

Point Beach 1

2Q/2016 Plant Inspection Findings

Initiating Events

Significance: G Jun 30, 2016

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

Failure to Perform Required Fire Watches in Areas Containing Transient Combustibles

A finding of very low safety significance and associated NCV of license condition 4.F was identified by the inspectors for the licensee's failure to conduct required fire watch inspections in accordance with the licensee's Fire Protection Program requirements. Specifically, while conducting fire protection walkdowns of both unit's residual heat removal (RHR) pipeway and heat exchanger rooms, the inspectors discovered numerous transient combustible items in areas that the licensee had controlled using tamper seals on the entrances in lieu of physical entry. The licensee's corrective actions included documenting and quantifying the removal of the items from the zones and additional actions to perform additional evaluation of the fire zones.

The finding was determined to be more than minor because the failure to conduct the required fire watch inspections was associated with the Initiating Events cornerstone attribute of Protection Against External Events (Fire) and affected the cornerstone objective of preventing undesirable consequences (i.e., core damage). Specifically, the failure to conduct the required fire watch inspections or meet the alternate measures specified by the licensee's engineers, allowed unanalyzed transient combustibles and ignition sources to be present in fire zones that contained both trains of both unit's RHR pumps, heat exchangers and associated equipment. The inspectors determined the finding could be evaluated in accordance with IMC 0609, "Significance Determination Process," Attachment 0609.04, "Initial Characterization of Findings," Table 2, the inspectors determined the finding affected the Mitigating Systems cornerstone. The finding degraded fire protection defense-in-depth strategies, and the inspectors determined, using Table 3, that it could be evaluated using Appendix F, "Fire Protection Significance Determination Process." The inspectors screened the issue under the Phase 1 Screening Question 1.3.1-A, and determined that determined that the finding was of very low safety significance (Green), because the inspectors determined that the impact of a fire would not prevent either reactor from reaching and maintaining safe shutdown (hot). This finding has a cross-cutting aspect of Bases for Decisions (H.10), in the area of human performance, because the licensee's leadership did not ensure that the bases for operational and organizational decisions are communicated in a timely manner. Specifically, the licensee did not periodically verify the understanding of the individuals assigned to fire watches, in particular, that the relief from physical entry and application of a tamper seal required a thorough tour of the zones following any entry into those fire zones.

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Significance: G Jun 30, 2016

Identified By: Self-Revealing

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

Incorrectly Wiring Causes Transformer Lockout

A finding of very low safety significance and associated NCV's of TS 3.8.1, "AC Sources Operating" and TS 3.8.2, "AC Sources Shutdown," were self revealed for the licensee's failure to follow procedure RMP 9056-9B, "1X-03, Protective Relay Calibration and Testing." Specifically, a wiring error in the 1X-03 connection box, which occurred in 2013, caused the 1X-03 transformer's differential protection circuitry to lockout the transformer at current levels below the design protection values. The licensee's corrective actions included correcting the improper wiring in the

1X-03 connection box and evaluating other work performed by the same vendor during that timeframe. The inspectors determined that the finding was more than minor because it was associated with the Initiating Events cornerstone attribute of Equipment Performance and affected the cornerstone objective of limiting the likelihood of events that upset plant stability and challenge critical safety functions during shutdown as well as power operations. Specifically, the lockout of 1X-03 caused a loss of one of the licensee's offsite power lines and also caused a loss of power to multiple station battery chargers placing Unit 2 into limiting condition for operation (LCO) 3.0.3. The inspectors determined the finding could be evaluated using the SDP in accordance with IMC 0609, "Significance Determination Process," Attachment 0609.04, "Initial Characterization of Findings," dated June 19, 2012, and Appendix A, "The Significance Determination Process for Findings At-Power," Exhibit 1, Initiating Events Screening Questions, dated June 19, 2012. The inspectors answered "Yes" to the Support System Initiators question; therefore, a Detailed Risk Evaluation was required. Based on the conclusions in the Detailed Risk Evaluation, the SRA determined that the finding was of very low safety significance (Green). This finding has a cross-cutting aspect of Avoid Complacency (H.12), in the area of Human Performance, for failing to implement appropriate error reduction tools. Specifically, the incorrectly performed procedure step, in RMP 9056-9B, clearly specified which terminal point to land the wires on, the terminal points were clearly labeled, and the step required a concurrent verification; however, even with those barriers in place, the task performers still landed the wires on the wrong location.

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Mitigating Systems

Significance:  Jun 30, 2016

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

Submerged Safety-Related Emergency Diesel Generator Fuel Oil Transfer Pump Cables

A finding of very low safety significance and associated NCV of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion III, "Design Control," was identified by the inspectors, for the failure to maintain emergency diesel generator (EDG) fuel oil transfer pump safety-related cables in an environment for which they were designed. Specifically, the licensee allowed the safety-related cables to be submerged in water, which was outside of their design, in manhole Z-066B. The licensee's corrective actions included pumping the water out of the manholes, repairing the failed sump pump, level switch, and alarm circuit; and performing an engineering evaluation to quantify the level of degradation as a result of the submergence.

The performance deficiency was determined to be more than minor because the finding 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. The inspectors determined the finding could be evaluated using the SDP in accordance with IMC 0609, "Significance Determination Process," Attachment 0609.04, "Initial Characterization of Findings," issued on June 19, 2012. Specifically, the inspectors used IMC 0609 Appendix A "SDP for Findings At-Power," issued June 19, 2012, Exhibit 2, "Mitigating Systems Screening Questions" to screen the finding. The finding screened as of very low safety significance (Green) because the inspectors answered "Yes" to the question "does the SSC maintain its operability or functionality." Specifically, the submergence of the G-01 and G-02 EDG fuel oil transfer pump cables did not render the transfer pumps inoperable. This finding has a cross-cutting aspect Evaluation (P.2) in the area of problem identification and resolution, because the licensee did not thoroughly evaluate problems to ensure that resolutions address causes and extent of conditions, commensurate with their safety significance. Specifically the licensee failed to thoroughly investigate and prioritize the failure of the manhole alarm and pumping system according to the safety significance of the cables contained within the manholes which led to prolonged and unevaluated submergence of the cables.

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Significance: G Dec 31, 2015

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

Failure to Follow Fire Protection Program Requirements for Care, Use and Maintenance of Fire Hose

The inspectors identified a finding of very low safety significance and associated Non-Cited Violation of license condition 4.F for the licensee's failure to have procedures or instructions to prevent firefighting booster hoses from being kinked and/or twisted on hose reels. Specifically, booster hoses were installed on hose reels in both unit's containments and in the turbine building (TB), which were twisted and kinked. The licensee's corrective actions included rewinding hoses in the Unit 2 containment, four hoses in the TB, and creating compensatory measures for hose reels for the Unit 1 containment.

The finding was determined to be more than minor because it was associated with the Mitigating Systems Cornerstone attribute of Protection Against External Events (Fire) and affected the cornerstone objective of ensuring the availability, reliability, and capability of systems that respond to initiating events. Specifically, the licensee failed to ensure that activities such as inspection, testing, and maintenance of fire protection systems were prescribed and accomplished in accordance with documented instructions, procedures, and drawings. In accordance with IMC 0609, "Significance Determination Process," Attachment 0609.04, "Initial Characterization of Findings," Table 2, the inspectors determined the finding affected the Mitigating Systems cornerstone. The finding degraded fire protection defense-in-depth strategies, and the inspectors determined, using Table 3, that it could be evaluated using Appendix F, "Fire Protection Significance Determination Process." The inspectors screened the issue to Green under the Phase 1 Screening Question 1.3.1-A, because the inspectors determined that the impact of a fire would be limited to one train/division of equipment for the affected fire areas and at least one credited safe shutdown path would be unaffected. This finding has a cross-cutting aspect of Training (H.9), in the area of human performance, because the licensee did not provide training and ensure knowledge transfer to maintain a knowledgeable, technically competent workforce, and instill nuclear safety values. Specifically, the inspectors determined that operations personnel were not adequately trained to recognize deficiencies associated with firefighting equipment standards, such as kinked and twisted hoses on hose reels, and subsequently failed to initiate actions to remedy such conditions.

Inspection Report# : [2015004](#) (*pdf*)

Significance: G Sep 30, 2015

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: FIN Finding

Incomplete Functionality Assessment for Flooding in the Diesel Generator Building

The inspectors identified a finding of very low safety significance for the licensee's failure to follow procedure EN AA 203 1001, "Operability Determinations/Functionality Assessments," Revision 19. Specifically, when the licensee identified that internal flood sources in the diesel generator building (DGB) were larger than the drain capacity, they failed to identify all affected structures, systems, and components (SSCs). The DGB contains predominately Train B emergency power systems; however, the fuel oil transfer pumps for the Train A emergency diesel generators are located in the southeast corner of the building. The licensee failed to assess the effects of flooding on the Train A fuel oil transfer pumps. The licensee's corrective actions included the creation of an adverse condition monitoring plan, which implemented an hourly flood watch in the DGB when the fire pump was manually started.

The inspectors determined that the finding was more than minor, because if left uncorrected, it would potentially result in a more safety significant issue. Specifically, the failure to evaluate the effects of flooding on all SSCs resulted in inadequate compensatory measures. The inspectors determined the finding could be evaluated using the significance determination process (SDP) in accordance with IMC 0609, "Significance Determination Process," Attachment 0609.04, "Initial Characterization of Findings," dated June 19, 2012, and Appendix A, "The Significance Determination Process for Findings At-Power," Exhibit 2, "Mitigating Systems Screening Questions," dated June 19,

2012. For the time period in question, May 17, 2015 to September 17, 2015, the inspectors reviewed the security door card reader reports and starting sump levels for the DGB and found that during times when the fire pumps were running, station personnel had toured the DGB at a frequency that would have identified flooding conditions before a loss of system function. The inspectors concluded that the finding was of very low safety significance (Green), because the inspectors answered “No” to the Mitigating Systems screening questions. This finding has a cross-cutting aspect of Evaluation (P.2), in the area of Problem Identification and Resolution (PI&R), for failing to thoroughly evaluate issues to ensure that resolutions address causes and extent of conditions commensurate with their safety significance.

Inspection Report# : [2015003](#) (pdf)

Significance:  Sep 30, 2015

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

Potential Failure of Multiple Safety-Related Trains During Flooding Events

The inspectors identified a finding of very low safety significance and associated NCV of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion III, "Design Control," for the licensee's failure to ensure that a non Category I (seismic) component failure, that results in flooding, would not adversely affect safety related equipment needed to get the plant to safe shutdown (SSD) or to limit the consequences of an accident. Specifically, the design of Point Beach did not ensure that the Residual Heat Removal (RHR) pumps would be protected from all credible non Category I (seismic) system failures. The licensee's corrective actions included an extensive internal flooding design review, which will result in an updated Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR) with a more detailed description of the station's flooding licensing basis; modifications to multiple flood barriers to bring them into compliance with the licensee's flooding licensing basis; installation of additional flood level alarms where necessary, and evaluation or modification of service water (SW) piping to properly qualify it as seismic.

The inspectors determined that the finding was more than minor because it was associated with the Design Control attribute of the Mitigating System 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 inadequate design resulted in an unanalyzed condition and loss of safety function of the RHR system while the plants were in Modes 4, 5, and 6, when relying on the RHR system for decay heat removal. The inspectors determined the finding could be evaluated using the SDP in accordance with IMC 0609, "Significance Determination Process," Attachment 0609.04, "Initial Characterization of Findings," dated June 19, 2012, and Appendix A, "The Significance Determination Process for Findings At-Power," Exhibit 2, "Mitigating Systems Screening Questions," dated June 19, 2012. The inspectors answered "yes" to question 2 of the screening questions because the finding represented a loss of safety function. Thus the inspectors consulted the Region III Senior Risk Analysts (SRAs) who performed a detailed risk evaluation and determined that the finding was of very low safety significance (Green). The inspectors determined that the associated finding did not have a cross-cutting aspect because the finding was not reflective of current performance.

Inspection Report# : [2015003](#) (pdf)

Significance:  Sep 30, 2015

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

Failure to Perform a Written Safety Evaluation for FSAR Changes

The inspectors identified a Severity Level IV NCV of 10 CFR 50.59(d)(1), "Changes, Tests, and Experiments," and an associated finding of very low safety significance for the licensee's failure to perform a safety evaluation to demonstrate that the removal of statements from the FSAR did not require a license amendment. Specifically, the

licensee failed to perform a safety evaluation to determine whether removing an FSAR statement, which defined the RHR pump cubicle design flood height as seven feet, could be performed without a license amendment. The licensee entered the deficiency in their CAP as Action Request (AR) 02069425 by which the licensee intends on re-evaluating the 1996 FSAR change.

The inspectors determined that the finding was more than minor because the finding, if left uncorrected, would become a more significant safety concern. Specifically, inappropriately removing the information from the FSAR allowed the licensee to decrease the design basis flood protection height of the RHR compartments and significantly reduced the available time to isolate the leaking RHR pump seal. Violations of 10 CFR 50.59 are dispositioned using the traditional enforcement process instead of the SDP because they are considered to be violations that potentially impede or impact the regulatory process. In addition, the associated violation was determined to be more than minor because the inspectors could not reasonably determine that the changes would not have ultimately required NRC prior approval. The inspectors determined the finding could be evaluated using the SDP in accordance with IMC 0609, "Significance Determination Process," Attachment 0609.04, "Initial Characterization of Findings," dated June 19, 2012, and Appendix A, "The Significance Determination Process for Findings At-Power," Exhibit 2, "Mitigating Systems Screening Questions," dated June 19, 2012. The inspectors concluded that the finding was of very low safety significance (Green), because the inspectors answered "No" to the Mitigating Systems screening questions. The inspectors determined that the associated finding did not have a cross cutting aspect because the finding was not reflective of current performance.

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Significance:  Aug 28, 2015

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

Failure to Evaluate Containment spray system for Potential Gas Intrusion (Section 1R17.1b)

Green. The inspectors identified a finding of very low safety significance, and an associated NCV of Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion III, "Design Control," for the licensee's failure to evaluate for potential gas intrusion from the spray additive tank into the containment spray (CS) system during the injection phase of a design-basis accident. As part of immediate corrective actions, the licensee entered the concern in the Corrective Action Process as AR 2068569, and performed an evaluation which determined no air entrainment is expected to occur during the injection phase.

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, air intrusion into the CS system could affect the operability of the CS pumps by causing degraded performance and/or air binding of the pumps. The finding screened as having very low safety significance. Specifically, the finding was a deficiency affecting the design or qualification of a mitigating structure, system, or component (SSC), however, based on the evaluation performed by the licensee the SSC maintained its operability. Based on the timeframe of the violation the inspectors did not identify a cross-cutting aspect associated with this finding. (Section 1R17.1b)

Inspection Report# : [2015010](#) (pdf)

Significance:  Jul 10, 2015

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

Failure to Demonstrate the Functionality of a Credited Safe Shutdown Component (Section 40A2.2b.(2))

The inspectors identified a finding of very low safety significance and an associated NCV of license condition 4.F for the licensee's failure to demonstrate the capabilities of systems needed to perform a design function for Appendix R

cold shutdown. Specifically, none of the licensee's tests, inspections, or maintenance activities demonstrated that CC-722A, the component cooling water pump suction cross tie valve, was capable of being opened as required in AOP 10B, "Safe to Cold Shutdown in Local Control." The licensee corrective actions included entering the issue into their CA program, declaring CC-722A non functional, and commencing four-hour fire rounds.

The inspectors determined the finding to be more than minor because the failure to demonstrate the capabilities of systems needed to perform a design function for Appendix R safe shutdown was associated with the Mitigating Systems Cornerstone attribute of Protection Against External Events (Fire) and affected the cornerstone objective of preventing undesirable consequences (i.e., core damage). In accordance with IMC 0609, "Significance Determination Process," Attachment 0609.04, "Initial Characterization of Findings," Table 2, the inspectors determined the finding affected the Mitigating Systems cornerstone. The finding affected the ability to reach and maintain safe shutdown, and the inspectors determined, using Table 3, that it could be evaluated using Appendix F, "Fire Protection Significance Determination Process." The inspectors screened the issue to Green under the Phase 1 Screening Question 1.3.1-A, because the inspectors determined that the finding would not prevent the reactor from reaching and maintaining hot shutdown. This finding has a cross-cutting aspect of Resolution (P.3), in the area of problem identification and resolution, because the licensee did not take effective corrective actions to address the issue in a timely manner. Specifically, in 2007, the licensee identified that they had not been testing the valve as specified in their Fire Protection Evaluation Report and as of July 2015 had still not corrected it. (Section 40A2b.(2))

Inspection Report# : [2015007](#) (pdf)

Barrier Integrity

Significance:  Jun 30, 2016

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

Violation of Technical Specifications During Mode 4 Entry With LCO 3.6.6 Not Met

A finding of very low safety significance and associated NCV of Technical Specification 3.0.4 was identified by the inspectors for the licensee's failure to follow procedure OP 1A, "Cold Shutdown to Hot Standby Unit 1" and checklist CL 2C, "Mode 5 to Mode 4 Checklist." Specifically, the licensee entered Mode 4 from Mode 5 without meeting the requirements of LCO 3.0.4 for entering a Mode when an applicable LCO is not met. The licensee had not met LCO 3.6.6 because the control switches for two out of the required four containment accident recirculation fans were in their pullout position instead of the required automatic position. Corrective actions for this event included restoration of accident cooler fan control switches to automatic. Additional corrective actions included: performance of an apparent cause evaluation; changes to the licensee's ORT 3 test procedures to restore accident fan cooler switches after completion of testing; updating OP 1A to include performance of a control room shift turnover checklist prior to changing modes; and planned enhancements to CL 2 series procedures to strengthen a note on the responsibility of the SRO when ensuring operability of LCOs.

The inspectors determined that the finding was more than minor because it was associated with the Barrier Integrity cornerstone attribute of Human Performance and affected the cornerstone objective of providing reasonable assurance that physical design barriers (fuel cladding, reactor coolant system, and containment) protect the public from radionuclide releases caused by accidents or events. Specifically, the failure to follow procedures OP 1A and CL 2C caused the licensee to unknowingly operate with multiple containment accident recirculation fans inoperable, which were required in Mode 4. The inspectors determined the finding could be evaluated using the SDP in accordance with IMC 0609, "Significance Determination Process," Attachment 0609.04, "Initial Characterization of Findings," dated June 19, 2012, and Appendix G, Attachment 1, "Shutdown Operations Significance Determination Process Phase 1 Initial Screening and Characterization of Findings," Exhibit 4, Barrier Integrity Screening Questions, dated May 9,

2014. The inspectors answered “no” to the Containment Barrier Screening Questions and determined the finding had very low safety significance (Green). This finding has a cross-cutting aspect of Challenge the Unknown (H.11), in the area of Human Performance, for failing to stop when faced with uncertain conditions. Specifically, when the licensee assessed the illuminated Safeguards Equipment Locked Off alarm, during their control board walk down, they confirmed that the safety injection pump control switch was in pullout and was a reason for the alarm to actuate; however, they failed to confirm that other inputs to the alarm were also not valid.

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Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

Fuel Assembly Move Sequence Planned Incorrectly

A finding of very low safety significance was identified by the inspectors, for the licensee’s failure to follow procedure REI 26.0, “Fuel/Insert/Component Movement Planning.” Specifically, the licensee failed to follow procedure REI 26.0, Step 5.5.7.b, which verified that the licensee would not place fuel assemblies with cooling times less than 295 days into spent fuel pool rack foot locations. The licensee’s corrective actions included completing additional spent fuel moves, which placed the spent fuel pool into an appropriate configuration.

The inspectors determined that the finding was more than minor, because, if left uncorrected, it had the potential to become a more significant safety concern. Specifically, if the inspectors had not questioned the licensee about spent fuel pool rack foot locations, the spent fuel pool would have remained in an incorrect configuration. The inspectors concluded this finding was associated with the Barrier Integrity cornerstone. The inspectors determined the finding could be evaluated using the SDP in accordance with IMC 0609, “Significance Determination Process,” Attachment 0609.04, “Initial Characterization of Findings,” dated June 19, 2012, and Appendix L, “B.5.b Significance Determination Process”, “Table 2 – Significance Characterization,” The inspectors determined that the finding did not meet the criteria in Table 2 for a Greater Than Green significance; therefore, the finding was of very low safety significance (Green). This finding has a cross-cutting aspect of Avoid Complacency (H.12), in the area of Human Performance, for failing to implement appropriate error reduction tools. Specifically, the licensee became desensitized to overriding fuel placement constraints and failed to implement effective human performance tools to prevent the error

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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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