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**Subject: Licensee Event Report 2010-005, Revision 0, for the Fort Calhoun Station**

Please find attached Licensee Event Report 2010-005, Revision 0, dated October 8, 2010. This report is being submitted pursuant to 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(i)(B).

No regulatory commitments are contained in this submittal. If you should have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JAR", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

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Inoperability of the Emergency Diesel Generator Fuel Oil Transfer System

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ABSTRACT (Limit to 1400 spaces, i.e., approximately 15 single-spaced typewritten lines)

Diesel Fuel Oil Transfer Pump FO-37 and its credited portable back-up pump were inoperable on January 6-7, 2010. On January 6, 2010, FO-37 was rendered inoperable due to local area flooding caused by the rupture of FP-772, "Service Building Fire Sprinkler Isolation Valve". The function of FO-37 is to transfer diesel fuel between "Diesel Fuel Oil Storage Tanks" FO-10 and FO-1. On June 24, 2010, an engineering evaluation determined that the credited portable back up pump to FO-37 was not the correct pump for the application and would not transfer diesel fuel oil from FO-10 to FO-1 as intended. Since both pumps (FO-37 and the credited portable back-up pump) were inoperable this is reportable in accordance with 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(i)(B).

The root cause of the event is still under investigation and will be reported in a supplement to this LER

The originally credited portable back-up pump was replaced with a new portable pump that has the capability to transfer diesel fuel oil between tanks FO-10 and FO-1. The appropriate procedures were revised to address the pump replacement.



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## NARRATIVE

## BACKGROUND

On March 29, 1994, Fort Calhoun Station (FCS) received approval (Technical Specification (TS) amendment 162) to revise TS 2.7(1)m that enabled the configuration of the fuel oil system for the emergency diesel generators to meet Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) 308, "Standard Criteria for Class 1E Power Systems for Nuclear Power Generating Stations." This provides FCS the capability to provide diesel fuel oil for seven days of diesel generator operation following the most limiting accident condition. The revised TS 2.7(1)m, "Limiting Condition for Operation, Electrical Systems, Applicability, Minimum Requirements (plant greater than 300 degrees F)" states, "One diesel fuel oil storage system containing a minimum volume of 16,000 gallons of diesel fuel in FO-1 and a minimum volume of 10,000 gallons of diesel fuel in FO-10."

The FCS diesel fuel oil system is defined in part as, FO-1, FO-10, FO-37, the credited portable back-up pump, associated piping, other pumps, valves, portable hoses and instrumentation.

The original licensed configuration was to solely use the fuel oil inventory in FO-1, which contains approximately four days supply for the emergency diesel generators. The TS amendment changes included combining the fuel oil inventories of FO-1 and FO-10, "Auxiliary Boiler (AS-1) Fuel Oil Tank" which would extend the operation of the emergency diesel generators to seven days. FO-1 and FO-10 are separate tanks and are not physically connected.

The TS amendment 162 "Discussion, Justification and No Significant Hazards Consideration" section stated that fuel oil make-up to FO-1 could be achieved by manually connecting FO-37 from FO-10 to FO-1 through rubber hose connections. Additionally, a portable pump and hoses were dedicated and stored in an appropriate place as a back-up to FO-37. A preventative maintenance task was developed to periodically verify the pump and hoses are available for use. Since the portable pump is a credited back-up to FO-37, then FO-37 can be out-of-service without violating the TS requirement of having an operable "fuel oil storage system."

FO-37 is a non-Critical Quality Element (CQE) positive displacement pump capable of transferring fuel oil from FO-10 to FO-1, through rubber hose connections, at a rate of 5.8 gpm. The credited portable back-up pump was a non-CQE manual double diaphragm Munster Simms Whale Gusher 30 bilge pump with a nominal rating of 29 gpm.

FCS Procedure EPIP-RR-17A, "TSC Administrative Logistics Coordinator Actions" contains instructions on the use of FO-37 and the portable back-up pump to transfer diesel fuel from FO-10 to FO-1. This procedure also addresses the contingency to have diesel fuel oil delivered via truck from a local vendor. This helps to ensure that there is sufficient diesel fuel oil on site should an accident requiring sustained emergency diesel generator operation.

## EVENT DESCRIPTION

On January 6-7, 2010, due to local area flooding FO-37 was rendered inoperable for approximately 24 hours. In response to NRC Resident Inspector questions an engineering review was performed on June 24, 2010, on the capability of the portable back-up pump. This review revealed that the portable back-up pump was not the correct pump for the application and it could not perform its intended function of transferring diesel fuel oil from FO-10 to FO-1 in the event that FO-37 was inoperable. Additionally, on August 30, 2010, the portable back-up pump failed a functional test when the pump diaphragm ruptured.

Since FO-37 was inoperable on January 6-7, 2010, and an engineering evaluation determined the portable back-up pump was not capable of transferring diesel fuel oil from FO-10 to FO-1, then these two components, that are part of the diesel fuel oil system required by TS 2.7(1)m were inoperable concurrently, then this condition is reportable in accordance with 10 CFR 73(a)(2)(i)(B).



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## CONCLUSION

The root cause is currently under investigation and will be reported in a supplement to this LER.

## CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

The non-CQE manual double diaphragm Munster Simms Whale Gusher 30 bilge pump was replaced with a Filterdyne Portable filtration System, Model 757.10.1 and procedure EPIP-RR-17A was revised to address the use of the Filterdyne Portable Filtration System for use as the credited back-up to FO-37. Other actions will be addressed by the FCS corrective action program.

## SAFETY SIGNIFICANCE

The transfer of diesel fuel oil from FO-10 to FO-1 can be accomplished by FO-37, or other portable back-up pumps. FCS procedures also address the delivery of diesel fuel oil on site from a local vendor. Since there are several methods to transfer diesel fuel oil to FO-1, this event has no effect on the health and safety of the public.

## SAFETY SYSTEM FUNCTIONAL FAILURE

This event does not result in a safety system functional failure in accordance with NEI-99-02.

## PREVIOUS SIMILAR EVENTS

Previous similar events are currently being researched and will be provided in a supplement to this LER.