

Vogtle 1 4Q/2016 Plant Inspection Findings

Initiating Events

Mitigating Systems

Significance:  Sep 30, 2016

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

Failure to Properly Implement Fire Door Inspections

An NRC-identified Green non-cited violation (NCV) of Technical Specifications (TS) 5.4.1.d, “Procedures,” was identified for the licensee’s failure to correctly verify fire door gaps at the strike plate area and between meeting edges of double swinging metal doors were within acceptable limits. The licensee initiated hourly roving fire watches for these fire doors and took corrective maintenance action to restore affected fire doors within limits. The licensee documented this condition in condition reports 10254221 and 10252774.

The performance deficiency was more than minor because it was associated with the Mitigating Systems cornerstone attribute of Protection Against External Hazards (i.e. fire) and adversely affected the cornerstone objective in that door gaps outside the required limits compromised the door’s fire rating qualification. The finding was determined to be of very low safety significance (i.e. Green) because either the combustible loading on both sides of each door was representative of a fire duration of less than 1.5 hours or each door maintained at least a 1-hour fire endurance rating. The finding had a cross-cutting aspect of “Training” in the Human Performance area because the licensee did not ensure there was adequate training to properly inspect station fire doors (H.9).

Inspection Report# : [2016003](#) (*pdf*)

Barrier Integrity

Emergency Preparedness

Significance:  May 13, 2016

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

Failure to Adequately Maintain Emergency Response Facilities

The inspectors identified a non-cited violation (NCV) of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 50.54(q)(2), for the licensee’s failure to maintain the effectiveness of its emergency plan by ensuring that adequate emergency facilities and equipment to support emergency response are provided and maintained as required by 10 CFR 50.47(b)(8). Specifically, the effectiveness of the emergency plan was reduced by a change to the Technical

Support Center (TSC) functionality requirements in Technical Requirements Manual (TRM) TR 13.13.1, Emergency Response Facilities, Revision 1. The requirement to maintain climate control was removed without an adequate basis to support removal. The procedure change had been in place since September 2013, and until a corrected revision is issued, a Standing Order has been put in place. The licensee entered this finding into the corrective action program (CAP) as condition report (CR) 10221041.

The inspectors determined that the performance deficiency was more than minor because it was associated with the procedure quality attribute of the Emergency Preparedness (EP) cornerstone, adversely affected the associated cornerstone objective, and would have affected the emergency response organization's ability to effectively perform their duties had an emergency been declared and TSC climate control non-functional. The finding was evaluated using the EP significance determination process and was identified as having very low safety significance (Green) because it was a failure to comply with NRC requirements and was not a loss of the planning standard function or the overall function of the TSC. The finding was associated with a cross-cutting aspect in the Change Management component of the Human Performance area because the licensee failed to use a systematic process for evaluating and implementing change so that nuclear safety remains the overriding priority. [H.3]

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Occupational Radiation Safety

Public Radiation Safety

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Miscellaneous

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