

Farley 1

1Q/2007 Plant Inspection Findings

Initiating Events

Mitigating Systems

Significance:  Dec 31, 2006

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

Inadequate Corrective Actions for Main Steam Isolation Valve Failures

An NRC-identified non-cited violation of 10 CFR 50 Appendix B, Criterion XIV, Corrective Actions, was identified for failure to correct repetitive failures of main steam isolation valves (MSIVs). The April 2006 failure of the three Unit 1 outboard MSIVs to properly operate exhibited similar symptoms to three previous failures which occurred over the period of 2000 to April, 2006. The inspectors identified a number of missed opportunities for the licensee to properly identify and correct the failure mechanisms which led to the most recent failures. The licensee has entered this violation into the corrective action program as CR 2006103043.

This finding is of greater than minor safety significance because it affected the objectives of the Mitigating Systems cornerstone. It affected the availability and reliability of systems that mitigate initiating events to prevent undesirable consequences and the ability of the outboard MSIVs to close. This finding is of very low safety significance because based on the identified failure mechanisms, the inboard valves were generally independent of the outboard valves performance. The finding had problem identification and resolution cross-cutting aspects related to failure of the licensee to thoroughly evaluate problems such that the resolutions address causes and extent of conditions as necessary.

Inspection Report# : [2006005](#) (*pdf*)

Significance:  Jun 30, 2006

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

Failure to Follow Procedures for Containment Closeout

Green. A Green non-cited violation (NCV) of Technical Specification 5.4, Procedures, was identified by the NRC for failure to follow procedural guidance associated with removal of debris in containment. The licensee performed a containment inspection; however, failed to follow adequate procedural guidance to ensure the containment environment was acceptable for power operations.

This finding is more than minor because it could be reasonably viewed as a precursor to a significant event involving debris accumulation on the containment sump screens and a subsequent impairment to suction flow for Emergency Core Cooling System (ECCS) pumps. Although it impacted the Mitigating System Cornerstone, it did not result in a loss of function per Inspection Manual Chapter (IMC) Part 9900, Technical Guidance, Operability Determination Process for Operability and Functional Assessment, did not represent an actual loss of safety function, and was not potentially risk significant due to possible external events. This finding was entered into the licensee's corrective action program.

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Barrier Integrity

Significance:  Jun 30, 2006

Identified By: Self-Revealing

Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

Failure to Control Contractors Results in Fuel Transfer System Damage

A Green self-revealing non-cited violation (NCV) of 10 CFR 50, Appendix B, Criterion VII, Control of Purchased Material, Equipment, and Services, was identified for failure to control adequately contractors during the Unit 1 refueling outage that resulted in damage to the fuel transfer system. This was a self-revealing violation when a pillar block weld broke resulting in damage to the transfer cart, rails, basket, and dummy fuel assembly. The licensee entered the deficiency into their corrective action program for resolution.

This finding is more than minor because it could be reasonably viewed as a precursor to a significant event involving damage to a fuel assembly. Although the damage occurred to a dummy fuel assembly, the stresses applied to the fuel transfer system occurred during core offload and it is fortuitous that the failure happened when a dummy assembly was in the fuel transfer basket. This finding is of very low safety significance because no damage to a fuel assembly actually occurred.

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Emergency Preparedness

Occupational Radiation Safety

Public Radiation Safety

Physical Protection

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

Miscellaneous

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