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Initiating Events

Mitigating Systems

Significance: G May 26, 2017

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

Inoperability of EDG1 due to Cyclic Fatigue Failure of Hydraulic Fuel Rack Control

A self-revealing Green non-cited violation (NCV) of 10 CFR 50 Appendix B Criterion XVI, "Corrective Actions," was identified on February 19, 2017, when emergency diesel generator (EDG) number one was determined to be inoperable due to an oil leak on the linkshaft hydraulic control assembly. This violation of regulatory requirement existed from October 27, 2015 until February 20, 2017. The licensee entered this issue in their corrective action program as nuclear condition report (NCR) 02101084.

The inspectors determined that the finding was more than minor because it was associated with the Mitigating Systems cornerstone attribute of Equipment Performance 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, failure to correct a condition adverse to quality led to the inoperability of EDG1. The inspectors screened this finding using IMC 0609, Appendix A, "The Significant Determination Process (SDP) For Findings At-Power," dated June 19, 2012, Based on Exhibit 2, Question A3, the inspectors determined that a detailed risk evaluation was necessary given the uncertainty over how long EDG1 would have operated while leaking oil. A regional senior reactor analyst (SRA) conducted the risk assessment and screened the issue to Green based on an increase in risk of less than 1E-6. The inspectors determined that this finding did not have an associated cross cutting aspect because this finding was not reflective of current licensee performance due to enhancements of site procedures guiding creation of work orders.

Inspection Report# : 2017009 (*pdf*)

Significance:  May 05, 2017

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

Nonfunctional Sprinklers in the Service Water Building Without Compensatory Measures

An NRC-identified Green non-cited violation (NCV) of License Condition 2.B.(6), Fire Protection Program, was identified for the licensee's failure to implement compensatory measures for nonfunctional sprinklers. Specifically, from January 11, 2017, until January 14, 2017, fire sprinklers were impaired when scaffolding was built over the service water (SW) system discharge valves without the proper fire protection evaluation and compensatory measures, as required by licensee procedure OPLP-01.2, Fire Protection System Operability, Action, and Surveillance Requirements. The licensee's corrective actions included declaring the sprinklers nonfunctional, and implementing an hourly fire watch and backup suppression until the scaffold could be removed. This issue was entered into the licensee's corrective action program (CAP) as nuclear condition report (NCR) 2091795.

The inspectors determined that the licensee's failure to implement compensatory measures for nonfunctional sprinklers in accordance with procedure OPLP-01.2, was a performance deficiency. The finding was more than minor because it was associated with the Protection against External Events attribute (i.e. fire) of the Mitigating Systems Cornerstone and adversely affected the cornerstone objective to ensure the availability, reliability, and capability of systems that respond to initiating events to prevent undesirable consequences. Specifically, this resulted in nonfunctional sprinklers in a safety-related area without compensatory measures. The finding was screened using NRC IMC 0609, Appendix F, "Fire Protection Significance Determination Process," dated September 20, 2013, because the finding affected the fixed fire protection system capability. Using IMC 0609, Appendix F, Attachment 1, "Fire Protection SDP Phase 1 Worksheet," dated September 20, 2013, the finding was assigned to the Fixed Fire Protection System category because the nonfunctional sprinklers affected the automatic fire suppression system. Proceeding to Task 1.3.1 of IMC 0609, Appendix F, Attachment 1, the inspectors determined the finding was of very low safety significance (Green), because with the sprinklers nonfunctional, the reactor was able to reach and maintain safe shutdown. The finding has a cross-cutting aspect in the area of human performance associated with the field presence attribute because leaders did not observe, coach, and reinforce standards and expectations regarding scaffolding. Deviations from standards and expectations for building scaffolding near fire protection sprinklers were not corrected promptly.

Inspection Report# : 2017001 (*pdf*)

Significance:  May 05, 2017

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

Failure to Install Flood Barrier Seals Around the EDG 2 Four-Day Fuel Oil Tank Vents

An NRC-identified Green NCV of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion III, Design Control, was identified for the failure of the licensee to install flood barrier seals around the emergency diesel generator (EDG) 2, four-day fuel oil tank vent as described in engineering change (EC) 400606. This resulted in a nonfunctional flood barrier into the EDG 2 four-day tank room. As an immediate corrective action, the licensee grouted the opening to prevent water intrusion into the EDG 2 four-day fuel oil tank room. The licensee entered this issue into the CAP as NCR 2093563.

The inspectors determined the failure of the licensee to control the design of the installation of the new EDG 2 four-day fuel oil tank vent was a performance deficiency. The finding is more than minor because it is associated with the protection against external factors (i.e., flood hazard) attribute of the Mitigating Systems Cornerstone and adversely affected the cornerstone objective to ensure the availability, reliability, and capability of systems that respond to initiating events to prevent undesirable consequences (i.e., core damage). Specifically, the licensee failed to install flood barrier seals around the EDG 2 four-day fuel oil tank vent designed to mitigate a flood of the EDG 2 four-day fuel oil tank room. Using IMC 0609, Appendix A, issued June 9, 2012, The SDP for Findings At-Power, the inspectors determined the finding screened to Exhibit 4, External Events Screening Questions, since the finding involved the loss of equipment specifically designed to mitigate a flood. The inspectors determined the finding screened to Green since if the flood barrier is assumed to be completely failed, it would not result in the inoperability or degradation of EDG 2, and would not involve the total loss of any safety function that contributes to external event initiated core damage accident sequences. The finding has a cross-cutting aspect in the area of human performance associated with the design margins attribute because the licensee failed to maintain equipment within design margins and failed to change margins through a systematic and rigorous process. Specifically, the licensee changed the installation of the EDG 2 fuel oil tank roof vent without ensuring flood protection during the modification.

Inspection Report# : 2017001 (*pdf*)

Significance: G Feb 17, 2017

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

Failure to Correct a Nonfunctional Fire Door

The NRC identified a Green non-cited violation (NCV) of Brunswick Operating License Condition (OLC) 2.B(6) for Units 1 and 2, for the licensee's failure to correct a nonfunctional fire door in the diesel generator (DG) building. Specifically, on three occasions, NRC inspectors identified door 2-DGB-DR-EL023-118 in the DG building as having

a stuck open latch, which prevented the door from closing and latching securely. Upon the third discovery of the nonfunctional fire door, the licensee initiated AR 02100405, entered the appropriate action statement in accordance with site procedure OPLP-01.2, "Fire Protection System Operability, Action, and Surveillance Requirements," and took actions to install a new thumb latch, and to install a new door closure mechanism.

The inspectors determined that the licensee's failure correct nonfunctional fire door was a performance deficiency (PD). The PD was determined to be more than minor because if left uncorrected, the PD could have the potential to lead to a more significant safety concern. Specifically, if the door was not repaired adequately, it could have the potential to not be able to perform its design function in the case of a fire in diesel generator cell nos. 1 or 2 (FA DG-4 or DG-5). Using IMC 0609, Appendix F, Attachment 1, "Fire Protection Significance Determination Process Worksheet," the finding was screened as Green at task 1.4.3-C because there was a fully functional automatic suppression system on at least one side of the fire barrier. The finding has a cross-cutting aspect in the area

of problem identification & resolution associated with the 'Evaluation' attribute because the organization did not thoroughly evaluate the condition of the door to ensure that the resolution addressed the underlying cause of the nonfunctional fire door (P.2).

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Barrier Integrity

Significance: G Mar 31, 2017

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

Failure to Enter the Technical Specification for an Inoperable 1D Control Room Air Conditioning Unit

An NRC-identified Green NCV of Technical Specification (TS) 3.7.4, Control Room Air Conditioning (AC) System, was identified for the failure to declare the 1D control room AC unit inoperable. Specifically, on December 1, 2016, the licensee failed to declare the 1D control room AC unit inoperable due to extensive corrosion on the support channels. As a result, the 1D control room AC unit was inoperable from December 1, 2016, until the next time it was inspected on January 30, 2017, and exceeded the TS allowed outage time. As corrective actions, the licensee replaced the supports of the 1D and 2D control room AC units and inspected the 2E control room AC unit for corrosion. The licensee entered this issue into the CAP as NCRs 2113799 and 2113800.

The inspectors determined the licensee's failure to declare the 1D control room AC unit inoperable and enter TS 3.7.4 was a performance deficiency. The finding was more than minor because it was associated with the structures, systems, and components (SSC) attribute of the Barrier Integrity Cornerstone and adversely 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, this resulted in the 1D control room AC unit being inoperable from December 1, 2016, to January 30, 2017. Using IMC 0609, Appendix A, issued June 19, 2012, the SDP for Findings At-Power, the inspectors determined the finding was of very low safety significance (Green) because the finding did not only represent a degradation of the radiological barrier function for the control room and the finding did not represent a degradation of the barrier function of the control room against smoke or toxic atmosphere. This finding had a cross cutting aspect in the area of problem identification and resolution associated with the resolution aspect because the licensee failed to take effective corrective actions to address issues in a timely manner commensurate with their safety significance. Specifically, the licensee did not correct the degradation of the 1D control room AC unit until the unit was inoperable.

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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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