

Farley 1

4Q/2008 Plant Inspection Findings

Initiating Events

Mitigating Systems

Significance: **W** Aug 01, 2008

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: AV Apparent Violation

Inadequate Work Instructions Cause 1B EDG Exhaust Header Failure.

A self-revealing finding and Apparent Violation of Technical Specification 5.4.1 was identified for inadequate work instructions which resulted in the 1B Emergency Diesel Generator (EDG) exhaust header not being installed in accordance with the vendor's instructions. Subsequently, the 1B EDG exhaust header failed during a surveillance test. No immediate safety concern exists because the exhaust header has been repaired and the 1B EDG was returned to service. In addition, the exhaust header replacement had not been implemented on the remaining EDGs.

The failure to provide adequate work instructions for installing the 1B EDG exhaust header is a performance deficiency. This finding is more than minor because it was associated with the equipment performance attribute of the Mitigating Systems cornerstone objective of ensuring availability, reliability, and capability of systems that respond to initiating events to prevent undesirable consequences. In addition the 1B EDG exhaust header failure potentially affected the ability of the 1B EDG to meet its mission time. This finding was assessed using the applicable SDP and determined to White because there was a calculated risk increase over the base case between 1E-5 and 1E-6. The dominant accident sequence is a series of failures which results in a reactor coolant pump seal loss-of-coolant accident that cannot be mitigated leading to core damage. The exposure time assumed in the attached SDP analysis was one-half the period from February 10 to March 13 plus approximately 60 hours repair time for the exhaust header.

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Inspection Report# : [2008012](#) (*pdf*)

Inspection Report# : [2008013](#) (*pdf*)

Significance: **G** Apr 04, 2008

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

Fire Procedure Credits Unreliable Indication

The team identified a non-cited violation of Technical Specification 5.4.1, Procedures, in that Units 1 and 2 post-fire safe shutdown abnormal operating procedures AOP 28.1, Fire or Inadvertent Fire Protection System Actuation in the Cable Spreading Room, and AOP 28.2, Fire in the Control Room, credited diagnostic instrumentation that would have been potentially unreliable due to fire damage from a postulated fire in the control room or cable spreading room. The finding was entered into the licensee's corrective action program as Condition Report 2005103665.

This issue is a performance deficiency because the safe shutdown procedure relies on an indication which was not protected from fire damage. The finding is more than minor because it is associated with the procedure quality attribute of the Mitigating Systems cornerstone and it affected the cornerstone objective of ensuring the availability, reliability, and capability of systems that respond to initiating events to prevent undesirable consequences. The inspectors assessed the finding using Inspection Manual Chapter 0609, Appendix F, "Fire Protection Significance Determination Process." The finding was assigned a low degradation rating because it was determined to be a minor procedural deficiency that is compensated by operator experience or familiarity. Because the finding was assigned a low degradation rating, the team determined that this finding was of very low safety significance (Green).

Inspection Report# : [2008006](#) (pdf)

Significance:  Mar 30, 2008

Identified By: Self-Revealing

Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

Failure of CCW 4160 Circuit Breaker to Operate When Demanded Due to Ineffective Corrective Actions

A self-revealing Green NCV of 10 CFR 50 Appendix B, Criterion XVI was identified for inadequate corrective actions which resulted in the 1C CCW Pump's circuit breaker failing to operate when required. The combination of inadequate tolerances, manipulation of the breaker foot pedal, and the interlock plunger being bound in the interlock bar resulted in the circuit breaker experiencing a trip free operation during its demanded closing operation. During the time the 1C CCW Pump was inoperable, the 1A CCW Pump would not have restarted during LOSP or SI conditions due to a latent failure of its circuit breaker. Thus, a loss of safety function existed for approximately seven hours and fifteen minutes. Because the latent failure of the 1A CCW pump was not a trendable or foreseeable failure, no performance deficiency was identified. The NRC reviewed both breaker failures for a common performance deficiency and none was identified. This finding has been entered into the licensee's CAP as CR 2007108601.

The licensee's failure to ensure the interlock plunger was correctly aligned to allow proper operation of the 4160 volt 1C CCW pump circuit breaker is a performance deficiency. This finding is more than minor because it affected the equipment reliability attribute of the Mitigating Systems cornerstone. The cornerstone objective of ensuring the availability, reliability, and capability of systems responding to initiating events to prevent undesirable consequences was not met. The NRC performed a Phase 3 Significance Determination of the performance deficiency and concluded the finding was of very low safety significance.

Inspection Report# : [2008002](#) (pdf)

Significance:  Mar 30, 2008

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

Failure to Prevent the Installation of a Nonconforming Breaker into the Cubicle for the 1C CCW Pump

The NRC identified a Green NCV of 10 CFR 50 Appendix B, Criterion XV for failing to properly control nonconforming components resulting in the installation of a 4160 volt breaker for the Unit 1 1C CCW pump with a stop bolt gap dimension not meeting vendor and station maintenance acceptance criteria. This finding has been entered into the licensee's CAP as CRs 2007108654 and 2008101720.

Failure to control components not conforming to requirements in order to prevent their inadvertent use or installation in safety-related applications is a performance deficiency. The NRC determined this finding was more than minor because it was associated with the equipment performance attribute of the Mitigating Systems cornerstone and adversely affected the cornerstone objective. Specifically, installation of a breaker not meeting vendor or station acceptance criteria challenged the reliability of the 1C CCW pump. Because the finding did not result in a loss of operability or safety function and the finding did not screen as potentially risk significant due to a seismic, flooding, or severe weather initiating event, the NRC concluded the finding was of very low safety significance (Green). A human performance cross-cutting aspect was identified regarding effectively communicating expectations for procedural compliance and personnel following procedures (H4(b)).

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Barrier Integrity

Emergency Preparedness

Occupational Radiation Safety

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

Significance: N/A Dec 19, 2008

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: FIN Finding

PI&R Summary

The inspectors identified that the licensee was effective at identifying problems and putting them into the corrective action program (CAP). The licensee's effectiveness at problem identification was evidenced by a CR generation rate of approximately 1000 per month. However, the inspectors identified two examples of delayed identification. The licensee effectively used risk in prioritizing the extent to which individual problems would be evaluated and in establishing schedules for implementing corrective actions. However, the inspectors identified two examples where errors were made in risk evaluation. Licensee assessments were found to be effective. Assessment results adequately identified problems.

Operating experience usage was found to be effective. Operating experience had been integrated into the licensee's processes for managing work and plant operations. However, the licensee had not been periodically reviewing the Part 21 Notices provided on the NRC public web site. On the basis of interviews conducted during the inspection, workers at the site felt free to input safety findings into the CAP.

The corrective actions implemented and planned, to address the issues identified during the 2008 supplemental IP 95002 and IP 95001 inspections were appropriately targeted. The licensee's response to pipe wall thinning and valve replacement in the Service Water System has been commensurate with safety significance.

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Significance: N/A Aug 24, 2007

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: FIN Finding

Biennial Identification and Resolution of Problems Inspection Results

One finding of very low safety significance (Green) was identified. The licensee was generally effective in identifying problems at a low threshold and entering them into the corrective action program. The licensee properly prioritized issues entered into the corrective action program (CAP) and routinely performed evaluations that were technically accurate and of sufficient depth to address the issue documented in the condition reports (CRs). Overall, corrective actions were effective; however, minor examples of inadequate condition report broadness reviews and documentation

issues related to the closure of action items were identified. In general, operating experience was found to be used both proactively and reactively by personnel involved in the corrective action program; however, an example of industry operating experience was identified in which the licensee did not completely develop interim compensatory measures for a condition to which Farley was vulnerable. The licensee's programmatic self-assessments and audits were generally effective in identifying weaknesses in the corrective action program; however, a missed opportunity in the trending of issues which could result in adverse effects on safety-related plant components was identified. The inspectors also concluded that the workers at Farley felt free to report safety concerns.

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