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August 11, 1976



Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation Attention: Mr. Olan Parr, Chief Branch No. 3 U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Parr:

In the Matter of the Application of) Docket Nos. 50-438 Tennessee Valley Authority) 50-439

In accordance with the commitment made in a letter dated October 7, 1974, from J. E. Gilleland to A. Giambusso of the NRC, enclosed for your review are the design details for Bellefonte Nuclear Plant's ECCS automatic switchover from injection to recirculation operating mode.

Very truly yours,

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ENCLOSURE

BELLEFONTE NUCLEAR PLANT ECCS AUTOMATIC SWITCHOVER FROM INJECTION TO RECIRCULATION PRELIMINARY DESIGN

The instrumentation to accomplish automatic switchover from the Borated Water Storage Tank (BWST) to the reactor building emergency sump(s) will be incorporated as a part of the Engineered Safety Features Actuation System (ESFAS). As such, it will meet the requirements specified in section 7.3 of the PSAR. The information provided below is a description of the specific instrumentation for accomplishing automatic switchover and does not include a discussion of the general ESFAS requirements contained in the PSAR.

Each analog subsystem of the ESFAS monitors the BWST level as shown in figure 1. The signal from the level transmitter is processed and fed to a buffer amplifier which acts as a signal conditioner and isolation device. This level signal is sent to a low BWST level bistable.

When in the course of a loss-of-coolant accident (LOCA), the BWST level falls below the setpoint of the low BWST level bistable, a signal is sent to a logic buffer. Each logic buffer sends a signal to the 2-out-of-3 coincidence logic in one actuation channel in each digital subsystem.

Upon coincidence of low BWST level and an Emergency Core Cooling Instrumentation (ECCI) trip indicating a LOCA, a signal is generated by each digital channel to automatically open the digital channel's associated train reactor building emergency sump valves.

Three level indicators will be provided for monitoring the BWST in the control room.

The following alarms are provided:

- a. Pretrip Alarm-Alarms at a BWST level approaching the trip point (Analog Subsystem A only)
- b. <u>Trip Point Alarm--Provides a signal for the annunciator at the level set for automatic switchover (2-out-of-3 logic from all 3 analog subsystems)</u>
- c. <u>High-Level Alarm--Alarms a high BWST level approaching overflow conditions</u>
 (Analog Subsystem A only)

The coincidence of the BWST level and ECCI trip prevents automatic opening of the reactor building emergency sump valves when the BWST level is lowered below the setpoint of the bistables during normal shutdown or refueling operations.

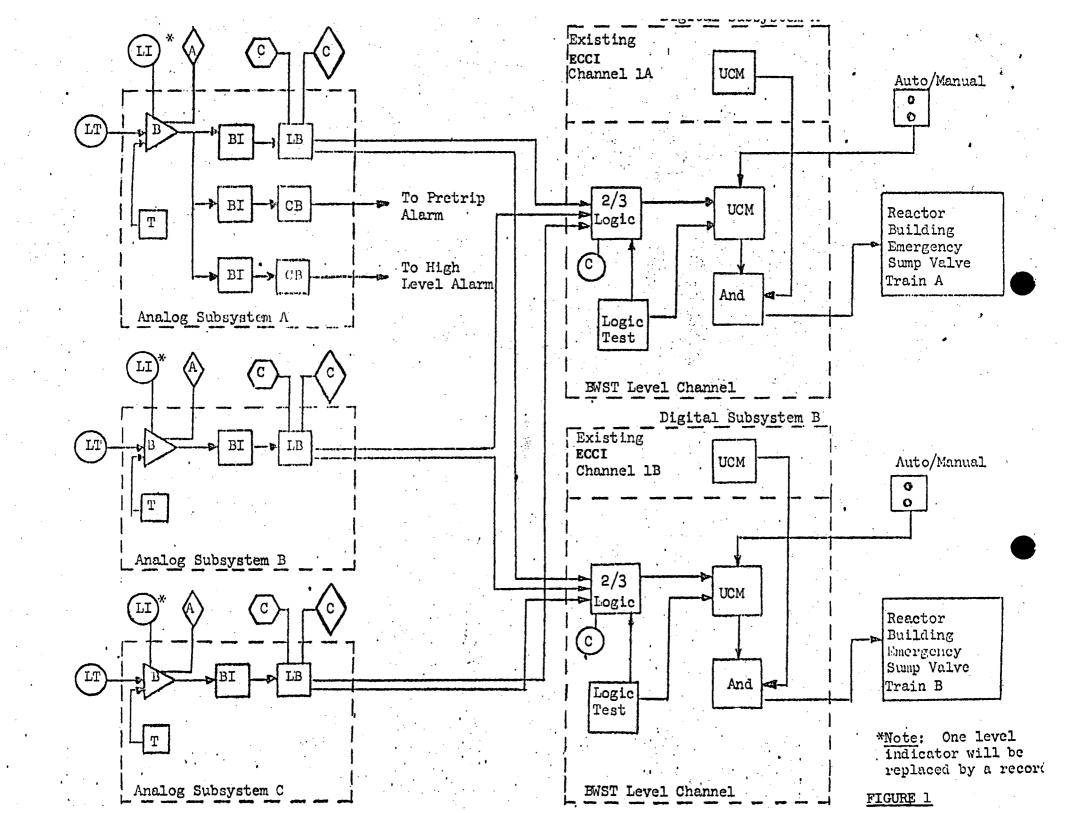


FIGURE 1 LEGEND

B - Buffer Amplifier

BI - Bistable

T - Test

LB - Logic Buffer

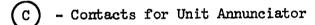
CB - Contact Buffer

UCM - Unit Control Module

LT - Level Transmitter

LI - Level Indicator

LR - Level Recorder





- Contacts for Unit Computer

