

North Anna 1

2Q/2009 Plant Inspection Findings

Initiating Events

Mitigating Systems

Significance:  Jun 30, 2009

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

Failure to Repair or Rework Nonconforming Parts in Accordance with Documented Procedures

A self-revealing, Green, non-cited violation of 10 CFR 50, Appendix B, Criterion XV, Nonconforming Materials, Parts, or Components was identified for failure to repair or rework nonconforming parts in accordance with documented procedures which resulted in the failure of a Unit 1 pressurizer power operated relief valve (PORV). The licensee entered this problem into their corrective action program as condition report 328709 to review extent of condition and determine additional corrective actions.

The inspectors reviewed IMC 0612, Appendix B, and determined the finding was more than minor because if left uncorrected the performance deficiency would have the potential to lead to a more significant safety concern. The inspectors reviewed IMC 0609, Appendix G because the plant was shut down at the time, and determined that the finding did not require a quantitative assessment and thus screened as Green. The cause of this finding involved the cross-cutting area of human performance, the component of work practices, and the aspect of procedural compliance, H.4(b), because the licensee failed to follow procedural requirements that precluded work orders from containing instructions that alter plant/SSC design unless authorized by approved design documents or plant procedures.

Inspection Report# : [2009003](#) (*pdf*)

Significance:  Jun 30, 2009

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

Failure to Promptly Identify and Correct a Condition Adverse to Quality Involving Inadequate Tornado Missile Protection for the EDG Day Tank Vents

A Green, non-cited violation of 10 CFR 50, Appendix B, Criterion XVI, "Corrective Action," was identified by the NRC for failure to promptly identify and correct a condition adverse to quality associated with inadequate tornado missile protection for the emergency diesel generator (EDG) fuel oil day tank vents on each train for Units 1 and 2. The licensee entered this problem into their corrective action program as condition report 335031.

The inspectors reviewed IMC 0612, Appendix B, and determined the finding was more than minor because it impacted the mitigating systems cornerstone objective to ensure the availability, reliability, and capability of systems that respond to initiating events to prevent undesirable consequences, and the related attribute of design control for the initial structure, system, component design. The inspectors evaluated the finding using the significance determination process and determined that the finding was of very low significance because the design deficiency did not result in the loss of functionality and the finding did not screen as potentially risk significant due to a severe weather initiating event. This finding involved the cross-cutting area of problem identification and resolution, the component of the corrective action program, and the aspect of thorough evaluation of problems such that resolutions address extent of condition, P.1(c), because the licensee failed to identify inadequate tornado missile protection for the EDG day tank vents during an extent of condition evaluation and review.

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Significance:  Dec 31, 2008

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

Reactor Coolant Pump Motor Oil Collection System Installation and Design Problems

The finding was more than minor because it impacted the mitigating systems cornerstone objective to ensure the availability, reliability, and capability of systems that respond to initiating events to prevent undesirable consequences, and the related attribute of protection against external factors such as fire which could impact the operability of a reactor coolant pump (RCP). This finding had a credible impact on safety because the inadequate installation and fabrication of the oil collection system presented a degradation of a fire confinement component which has a fire prevention function of not allowing an oil leak to reach hot surfaces. The finding was of very low safety significance or Green because of the low degradation rating of the fire confinement category related to the reactor coolant pump (RCP) motor oil collection system, the extremely low frequency of RCP oil leaks and no actual RCP oil leaks during the past operating cycle, and other area fire protection defense-in-depth features such as automatic fire detection, manual suppression capability (fire brigade), and safe shutdown capability from the main control room. There was no cross-cutting aspect due to the legacy aspect relating to both examples.

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Barrier Integrity

Emergency Preparedness

Occupational Radiation Safety

Public Radiation Safety

Physical Protection

Although the NRC is actively overseeing the Security cornerstone, the Commission has decided that certain findings pertaining to security cornerstone will not be publicly available to ensure that potentially useful information is not provided to a possible adversary. Therefore, the [cover letters](#) to security inspection reports may be viewed.

Miscellaneous

Significance: SL-IV Sep 30, 2008

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV NonCited Violation

Failure to Provide Complete and Accurate Medical Information to the NRC Which Impacted a Licensing Decision

The inspectors determined that the licensee's failure to provide complete and accurate information to the NRC, which resulted in an incorrect licensing action, is a performance deficiency because the licensee is expected to comply with 10 CFR 50.9 and it was within the licensee's ability to foresee and prevent. Because a violation of 10 CFR 50.9 is considered to be a violation that can potentially impede or impact the regulatory process, the violation was dispositioned using the traditional enforcement process. The finding was more than minor because information was provided to the NRC signed under oath by the Site Vice President and erroneously impacted an NRC licensing decision. There was no evidence that the operator endangered plant operations as a result of the pre-existing medical condition while performing licensed duties since the original license was issued on July 24, 2006. Inspectors determined that this issue did not meet the criteria for assignment of a cross-cutting aspect.

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