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Initiating Events

Mitigating Systems

Significance: G Mar 31, 2017

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

Untimely Corrective Actions to Address '2C' Core Spray Motor Elevated Vibrations

The inspectors identified a non-cited violation of 10 CFR 50 Appendix B, Criterion XVI, Corrective Action, because Exelon did not implement corrective actions in a timely manner to correct a condition adverse to quality on the '2C' core spray motor. Specifically, Exelon did not perform appropriate corrective actions to evaluate and address an increasing motor bearing vibration trend that had existed for over ten years. Consequently, motor vibration reached the fault level established in Exelon's vibration analysis procedure.

The finding was more than minor, because it was associated with the equipment performance attribute of the Mitigating Systems cornerstone and adversely impacted the cornerstone objective to ensure the reliability of systems that respond to initiating events to prevent undesirable consequences (i.e., core damage).

In accordance with IMC 0609.04, Initial Characterization of Findings, dated October 7, 2016, and Exhibit 1 of IMC 0609, Appendix A, The SDP for Findings At-Power, dated June 19, 2012, the inspectors determined this finding was of very low safety significance because the performance deficiency did not impact the design or qualification of the component, did not result in a loss of system function, did not result in the loss of function of a train greater than its Tech Spec allowed outage time, and did not represent an actual loss of function for a high safety significant component in accordance with Exelon's maintenance rule program. The inspectors determined the finding had a cross-cutting aspect in the area of Problem Identification and Resolution, Resolution, because Exelon did not take effective corrective actions in a timely manner commensurate with the safety significance of the issue. Specifically, corrective actions to address the elevated vibrations on the '2C' core spray motor were not implemented before motor vibration reached the fault level and adversely impacted the long-term reliability of the motor. [P.3] [Section 4OA2.1.c (1)]

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Barrier Integrity

Significance:  Dec 31, 2016

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

Failure to Identify and Remove Foreign Material in CAD System Piping

The inspectors identified a finding of very low safety significance (Green) involving a non-cited violation (NCV) of 10 CFR 50 Appendix B Criterion XVI, "Corrective Action," because Exelon did not adequately identify and correct a condition adverse to quality associated with the containment atmospheric dilution (CAD) piping system. Specifically, in 2012, Exelon did not adequately identify the source of foreign material (FM) and implement corrective actions to remove the FM from the CAD piping which resulted in the failure of the CHK-2-07C-40145 containment isolation valve to close in 2016. Exelon documented the issue in issue report (IR) 2735344 and promptly replaced the valve and restored the valve to operable. As an interim corrective action, Exelon plans to increase the local leak-rate test (LLRT) frequency and replacement of the check valve to maintain reasonable assurance of operability. Exelon is implementing a detailed troubleshooting plan to identify the source of FM and perform corrective actions to address the condition adverse to quality.

The performance deficiency (PD) is more than minor because it was associated with the containment barrier performance attribute of the barrier integrity cornerstone and it adversely impacted the cornerstone objective to provide reasonable assurance that physical design barriers (containment) protect the public from radionuclide releases caused by accidents or events. The inspectors evaluated the finding using IMC 0609, Attachment 4, "Initial Characterization of Findings," and Appendix A, "The SDP for Findings at-Power," Exhibit 3, and the inspectors determined this finding to be of very low safety significance (Green) because the degraded condition did not represent an actual open pathway in the physical integrity of containment, and did not involve an actual reduction in function of hydrogen igniters in the reactor containment. The inspectors determined that a cross cutting aspect does not apply because the performance deficiency occurred greater than three years ago and is not indicative of current plant performance.

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Emergency Preparedness

Occupational Radiation Safety

Public Radiation Safety

Security

The security cornerstone is an important component of the ROP, which includes various security inspection activities the NRC uses to verify licensee compliance with Commission regulations and thus ensure public health and safety. The Commission determined in the staff requirements memorandum (SRM) for SECY-04-0191, "Withholding Sensitive Unclassified Information Concerning Nuclear Power Reactors from Public Disclosure," dated November 9, 2004, that specific information related to findings and performance indicators associated with the security cornerstone will not be publicly available to ensure that security-related information is not provided to a possible adversary. Security inspection report cover letters will be available on the NRC Web site; however, security-related information on the details of inspection finding(s) will not be displayed.

Miscellaneous

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