

Waterford 3

1Q/2015 Plant Inspection Findings

Initiating Events

Significance: G Jun 06, 2014

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

Failure to Identify a Cause and Implement Corrective Actions to Prevent Recurrence for a Significant Condition Adverse to Quality

The team identified a non-cited violation of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion XVI, for a failure to identify a cause and take corrective actions to prevent recurrence. Specifically, the licensee did not identify a cause or corrective actions to prevent recurrence for a plant trip and equipment failures caused by elevated main feed system vibrations. The licensee replaced the steam generators at Waterford 3 during refueling outage 18 in late 2012. Upon returning to power operations the licensee experienced elevated vibration levels and related equipment failures on the main feedwater system and emergency feedwater system. The most significant of these failures included a plant trip after a loss of instrument air to the feedwater regulating valve actuator. The licensee determined that the plant trip was a significant event, and initiated a root cause evaluation through its corrective action process. This root cause determination identified a possible cause, which by the licensee's program required additional information to confirm or refute. The licensee initiated a proposal to perform modeling of the steam generator flows to provide this information, but later canceled the action. No corrective actions to prevent recurrence were implemented by the licensee. Actions taken to date by the licensee appear to have been effective in mitigating known effects of the vibrations. The licensee documented its failure to determine and document the cause of these vibrations in Condition Report CR-WF3-2014-03238.

The failure to identify the cause of the feedwater vibration-induced problems and to take corrective actions to prevent recurrence as required by 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion XVI is a performance deficiency. The performance deficiency is more than minor because if left uncorrected, it could lead to a more significant safety concern. Specifically, though individual actions were taken to address failures caused by vibrations, no actions were taken to reduce or eliminate the vibrations themselves. Actions that were taken were not treated as corrective actions to prevent recurrence. A lack of corrective actions to prevent recurrence could leave main feedwater components and other components physically connected to the system such as emergency feedwater susceptible to future failures. Using Inspection Manual Chapter 0609, Appendix A, the team determined the issue to have very low safety significance (Green) because the performance deficiency, which affected the initiating events cornerstone, did not result in a reactor trip and the loss of mitigating equipment needed to transition the plant from the onset of the trip to a stable shutdown condition.

This finding has a resources cross-cutting aspect in the human performance area because leaders did not ensure that procedures used at the time the root cause assessment was performed were adequate to support nuclear safety (H.1). The procedure used by the licensee allowed a root cause assessment to have an indeterminate root cause and thus no corrective actions to prevent recurrence.

Inspection Report# : [2014008](#) (*pdf*)

Significance: G Jun 06, 2014

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: FIN Finding

Failure to Evaluate Operating Experience as Directed in Station Procedure

The team identified a finding for the licensee's failure to evaluate industry operating experience as directed in the station operating experience program procedure. Specifically, a vendor supplied Technical Bulletin TB-13-1 "Steam Generator and Pressurizer Closure Gasket Replacement Frequency," which recommended that all Westinghouse-designed steam generator and pressurizer closure gaskets be replaced at a prescribed frequency, was not evaluated in accordance with station procedures. This resulted in the licensee failing to take action to periodically replace affected gaskets to preclude degradation of the pressure boundary. The licensee documented this performance deficiency in Condition Report CR-WF3-2014-03229 to determine what further actions were needed.

The failure to evaluate operating experience information as required by licensee procedure EN-OP-100, "Operating Experience Program," Revision 20, was a performance deficiency. The performance deficiency is more than minor because if left uncorrected it would have the potential to lead to a more safety-significant concern. Specifically, the failure of the licensee to take any action with regard to the technical bulletin recommendation to replace the steam generator gaskets would allow the gaskets to be installed longer than their useful life. The deterioration of gasket material could result in unplanned transients or shutdowns. The finding is therefore associated with the initiating events cornerstone. Using Inspection Manual Chapter 0609, Appendix A, the inspectors determined that the finding was of very low safety significance (Green) because it was not an actual degradation that could have resulted in exceeding a reactor system leak rate for a small LOCA; could not have affected other systems used to mitigate a LOCA; did not cause a reactor trip and the loss of mitigation equipment relied upon to transition the plant to a stable shutdown condition; and did not involve a complete or partial loss of a support system that contributes to the likelihood of, or causes, an initiating event and affected mitigation equipment.

This finding has a conservative bias cross-cutting aspect in the human performance area (H.14). Specifically, the licensee assumed that the technical bulletin was not based on actual failures and because steam generators had just been replaced, opted not to take further actions to evaluate or initiate any preventative maintenance to replace gaskets. Inspection Report# : [2014008](#) (*pdf*)

Mitigating Systems

Significance:  Feb 21, 2015

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

Failure to Identify and Perform Testing of Safety-Related Dry Cooling Tower Tube Bundle Isolation Valves

The inspectors identified a non-cited violation of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion XI, "Test Control," because the licensee did not identify and perform testing for safety-related components to demonstrate that they would perform satisfactorily in service. Specifically, prior to February 12, 2015, the licensee did not identify and perform testing to demonstrate that, as described in the licensee's design basis, the dry cooling tower tube bundle isolation valves could be used to isolate a dry cooling tower tube bundle following a tornado missile strike on the non-missile-protected portions of the dry cooling tower. The licensee entered this condition into their corrective action program as Condition Report CR-WF3-2015-00828. The planned corrective actions are to develop seat leakage criteria for the dry cooling tower tube bundle isolation valves and to perform periodic seat leakage testing.

The inspectors determined that the performance deficiency was more than minor because it was associated with the protection against external factors 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, the failure to establish a test program for a safety-related component to demonstrate that it would perform satisfactorily following a tornado missile strike could impact the system's ability to perform its safety function in the event of a tornado. The inspectors performed the initial significance determination using NRC Inspection Manual 0609, Appendix A, Exhibit 4, "External Event Screening Questions." The finding required a detailed evaluation because it would degrade one or more trains of a system that supports a risk significant system or function. Therefore, a senior reactor analyst performed a bounding detailed risk evaluation. The analyst determined that the finding was of very low safety significance (Green). The bounding change to the core damage frequency was less than $2.9E-7$ /year. The finding was not significant with respect to the large early release frequency. The dominant core damage sequences included tornado-induced losses of offsite power, failure of the train B dry cooling tower pressure boundary, random failure of the train A component cooling water system, random failures of the emergency diesel generators, and failure to recover offsite power in 4 hours. Risk was minimized because the diesel generators have air cooled radiators and do not require component cooling water to remain functional. The low tornado frequency also minimized the risk.

The inspectors concluded that the finding did not have a cross-cutting aspect because the most significant contributor to the performance deficiency of not identifying the need for a leak test occurred more than two years ago and did not reflect current licensee performance.

Inspection Report# : [2015001](#) (pdf)

Significance:  Feb 13, 2015

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

Inadequate Fire Area Boundary

The team identified a non-cited violation of License Condition 2.C.(9), "Fire Protection," for the failure to ensure the required separation between fire areas. Specifically, the licensee installed fire barriers on two ventilation ducts which were not in a configuration demonstrated to provide the required three-hour fire-rated separation between fire areas. The licensee entered this issue into their corrective action program as Condition Report CR-WF3-2015-00540 and established an hourly fire watch as a compensatory measure until corrective actions can be taken (Fire Impairments 15-30 and 15-31).

The failure to ensure the required separation between fire areas was a performance deficiency. The performance deficiency was more than minor because it was associated with the protection against external events (fire) attribute of the Mitigating Systems cornerstone and it adversely affected the cornerstone objective of ensuring the availability, reliability, and capability of systems that respond to initiating events to prevent undesirable consequences. The team evaluated this finding using Inspection Manual Chapter 0609, Appendix F, "Fire Protection Significance Determination Process," dated September 20, 2013. Both emergency diesel generator rooms were equipped with pre-action sprinkler systems which would limit temperatures near the ceiling around the room exhaust ducts; therefore, the finding screened to Green at Section 1.4.3.C.

This finding did not have a cross-cutting aspect since it was not indicative of current licensee performance since this fire barrier configuration was installed in the 1980s.

Inspection Report# : [2015007](#) (pdf)

Significance:  Feb 13, 2015

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

Failure to Provide a Bounding Calculation for Time Critical Actions

The team identified a non-cited violation of License Condition 2.C.9, "Fire Protection," for the failure to adequately correct a previous violation. Specifically, the licensee failed to provide a bounding calculation for the amount of time available for operators to establish component cooling water during an alternative shutdown. The licensee developed this calculation in response to Non-cited Violation 2012007-02. The licensee entered this issue into their corrective action program as Condition Report CR-WF3-2015-0859 and implemented a fire impairment as a compensatory measure.

The failure to provide a bounding calculation for the amount of time available for operators to establish component cooling water during an alternative shutdown was a performance deficiency. The performance deficiency was more than minor because it was associated with the protection against external events (fire) attribute of the Mitigating Systems cornerstone and it adversely affected the cornerstone objective of ensuring the availability, reliability, and capability of systems that respond to initiating events to prevent undesirable consequences. A senior reactor analyst performed a Phase 3 evaluation to determine the risk significance of this finding since it involved a postulated control room fire that led to control room evacuation and determined this violation was of very low safety significance.

This finding had a cross-cutting aspect associated with resolution within the problem identification and resolution area since the licensee failed to take effective corrective actions to address issues in a timely manner commensurate with their safety significance. Specifically, the team determined that the licensee's corrective actions were not effective since the licensee failed to provide a bounding calculation for the amount of time available for operators to establish component cooling water during an alternative shutdown (P.3).

Inspection Report# : [2015007](#) (*pdf*)

Significance:  Feb 13, 2015

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

Failure to Periodically Test Emergency Lighting Units

The team identified a non-cited violation of License Condition 2.C.9, "Fire Protection," for the failure to periodically test and demonstrate the 8-hour capacity of the Appendix R emergency lighting units. The licensee entered this issue into their corrective action program as Condition Report CR-WF3-2015-00856 and operators had flashlights available as a compensatory measure.

The failure to periodically test and demonstrate the 8-hour capacity of the Appendix R emergency lighting units was a performance deficiency. The performance deficiency was more than minor because it was associated with the protection against external events (fire) attribute of the Mitigating Systems cornerstone and it adversely affected the cornerstone objective of ensuring the availability, reliability, and capability of systems that respond to initiating events to prevent undesirable consequences. The team evaluated this finding using Inspection Manual Chapter 0609, Appendix F, "Fire Protection Significance Determination Process," dated September 20, 2013. The team assigned the finding a low degradation rating because it would not prevent reaching and maintaining safe shutdown conditions in the event of a control room fire. Specifically, the team had reasonable assurance that the emergency lighting units would provide adequate illumination for a sufficient amount of time for operators to perform the most time critical actions. In addition, the team determined that operators performing an alternative shutdown had flashlights available in the Appendix R equipment lockers. Because the team assigned a low degradation rating, this finding screened as having very low safety significance.

This finding did not have a cross-cutting aspect since it was not indicative of present performance in that the performance deficiency occurred more than three years ago.

Inspection Report# : [2015007](#) (pdf)

Significance:  Feb 13, 2015

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

Failure to Correct Long Standing Deficiencies with the Appendix R Emergency Lighting Units

The team identified a non-cited violation of License Condition 2.C.9, “Fire Protection,” for the failure to correct adverse conditions associated with fire protection. Specifically, the licensee failed to correct longstanding deficiencies with the Appendix R emergency lighting units. The licensee entered this issue into their corrective action program as Condition Report CR-WF3-2015-00593 and operators had flashlights available as a compensatory measure.

The failure to correct longstanding deficiencies with the Appendix R emergency lighting units was a performance deficiency. The performance deficiency was more than minor because it was associated with the protection against external events (fire) attribute of the Mitigating Systems cornerstone and it adversely affected the cornerstone objective of ensuring the availability, reliability, and capability of systems that respond to initiating events to prevent undesirable consequences. The team evaluated this finding using Inspection Manual Chapter 0609, Appendix F, “Fire Protection Significance Determination Process,” dated September 20, 2013. The team assigned the finding a low degradation rating because the failure to provide adequate 8-hour emergency lights at all locations would not prevent reaching and maintaining safe shutdown conditions in the event of a control room fire. Specifically, the team determined that operators performing an alternative shutdown had flashlights available in the Appendix R equipment lockers. Because the team assigned a low degradation rating, this finding screened as having very low safety significance.

This finding had a cross-cutting aspect associated with resolution within the problem identification and resolution area since the licensee failed to take effective corrective actions to address issues in a timely manner commensurate with their safety significance. Specifically, the team determined that the licensee failed to take corrective actions to address the nonfunctional emergency lighting units in a timely manner (P.3).

Inspection Report# : [2015007](#) (pdf)

Significance:  Jan 12, 2015

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

Failure to Identify and Evaluate Elevated Bus Voltages

Green. The team identified a Green, non-cited violation of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion XVI, “Corrective Action,” which states, in part, “Measures shall be established to assure that conditions adverse to quality, such as failures, malfunctions, deficiencies, deviations, defective material and equipment, and nonconformances are promptly identified and corrected.” Specifically, during the periods of October 27 through December 13, 2012, and on May 1, 2014, the licensee failed to identify and evaluate the impact of elevated bus voltages that exceeded the allowable voltage on the 480 VAC Class 1E Bus 3B31, a condition adverse to quality. In response to this issue, the licensee completed an operability determination with plans to evaluate any trends requiring additional actions. This finding was entered into the licensee’s corrective action program as Condition Report CR WF3 2014-05458.

The team determined that the failure to identify and evaluate the impact of elevated bus voltages was a performance deficiency. This finding was more than minor because it was associated with the equipment performance attribute of the Mitigating Systems cornerstone and adversely affected the cornerstone objective to ensure the availability, reliability, and capability of systems that respond to events to prevent undesirable consequences. Specifically, the

licensee failed to identify and evaluate elevated voltages on the 480 VAC Class 1E Bus 3B31 that exceeded allowable operability limits. In accordance with Inspection Manual Chapter 0609, Appendix A, “The Significance Determination Process (SDP) for Findings At-Power,” dated June 19, 2012, Exhibit 2, “Mitigating Systems Screening Questions,” the issue screened as having very low safety significance (Green) because it was a design or qualification deficiency that did not represent a loss of operability or functionality; did not represent an actual loss of safety function of the system or train; did not result in the loss of one or more trains of non-technical specification equipment; and did not screen as potentially risk significant due to seismic, flooding, or severe weather. This finding had a crosscutting aspect in the area of problem identification and resolution associated with trending because the licensee failed to periodically analyze information in the aggregate to identify programmatic and common cause issues. [P.4](Section 1R21.2.2)

Inspection Report# : [2014007](#) (pdf)

Significance:  Jan 12, 2015

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: FIN Finding

Inadequate Station Procedures for Temporary Emergency Diesel Generator

Green. The team identified a Green finding for inadequate station procedures for the temporary emergency diesel generators. Specifically, the licensee failed to ensure that Procedures OP-TEM-008, “Emergency Diesel Generator A (B) Backup Temporary Diesel Generators,” and ME-001-012, “Temporary Power from Temporary Diesel for 3A2 and 3B2 4kV Buses (MODES 1-6),” were maintained to ensure that the temporary diesels had enough capacity to supply auxiliary power to the required safe-shutdown loads. The team determined that the licensee failed to clearly establish appropriate instructions to ensure that operators would be running and verifying loads according to the prime rating, that three temporary diesels were capable of operating/connecting in parallel, and that required and desired loads were consistent between procedures and evaluations. In response to this issue, the licensee evaluated and updated station procedures, specified prime loading limitations, updated vendor contract, incorporated procedure improvements as a result of training, and updated the adverse weather procedure. This finding was entered into the licensee’s corrective action program as Condition Reports CR-WF3-2014-05662 and CR WF3 2014 05582.

The team determined that failure to maintain procedures that ensure the temporary diesels have enough capacity to supply auxiliary power to required safe-shutdown loads was included in station procedures was a performance deficiency. This finding was more than minor because it was associated with the equipment performance attribute of the Mitigating Systems cornerstone and adversely affected the cornerstone objective to ensure the availability, reliability, and capability of systems that respond to events to prevent undesirable consequences. Specifically, the licensee failed to update Procedures OP TEM 008 and ME-001-012, and vendor documents in accordance with engineering evaluation EC-47496, in a timely manner and prior to performance of the emergency diesel generator outage in January 2014. In accordance with Inspection Manual Chapter 0609, Appendix A, “The Significance Determination Process (SDP) for Findings At-Power,” dated June 19, 2012, Exhibit 2, “Mitigating Systems Screening Questions,” the issue screened as having very low safety significance (Green) because it was a design or qualification deficiency that did not represent a loss of operability or functionality; did not represent an actual loss of safety function of the system or train; did not result in the loss of one or more trains of non-technical specification equipment; and did not screen as potentially risk significant due to seismic, flooding, or severe weather. This finding had a crosscutting aspect in the area of human performance associated with teamwork because the licensee failed to ensure that individuals and work groups communicate and coordinate their activities within and across organizational boundaries to ensure nuclear safety is maintained. [H.4](Section 1R21.2.7)

Inspection Report# : [2014007](#) (pdf)

Significance:  Jan 12, 2015

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

Failure to Initiate a Condition Report for a Condition Adverse to Quality

Green. The team identified a Green, non-cited violation of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion XVI, “Corrective Action,” which states, in part, “Measures shall be established to assure that conditions adverse to quality, such as failures, malfunctions, deficiencies, deviations, defective material and equipment, and nonconformances are promptly identified and corrected.” Specifically, between October 8 and 16, 2014, the licensee failed to initiate a condition report to evaluate the lack of missile protection on the emergency diesel generator A and B storage tank vents, a nonconformance that is a condition adverse to quality for eight days. In response to this issue, the licensee performed an operability determination to address the team’s concerns and initiated a separate condition report to document the lack of initiating and evaluating a condition report for a condition adverse to quality in a timely manner. This finding was entered into the licensee’s corrective action program as Condition Reports CR WF3 2014-05341 and CR WF3 2014 05738.

The team determined that the failure to initiate a condition report to evaluate the lack of missile protection on the emergency diesel generator A and B storage tank vents for eight days was a performance deficiency. This finding was more than minor because it was associated with the design control attribute of the Mitigating Systems cornerstone and adversely affected the cornerstone objective to ensure the availability, reliability, and capability of systems that respond to events to prevent undesirable consequences. Specifically, the licensee failed to initiate and evaluate a condition adverse to quality, a design nonconformance on the emergency diesel generator A and B storage tank vents for missile protection for eight days. In accordance with Inspection Manual Chapter 0609, Appendix A, “The Significance Determination Process (SDP) for Findings At-Power,” dated June 19, 2012, Exhibit 2, “Mitigating Systems Screening Questions,” the issue screened as having very low safety significance (Green) because it was a design or qualification deficiency that did not represent a loss of operability or functionality; did not represent an actual loss of safety function of the system or train; did not result in the loss of one or more trains of non-technical specification equipment; and did not screen as potentially risk significant due to seismic, flooding, or severe weather. This finding had a crosscutting aspect in the area of human performance associated with work management because the licensee failed to implement a process where nuclear safety is the overriding priority and the need for coordinating with different work groups. [H.5](Section 1R21.2.12.1)

Inspection Report# : [2014007](#) (pdf)

Significance:  Jan 12, 2015

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

Failure to Evaluate Missile Protection Requirements for Emergency Diesel Generator Day and Storage Tank Vents

Green. The team identified a Green, non-cited violation of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion III, “Design Control,” which states, in part, “design control measures shall provide for verifying or checking the adequacy of design, such as by the performance of design reviews, by the use of alternate or simplified calculational methods, or by the performance of a suitable testing program.” Specifically, prior to November 6, 2014, the licensee did not verify the adequacy of design of the emergency diesel generator A and B day and storage tank vents to have missile protection installed, or an approved exemption excluding missile protection requirements. In response to this issue, the licensee performed a TORMIS evaluation that supported an operable determination and a future licensing basis change. TORMIS is an EPRI methodology documented in EPRI NP 2005, “Tornado Missile Simulation and Design Methodology,” dated August 1981, and was approved for use by Waterford in the Safety Evaluation related to License Amendment 168. This finding was entered into the licensee’s corrective action program as Condition Reports CR WF 2014 05131, CR WF3 2014 5341, and CR-WF3-2014-5412.

The team determined that the failure to evaluate the lack of missile protection on the emergency diesel generator A

and B day and storage tank vents was a performance deficiency. This finding was more than minor because it was associated with the design control attribute of the Mitigating Systems cornerstone and adversely affected the cornerstone objective to ensure the availability, reliability, and capability of systems that respond to events to prevent undesirable consequences. Specifically, the licensee failed to evaluate a design nonconformance on the emergency diesel generator A and B day and storage tank vents for lack of missile protection. In accordance with Inspection Manual Chapter 0609, Appendix A, “The Significance Determination Process (SDP) for Findings At-Power,” dated June 19, 2012, Exhibit 2, “Mitigating Systems Screening Questions,” the issue screened as having very low safety significance (Green) because it was a design or qualification deficiency that did not represent a loss of operability or functionality; did not represent an actual loss of safety function of the system or train; did not result in the loss of one or more trains of non-technical specification equipment; and did not screen as potentially risk significant due to seismic, flooding, or severe weather. The team determined that this finding did not have a crosscutting aspect because the most significant contributor did not reflect current licensee performance. (Section 1R21.2.12.2)

Inspection Report# : [2014007](#) (pdf)

Significance:  Jan 12, 2015

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

Failure to Identify and Correct Through Wall Corrosion on Emergency Diesel Generator A and B Day Tank Vents

- TBD. The team identified an apparent violation of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion XVI, “Corrective Action,” which states, in part, “Measures shall be established to assure that conditions adverse to quality, such as failures, malfunctions, deficiencies, deviations, defective material and equipment, and nonconformances are promptly identified and corrected.” Specifically, prior to October 22, 2014, the licensee failed to identify and correct through wall corrosion on the emergency diesel generator A and B day tank vents, a condition adverse to quality. The team asked the licensee if the corrosion had been previously evaluated. The licensee determined that it had not been aware of the corrosion so it had not been evaluated. The corrosion was significant enough that a through wall hole had formed at the base of the each vent pipe where it penetrates the roof. Consequently, any water that collects on the roof of the building would have the potential to drain into the respective day tank. In response to this issue, the licensee performed an immediate operability determination based on severe weather in the area, installed a temporary repair using a rubber wrap, and installed a small concrete berm to minimize the potential amount of water in the immediate area. This finding was entered in to the licensee’s corrective action program as Condition Report CR WF3 2014 05413.

The team determined that the failure to identify and correct through wall corrosion on the emergency diesel generator A and B day tank vents was a performance deficiency. This finding was more than minor because it was associated with the design control and equipment performance attributes of the Mitigating Systems cornerstone and adversely affected the cornerstone objective to ensure the availability, reliability, and capability of systems that respond to events to prevent undesirable consequences. Specifically, the licensee failed to identify, evaluate, and correct through wall corrosion on the emergency diesel generator A and B day tank vents. In accordance with Inspection Manual Chapter 0609, Appendix A, “The Significance Determination Process (SDP) for Findings At-Power,” dated June 19, 2012, Exhibit 2, “Mitigating Systems Screening Questions,” the issue screened to Exhibit 4, “External Events Screening Questions,” because it screened as potentially risk significant due to seismic, flooding, or severe weather. Per Exhibit 4 the issue screened to a Detailed Risk Evaluation because if the safety function were assumed completely failed, emergency diesel generator A and B, it would degrade two trains of a multi-train system and it would degrade one or more trains of a system that supports a risk significant system.

A Region IV senior reactor analyst performed a detailed risk evaluation. The finding was potentially Greater than Green in significance and the NRC requested the licensee to provide additional information to enable the NRC to determine the final significance. The risk important sequences included heavy rain induced losses of offsite power

with the consequential failure of both emergency diesel generators. The ability to restore offsite power within 4 hours was important to avoid core damage. The finding was not significant to the large early release frequency. See Attachment 2, Detailed Risk Evaluation, for a detailed review of the Appendix M evaluation.

This finding had a crosscutting aspect in the area of human performance associated with procedure adherence because the licensee failed to ensure that individuals follow process, procedures, and work instructions. [H.8](Section 1R21.2.12.3)

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The finding was determined to be of very low safety significance (Green), in part based on the licensees testing of the roof drain and the Cooper Bessemer diesel tolerance to water. The change to the core damage frequency was approximately 4×10^{-7} /year. The risk-important sequences included a heavy rain event greater than or equal to 6 inches per hour followed by a random loss of offsite power within the next two weeks. The risk significance was mitigated by the tolerance of the diesel generators to water in the fuel oil and the operators' ability to restore offsite power within 4 hours of the loss of offsite power. (IR 05000382/2015001 and 05000382/2015009 dated May 14, 2015)

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Inspection Report# : [2015009](#) (pdf)

Significance: G Jan 09, 2015

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

Inadequate Procedure for Tightening Thermal Overload Connections for Safety-Related Components

A self-revealing, non-cited violation of Technical Specification 6.8.1.a and Regulatory Guide 1.33, Revision 2, Appendix A, was identified for the failure to perform maintenance that could affect the performance of safety-related equipment in accordance - 4 -

with written procedures, documented instructions, or drawings appropriate to the circumstances. Specifically, prior to December 17, 2014, the licensee used a procedure that contained insufficient detail for tightening a thermal overload connection that resulted in a loose connection on a motor starter and eventual trip of a wet cooling tower fan, resulting in the A train of ultimate heat sink being declared inoperable. The licensee entered this condition into their corrective action program as Condition Report CR-WF3-2014-04430. The corrective action taken to restore compliance was to add additional detail to the procedure to ensure thermal overload connections are verified secure after their mechanical connections are tightened.

The inspectors determined that the performance deficiency was 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, the failure to ensure successful tightening of the thermal overload connections for the wet cooling tower fans adversely impacted the capability of the system to perform its function. The inspectors performed the initial significance determination using NRC Inspection Manual Chapter 0609, Attachment 4, "Initial Characterization of Findings." The inspectors determined the finding was of very low safety significance (Green) because it affected one train for less than the allowed outage time.

When the A train of ultimate heat sink was declared inoperable, the B train of ultimate heat sink was already inoperable for planned maintenance. As a result, the B train maintenance was unrelated to the performance deficiency. In addition, the finding did not affect the

design or qualification of the system, did not represent the loss of a safety system or function, did not represent the loss of function of at least a single train for greater than its Technical Specification allowed outage time, and did not represent an actual loss of function of one or more non-Technical Specification trains of equipment.

The inspectors concluded that the finding did not have a cross-cutting aspect because the most significant contributor to the performance deficiency occurred more than two years ago and did not reflect current licensee performance.

Inspection Report# : [2015001](#) (*pdf*)

Significance:  Jan 08, 2015

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

Failure to Identify and Correct a Condition Adverse to Fire Protection

The inspectors identified a finding of very low safety significance and an associated non-cited violation of Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3, License Condition 2.C.9, and the fire protection program for the licensee's failure to identify and correct a condition adverse to fire protection. Specifically, the inspectors identified that the ventilation dampers that are used to maintain the environmental conditions of the No. 2 diesel fire pump room and that are needed for pump protection were damaged and not functional for an extended period of time. As a result, the reliability of the No. 2 diesel fire pump could have been impacted at high environmental temperatures. The licensee entered this condition into their corrective action program as Condition Report CR-WF3-2015-00132. The licensee manually opened the dampers and additional planned corrective actions included repairing the broken dampers' linkage before the temperatures outside reach 90°F.

This performance deficiency was determined to be more than minor because if left uncorrected, the performance deficiency had the potential to lead to a more significant safety concern. Specifically, if left uncorrected, the licensee's failure to repair the damaged ventilation damper in the No. 2 diesel fire pump room would result in an ongoing degraded condition, which could have impacted the capability of the No. 2 diesel fire pump to fulfill its function of providing a water supply to the site's Fire Protection Systems. Using Inspection Manual Chapter 0609, Attachment 4, "Initial Characterization of Findings," the inspectors determined that the use of Inspection Manual Chapter 0609, Appendix F, "Fire Protection Significance Determination Process," was required because the finding involved fixed fire protection systems. Using Inspection Manual Chapter 0609, Appendix F, Attachment 1, "Fire Protection SDP Phase 1 Worksheet," the finding screened as Green because the reactor would have been able to reach and maintain a safe shutdown condition. Specifically, since only the No. 2 diesel fire pump was impacted by the performance deficiency, the No. 1 diesel fire pump and the motor driven pump would have been able to supply the fire systems because they are all rated for full flow capacity.

This finding had a cross-cutting aspect in the area of human performance, avoid complacency, because individuals did not recognize and plan for the possibility of mistakes, latent issues, and inherent risk, even while expecting successful outcomes. Specifically, licensee personnel frequently tour the fire pump house for operations and maintenance activities; however, a thorough review of the work site had not been performed.

Inspection Report# : [2015001](#) (*pdf*)

Significance:  Dec 31, 2014

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

Failure to Identify and Control Potential Tornado-Borne Missile Hazards

The inspectors identified a non-cited violation of Technical Specification 6.8.1.a and Regulatory Guide 1.33, Revision 2, Appendix A, for the licensee's failure to follow procedure OP-901-521, "Severe Weather and Flooding," Revision 312, on two separate instances. Specifically, on both November 16 and December 23, 2014, the licensee entered the off-normal procedure due to a tornado watch but failed to assess and control potential tornado-borne missile hazards on site as required by the procedure. The licensee entered this condition into their corrective action program as condition reports CR-WF3-2014-05912 and CR-WF3-2014-06453. The immediate corrective action taken to restore compliance was to secure the identified hazards.

This finding was more than minor because it was associated with the Protection Against External Factors 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, in the event of a tornado at the site, these loose items could have become missiles with the potential to impact safety-related site equipment and personnel. The inspectors determined the finding was of very low safety significance (Green) because it did not involve the loss or degradation of equipment or functions specifically designed to mitigate a seismic, flooding, or severe weather event (e.g. seismic snubbers, flooding barriers, tornado doors). The inspectors concluded that the finding had a cross-cutting aspect in the area of Human Performance, Field Presence, because the licensee did not ensure supervisory and management oversight of work activities.

Inspection Report# : [2014005](#) (*pdf*)

Significance:  Dec 31, 2014

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

Failure to Follow the Operability Determination Process

The inspectors identified a non-cited violation of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion V, "Instructions, Procedures, and Drawings," for the licensee's failure to assess immediate operability of safety-related systems in accordance with site procedures, in three separate instances. Specifically, on two occasions, the licensee did not properly assess operability of safety-related relays in the Engineered Safety Features Actuation Signal system, which in turn brought into question the operability of the emergency diesel generators. A third example involved the licensee's failure to properly assess operability of safety-related class 3 piping on the dry cooling towers, which brought into question the operability of the component cooling water system. The licensee entered this condition into their corrective action program as condition report CR-WF3-2014-06014. The licensee restored compliance by revising the immediate operability determinations to reflect an adequate reason to justify operability of the systems in questions.

The inspectors determined that the performance deficiency was more than minor because it was associated with the Equipment Performance attribute of the Mitigating Systems Cornerstone to ensure the availability, reliability, and capability of systems that respond to initiating events to prevent undesirable consequences. Specifically, failing to follow the Operability Determination procedure caused the licensee to incorrectly assess the capability of the systems impacted by the relays and dry cooling tower tube leak to perform their safety function and there was a reasonable doubt on the operability of the systems. The inspectors determined the finding had very low safety significance (Green) because it did not affect the design or qualification of the system, did not represent the loss of a safety system or function, did not represent the loss of function of at least a single train for greater than its Technical Specification allowed outage time, and did not represent an actual loss of function of one or more non-Technical Specification trains of equipment. This finding had a cross-cutting aspect in the area of Human Performance, Consistent Process, because individuals did not use a consistent, systematic approach to make a decision and risk insights were not incorporated appropriately.

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Significance: G Dec 31, 2014

Identified By: Self-Revealing

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

Failure to Establish an Inspection Schedule of the Dry Cooling Towers

The inspectors reviewed a self-revealing, non-cited violation of Technical Specification 6.8.1.a and Regulatory Guide 1.33, Revision 2, Appendix A, for failure of the licensee to develop a preventative maintenance schedule for inspections of safety-related equipment. Specifically, the licensee did not develop a preventative maintenance schedule to visually inspect all portions of the dry cooling towers (DCT). The licensee entered this condition into their corrective action program as condition report CR-WF3-2014-04930 and CR-WF3-2014-06100. The licensee developed preventative maintenance tasks to inspect the DCT tubes, including disassembly where necessary, to restore compliance.

The inspectors determined that the performance deficiency was 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, the failure to inspect portions of the dry cooling towers prevented the licensee from identifying corrosion that eventually degraded the system enough to cause a leak. The inspectors determined the finding had very low safety significance (Green) because it did not affect the design or qualification of the system, did not represent the loss of a safety system or function, did not represent the loss of function of at least a single train for greater than its Technical Specification allowed outage time, and did not represent an actual loss of function of one or more non-Technical Specification trains of equipment. The inspectors concluded that the finding had a cross-cutting aspect in the area of Problem Identification and Resolution, Identification, because the licensee did not implement a corrective action program with a low threshold for identifying issues.

Inspection Report# : [2014005](#) (*pdf*)

Significance: G Dec 31, 2014

Identified By: Self-Revealing

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

Failure to Establish Design Control Measures for the Suitability of Safety-Related Relays

The inspectors reviewed a self-revealing, non-cited violation of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion III, “Design Control,” for the licensee’s failure to establish measures for the selection and review for suitability of application of materials, parts, equipment, and processes that are essential to the safety-related functions of the structures, systems and components. Specifically, the licensee did not have an adequate replacement frequency for safety-related relays associated with engineered safety features equipment to ensure that all required equipment operated in the time sequence assumed by the safety analysis. The licensee entered this condition into their corrective action program as condition report CR-WF3-2013-05091. The licensee replaced the affected relays and reduced their replacement frequency from 18 years to 3 years to restore compliance.

The inspectors determined that the performance deficiency was 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, the failure to develop an adequate replacement frequency for the relays used to monitor for under-voltage conditions on the safety-related emergency busses could have prevented the equipment from performing its safety function. The inspectors determined the finding was of very low safety significance (Green) because the finding was a deficiency affecting the qualification of a mitigating system component and the affected equipment maintained its operability. The inspectors determined the finding had a cross-cutting aspect in the area of Human Performance, Challenging the Unknown, because the licensee did not stop when faced with uncertain conditions and risks were not evaluated and managed before proceeding.

Inspection Report# : [2014005](#) (pdf)

Significance: G Dec 31, 2014

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

Failure to Correct a Condition Adverse to Quality in a Timely Manner

The inspectors identified a finding of very low safety significance and associated non-cited violation of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion XVI, "Corrective Actions," for the licensee's failure to correct a condition adverse to quality in a time commensurate with the safety significance of the issue. Specifically, the licensee failed to repair degraded conduit that had been identified as corroded since 2008. As a result, conduits that were housing cables for safety-related components were degraded to the point where water entered the conduit and submerged cables that were not designed for submergence for an extended period of time. The licensee entered this condition into their corrective action program as condition report CR-WF3-2014-04951. The licensee repaired the degraded conduit associated with the impacted safety-related cables to restore compliance, and also initiated an extent of condition review to identify other cables that could potentially be impacted by degraded conduits.

The inspectors determined that the performance deficiency was more than minor because if left uncorrected the performance deficiency would have the potential to lead to a more significant safety concern. Specifically, safety-related cables that were not rated for full submergence were submerged in water since at least 2008, potentially affecting the integrity of the cable and potentially impacting the safety-related equipment's ability to perform their safety function in the event of an accident. The inspectors determined that the finding had very low safety significance (Green) because the finding impacted the qualification of mitigating components but the components maintained operability. This finding had a cross-cutting aspect in the area of Human Performance, Conservative Bias, because the licensee decision-making practices did not emphasize prudent choices over those that are simply allowable. Specifically, when evaluating condition reports written through several years that document the degraded conduit, the licensee elected to defer needed maintenance instead of placing the adequate priority on the issue.

Inspection Report# : [2014005](#) (pdf)

Significance: G Jun 06, 2014

Identified By: Self-Revealing

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

Inadequate Procedures for Securing Dry Cooling Tower Fans

A self-revealing non-cited violation of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion III occurred when the licensee did not assure that design basis information was translated into specifications, drawings, procedures, and instructions. Specifically, after a failure revealed new design basis information regarding the need to place a train of dry cooling tower fan controllers to the "off" position prior to de-energizing the associated control cabinet, the licensee failed to incorporate this information into procedures. As a result, the failure recurred. The licensee entered this condition into its corrective action program as Condition Reports CR-WF3-2012-05680 and -06908 and updated procedure OP-006-005, "Inverters and Distribution," to incorporate the new design basis information into procedures. The licensee documented its failure to timely update design basis information in Condition Report CR-WF3-2014-02981.

The failure to assure that design basis information was translated into specifications, drawings, procedures, and instructions as required by 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion III was a performance deficiency. The performance deficiency was 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, the failure to incorporate design basis information regarding the need to place the dry cooling tower fan controllers to the "off"

position prior to de-energizing the associated control cabinet into specifications, drawings, procedures, and instructions impacted the capability, availability, and reliability of both trains of dry cooling towers. Using NRC Inspection Manual Chapter 0609, Appendix G, "Shutdown Operations Significance Determination Process," the inspectors determined the finding to be of very low safety significance (Green) because the required number of dry cooling towers in the protected train maintained their operability.

This finding has a resolution cross-cutting aspect in the problem identification and resolution cross-cutting area because the licensee had not taken effective corrective actions to address an issue in a timely manner commensurate with its safety significance (P.3).

Inspection Report# : [2014008](#) (pdf)

Significance:  Jun 06, 2014

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

Failure to Identify and Correct Condition Adversely Affecting Flooding Mitigation Design

The team identified a non-cited violation of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion XVI, for the licensee's failure to identify and correct a condition adverse to quality. On May 19, 2014, the team identified a significant amount of debris on the floor of one of the main steam isolation valve areas. In a probable maximum precipitation event, this debris could have prevented sufficient water removal by the floor drains to meet design basis assumptions. Following identification, the licensee entered this condition into its corrective action program as Condition Report CR-WF3-2014-03037 and removed the debris from the area.

Excessive debris in the main steam isolation valve A area that could challenge the waterremoval capability of safety-related drain systems was a condition adverse to quality. The licensee's failure to promptly identify and correct this condition adverse to quality as required by 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion XVI was a performance deficiency. This performance deficiency was more than minor because if left uncorrected, it had the potential to lead to a more significant safety concern. The lead inspector performed the initial significance determination for performance deficiency using NRC Inspection Manual 0609, Appendix A, Exhibit 4, "External Events Screening Questions," dated July 1, 2012. The finding required a detailed risk evaluation because it involved the degradation of equipment specifically designed to mitigate a flooding event. Therefore, a Region IV senior reactor analyst performed a bounding detailed risk evaluation. The bounding change to the core damage frequency was 4.7×10^{-8} per year (Green). The dominant core damage sequences included extremely heavy rainfall, a loss of offsite power initiating event, failure of the train B 4.16kV bus, and failure of the pressurizer safety relief valves to close. The low initiating event frequency reduced the risk significance.

This finding has a resolution cross-cutting aspect in the problem identification and resolution cross-cutting area because the licensee failed to take effective corrective actions to address issues in a timely manner commensurate with their safety significance. Specifically, the licensee's corrective actions from the previous non-cited violation did not fully address the issue (P.3).

Inspection Report# : [2014008](#) (pdf)

Significance:  Jun 06, 2014

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

Failure to Promptly Correct Multiple Degraded or Nonconforming Conditions

The inspectors identified multiple instances of the licensee's failure to promptly correct degraded or nonconforming conditions as required by 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion XVI. At the conclusion of the inspection, the licensee had one structure, system or component that had been degraded since November 2008, requiring compensatory measures to provide reasonable assurance of operability; the licensee had another degraded condition

that had existed since April 2011 with no compensatory measures in place. Following the team's identification of this issue, the licensee documented this issue in Condition Report CR-WF3-2014-03250 to evaluate the timeliness of its corrective actions.

The failure to promptly correct conditions adverse to quality as required by 10 CFR 50, Appendix B, Criterion XVI was a performance deficiency. This performance deficiency is more than minor because it was associated with the design control 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. Using Inspection Manual Chapter 0609, Appendix A, the team determined this finding to be of very low safety significance (Green) because it did not represent the actual loss of function of a safety-related system or train.

This finding has an evaluation cross-cutting aspect in the problem identification and resolution cross-cutting area because the licensee failed to thoroughly evaluate the issues to ensure that the resolutions addressed causes and extents of condition commensurate with the issues' safety significance (P.2).

Inspection Report# : [2014008](#) (*pdf*)

Barrier Integrity

Significance: G Jan 12, 2015

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

Failure to Properly Evaluate Main Feedwater Isolation Valve Required Thrust

Green. The team identified a Green, non-cited violation of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion III, "Design Control," which states, in part, "design control measures shall provide for verifying or checking the adequacy of design, such as by the performance of design reviews, by the use of alternate or simplified calculational methods, or by the performance of a suitable testing program." Specifically, since January 18, 2006, the licensee failed to evaluate the adequacy of design for the required thrust for the main feedwater isolation valves in accordance with the licensee's analysis methodology presented in EPRI TR 103237-R2, "EPRI MOV Performance Prediction Program." In response to this issue, the licensee recalculated the required thrust and performed an evaluation of the remaining margin on the main feedwater isolation valves that supported an operable determination. This finding was entered into the licensee's corrective action program as Condition Report CR-WF3-2014-05690.

The team determined that the failure to evaluate the required thrust for the main feedwater isolation valves, assuming an appropriate valve disk to seat coefficient of friction, was a performance deficiency. This finding was more than minor because it was associated with the design control attribute of the Barrier Integrity cornerstone and adversely affected the cornerstone objective to provide reasonable assurance that physical design barriers (containment) protect the public from radionuclide releases caused by accidents or events. Specifically, the incorrect coefficient of friction assumption resulted in a reasonable question of operability of the main feedwater isolation valves to operate under design basis conditions; during a main steam line break when auxiliary feedwater was supplying inventory to the steam generators. In accordance with Inspection Manual Chapter 0609, Appendix A, "The Significance Determination Process (SDP) for Findings At-Power," issued June 19, 2012, Exhibit 3, "Barrier Integrity Screening Questions," the issue screened as having very low safety significance (Green) because the finding did not represent an actual open pathway in the physical integrity of reactor containment and did not involve an actual reduction in function of the hydrogen igniters in reactor containment. The team determined that this finding did not have a crosscutting aspect because the most significant contributor did not reflect current licensee performance. (Section 1R21.2.15)

Inspection Report# : [2014007](#) (pdf)

Significance: G Jan 12, 2015

Identified By: Self-Revealing

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

Failure to Properly Evaluate Main Steam Isolation Valve Weak Link

The team identified a Green non-cited violation of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion III, “Design Control,” which states in part, that design control measures shall provide for verifying or checking the adequacy of design, such as by the performance of design reviews, by the use of alternate or simplified calculational methods, or by the performance of a suitable testing program.

Specifically, since January 18, 2006, the licensee has failed to evaluate the adequacy of design of the main feedwater isolation valve operators to provide adequate thrust in accordance with the licensee’s analysis methodology described in EPRI topical report TR 103237-R2, “EPRI MOV Performance Prediction Program.” In response to this issue, the licensee recalculated the required thrust and performed an evaluation that supported a determination that the valves remained operable. This finding was entered into the licensee’s corrective action program as CR WF3-2014-05690.

The team determined that the failure to evaluate the required thrust for operation of the main feedwater isolation valves, assuming an appropriate valve-disk-to-seat coefficient of friction, was a performance deficiency. This performance deficiency was more than minor because it was associated with the design control attribute of the Barrier Integrity cornerstone and adversely affected the cornerstone objective to provide reasonable assurance that physical design barriers (containment) protect the public from radionuclide releases caused by accidents or events.

Specifically, the incorrect coefficient of friction assumption resulted in a reasonable question of operability of the main feedwater isolation valves to operate under the design basis condition of a main steam line break while auxiliary feedwater is supplying inventory to the steam generators. In accordance with Inspection Manual Chapter 0609, Appendix A, “The Significance Determination Process (SDP) for Findings At-Power,” issued June 19, 2012, Exhibit 3, “Barrier Integrity Screening Questions,” this finding screened as having very low safety significance (Green) because the finding did not represent an actual open pathway in the physical integrity of reactor containment and did not involve an actual reduction in function of the hydrogen igniters in reactor containment. The team determined that this finding did not have a cross-cutting aspect because the most significant contributor did not reflect current licensee performance. (Section 1R21.2.15)

- Green. The team reviewed a self-revealing Green non-cited violation of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion III, “Design Control,” which states, in part, that design control measures shall provide for verifying or checking the adequacy of design, such as by the performance of design reviews, by the use of alternate or simplified calculational methods, or by the performance of a suitable testing program. Specifically, prior to the failure of main steam isolation valve MS-124A on January 5, 2013, the licensee failed to have an adequate weak-link evaluation for the main steam isolation valves. In response to this event, the licensee performed a seismic weak-link evaluation of the main steam isolation valves that supported a determination that the valves were operable. This finding was entered into the licensee’s corrective action program as CR-WF3-2014-05708.

The team determined that the failure to evaluate the main steam isolation valve maximum allowed thrust, assuming appropriate values for the structural limitations of the valve and actuator, was a performance deficiency. This performance deficiency was more than minor because it was associated with the design control attribute of the Barrier Integrity cornerstone and adversely affected the cornerstone objective to provide reasonable assurance that physical design barriers (containment) protect the public from radionuclide releases caused by accidents or events.

Specifically, the licensee used a non-conservative value for the maximum allowed thrust, and the error resulted in a failure of main steam isolation valve MS-124A, because the allowable nitrogen pressure for the valve actuator was

inappropriate. In accordance with Inspection Manual Chapter 0609, Appendix A, “The Significance Determination Process (SDP) for Findings At-Power,” issued June 19, 2012, Exhibit 3, “Barrier Integrity Screening Questions,” this finding screened as having very low safety significance (Green) because the finding did not represent an actual open pathway in the physical integrity of reactor containment and did not involve an actual reduction in function of the hydrogen igniters in reactor containment. The team determined that this finding did not have a cross-cutting aspect because the most significant contributor did not reflect current licensee performance.

Inspection Report# : [2014007](#) (*pdf*)

Emergency Preparedness

Significance:  Jun 30, 2014

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

Failure to Maintain Adequate Public Address System to Implement Onsite Protective Actions.

The inspectors identified a non-cited violation of 10 CFR Part 50.54(q)(2) for a failure to maintain the effectiveness of an emergency plan that meets the planning standards of 10 CFR Part 50.47(b). Specifically, the licensee failed to maintain the public address system in a manner that could provide prompt protective action notifications via voice or emergency alarms to all areas and buildings on the plant site. The capability to implement onsite protective actions for its workers is required by 10 CFR Part 50.47(b)(10). The licensee implemented compensatory measures while the system was being restored. Based on communications from the licensee on January 14, 2014, signs have been placed on entrances to areas affected by the non-functional public address speakers detailing alternate radio communications protocols that must be used while in the areas. In addition, public address speaker communications were sent out via group pagers and plant radio systems as well to enhance the ability to reach all workers. These compensatory measures have been communicated to their operations staff via written instructions in their daily turnover documentation. The licensee entered the issue into the corrective action program as Condition Report CR-WF3-2013-05860.

The failure to maintain the effectiveness of the means to warn or advise onsite individuals of the range of protective measures consistent with the licensee’s emergency plan was a performance deficiency. The performance deficiency is more than minor because it is associated with the facilities and equipment attribute of the emergency preparedness cornerstone and it adversely impacted the objective of ensuring that the licensee is capable of implementing adequate measures to protect the health and safety of the public in the event of a radiological emergency. In addition, if left uncorrected, continued degradation of the public address system could lead to workers not receiving emergency instructions in a manner timely enough to ensure their safety. Using NRC Inspection Manual Chapter 0609, Attachment 4, “Initial Characterization of Findings;” and the corresponding Appendix B, “Emergency Preparedness Significance Determination Process (SDP),” the finding was determined to have very low safety significance (Green) because it did not result in a loss of risk-significant planning standard function, a risk-significant planning standard degraded function, or a loss of planning standard function. The finding had a cross-cutting aspect in the evaluation area of problem identification and resolution, associated with thoroughly evaluating issues to ensure that resolutions address causes and extent of conditions commensurate with their safety significance. From August 2011 to December 4, 2013, as documented by multiple condition reports, there have been many instances of speaker and system component failures that have resulted in fixing failed components only without addressing the underlying conditions causing those failures. None of the failures caused the licensee to question whether they fully understood the reasons for the repetitive failures and whether alternative actions were necessary to correct the causes.

Inspection Report# : [2014003](#) (*pdf*)

Occupational Radiation Safety

Significance:  Dec 31, 2014

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: FIN Finding

Failure to Adequately Plan and Control Work Activities Related to Alloy 600 Pipe Weld Inspections to Ensure Doses were ALARA.

The inspectors identified a finding associated with the licensee's failure to adequately plan and control work activities associated with Alloy 600 ultrasonic examinations during Refueling Outage 19. Specifically, the inspectors concluded that, had the licensee appropriately evaluated the Alloy 600 pipe weld conditions/locations during the ALARA planning process and appropriately performed in-progress ALARA reviews, they could have reasonably planned for the full scope of work and provided a better estimate and/or adequately justified revising the estimate for the job. These failures to plan and control the job activities led to unplanned, unintended collective dose. The licensee evaluated the procedures used during this work, including their process for planning and estimating doses, and documented the issue in the corrective action program.

The failure to adequately plan and control work activities associated with Alloy 600 ultrasonic examinations is a performance deficiency. This performance deficiency is more than minor because it is associated with the program and process attribute of the Occupational Radiation Safety cornerstone. It adversely affects the cornerstone objective to ensure adequate protection of the worker health and safety from exposure to radiation from radioactive material during routine civilian nuclear reactor operation. Specifically, it caused the collective radiation dose for the work to be greater than 5 man-rem and exceed the planned dose estimate by more than 50 percent. Using Inspection Manual Chapter 0609, Appendix C, "Occupational Radiation Safety Significance Determination Process," dated August 19, 2008, the inspectors determined the finding has very low safety significance because: (1) it was associated with ALARA planning and (2) the licensee's three-year rolling average collective dose of 121.7 man-rem was less than 135 man-rem. The finding has a Work Management cross-cutting aspect, associated with the Human Performance cross-cutting area, because the licensee did not adequately plan or control work activities such that nuclear safety is the overriding safety priority. Specifically, the ALARA plan did not reflect the time needed to complete the work activities, thus underestimating the dose requirements, and the administrative control of reviewing the work-in-progress at appropriate completion points failed.

Inspection Report# : [2014005](#) (*pdf*)

Significance:  Jun 30, 2014

Identified By: Self-Revealing

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

Failure to Control Entry into a High Radiation Area

The inspectors reviewed a self-revealing, non-cited violation of Technical Specification 6.12.1 because a worker entered a high radiation area, but was not on a radiation work permit that authorized entry and was not knowledgeable of the dose rates in the area. Specifically, on April 14, 2014, a worker entered shutdown heat exchanger room B, a posted high radiation area during crud burst operations, and received an unanticipated electronic dose rate alarm of 107 millirem per hour. Radiation protection personnel counseled the worker, revoked his access to radiological

controlled areas, and documented the occurrence in the corrective action program as Condition Report CR-WF3-2014-01638.

The entry into a high radiation area while not on a radiation work permit that allows entry into high radiation areas and without knowledge of the dose rates in the area is a performance deficiency. The performance deficiency is more than minor and a violation of Technical Specification 6.12.1 because it impacted the program and process attribute (exposure control) of the occupational radiation safety cornerstone and adversely affected the cornerstone objective of ensuring adequate protection of worker health and safety from exposure to radiation. Using Inspection Manual Chapter 0609, Appendix C, "Occupational Radiation Safety Significance Determination Process," dated August 19, 2008, the inspectors determined the violation has very low safety significance because: (1) it was not as low as is reasonably achievable (ALARA) finding, (2) there was no overexposure, (3) there was no substantial potential for an overexposure, and (4) the ability to assess dose was not compromised. This violation has a cross-cutting aspect in the human performance area, associated with an individual's failure to implement appropriate error reduction tools necessary for avoiding complacency by recognizing and planning for the possibility of mistakes, latent issues, and inherent risk, even while expecting successful outcomes.

Inspection Report# : [2014003](#) (*pdf*)

Public Radiation Safety

Significance:  Jan 14, 2015

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

Failure to Develop the Transportation Security Plan

The inspectors identified a non-cited violation of 10 CFR 71.5, "Transportation of Licensed Material," and 49 CFR 172, Subpart I, "Safety and Security Plans." Specifically, licensee personnel failed to adequately develop their transportation security plan. This resulted in three Category 2 shipments being transported on public highways without security risk assessments being performed. The planned corrective actions were still being evaluated. The inspectors determined that no immediate safety concern existed because the shipments that had been made were received with no issues and the licensee had no pending Category 2 or higher shipments. The licensee documented the issue in its corrective action program as Condition Report CR-W3-2015-00506.

The licensee's failure to adequately develop their transportation security plan is a performance deficiency. Procedure EN-RW-106, "Integrated Transportation Security Plan," did not include all the components required by 49 CFR 172.802, "Components of a Security Plan." The performance deficiency is more than minor because it is associated with the program and process attribute of the Public Radiation Safety cornerstone. It adversely affects the cornerstone objective to ensure adequate protection of public health and safety from exposure to radioactive materials released into the public domain. In accordance with Inspection Manual Chapter 0609, Attachment 4, "Initial Characterization of Findings," and Appendix D, "Public Radiation Safety Significance Determination Process," dated February 12, 2008, the inspectors determined the finding has very low safety significance (Green) because Waterford had an issue involving transportation of radioactive waste, but it did not involve: (1) a radiation limit being exceeded, (2) a breach of package during transport, (3) a certificate of compliance issue, (4) a low level burial ground nonconformance, or (5) a failure to make notifications or provide emergency information. The finding has a resources cross-cutting aspect in the human performance cross-cutting area, because licensee management did not ensure that personnel, equipment, procedures,

and other resources were available and adequate to support nuclear safety.

Inspection Report# : [2015001](#) (*pdf*)

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

Significance: N/A Sep 30, 2013

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: VIO Violation

Failure to Make a Report Required by 10 CFR 21.21

The team identified a violation of 10 CFR 21.21 that occurred when the licensee failed to submit a report or interim report on a deviation in a basic component within 60 days of discovery.

The failure of the licensee to adequately evaluate deviations in basic components and to report defects is a performance deficiency. The NRC's significance determination process (SDP) considers the safety significance of findings by evaluating their potential safety consequences. This performance deficiency was of minor safety significance. The traditional enforcement process separately considers the significance of willful violations, violations that impact the regulatory process, and violations that result in actual safety consequences. Traditional enforcement applied to this finding because it involved a violation that impacted the regulatory process. Supplement VII to the version of the NRC Enforcement Policy that was in effect at the time the violation was identified provided as an example of a violation of significant regulatory concern (Severity Level III), "An inadequate review or failure to review such that, if an appropriate review had been made as required, a 10 CFR Part 21 report would have been made." Based on this example, the NRC determined that the violation met the criteria to be cited as a Severity Level III violation. However, because of the circumstances surrounding the violation, including the removal from service of the affected components by an unrelated manufacturer's recall, the severity of the cited violation is being reduced to Severity Level IV. Cross-cutting aspects are not assigned to traditional enforcement violations.

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