

Defect with Emergent Nitrogen Gas Separation Apparatus in Fukushima Daiichi NPS

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<Chronological order>

On November 19

9:26 AM: We started a regular test with the emergent nitrogen gas separation apparatus.

11:31 AM: A person on duty found no flow rate of nitrogen supply.

11:49 AM: When checking the can angle indicator of an air actuating ball valve, he found the indicator showing 'full closed', though it is supposed to show 'full open'

11:54 AM: We determined it does not meet the Limiting Conditions for Operation (LCO), Part 1, Article 25 in Security of the Specified Reactor Facilities

12:00 PM: We stopped the emergent nitrogen gas separation apparatus manually. We found no abnormality with the common-use nitrogen gas separation apparatuses A and B, and nitrogen injection at Units 1 to 3.

On November 20

11:05 AM: We started a regular test with that valve 'full opened'

11:40 AM: We confirmed each parameter (No abnormality for flow rate etc.)

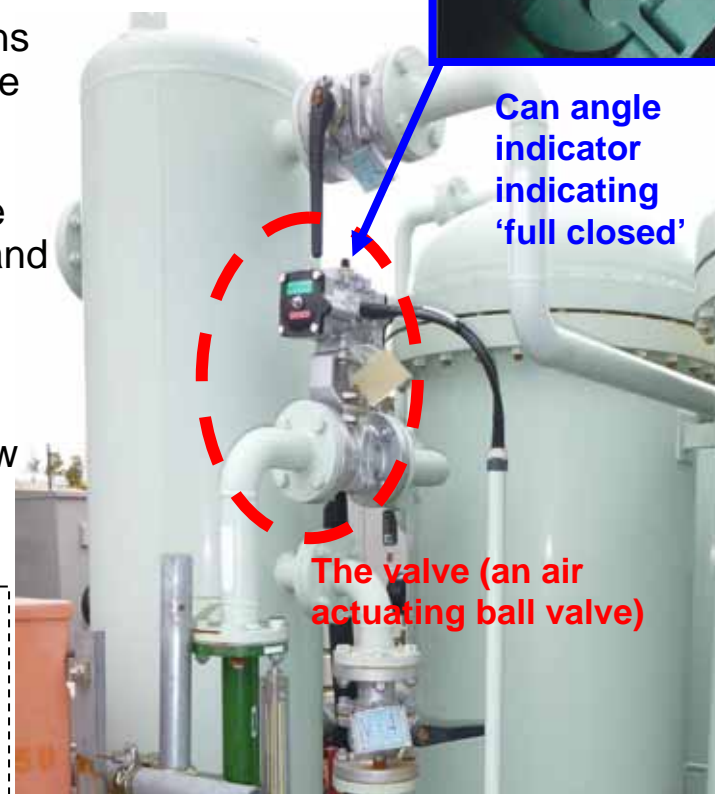
12:15 PM: We finished the regular test.

<Implementation Plan Article 25 (Status maintenance function of inert atmosphere inside PCV)

'One nitrogen separation apparatus is in operation and an emergent nitrogen gas separation apparatus (including a diesel power generator for emergent nitrogen gas separation apparatuses) is ready to start.'



Can angle indicator indicating 'full closed'



The valve (an air actuating ball valve)

Emergent nitrogen gas separation apparatus

Nitrogen Filled Equipment (Schematic Diagram)

A person on a duty confirms the emergent nitrogen gas separation apparatus functions in a monthly surveillance, and it refers to an equipment which needs operating, in case a common-use nitrogen gas separation apparatus does not function.

