

San Onofre 3

3Q/2004 Plant Inspection Findings

Initiating Events

Significance: N/A Oct 10, 2003

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: FIN Finding

95001 for Green to White

During this supplemental inspection, performed in accordance with Inspection Procedure 95001, the inspector determined that the licensee performed a comprehensive and thorough evaluation in which specific problems were identified, an adequate root cause evaluation was performed and corrective actions were taken or planned to prevent recurrence.

Inspection Report# : [2003011\(pdf\)](#)

Mitigating Systems

Significance:  Jul 07, 2004

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

Licensee Failure to Correct Deficiencies in Saltwater Cooling Pump Removal and Installation Procedure

The inspectors identified a noncited violation of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion XVI, because the licensee failed to correct deficiencies in Procedure SO23-I-5.4, "Saltwater Cooling Pump Removal and Installation," following the improper assembly of saltwater cooling Pump 3P307 on March 13, 2004.

The finding was more than minor since it affected the procedure quality attribute o the mitigating systems cornerstone. The finding was determined to have very low safety significance (Green) because the inadequate procedure did not result in an actual loss of safety function. This finding also had cross-cutting aspects associated with problem identification and resolution based on the fact that the condition was entered into the corrective action program but no corrective actions were implemented.

Inspection Report# : [2004003\(pdf\)](#)

Significance:  Apr 10, 2004

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

Auxiliary Feedwater Pump Oil Leak Not Promptly Identified or Corrected

The inspectors identified a noncited violation of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion XVI, because the licensee failed to adequately correct an identified oil leak from the inboard bearing of the motor to Auxiliary Feedwater Pump 3P504 and subsequently failed to promptly re-identify the leak during subsequent routine inspections of the pump.

This finding is greater than minor because it had a credible impact on the mitigating systems cornerstone in that, if left uncorrected, it would have become a more significant safety concern. Specifically, the unidentified accelerated oil leak would have likely continued to the point where Auxiliary Feedwater Pump 3P504 would have been rendered inoperable. The finding was determined to have very low safety significance (Green) because Auxiliary Feedwater Pump 3P504 remained operable.

Inspection Report# : [2004002\(pdf\)](#)

Barrier Integrity

Emergency Preparedness

Occupational Radiation Safety

Significance:  Apr 10, 2004

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

Failure to Post a Radiological Hazard

Green. On March 10, 2004, the inspector identified a non-cited violation of Technical Specification 5.5.1.1a because the licensee failed to post a radiological hazard (hot spot). A survey performed by the licensee on February 17, 2004, identified a hot spot, with radiation levels of 350 millirem per hour on contact and 50 millirem per hour at 30 centimeters, on the 17-foot elevation of the Unit 2 containment building.

The failure to post a hot spot is a performance deficiency. The finding was greater than minor because it was associated with the Occupational Radiation Safety cornerstone attribute of Program and Process and affected the cornerstone objective to ensure the adequate protection of a worker's health and safety from exposure to radiation. When processed through the Occupational Radiation Safety Significance Determination Process, the finding was determined to be of very low safety significance because it was not associated with as low as is reasonably achievable planning or work controls, there was no overexposure or a substantial potential for overexposure, and the ability to assess dose was not compromised. The finding was entered into the licensee's corrective action program as Action Request 040201480.

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Public Radiation Safety

Significance:  Jan 30, 2004

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

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A self-revealing, non-cited violation of Technical Specification 5.5.2.1 was reviewed by the team because the licensee failed to have all the required effluent monitors channels operable or implement auxiliary sampling requirements as specified in the Offsite Dose Calculation Manual. Specifically, the Unit 3 condenser air ejector monitor (3-7870) was declared inoperable on May 26, 2003, at 5:40 p.m. and auxiliary sampling equipment was initially put in place. However, from 8:00 p.m. on May 27, 2003, until 9:55 a.m. on May 28, 2003, continuous particulate and iodine samples were not obtained via the compensatory sampling device because a chemistry technician did not install the necessary filters. The situation was discovered during the successive, routine filter change out.

The finding was greater than minor because it was associated with cornerstone attributes (radiation monitoring and chemistry technician performance) and affected the associated cornerstone objective (to ensure adequate protection of public health and safety from exposure to radioactive materials released into the public domain). The finding involved an occurrence in the licensee's radiological effluent monitoring program that was contrary to Offsite Dose Calculation Manual requirements; therefore, it was evaluated using the Public Radiation Safety Significance Determination Process. The finding had very low significance because the finding was not a radioactive material control findings, but it was an effluent release program finding. The finding impaired the licensee's ability to assess dose; however, the licensee was able to assess dose to the public through use of an operational noble gas monitor (3RT-7818) in the condenser evacuation system and the dose did not exceed 10 CFR Part 50 Appendix I values .

Inspection Report# : [2004006\(pdf\)](#)

Significance:  Jan 30, 2004

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The finding was greater than minor because it is associated with the cornerstone attribute (material release) and it affected the associated cornerstone objective (to ensure adequate protection of public health and safety from exposure to radioactive material released into the public domain). The finding involved an occurrence in the licensee's radioactive material control program that was contrary to licensee procedures. This finding was evaluated as having very low safety significance using the Public Radiation Safety Significance Determination Process because the finding was a radioactive material control issues, was not a transportation issue, public exposure was not greater than 5 millirem, and there were less than 5 occurrences over the past rolling 8 quarters.

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Physical Protection

[Physical Protection](#) information not publicly available.

Miscellaneous

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