

Saint Lucie 2 1Q/2013 Plant Inspection Findings

Initiating Events

Significance: G Apr 20, 2012

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

Failure to correct a LPSI pump design deficiency

An NRC-identified Green NCV of 10 CFR Part 50 Appendix B, Criterion XVI, Corrective Actions was identified for the licensee's failure to correct an identified condition adverse to quality associated with Low Pressure Safety Injection (LPSI) pump casing distortion. Specifically, the licensee failed to implement corrective actions to address an identified LPSI pump design deficiency, which resulted in failure of the 2A LPSI pump in March 2009. This issue was documented in the licensee's corrective action program as condition report 2009-16124.

This finding was more than minor because it was associated with the equipment reliability attribute of the Mitigating Cornerstone and it adversely affected the associated cornerstone objective of ensuring the availability, reliability, and capability of systems that respond to initiating events to prevent undesirable consequences (i.e., core damage). Specifically, the failure to correct the LPSI pump design deficiency impacts the availability, reliability, and capability of the LPSI system to respond to plant events. In accordance with NRC Inspection Manual Chapter 0609.04, Significant Determination Process – Phase 1 screening, the finding was determined to be of very low safety significance (Green) because the finding did not result in a loss of system safety function or a loss of safety function of a single train for greater than allowed Technical Specification allowed outage time. The finding did not represent an actual loss of safety function for greater than its technical specification allowed outage time.

The finding had a cross-cutting aspect in the area of work practices, resources because the licensee failed to ensure that equipment is available and adequate to assure nuclear safety. Specifically, the licensee failed to maintain long term plant safety by minimizing longstanding LPSI pump design issues. [H.2(a)] (Section 4OA2.a(3)(ii))

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

Mitigating Systems

Significance: G Mar 31, 2013

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

Failure to Ensure Reactor Auxiliary Building Penetrations were Adequately Flood Protected

A Green NRC identified non-cited violation of 10 CFR 50, Appendix B, Criterion III, Design Control, was identified for the licensee's failure to ensure that all below grade Unit 1 and 2 reactor auxiliary building penetrations were adequately sealed as required by the licensee's design basis. The missing and degraded penetration seals were found during licensee inspections performed in response to a letter from the NRC to licensees, entitled Request for Information Pursuant to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations 50.54(f) Regarding Recommendations 2.1, 2.3, and 9.3, of the Near-Term Task Force Review of Insights from the Fukushima Dai-ichi Accident, dated March 12,

2012 (ML12053A340). Corrective actions completed included restoring the degraded or missing seals to design basis requirements. The performance deficiency was determined to be more than minor because it affected the protection against external factors attribute of the mitigating system cornerstone, and affected the cornerstone objective of ensuring availability, reliability, and capability of systems that respond to initiating events. Using Manual Chapter 0609.04, Initial Characterization of Findings, Table 2, dated June 19, 2012, the finding was determined to affect an external event mitigation system and affected the mitigating system cornerstone. Although the finding existed with the units at power and during shutdown conditions since original plant construction, the risk was assessed using Manual Chapter 0609 Appendix G, Attachment 1 Shutdown Operations Significance Determination Process Phase 1 Operational Checklists for both PWR's and BWR's dated May 25, 2004 using Checklists 1 through 4. Appendix G was utilized since both units would have been shutdown prior to the probable maximum hurricane (PMH) event and associated external flood. Due to the accuracy of weather forecasting, there would be several days for the licensee to prepare for a PMH. The inspectors reviewed the finding with the regional senior reactor analyst and determined that the licensee would have adequate time to ensure that the mitigating capability of core heat removal, inventory control, emergency AC power, containment control, or reactivity control systems would have been available prior to the PMH affecting the site. The finding screened as Green because none of the attributes in the checklists were adversely impacted. No cross cutting aspects were assigned to the finding. The finding does not represent current licensee performance because the degraded and missing penetration seals have existed since original construction of the plant. Inspection Report# : [2013002](#) (*pdf*)

Significance:  Mar 31, 2013

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

Failure to Promptly Identify and Correct a Condition Adverse to Quality for Alignment of the Safety-Related Refueling Water Tank to a Non-Seismic Spent Fuel Pool Purification system

A Green NRC identified non-cited violation of 10 CFR 50, Appendix B, Criterion XVI, Corrective Action, was identified for the failure to promptly identify and correct a condition adverse to quality (CAQ) involving alignment of the safety-related refueling water tank (RWT) to a non-seismic spent fuel pool (SFP) purification system. Corrective actions included implementing administrative actions to preclude this alignment when the RWT is required to be operable. The finding was more than minor because it affected the configuration control attribute of the mitigating systems cornerstone 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 alignment of the safety-related RWT to the non-seismic SFP purification system created a CAQ and rendered the RWT inoperable for greater than its allowed outage time. The inspectors evaluated the finding in accordance with NRC Inspection Manual Chapter 0609, Significant Determination Process, Attachment 4 and Appendix A and determined that the finding required a phase 3 evaluation by a senior reactor analyst. The analyst calculated the change in conditional core damage probability (CCDP) due to the postulated loss of the RWT during an event, multiplied by the frequency of a seismic event that could require the use of the RWT (e.g., loss of coolant accident) and applied an exposure time factor (4 days/7 days). The dominant sequence was a steam generator tube rupture which proceeds to core damage due to a lack of high or low pressure injection water supply. The risk was mitigated by the low probability of a seismic event. The analysis determined that the risk increase of the performance deficiency was an increase in large early release frequency less than 1E-7/year which is a GREEN finding of very low safety significance. The cause of the finding involved the cross-cutting area of problem identification and resolution, the component of corrective action program, and the aspect of complete and thorough evaluation, P.1(c); because the licensee failed to properly evaluate for operability the practice of aligning a seismically qualified RWT to a non-seismic purification system.

Inspection Report# : [2013002](#) (*pdf*)

Significance:  Dec 31, 2012

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

Failure to follow seismic restraining procedures on ladders located near safety-related equipment

An NRC identified non-cited violation (NCV) of Technical Specification 6.8.1, was identified which requires that written procedures be established, implemented, and maintained covering activities referenced in NRC Regulatory Guide 1.33, Revision 2, dated February 1978. The licensee's procedures for seismic restraint of ladders: MA-AA-100-1008, Station Housekeeping and Material Control; QI-13-PSL, Housekeeping and Cleanliness Controls Methods St. Lucie Plant; ADM-04.02, Industrial Safety Program; and ADM-27.11, Scaffold Control, were not implemented as written on ladders that were installed near safety-related equipment. The inspectors identified four examples of ladders not seismically restrained in accordance with the licensee's procedures. During the licensee's extent of condition review, 24 additional examples of ladders not in compliance with procedure requirements were identified. The licensee's repeated failure to comply with procedures to seismically restrain ladders was a performance deficiency. Immediate corrective actions included completing a site-wide walkdown of the safety-related systems to identify and bring into procedural compliance any ladders that were not seismically restrained. The licensee entered this violation into the corrective action program as action request 1829233.

The performance deficiency was determined to have more than minor significance because if left uncorrected, the failure to comply with station procedures to ensure adequate restraining of seismically controlled ladders, could lead to a more significant safety concern. Specifically, seismically unrestrained ladders could impact safety-related equipment during a design basis seismic event. The inspectors evaluated the risk of this finding using Manual Chapter 0609 Appendix A, Significance Determination Process for Findings At-Power, Exhibit 2- Mitigating Systems Screening questions. The inspectors determined that the finding was of very low safety significance because it did not require a quantitative assessment as determined in Exhibit 2. The finding involved the cross-cutting area of human performance, in the component of resources and the aspect of complete and accurate procedures (H.2.c) in that, the licensee failed to ensure complete, accurate, and up-to-date procedures were available for licensee personnel to ensure ladders were restrained to prevent seismic interaction with safety-related systems during a design basis seismic event. (Section 40A2.2)

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

Significance:  Dec 18, 2012

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

Inadequate Procedure for Severe Weather Mitigation

The team identified a non-cited violation of Technical Specification 6.8, "Procedures and Programs," for an inadequate technical specification required procedure to combat a loss of feedwater or feedwater system failure. Abnormal operating procedure 1-AOP-09.02, "Auxiliary Feedwater," Attachment 5, "Supplying Unit 1 AFW Pumps from the Unit 2 CST," could not be performed as written with respect to ensuring the availability of the Auxiliary Feedwater (AFW) pumps. The licensee promptly issued a standing night order to ensure that the AFW pumps would remain available and initiated action requests 1816711 and 1826000. The licensee has subsequently modified the procedure to rectify the issue.

The licensee's failure to provide an adequate procedure to mitigate a design basis event was a performance deficiency. The performance deficiency affected the Mitigating Systems Cornerstone objective to ensure the availability, reliability and capability of systems that respond to initiating events to prevent undesirable consequences. Specifically, procedure 1-AOP-09.02, secured all suction sources to the AFW pumps without ensuring that the motor driven auxiliary feedwater (MDAFW) pumps would not auto start if an auxiliary feedwater actuation signal was received. The performance deficiency was determined to have more than minor safety significance because if left uncorrected, the failure of the MDAFW pumps could lead to a more significant safety concern as a result of the plant not being able to sustain short-term decay heat removal under specific conditions. The procedure steps created a condition that could have resulted in the inoperability of both MDAFW pumps. In accordance with NRC Inspection Manual Chapter 0609.04, "Initial Screening and Characterization of Findings," the team determined that a detailed

risk evaluation was required because the finding screened as potentially risk-significant due to a severe weather initiating event. A bounding Significance Determination Process Phase 3 analysis was performed by a regional senior risk analyst which determined the performance deficiency was a Green finding of very low safety significance. The inspectors determined that no cross cutting aspect was applicable to this performance deficiency because this finding was not indicative of current licensee performance.

Inspection Report# : [2012008](#) (*pdf*)

Barrier Integrity

Emergency Preparedness

Occupational Radiation Safety

Public Radiation Safety

Significance:  Sep 30, 2012

Identified By: Self-Revealing

Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

Failure to ship radioactive material in accordance with DOT regulations

A self-revealing, Green non-cited violation (NCV) of 10 CFR 71.5 was identified for the licensee's failure to ship radioactive material in accordance with Department of Transportation (DOT) requirements as specified in 49 CFR Parts 171-180. Specifically, upon receipt at its destination, a radioactive shipment classified as an "excepted package for limited quantities" was found to have external surface package dose rates exceeding the limit of 0.5 millirem per hour (mrem/h) as specified in 49 CFR 173.421(a)(2). The package recipient identified a maximum dose rate of 3.95 mrem/h on the exterior surface of the package and notified the licensee of the discrepancy. The licensee entered the event into their corrective action program as Action Request (AR)-01628106.

The performance deficiency was more than minor because it was associated with the "Program & Process Procedures" attribute (DOT package limits) of the Public Radiation Safety Cornerstone. The inspectors determined the cornerstone's objective was adversely affected based on the fact that shipment of radioactive material in excess of DOT limits in the public domain is contrary to NRC and DOT regulations. Assurance that the public will not receive unnecessary dose is decreased if packages are not prepared so that dose rates in accessible areas remain below regulatory limits during transit. The finding is of very low safety significance (Green) because there was little to no risk to members of the public.

This finding involved the cross-cutting area of Human Performance with the aspect of conservative decision-making, in that the licensee assumptions failed to ensure that equipment packaged for shipment would not exceed DOT limits during transport. [H.1(b)] (Section 2RS8)

Inspection Report# : [2012004](#) (*pdf*)

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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