

Turkey Point 3

2Q/2016 Plant Inspection Findings

Initiating Events

Significance: G Mar 31, 2016

Identified By: Self-Revealing

Item Type: FIN Finding

Failure to Fully Implement Procedure QI3-PTN-1, Design Control (Section 40A3)

Green: A self-revealing finding was identified for the licensee's failure to provide complete instructions in Maintenance Support Package (MSP) 06-053 for the Isophase Bus Enclosure Collar replacement modification in the Turkey Point switchyard. Specifically, the control power circuitry termination points in the 8W43 switchyard breaker were not identified and documented in the associated MSP for removal as required by procedure QI 3-PTN-1, Design Control. As a result, a direct current (DC) ground was introduced to the back-up protection relay by a 'b' contact when the 8W43 breaker was opened during a planned bus switching sequence. The DC ground on the back-up protection circuitry actuated the protection relay and caused both the supply breakers for the Unit 3 startup transformer (SUT) to open resulting in a loss of off-site power (LOOP) for Unit 3. The licensee entered this performance deficiency in their corrective action program (CAP) as action request (AR) 02092653.

The performance deficiency was more than minor because it was associated with the procedure quality attribute of the initiating events cornerstone and adversely affected the cornerstone objective to limit the likelihood of events that upset plant stability and challenge critical safety functions during power operations. Specifically, the failure to apply procedure QI 3-PTN-1 in its entirety allowed for a DC ground to be introduced to the DC back-up protection relay circuit resulting in a LOOP. Because this finding caused a LOOP and a resultant loss of residual heat removal (RHR), a detailed risk evaluation was required per IMC-0609, Appendix G, "Shutdown Operations Significance Determination Process." A Senior Reactor Analyst assessed the risk significance and concluded it was of very low safety significance (Green). The risk of the event was mitigated by the multiple means that the licensee had available to them to either: 1) restore electrical power to the safety related buses, or; 2) establish alternate means of heat removal either via the steam generators or via primary "feed and bleed." The inspectors did not identify a cross-cutting aspect associated with this finding because it was not indicative of current performance since the modification package was implemented greater than three years ago. (Section 40A3)

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Mitigating Systems

Significance: G Jun 29, 2016

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

Failure to Correct Conditions Adverse to Quality Associated with the Eagle 21 System

Green. NRC reactor inspectors identified Green non-cited violation of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion XVI, "Corrective Action," for a failure to correct a condition adverse to quality. The licensee identified that the ability to test the Eagle 21 was degraded but failed to take adequate corrective actions to correct the condition. The licensee

entered the issue into their corrective action program as action request ARs 2023314 and 02145155.

The performance deficiency was determined to be more than minor because it was associated with the Equipment Performance attribute of the Mitigating Systems Cornerstone and adversely affected the cornerstone objective of ensuring the availability, reliability, and capability of systems that respond to initiating events to prevent undesirable consequences. Specifically, not using COLR specified time-constants SR tests to demonstrate operability of the Eagle 21 system adversely affected the cornerstone objective of ensuring the availability, reliability, and capability of the OP?T and OT?T reactor trip algorithms. The finding was determined to be of very low safety significance (Green) because of the defense in depth of the reactor protection system to cause a trip via alternate and diverse means. The inspectors determined the finding was indicative of present licensee performance and was associated with the cross-cutting aspect of human performance, in the area conservative bias, because individuals failed to evaluate a proposed action to determine if it was safe in order to proceed, rather than unsafe in order to stop (H14).

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Barrier Integrity

Emergency Preparedness

Occupational Radiation Safety

Significance:  Jun 29, 2016

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

Failure to Post a High Radiation Area

Green. A self-revealing, Green, NCV of TS 6.12.1, was identified by health physicist inspectors for the failure to post a high radiation area (HRA). Specifically, on April 6, 2016, the licensee failed to post the area by the exterior wall of the U4 spent fuel pool (SFP) on the Auxiliary Building roof as a HRA.

This finding was determined to be greater than minor because it was associated with the Occupational Radiation Safety Cornerstone attribute of Human Performance and adversely affected the cornerstone objective ensuring adequate protection of worker health and safety from exposure to radiation from radioactive material during routine civilian nuclear reactor operation. Specifically, failure to post and control HRAs can allow workers to enter HRAs without knowledge of the radiological conditions in the area and receive unintended occupational exposure. The finding was evaluated using the Occupational Radiation Safety Significance Determination Process. The finding was not related to the As Low As Reasonably Achievable (ALARA) planning, did not involve an overexposure or substantial potential for overexposure, and the ability to assess dose was not compromised. Therefore, the inspectors determined the finding to be of very low safety significance (Green). This finding involved the cross-cutting aspect of Human Performance, Work Management (H.7) because the organization failed to implement its process for planning and controlling access to HRAs on the Auxiliary Building roof when fuel bundle movement were still ongoing. The violation was entered into the licensee's corrective action program (CAP) as action request (AR) no. 02123851.

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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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