Licensee Event Report 79-10

SERIAL: RSEP/79-485

May 7, 1979

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR LICENSEE EVENT REPORT 79-10

1. Cause Description and Analysis:

The solenoid operated fuel "shut off" valve on the engine driven fire pump (EDFP) failed to close properly due to small particles of weld material between the valve seating surfaces. The material apparently entered the fuel line following a construction project which involved the welding of a larger diameter "guard" pipe around the original fuel line. The failure of this valve to fully close necessitated the isolation of the fuel supply to the EDFP. The EDFP is an equal capacity (2500 gpm) backup to the motor driven fire pump (MDFP). During the time that the EDFP was out of service the MDFP was operable. This occurrence, therefore, did not jeopardize the capability of this system to provide its water suppression function.

2. Corrective Action:

The solenoid valve was removed, disassembled, and inspected by one of the mechanical maintenance personnel. The inspection revealed small pieces of welding slag located between the valve seating surfaces. These surfaces were cleaned and the valve was reassembled. The fuel line was purged, the "in-line" filter was renewed, and the solenoid valve was reinstalled. The EDFP was test operated with satisfactory results and declared back in service at 2132 hours on April 16, 1979.

3. Corrective Action to Prevent Further Occurrence:

The importance of "post weld" cleanup has been re-emphasized to the construction personnel involved with welding operations being performed at the plant.