

## South Texas 2 2Q/2015 Plant Inspection Findings

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### Initiating Events

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### Mitigating Systems

**Significance:** G Sep 25, 2014

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

#### **Inadequate Loop Flow Test**

The team identified a non-cited violation of Technical Specification 6.8.1.d for the failure to implement and maintain written procedures for fire protection program implementation. Specifically, the licensee failed to have procedures for and to flow test the portions of the underground piping that supplied water to the diesel generator buildings since the initial startup test. The licensee initiated actions to perform the flow testing within two months and entered the deficiency into their corrective action program as Condition Report 14-17098.

The failure to conduct flow testing of the entire underground fire protection piping loop was a performance deficiency. This performance deficiency was more than minor because it was associated with the protection against external factors attribute (fire) and adversely affected the mitigating systems cornerstone objective to ensure the availability, reliability, and capability of systems that respond to initiating events to prevent undesirable consequences. Specifically, the failure to performance test the underground fire protection piping loops supplying the emergency diesel generator buildings for both units did not demonstrate the continued capability to deliver adequate flow and pressure to the fire suppression systems supplying those buildings.

The team evaluated the finding using Inspection Manual Chapter 0609, Appendix F, “Fire Protection Significance Determination Process,” because it affected fire protection defense-in-depth strategies involving fire water supply. Using Appendix F, the team determined that the finding screened to very low safety significance. Specifically, the finding did not prevent the reactor from achieving safe shutdown since only one safe shutdown train would be affected at a time. Since these underground fire protection piping loops had not been flow tested since initial installation and nothing caused the licensee to reevaluate the test, the team determined that this failure did not reflect current performance.

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

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### Barrier Integrity

**Significance:** G Sep 28, 2014

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

#### **Failure to Identify a Condition Adverse to Quality for the Control Room Envelope**

The inspectors identified a Green non-cited violation of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion XVI, “Corrective Action,” involving the licensee’s failure to promptly identify and correct a condition adverse to quality. Specifically, following the identification of general corrosion on the Units 1 and 2 control room envelope heating, ventilation, and air conditioning ducts, the licensee failed to identify that moisture condensing and collecting was a condition adverse to quality and failed to correct the condition. As a result, corrosion caused through-wall leaks in 2008 and 2014. The licensee entered this into the corrective action program as Condition Report 14-17723, and planned to evaluate and address the issue.

The failure to promptly identify and correct a condition adverse to quality is a performance deficiency. The performance deficiency was more than minor because it is associated with the barrier performance attribute of the Barrier Integrity Cornerstone and affected the cornerstone objective. Using NRC Inspection Manual Chapter 0609, Appendix A, “Significance Determination Process (SDP) for Findings at Power,” dated June 19, 2012, the finding was determined to be of very low safety significance (Green) because the finding only represented a degradation of the radiological barrier function provided for the control room. The finding has a cross-cutting aspect in the area of problem identification and resolution associated with evaluation, because the licensee failed to thoroughly evaluate the issue to ensure that the resolution addressed the cause of extent of condition commensurate with the safety significance [P2].

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## Emergency Preparedness

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## Occupational Radiation Safety

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## Public Radiation Safety

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## 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.

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## Miscellaneous

**Significance:** N/A Dec 31, 2014  
**Identified By:** NRC

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

**Failure to Update the UFSAR for the Ultrasonic Feedwater Flow Measurement System**

The inspectors identified a non-cited violation of 10 CFR 50.71(e), “Maintenance of Records, Making Reports,” for the failure to update the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report with information on the installation and use of the ultrasonic feedwater flow measurement system to control reactor power and calibrate nuclear instruments, which was installed in both units by the end of 1999. This violation was entered into the corrective action program as Condition Report 15-420.

The failure to update the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report, as required by 10 CFR 50.71(e), with a description of the ultrasonic feedwater flow measurement system was a performance deficiency. The inspectors determined that this performance deficiency was not more than minor. However, because it had the potential to impact the NRC’s ability to perform its regulatory oversight function, the inspectors assessed more the significance of the violation using traditional enforcement. Using the NRC Enforcement Policy to evaluate the significance, the violation was determined to be a Severity Level IV violation in accordance with Section 6.1.d.3, since the lack of information in the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report was not used to make an unacceptable change to the facility or procedures. Cross-cutting aspects are not assigned to traditional enforcement violations.

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**Significance:**  Dec 18, 2014

Identified By: NRC

Item Type: NCV Non-Cited Violation

**Failure to Perform Proper Material Package Searches to Ensure Identification Prior to Entry into Protected Area**

The team identified a non-cited violation of 10 CFR 73.55(h)(3)(i) for the failure to properly search personnel items (lunch boxes, briefcases, packages) before granting access to protected areas. Specifically, security personnel did not follow Security Instruction 2101, “Access Control,” by allowing owners of packages to manipulate their packages when officers needed to search those packages for contraband prior to gaining entry into the protected area. The licensee entered the issue into the corrective action program as Condition Report 14-22811, developed, and reviewed a pre-job brief specifically for search train requirements with every oncoming officer, and covered management expectations and procedure details at all shift turnovers.

The failure to follow Security Instruction 2101 “Access Control,” requirements by allowing the owners (non-security officers) to manipulate those packages that needed to be hand inspected when x-ray inspection reveals complex images or suspicious or unidentifiable images was a performance deficiency. The performance deficiency is more than minor because it was associated with the Access Control attribute and adversely affected the Safeguards/Security cornerstone objective to provide assurance that the licensee’s security system uses a defense in-depth approach and can protect against the design basis threat of radiological sabotage from external and internal threats, and therefore a finding. The finding adversely affected the cornerstone objective because it could have resulted in undetected weapons or contraband being taken into the protected and vital areas.

Using the Physical Protection Significance Determination Process, the inspector determined that the cumulative total for the finding was two points. This was calculated by factoring the impact area (Vital Area) against Tier I element 71130.02-02.02(c) Search Activities, under the Access Control attribute. Because the calculated point total did not exceed the range for a Green determination (zero to six points), the inspector determined the finding to be of very low security significance. The inspectors determined that this finding has a cross-cutting aspect in the human performance area associated with complacency in that security force personnel did not implement appropriate error reduction tools due to the repetitive nature of the search train activities and the expectation of successful outcomes H.12.

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