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SUBJECT: Abnormal Occurrence No. DPR 50-331/74-51

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Dear Mr. Keppler:

In accordance with Appendix A to Operating License DPR-49, Technical Specifications and Bases for Duane Arnold Energy Center, please find enclosed a written report on the subject abnormal occurrence.

Very truly yours,

E. L. Hammond

Assistant Chief Engineer Duane Arnold Energy Center

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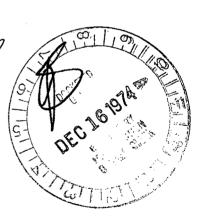
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Subject:

Abnormal Occurrence (Preliminary Report)

Report Number:

A0 50-331/74-51

Report Date:

December 10, 1974

Occurrence Date:

November 30, 1974

Facility:

Duane Arnold Energy Center, Unit #1, Palo, Iowa

Identification of Occurrence

Inoperable pressure differential indicating switch (LPCI Loop Selection Logic), reportable in accordance with Appendix A, Operating License DPR-49, Specifications 1.0.4.b and Table 3.2-B.

Description of Occurrence

While supervising routine plant operations, the Shift Supervising Engineer observed that PDIS 4642 (LPCI Loop Selection Logic Channel B) was inoperable.

Designation of Apparent Cause of Occurrence

The apparent cause of the occurrence was welded micro-switch contacts in the pressure differential indicating switch. During normal reactor power operations, the differential pressure between the recirculation loops is continuously varying due to normal fluctuations in recirculation pump flows. The contacts were welded together by heat resulting from continuous cycling of the switch.

Analysis of Occurrence

It has been determined that the occurrence did not present an unsafe plant condition. This conclusion is based on an analysis presented in Section 6.4 of Amendment 9 to the Duane Arnold Energy Center FSAR, dated November 1972.

Corrective Action

The micro-switch was replaced and PDIS 4642 was functionally tested.

As the result of a previous Abnormal Occurrence involving the LPCI Loop Selection Logic differential pressure indicating switches (AO 50-331/74-48), a design review of the switch application was in progress at the time of this Abnormal Occurrence.

Nuclear steam supply vendor personnel are currently conducting a review of the problem.

The results of the design review including any corrective actions will be included in a Supplemental Report.

Pending completion of the design review and implementation of the resultant design change, if any, Operations personnel will verify operability of the LPCI Loop Selection Logic pressure differential indicating switches daily.

Failure Data

One previous malfunction of a LPCI Loop Selection Logic pressure differential indicating switch (PDIS 4644) occurred on November 12, 1974.

Component Data:

Type - Differential Pressure Indicating Switch Manufacturer - Barton Model No. - 288A Serial No. - 7422

Conclusion

The contents of this report, including corrective actions, were reviewed and approved by the DAEC Operations Committee on December 10, 1974. The Committee concluded that the health and safety of the public and plant personnel was not impaired.

E. L. Hammond

Assistant Chief Engineeer Duane Arnold Energy Center

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