failure (three failures out of approximately 10,000 breakers in service industry-wide), and both containment cooling trains remained capable of performing their safety function.

Inspection Report# : [2002006\(pdf\)](#)

Emergency Preparedness

Significance:  Nov 08, 2002

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

Procedures inadequate to implement a site area emergency action level

A noncited violation of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix E IV.B was identified for inadequate procedures for implementation of an emergency action level. EAL C.3.1(c) requires that a site area emergency be declared if radiation readings outside of containment exceed established levels. These locations are not monitored by installed devices and licensee procedures do not require these readings to be taken. The finding was determined to be a performance deficiency in that the licensee failed to identify that, during certain plant conditions, the emergency response procedures would not evaluate EAL C.3.1(c.) The finding was evaluated using the Emergency Preparedness Significance Determination Process to be more than minor because failure to evaluate a potential SAE could result in delayed facility and public evacuations. The finding was evaluated as having very low safety significance, since it was a failure of a regulatory requirement but not a failure to meet an emergency planning standard. This violation is being treated as a noncited violation in accordance with Section VI.A of the NRC Enforcement Policy.

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Occupational Radiation Safety

Public Radiation Safety

Physical Protection

Significance: N/A Nov 15, 2002

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: FIN Finding

Verification of Compliance With Interim Compensatory Measures Order

On February 25, 2002, NRC imposed by Order Interim Compensatory Measures that addressed waterborne threats, vehicle bombs, insider threats, land-based assaults, and mitigative measures. The inspectors determined that, overall, the licensee appropriately: evaluated the impact of the interim design basis explosive on the site; incorporated the Interim Compensatory Measures into the site protective strategy and access authorization program; developed and implemented relevant procedures; evaluated the impact of losses of large areas of the site and vulnerabilities of their computer systems; ensured that the emergency plan could be implemented; and established and effectively coordinated interface agreements with offsite organizations.

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Miscellaneous

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