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DHS Report – Cook Unit 1 St. Joseph, Michigan Nuclear Plant Problem

Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

10. March 19, St. Joseph Herald-Palladium – (Michigan) Hydrogen leak fixed; Cook Unit 1 goes back on line. Cook Nuclear Plant's Unit 1 in Bridgman, Michigan, is back online after a planned outage to stop a slow hydrogen leak in the unit's main generator.

A spokesman said the unit was brought back online at 10:52 p.m. March 17, following an outage that lasted 5 days and 20 hours.

In a phone interview March 18, he said repairs were successful and the hydrogen leak had been stopped.

A public relations official said that when workers noticed a loss in the system's hydrogen inventory, they originally thought a seal was leaking, but that turned out not to be the case. He said retorquing some bolts on an end plate on the system solved the problem.

There never was any danger to the public or workers at the plant, which is owned by Indiana Michigan Power. The generator building housing the turbines for Cook's two nuclear reactors is separate from the reactor building and is not in a radiological area. Source:

http://www.heraldpalladium.com/articles/2011/03/19/local_news/3957016.txt