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Subject: Prompt Notification of a
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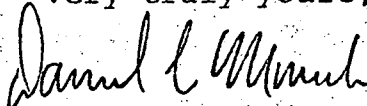
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Technical Specification paragraph(s) violated: 3.6.A.1

Description Occurrence:

Following a reactor transient from low power involving a stuck open relief valve, the average rate of reactor coolant temperature change was observed to be 102°F per hour for the first hour following the transient. Technical Specification 3.6.A.1 limits the rate of coolant temperature change to 100°F per hour during normal heatup and cooldown. Reactor coolant temperature dropped from 520°F at the beginning of the transient to 418°F. Normal cooldown rates were established and the reactor placed in cold shutdown.

Very truly yours,



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