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SUBJECT DPR-19 DRESDEN NUCLEAR POWER STATION UNIT 2 THIS WILL CONFIRM A CONVERSATION WITH MR FIORELLI OF YOUR OFFICE AT 1340 HOURS THIS DATE CONCERNING HIGH ACTIVITY B FLOOR DRAIN SAMPLE TANK. THE ACTIVITY IN THIS TANK EXCEEDED THE LIMIT OF .7 CURIES FOR APPROXIMATELY 27 HOURS. THE ACTUAL CURIE CONTENT WAS .8 CURIES. EXCESSIVE TIME ABOVE GROUND WAS CAUSED BY A MISUNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE RADIATION PROTECTION FOREMAN AND THE SHIFT ENGINEER ON THE ACTUAL TANK ACTIVITY. THE SHIFT ENGINEER THOUGHT THAT THERE WAS NOT AN ACTIVITY PROBLEM AND EFFORTS TO MOVE WATER BELOW GROUND WERE HALTED ON THAT BASIS. ANOTHER SUPERVISOR ON DAY SHIFT AUGUST 2 1973 RECHECKED THE ACTIVITY AND FOUND TANK ACTIVITY WAS INDEED HIGH AND HE INITIATED ACTION TO REDUCE BELOW "TECH" SPEC. LIMITS. THIS WAS COMPLETED AT 1123 HOURS AUGUST 2 1973.



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