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SUBJECT: RO: on 801217, during testing of suppression chamber level transmitters LT 4363B & LT 2325, calibr error by technicians lead operations personnel to believe suppression chamber was filled to 1,200 cubic ft above Tech Specs limit.

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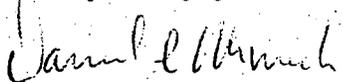
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Technical Specification paragraph(s) violated: 3.7.A.1.b

Description Occurrence:

During surveillance testing on 12/17/80 of suppression chamber level transmitters LT 4363B and LT 2325, a calibration error by the Instrument Technicians doing the test lead Operations personnel to believe the suppression chamber was filled to approximately 1200 cubic feet above the Technical Specification limit of 61,500 cubic feet. Operations personnel took immediate action to lower the level. Subsequently it was determined an error had been made during the instrument calibration. Upon recalibration of the level transmitters it was found that the suppression chamber was filled to approximately 1000 cubic feet below the Technical Specification minimum volume of 58,900 cubic feet. Action was taken immediately to reestablish proper suppression chamber water volume. The total time involved from the beginning of the initial draining to the reestablishment of proper level was 2.2 hours.

Very truly yours,



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