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Sincerely,

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LICENSEE EVENT REPORT (LER)						ESTIMATED BURDEN PER RESPONSE TO COMPLY WITH THIS INFORMATION COLLECTION REQUEST: 50.0 HRS. FORWARD COMMENTS REGARDING BURDEN ESTIMATE TO THE INFORMATION AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT BRANCH (MNB 7714), U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION, WASHINGTON, DC 20555-0001, AND TO THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION PROJECT (3150-0104), OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, WASHINGTON, DC 20503.					
FACILITY NAME (1) Dresden Nuclear Power Station, Unit 2						DOCKET NUMBER (2) 05000237		PAGE (3) 1 OF 6			
TITLE (4) Yarway Reactor Water Level Switch Failure											
EVENT DATE (5)			LER NUMBER (6)			REPORT DATE (7)			OTHER FACILITIES INVOLVED (8)		
MONTH	DAY	YEAR	YEAR	SEQUENTIAL NUMBER	REVISION NUMBER	MONTH	DAY	YEAR	FACILITY NAME	DOCKET NUMBER	
05	30	94	94	-- 016 --	00	06	16	94	None		
OPERATING MODE (9)		N		THIS REPORT IS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF 10 CFR §: (Check one or more) (11)							
POWER LEVEL (10)		90		20.2201(b)		20.2203(a)(3)(i)		50.73(a)(2)(iii)		73.71(b)	
				20.2203(a)(1)		20.2203(a)(3)(ii)		50.73(a)(2)(iv)		73.71(c)	
				20.2203(a)(2)(i)		20.2203(a)(4)		50.73(a)(2)(v)		OTHER	
				20.2203(a)(2)(ii)		50.36(c)(1)	X	50.73(a)(2)(vii)		(Specify in Abstract below and in Text, NRC Form 366A)	
				20.2203(a)(2)(iii)		50.36(c)(2)		50.73(a)(2)(viii)(A)			
				20.2203(a)(2)(iv)		50.73(a)(2)(i)		50.73(a)(2)(viii)(B)			
				20.2203(a)(2)(v)		50.73(a)(2)(ii)		50.73(a)(2)(x)			
LICENSEE CONTACT FOR THIS LER (12)											
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COMPLETE ONE LINE FOR EACH COMPONENT FAILURE DESCRIBED IN THIS REPORT (13)											
CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANUFACTURER	REPORTABLE TO NPRDS		CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANUFACTURER	REPORTABLE TO NPRDS	
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SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT EXPECTED (14)											
YES (If yes, complete EXPECTED SUBMISSION DATE).					X NO		EXPECTED SUBMISSION DATE (15)		MONTH	DAY	YEAR

ABSTRACT (Limit to 1400 spaces, i.e., approximately 15 single-spaced typewritten lines) (16)

On May 30, 1994, at 1540 hours, with Unit 2 at 90% rated core thermal power, while performing Dresden Instrument Surveillance (DIS) 0500-03, Reactor Water Level ECCS Initiation Indicating Switch Calibration, level switch 2-263-72C contact 5-6 tripped outside of the Technical Specification (TS) limits. Level Indicating Switch (LIS) 2-263-72C is part of the High Pressure Coolant Injection (HPCI) [BJ] and Low Pressure Coolant Injection (LPCI) [BM] Loop 1, -59" Reactor Water Level initiation one out of two/twice logic. The TS limit is 159.375" water column (WC), however, the switch was actuated closed at 171.2" WC. The switch was adjusted to an acceptable value of 153.6" WC. The necessary redundant switches were available during the event allowing both systems to remain operable. Previous events involving the failure of similar Yarway configurations are documented in 'Operability Assessment' of February 17, 1994, (Chron 0124505) written in response to LERS 93-031/050237 and 94-007/050249. Input to the Operability Assessment included two years of calibration data on the Yarway instruments. Additionally LER 94-008/050237 dated April 18, 1994 documents a similar event for the same instrument.

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the past two years have been within the statistical 2 sigma failure values (+/- 6.42" Reactor Water Level) documented in calculation NED-I-EIC-0100 Revision 2.

Performance of this Yarway has been evaluated and is summarized below.

2-263-72C (5-6)	May 21, 1993 thru June 1, 1994
Found "Out of Tolerance"/Calibrations	9/14 or 64.3%
Avg. Drift/Calibration (% Span)	3.96%

Instrument 2-263-72C (5-6) performance has improved from 1993 thru April 1994. In 1993, switch 72C (5-6) was found to be "out of tolerance" during 9 of 12 surveillances (i.e. 75%). Since December 22, 1993, the switch was found within tolerance for three consecutive months before the April 9 surveillance identified another out of tolerance of .8" WC with respect to the surveillance procedure tolerance. The presence of the consecutive acceptable "as founds" represent an improvement in instrument operation. This improvement occurred prior to changing the setpoint to implement a technical specification change. The present calculated 'out-of tolerance' occurrences yield a 64.3% out of tolerance occurrence rate for a rolling 12 month period. This represents an improvement over the 75% for the year 1993.

This is the first failure (out of tolerance) since the setpoint was changed to prevent out of tolerance conditions due to random drift. This was a failure rather than random drift. All actions are continuing per the Yarway administrative action plan.

D. SAFETY ANALYSIS:

The safety significance of this event is minimal. The failure occurred in the non-conservative direction and would have prevented the switch from tripping since the as found setpoint was below the instrument variable leg tap. However, the ECCS system contains four level instruments with two switches each to sense "low-low" reactor water level and initiate ECCS equipment when one-out-of-two twice logic was satisfied. The actuation logic was operable because only one switch was affected.

A review of the safety significance of non-conservative drifts was performed as part of the "Operability Assessment" of February 17, 1994, (Chron 0124505). A bounding PRA analysis, assuming one complete logic system failure with a duration of 10 days during the two year period resulted in a change to core damage frequency of only 1%

E. CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:

There was no discernible reason for the instrument setpoint drift beyond the 2 sigma range. The initial corrective action was to recalibrate the switch within its tolerance limits and to return the instrument to service. Also several long term corrective actions have been proposed and are in progress at this time. These corrective actions are summarized in the following paragraphs. As documented in the "Operability Assessment" of February 17, 1994, the station has committed to numerous actions to improve Yarway operability. The following NTS

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items (partial listing) identify pertinent actions to be taken by the station to eliminate the continued performance deficiencies with the Yarway instruments:

Proposed "Corrective Actions" have been documented in the LER and Operability Assessment referenced above and are being tracked by NTS as the following items:

- 237-200-91-11901 Yarways are presently scheduled to be replaced during D2R14 and D3R14). Modification P12-3-94-224 is in progress during the current Unit 3 refueling outage. This mod will implement preliminary actions for the replacement of the Yarways.
- 237-180-93-03101 Develop action plan for the chronic failures of Yarway switches, (action in progress, Yarway Administrative Action Plan has been approved and will accomplish this task.)
- 237-180-93-03102 Provide feasibility assessment for Yarway replacement (action completed, Yarways are committed to be replaced during D2R14 and D3R14). Modification P12-3-94-224 is in progress during the current Unit 3 refueling outage. This mod will implement preliminary action for the replacement of the Yarways.
- 237-180-93-03103 Evaluate and provide appropriate revision to DIS 0500-03 (action in progress, Yarway Administrative Action Plan has been approved and will accomplish this task.)
- 237-201-94-30600 Provide Yarway operability assessment due to a high degree of drift (action completed February 17, 1994 Chron 0124505).
- 249-180-94-00301 Perform QE 40.1 Operability assessment for Yarways in response to LER 3-94-003 corrective action (action completed February 17, 1994, Chron 0124505).
- 237-225-94-R12-94018A Develop drift optimization actions and incorporate in DIS 0500-03 (action complete).
- 237-225-94-R12-94018B Trend as-found calibration data per Dresden Yarway Administrative Action Plan and perform corrective actions as identified in the plan (actions on going until replacement).
- 237-225-94-R12-94018C Obtain setpoint tolerance Technical Specification change approval from NRC (action completed)
- 249-225-94-R12-94018D Implement setpoint change on Unit 3 Yarways and revise Administrative Action Plan (action completed).
- 237-225-94-R12-94018E Implement setpoint change on Unit 2 Yarways (action completed).

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- 237-225-94-R12-94019A Develop characterization program for Yarways. Perform characterization and input to the Administrative Action Plan (action completed).
- 237-225-94-R12-94019B Develop Yarway Administrative Action Plan with the objective of achieving Yarway contact failure rates of 1×10^{-5} per operating hour or better (action in progress, Yarway Administrative Action Plan has been approved and will accomplish this task.)
- 249-225-94-R12-94019C Develop and implement inspection plan and preventative maintenance program for the Unit 3 Yarways during D3R13 (action in progress).
- 237-225-94-R12-94019D Update 3/29/93 NFS assessment for non-conservative instrument setpoint drift to support the Administrative Action Plan. (Action completed)
- 237-225-94-R12-94019E Evaluate the feasibility of installing switch contact arc suppressor (action completed).
- 237-225-94-R12-94019F Implement the requirements of the Inspection Plan on Unit 2 switches (actions ongoing).
- 237-225-94-R12-94019G Inspect and correct condition of Unit 2 Level indicating switch 2-263-72C during the next surveillance (action complete).
- 237-225-94-R12-94019H Review available 1994 Surveillance data for additional information to potentially add further follow-up actions (action completed).
- 237-225-94-R12-94019I Communicate the need for the Operating Department to maintain a heightened awareness regarding the excessive non-conservative drift and failure history (action completed).

F. PREVIOUS OCCURRENCES:

Numerous occurrences of similar events have been documented. A detailed calibration history is contained in the "Operability Assessment" of February 17, 1994, which provides a chronology of all calibration during the past two years with indication of as-found and as-left setpoints. A partial listing of 'out of tolerances' and switch failures is as follows:

UNIT 2	LER 2-93-031-00	CDE 2-201-93-M337	LER 2-94-008-00
	CDE 2-201-93-M175	CDE 2-201-93-M62	
	LER 2-93-019	CDE 2-202-93-046	
	CDE 2-201-93-827	CDE 2-201-93-803	
	CDE 2-202-93-039	CDE 2-202-93-023	
	DVR 12-2-92-103	DVR 12-2-92-97	
	DVR 12-2-92-73	DVR 12-2-91-234	
	DVR 12-2-91-202	DVR 12-2-91-176	

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DVR 12-2-91-139	DVR 12-2-91-119
DVR 12-2-91-103	DVR 12-2-91-83
DVR 12-2-91-62	DVR 12-2-91-34
DVR 12-2-91-19	DVR 12-2-90-119
DVR 12-2-90-100	DVR 12-2-90-46
DVR 12-2-90-35	DVR 12-2-89-102
DVR 12-2-89-76	DVR 12-2-88-123
DVR 12-2-88-114	DVR 12-2-88-91

UNIT 3	LER 3-94-007-00	LER 3-94-002-00
	CDE 3-202-93-018	LER 3-93-018
	CDE 3-202-93-015	CDE 3-202-93-013
	CDE 3-202-93-07	LER 3-93-001
	CDE 2-3-92-186	CDE 12-3-92-164
	PIR 3-92-116	DVR 12-3-92-98
	DVR 12-3-92-87	DVR 12-3-92-86
	DVR 12-3-92-80	DVR 12-3-92-46
	DVR 12-3-91-88	DVR 12-3-86-64
	DVA 12-3-86-55	DVR 12-3-86-54
	DVR 12-3-86-46	

G. COMPONENT FAILURE DATA:

<u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>Nomenclature</u>	<u>Model Number</u>	<u>Mfg. Part Number</u>
Yarway	Level Switch	4418C	DS551