

North Anna 1

3Q/2003 Plant Inspection Findings

Initiating Events

Significance:  Feb 14, 2003
Identified By: Self Disclosing
Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

Failure of the Corrective Action Program to Preclude a Reactor Trip Due to EHC Power Supply System Failures

The licensee failed to take timely action to address an equipment issue identified through their operating experience review. For approximately ten years, identified corrective actions for turbine-generator control cabinet power supply failures were not implemented. A December 2001 Unit 2 reactor trip resulted from delaying the corrective actions.

The self-revealing finding is more than minor because of the potential to increase the frequency of an initiating event and an actual reactor trip occurred. The event was determined to be of very low safety significance because of the availability of non-safety and safety-related systems to mitigate a reactor trip. This finding is a non-cited violation of 10 CFR 50 Appendix B Criterion XVI, "Corrective Actions."

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Mitigating Systems

Significance:  Apr 05, 2003
Identified By: NRC
Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

Failure to Correctly Install Hydraulic Snubber Pipe Support 1-SI-HSS-107.

Green. An incorrect pipe support installation, which contains a hydraulic snubber, did not meet drawing requirements and resulted in a capacity reduction. This pipe support protects the safety-related Low Head Safety Injection System from failures during seismic and other shock loadings.

An NRC-identified non-cited violation of 10 CFR 50, Appendix B, Criterion V, Instructions, Procedures, and Drawings was identified. This finding is more than minor because the support was incorrectly constructed and affected the objective of the Mitigating Systems cornerstone. Failure to correctly install the hydraulic snubber pipe support reduced the snubber design load capacity and challenged its ability to ensure the Low Head Safety Injection System remains functional following a seismic event. The issue was determined to be of very low safety significance because the as-found condition resulted in no loss of function. (Section 1R08).

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

Significance:  Feb 14, 2003

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

Failure of the Corrective Action Program to Determine the Cause of Charging Pump Seal Leaks to Preclude Repetition

From approximately 1996 until 2002, the licensee was unable to determine the cause and take effective corrective actions to preclude repetitive seal leaks on the Unit 1 and Unit 2 charging pumps. Whether the latest cause determination and associated proposed corrective actions will correct the condition has yet to be demonstrated.

This inspector-identified finding is more than minor since the problem resulted in increased charging pump unavailability and increased the potential for charging pump seal leakage during a loss of coolant accident. The latter could have resulted in control room operators receiving radiation exposures in excess of regulatory limits. The event was determined to be of very low safety significance (Green) because alternate charging pumps were available to perform the safety function and the effected charging pump could be isolated to stop the leakage. This finding is a non-cited violation of 10 CFR 50 Appendix B Criterion XVI, "Corrective Actions."

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Significance: Dec 31, 2002

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

Failure to Control Design Drawings for an Integral Construction of Trunnion, Pad, and Run Pipe in Service Water Pump Discharge Pipe Supports

Inadequate design controls resulted in four service water supports not being constructed in accordance with design guides. These supports were to protect the safety-related service water piping and pumps from failures during seismic and other loadings.

An inspector-identified non-cited violation of 10 CFR 50, Appendix B, Criteria III was identified. This finding is more than minor because the supports were incorrectly constructed and allowed potential separation of the supports from the piping. The issue was determined to be of very low safety significance based upon a re-analysis for the as-built condition which concluded that the systems were operable.

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Significance: Dec 31, 2002

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

Licensee Parts Program Allowed for the Use of Non-Safety Parts in the Safety-Related Unit 1 Steam Generator Pressure-Operated Relief Valve Controllers

Non-safety/non-dedicated parts were installed in the Unit 1 safety-related steam generator power-operated relief valves. Use of these parts degraded the qualification of the valves and had the potential to render the valves inoperable from the control room.

An inspector-identified non-cited violation of 10 CFR 50, Appendix B, Criteria XV was identified. This finding was more than minor because it resulted in the inappropriate repair of the valves. The finding was determined to be of very low safety significance because the valves could be locally operated and the licensee's conclusion that the valves were operable but degraded.

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Barrier Integrity

Emergency Preparedness

Significance:  Sep 27, 2003

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

Failure to classify and declare an Notification of Unusual Event as required by 10 CFR 50.54(q), 50.47(b)(4), and Section IV.B of Appendix E of 10 CFR 50

The inspectors identified a non-cited violation of 10 CFR 50.54(q), 50.47(b)(4), and Section IV.B of Appendix E of 10 CFR 50. On June 27, 2003, the licensee failed to classify and declare an Notification of Unusual Event in accordance with emergency plan implementing procedures following the unplanned release of a toxic gas which could affect safety of station personnel.

The finding is greater than minor because it affected the Emergency Preparedness Cornerstone objective of ensuring the emergency response organization's performance to implement adequate measures to protect public health and safety during an emergency. The finding is associated with a risk significant planning standard and determined to be of very low safety significance using Manual Chapter 0609, Appendix B "Emergency Preparedness Significance Determination Process," Sheet 2 which specifies that failure to declare an Notification of Unusual Event is Green.

Inspection Report# : [2003004\(pdf\)](#)

Occupational Radiation Safety

Significance:  Dec 31, 2002

Identified By: Self Disclosing

Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

Failure to Properly Monitor Worker Radiation Exposure in a High Radiation Area

The licensee failed to properly monitor a worker's radiation exposure in a High Radiation Area (HRA).

A self-revealing non-cited violation of Technical Specification 6.12.1 (in effect prior to August 20, 2002) was identified. This finding is more than minor because it involved a failure in the personnel monitoring program which could have contributed to unintended dose to a worker, although no unintended dose appeared to have been incurred. This finding was of very low safety significance because it involved the failure to meet a regulatory requirement but did not significantly impair the licensee's ability to assess radiation dose.

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Public Radiation Safety

Physical Protection

Miscellaneous

Significance: N/A Feb 14, 2003

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: FIN Finding

Biennial Problem Identification and Resolution

The team concluded that, in general, problems were properly identified, evaluated, and corrected. The licensee was effective at identifying problems and entering them in the corrective action process. Generally, issues were prioritized and evaluated appropriately, and in a timely fashion. The evaluations of significant problems were in general of sufficient depth to determine the likely root or apparent causes, as well as, address the potential extent of the circumstances contributing to the problem and provide a clear basis to establish corrective actions. Corrective actions that addressed the causes of problems were generally identified and implemented. Reviews of sampled operating experience information were comprehensive. Licensee audits and assessments were found to be adequately broad based and effective in providing management a tool for identifying adverse trends. Previous noncompliance issues documented as non-cited violations were properly tracked and resolved via the corrective action program. The results of the last comprehensive corrective action program audit conducted by the licensee were properly entered and dispositioned in the corrective action program. Based on discussions with plant personnel and the apparently low threshold for items entered in the corrective action program database, the inspectors concluded that workers at the site were free to raise safety concerns to their management.

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