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ATTACHMENT TO LICENSEE EVENT REPORT 78-018/03L-0
COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY (CWE)
DRESDEN UNIT 2 (ILDRS-2)
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During normal unit startup on Feb. 27, 1978, the nitrogen tank low level alarm annunciated in the control room during drywell inerting operations. Since the alarm normally annunciates at 100", a certain amount of time is available before the limiting condition of operation (60") is approached. When an operator was dispatched to verify the actual level it was discovered that the level had fallen to 48". Drywell inerting was immediately discontinued until the nitrogen truck arrived and normal level restored 1½ hours later. Investigation revealed the alarm setpoint had drifted down to 78". The setpoint was reset to 96". The calibration of this alarm was recently made a regularly scheduled yearly surveillance. (DIS 8500-1). This is expected to prevent recurrence of this event.



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