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SUBJECT: LER 80-020/03L-0: on 800916, refueling periodic test PT-2.1 revealed that failure of A safety injection pump breaker to close during power operation would result in operation in degraded mode. Caused by switch contact.

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02 | On September 16, 1980, further review of an event concerning the failure of "A" Safety Injection (SI) Pump Breaker to close on August 11, 1980, during the performance of a refueling periodic test (PT-2.1) revealed that the failure during power operation would have resulted in operation in a degraded mode permitted by Technical Specification 3.3.1.2.b. This constitutes a reportable occurrence per Technical Specification paragraph 6.9.2.b.2.

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10 | The cause of the failure of the breaker to close was found to be a high resistance breaker alarm switch contact in the closing control circuit. The switch contact was cleaned and the breaker closing control circuit was tested successfully several times.

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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1. Cause Description and Analysis: On August 11, 1980, during the performance of Periodic Test PT-2.1 and the initiation of a start signal from the control board, "A" Safety Injection (SI) pump breaker failed to close. On September 16, 1980, further review of this event revealed that, during power operation, the failure would have resulted in operation in a degraded mode permitted by Technical Specification 3.3.1.2.b. This constitutes a reportable occurrence per Technical Specification 6.9.2.b.2. The cause of the failure was originally diagnosed as a loose control power fuse. Following the failure, the control fuses were pulled, tested, and when reinserted, the breaker operated successfully. However, later testing of the breaker revealed the cause of failure to be an intermittent high resistance breaker alarm switch contact in the breaker closing control circuit. The high resistance contact condition could be induced or cleared by jarring the breaker, which probably accounts for the breaker operating normally after the jar of removing and inserting the control fuses. This breaker had been tested successfully on August 9, 1980, during a monthly periodic test.

The two other SI pumps were operating properly during this period so there was no threat to the health and safety of the public.

2. Corrective Action: The breaker alarm switch contact was cleaned and the breaker tested several times successfully.
3. Corrective Action to Prevent Further Occurrence: The inspection of the breaker alarm switch contacts will be added to the Maintenance Instruction MI-19 data sheet which covers the inspection and calibration of 480 volt circuit breaker overcurrent tripping devices. This Maintenance Instruction will be revised prior to January 15, 1981.

A failure similar to this event occurred on April 14, 1979. (Reference: LER 79-08)