

Byron 2

4Q/2012 Plant Inspection Findings

Initiating Events

Significance: G Mar 31, 2012

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

Structural Steel Beam Missing Fireproofing Materials

The inspectors identified a finding of very low safety significance (Green) and an associated NCV of Byron Operating License Condition 2.E when fireproofing material on a structural beam in the 2A Safety Injection (SI) Pump Room was identified as missing. As part of their immediate corrective actions, the licensee implemented compensatory measures that included hourly fire watches until fireproofing of the steel beam was subsequently completed.

Inspection Report# : [2012002](#) (*pdf*)

Mitigating Systems

Significance: G Jun 15, 2012

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Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

Non-Conforming 480/120 Vac Motor Control Contactors

The inspectors identified a finding of very low safety significance and associated Non-Cited Violation of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion III, "Design Control," for the failure to ensure qualified components were installed in the plant. Specifically, purchase orders did not specify the minimum pickup voltage for NEMA Size 1 through Size 4 safety-related motor-control contactors such that the installed contactors were not rated to function at the design basis minimum voltage. The licensee entered the issue into their corrective action program and based on a sample testing of contactors demonstrated there was adequate margin between the highest found minimum-pickup voltage and the design basis pickup voltage.

The performance deficiency was determined to be more than minor because it was associated with the Mitigating System Cornerstone attribute of Design Control, and affected the cornerstone objective of ensuring the availability, reliability, and capability of systems that respond to initiating events to prevent undesirable consequences. Specifically, having installed contactors that may not function under degraded voltage conditions could affect the operability of multiple safety-related structures, systems and components during an event. The finding screened as of very low safety significance (Green) because the finding involved a design or qualification deficiency that did not result in a loss of operability. The inspectors did not identify a cross-cutting aspect associated with this finding because the finding was not representative of current performance.

Inspection Report# : [2012007](#) (*pdf*)

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Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

Failure to Verify the CCW System Capability to Withstand a Thermal Barrier Break

The inspectors identified a finding of very low safety significance and associated Non-Cited Violation of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion III, "Design Control," for the failure to ensure the component cooling water (CCW) system was capable of withstanding a reactor coolant pump thermal barrier break. Specifically, when assuming a single

failure of the automatic isolation function, the licensee failed to evaluate the break effect on the CCW system during the 3 minutes postulated to isolate the leak. The licensee entered the issue into their corrective action program; verified the CCW system would be able to withstand the postulated event, and planned to perform a detailed evaluation of the effect of a thermal barrier break on the CCW system.

The performance deficiency was determined to be more than minor because it was associated with the Mitigating Systems Cornerstone attribute of Design Control and objective of ensuring the capability of the system to respond to an initiating event to prevent undesirable consequences. Specifically, the failure to evaluate the effect of the thermal barrier rupture on the CCW system created reasonable doubt whether the system would be capable of withstanding the applied forces of this event. The finding screened as very low safety significance (Green) because the design deficiency did not result in a loss of operability or functionality. The inspectors did not identify a cross-cutting aspect associated with this finding because the finding was not representative of current performance.

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Significance:  Jun 15, 2012

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Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

Non-Conservative Calibration Tolerance Limits for Electrical Relay Settings

The inspectors identified a finding of very low safety significance and associated Non-Cited Violation of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion III, "Design Control," for the failure to specify in a design calculation the allowable relay setpoint calibration tolerances. Specifically, the acceptance criteria used in relay setting calibration procedures was not bounded by the relay setting design calculations. The licensee entered this finding into their corrective action program and verified the calibrated relay settings would still provide adequate electrical protection coordination capability.

The performance deficiency was determined to be more than minor because it was associated with the Mitigating Systems Cornerstone attribute of Equipment Performance, and affected the cornerstone objective of ensuring the availability, reliability, and capability of systems that respond to initiating events to prevent undesirable consequences. Specifically, the failure to adequately evaluate the design requirements of the relay settings could have resulted in a loss-of-relay coordination and could allow a fault on one piece of equipment to propagate to other safety-related equipment outside the designed isolation boundary. The finding screened as very low safety significance (Green) because the finding was design deficiency confirmed not to result in a loss of operability or functionality. The inspectors did not identify a cross-cutting aspect associated with this finding because the finding was not representative of current performance.

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Significance:  Jun 15, 2012

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Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

Design Analyses Did Not Adequately Address Potential Flooding of the Auxiliary Building

The inspectors identified a finding of very low safety significance and associated Non-Cited Violation of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion III, "Design Control," for the failure to adequately analyze potential design basis internal flooding events in the auxiliary building. Specifically, the licensee's analysis did not account for the possible single failure of an essential service water motor-operated isolation valve or its associated power supply, which would have prevented break isolation within 30 minutes. The licensee entered the issue into their corrective action program; verified essential service water piping in the auxiliary building would meet the "crack exclusion" pipe stress criteria, and planned to the revise the flooding analysis.

The performance deficiency was determined to be more than minor because it was associated with the Mitigating Systems Cornerstone attribute of Design Control and objective of ensuring the capability of the system to respond to an initiating event to prevent undesirable consequences. Specifically, the failure to adequately analyze potential design basis internal flooding events in the auxiliary building would affect the capability of safety-related equipment to withstand the postulated event. The finding screened as very low safety significance (Green) because the design

deficiency did not result in a loss of operability or functionality. The inspectors did not identify a cross-cutting aspect associated with this finding because the finding was not representative of current performance.

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Incomplete Component Cooling Water System and Essential Service Water System Code Examinations

The inspectors identified a finding of very low safety significance and an associated NCV of 10 CFR 50.55a(g)(4) when licensee personnel failed to perform system leakage testing in a timely manner as required by Section XI of the ASME Code following modification activities that added piping and associated welds between Unit 1 and Unit 2 CC and SX systems. The licensee performed the required leakage tests which were all found to be acceptable.

Inspection Report# : [2012002](#) (pdf)

Significance:  Mar 31, 2012

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

Failure to Control the Operating Status of Eight New Valves Affecting Two Safety Related Systems

The inspectors identified a finding of very low safety significance and an associated NCV of 10 CFR Part 50, App B, Criterion XIV, "Inspection, Test, and Operating Status," when licensee personnel failed to control the operating status of eight manual isolation valves that were installed as part of a modification. The licensee placed temporary identification tags on the valves and initiated a clearance order to control the position of these valves.

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Barrier Integrity

Significance:  Dec 31, 2012

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

FAILURE TO SUBMIT A 10 CFR 50.73(A)(2)(V) REPORT FOR INOPERABLE CONTAINMENT AREA RADIATION MONITORS

The inspectors identified a Severity Level IV NCV of 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(v) when licensee personnel failed to report a condition that resulted in a loss of safety function when both containment area radiation monitors were declared inoperable. Specifically, on May 24, 2011, the licensee identified that when reducing reactor power with the isolation setpoints for containment area radiation monitors 1/2AR11J and 1/2AR12J constant and background radiation levels decreasing, the TS setpoint limit for containment area radiation monitors were exceeded and could have prevented the fulfillment of a safety function to automatically isolate containment. The inspectors determined that although this condition represented a loss of safety function in accordance with the 10 CFR 50.73 reporting requirements and NUREG-1022, "Event Reporting Guidelines: 10 CFR 50.72 and 10 CFR 50.73," Revision 2, the condition was not reported as required. This issue was entered into the licensee's CAP as IR 1463675. Corrective actions included an action to report this event in accordance with NRC requirements.

Inspection Report# : [2012005](#) (pdf)

Significance:  Jun 15, 2012

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

Failure to Provide Means to Detect Leak in Emergency Core Cooling Flow Path

The inspectors identified a finding of very low safety significance and associated Non-Cited Violation of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion III, "Design Control," for the failure to provide a means to detect and isolate a leak in the

emergency core cooling flow path within 30 minutes, which was contrary to the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report. Specifically, the licensee failed to provide a means to detect and isolate a leak within 30 minutes in that neither sump alarms nor radiation monitors were provided for the safety injection pump rooms. The licensee entered the issue into their corrective action program and planned to evaluate options for modifications to address detection of emergency core cooling system leakage.

The performance deficiency was determined to be more than minor because it was associated with the Barrier Integrity cornerstone attribute of Design Control and affected the cornerstone objective of providing reasonable assurance that physical design barriers protect the public from radionuclide releases caused by accidents or events. Specifically, the failure to provide a means to detect and isolate a leak in the emergency core cooling flow path within 30 minutes could result in a delayed isolation of such a leak after an accident and result in a greater radionuclide release to the auxiliary building and the environment. The finding screened as very low safety significance (Green) because the finding did not represent an actual open pathway in the physical integrity of reactor containment. The inspectors did not identify a cross-cutting aspect associated with this finding because the finding was not representative of current performance.

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Emergency Preparedness

Occupational Radiation Safety

Public Radiation Safety

Security

Although the Security Cornerstone is included in the Reactor Oversight Process assessment program, the Commission has decided that specific information related to findings and performance indicators pertaining to the Security Cornerstone will not be publicly available to ensure that security information is not provided to a possible adversary. Other than the fact that a finding or performance indicator is Green or Greater-Than-Green, security related information will not be displayed on the public web page. Therefore, the [cover letters](#) to security inspection reports may be viewed.

Miscellaneous

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