

Catawba 2 4Q/2014 Plant Inspection Findings

Initiating Events

Mitigating Systems

Significance: G Sep 30, 2014

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

Failure to Implement Fire Impairment Requirements for a Degraded Committed Fire Barrier

Green: An NRC-identified non-cited violation (NCV) of the Unit 2 Facility Operating License, Condition 2.C.5, Fire Protection Program, was identified for failure to implement and maintain all provisions of the approved fire protection program. The inspectors identified a degraded committed fire barrier that was not evaluated as a fire impairment.

The inspectors determined the failure to perform the required fire impairment actions was a performance deficiency (PD). The PD was more than minor because it was associated with the Mitigating System Cornerstone attribute of Protection against External Factors (fire) and adversely affected the cornerstone objective in that there was no reasonable assurance the degraded fire barrier would fulfill its designed 3-hour fire rating. The inspectors determined the finding was determined to be of very low safety significance (Green) because a fully functioning automatic suppression system on either side of the barrier was in place. This finding had a cross-cutting aspect of identification (P.1), as described in the Problem Identification and Resolution cross-cutting area as the licensee failed to enter the damaged fire barrier into their corrective action program which prevented the appropriate fire protection program reviews and compensatory actions.

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Barrier Integrity

Emergency Preparedness

Occupational Radiation Safety

Public Radiation Safety

Security

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Miscellaneous

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