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3Q/2008 Plant Inspection Findings

Initiating Events

Mitigating Systems



Significance: Jun 30, 2008

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

Failure to review emergency operating procedures to determine if they were impacted by plant modification.

The inspectors identified a finding of very low safety significance and an associated Non-Cited Violation of 10 CFR 50, Appendix B, Criteria V, "Instructions, Procedures and Drawings." Licensee personnel failed to review the Unit 1 emergency operating procedures to determine if the procedures were impacted by the plant modification that removed the check valves from the essential service water (ESW) cooling water supplies to the emergency diesel generators. Consequently, the emergency operating procedures were not revised to include appropriate guidance when aligning ESW cooling to the emergency diesel generators after the modification was installed. As an interim corrective action, caution tags were placed on the control room switches utilized for aligning ESW to the emergency diesel generators to provide appropriate guidance to the operators. Licensee personnel also planned on revising the emergency operating procedures.

This finding could become a more significant safety concern if left uncorrected and therefore was more than minor. Specifically, the emergency operating procedures contained inadequate guidance that could result in opening both the normal and alternate ESW supply valves to the emergency diesel generators. Consequently, the design function of the valves to isolate one train of ESW from the other would be adversely impacted. This finding was of very low safety significance because no actual loss of safety function occurred. This finding was associated with a cross-cutting aspect in the area of problem identification and resolution regarding corrective action program. (IMC 0350, P.1(a))

Inspection Report# : [2008003](#) (*pdf*)

Significance: SL-IV Dec 31, 2007

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

Lack of Safety Evaluation for Ice Condenser Operation with Insufficient Ice Fusion time

The inspectors identified a Non-Cited Violation of 10 CFR 50.59(d)(1) associated with the licensee's failure to perform a 10 CFR 50.59 evaluation for operation of the plant with less than the design basis time allotted for ice condenser ice basket fusion. Specifically, the licensee failed to properly interpret design and licensing basis requirements associated with protection against external events (i.e., seismic) and as a result did not perform a 10 CFR 50.59 evaluation for plant operation with ice baskets that had less than the design basis time allotted for ice fusion. The licensee performed an evaluation of past operability and determined that the ice condenser would have continued to perform its pressure suppression function even with additional ice fall from the potentially unfused ice baskets.

Because this issue affected the NRC's ability to perform its regulatory function, the violation was reviewed under the traditional enforcement process; however, the underlying technical issue was evaluated using the Significance Determination Process. The violation was determined to be of more than minor significance because the inspectors could not reasonably determine that a 10 CFR 50.59 evaluation would not have ultimately required NRC prior approval. The inspectors reviewed the "Seismic, Flooding, and Severe Weather Screening Criteria" screening questions in Inspection Manual Chapter 0609, Appendix A, "Significance Determination of Reactor Inspection Findings for At-Power Situations" and determined that Question No. 3 was applicable. The violation was of very low safety significance because the finding did not involve the total loss of a safety function identified by the licensee through Probabilistic Risk Assessment, Individual Plant Examination of External Events or similar analysis, that contributes to external event initiated core damage accident sequences. The inspectors did not identify a cross-cutting area component related to this finding.

Inspection Report# : [2007006](#) (*pdf*)

Barrier Integrity

Emergency Preparedness

Significance: SL-IV Feb 22, 2008

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

Failure to properly report data associated with the Alert and Notification System (ANS) performance indicator (PI) for the second quarter of 2004 and subsequently failed to inform the NRC of the incorr

The inspectors identified an NCV of 10 CFR 50.9, "Completeness and Accuracy of Information," when licensee personnel failed to properly report data associated with the Alert and Notification System (ANS) performance indicator (PI) for the second quarter of 2004 and subsequently failed to inform the NRC of the incorrect information after it was identified during a root cause evaluation for a similar event in 2007.

The inspectors determined the finding was more than minor in accordance with IMC 0612 and the Enforcement Manual. Specifically, had the licensee properly submitted the ANS data, the PI would have been categorized as White for the second quarter of 2004; therefore the data was inaccurate in a material respect. As part of the licensee's immediate corrective actions, this issue was entered into the corrective action program. In addition, the inspectors determined that the finding had a cross-cutting aspect in the area of Human Performance since the licensee failed to evaluate and report the erroneous data due to non-conservative decision-making (H.1(b)).

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Significance: Feb 22, 2008

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: FIN Finding

Between 1984 and 2007, the licensee made significant changes to the ANS without obtaining required Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approval for the changes as required by 44 CFR 350

The inspectors identified that between 1984 and 2007, the licensee made significant changes to the ANS without obtaining required Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approval for the changes as required by 44 CFR 350, "Review and Approval of State and Local Radiological Emergency Plans and Preparedness."

The inspectors concluded that the finding was more than minor because the finding was associated with the Procedure Quality attribute of the Emergency Preparedness cornerstone and adversely impacted the cornerstone objective of ensuring the licensee was capable of implementing adequate measures to protect the health and safety of the public in the event of a radiological emergency since the licensee failed to obtain FEMA approval of significant changes to the ANS. The inspectors determined that the finding affected a Risk Significant Planning Standard (RSPS) since the finding was associated with the FEMA-approved ANS Design Report and supporting FEMA approval letter. However, because the finding did not result in the loss or significant degradation of the ANS, the finding was of very low safety significance (Green). As part of their immediate corrective actions, the licensee obtained FEMA approval for a Final ANS Design Report that addressed all of the modifications that had been made to the ANS. Due to the age of the performance deficiency, the inspectors concluded that no cross-cutting aspect was associated with the finding. No violation of NRC requirements occurred.

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Occupational Radiation Safety

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Significance: Jun 30, 2008

Identified By: Self-Revealing

Item Type: FIN Finding

Failure to effectively implement dose reducing radiological and engineering controls associated with modifications to the reactor recirculation sump strainer during U2C17.

A self-revealed finding of very low safety significance was identified for the failure to effectively implement dose reducing radiological and engineering controls consistent with maintaining occupational doses as-low-as-is-reasonably-achievable (ALARA). The failure resulted in an actual dose outcome that was not consistent with the planned, intended dose for work associated with modifications to the reactor recirculation sump strainer during Refuel Outage U2C17. Corrective actions were implemented to address organization and programmatic deficiencies, as well as capturing lessons learned to support the detailed planning necessary for the installation of the modification on Unit 1.

The finding was more than minor because it was associated with the Occupational Radiation Safety Cornerstone attribute of ALARA planning/dose projection, and affected the cornerstone objective of programs and processes for ensuring adequate protection of worker health and safety from exposure to radiation, in that, ineffective work control and ALARA planning deficiencies contributed to an actual increase in worker doses in excess of five person-rem and exceeded the licensee's initial intended dose estimates by more than 50 percent. This finding

was of very low safety significance because it did not involve: (1) an overexposure; (2) a substantial potential for an overexposure; or (3) an impaired ability to assess dose. It did involve ALARA planning and controls; however, the 3-year rolling average for DC Cook Plant is less than SDP threshold of 135-person-rem for Pressurized Water Reactors. The finding was determined to be associated with a cross-cutting aspect in the area of human performance regarding work controls (IMC 0305 H.3(a)).

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Public Radiation Safety

Physical Protection

Although the NRC is actively overseeing the Security cornerstone, the Commission has decided that certain findings pertaining to security cornerstone will not be publicly available to ensure that potentially useful information is not provided to a possible adversary. Therefore, the [cover letters](#) to security inspection reports may be viewed.

Miscellaneous

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