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SUBJECT: LER 78-013/01T-0 on 781201:r inaccessible shock suppressors were inoperable due to oil level in reservoir. Occurred after station & vendor personnel failed to identify any inoperable suppressors. No cause for loss of oil level identified.

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DUKE POWER COMPANY
OCONEE UNIT 2

Report Number: RO-270/78-13

Report Date: January 15, 1979

Occurrence Date: December 1, 1978

Facility: Oconee Unit 2, Seneca, South Carolina

Identification of Occurrence: Five (5) Inaccessible Shock Suppressors Inoperable

Conditions Prior to Occurrence: Cold Shutdown (Refueling)

Description of Occurrence:

On November 7 and 8, 1978, all Unit 2 inaccessible shock suppressors were inspected. Oil level was a minimum of one-half full in all suppressor reservoirs. Additionally, between November 6 and 11, 1978 Babcock and Wilcox personnel conducting inservice inspection activities also noted oil level and did not report any as being less than three-fourths full. During the refueling outage several activities were carried out in the immediate area of the suppressors which were later determined to be inoperable. On November 27, 1978 two NRC inspectors found five suppressors with empty reservoirs and 3 with low level. These suppressors were repaired and returned to service prior to startup of the unit.

Apparent Cause of Occurrence:

No apparent cause has been determined. The discrepancy may be a result of personnel errors involved in recording the actual oil level or in doing unrelated activities in the area of the affected suppressors. It has also been postulated that differences in thermal expansion could explain the drop in oil level. This could have occurred since the first inspection was carried out immediately after shutdown while the systems were relatively hot while the later inspection occurred when the systems were much cooler.

Analysis of Occurrence:

The original inspection by station personnel is considered to have determined the conditions under which the unit operated during the last cycle. Thus, the suppressors were not inoperable during power operation. Therefore, this occurrence did not adversely effect public health and safety.

Corrective Action:

The following corrective actions have or will be taken:

- a) All safety-related suppressors in Unit 2 have been reinspected.
- b) All safety-related suppressors on Units 1 and 3 have or will be reinspected.
- c) All procedures will be reviewed and corrected as necessary and personnel will be reinstructed in their use.

