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ADDITIONAL EVENT DESCRIPTION AND PROBABLE CONSEQUENCES

During normal 100% power operation, CEA #30 reed switch position indication channel failed. The channel was declared inoperable. In accordance with Technical Specification 3.1.3.3, CEA #30 was withdrawn to the upper electrical limit position ("full out"), and was verified at this position at least once per 12 hours as power operation continued. Eleven days later, following an unrelated plant trip, investigation of the cause for the channel failure seemed to indicate a shorted power cable in the vicinity of the reactor vessel head. This cable was replaced with a spare cable, but the failed channel remained inoperable. A second spare cable was installed and the channel became operable. The channel was successfully tested for satisfactory operation and declared operable. The plant was started up and returned to 100% power operation.

Eight days after returning this channel to operable status, it failed again. Action per Tech. Spec. 3.1.3.3 was reinstated until plant shutdown for the March 15, 1980 refueling. During the refueling, all CEA #30 cables and connectors were visually inspected, continuity checked, and meggered. In addition the channel reed switch probe was replaced. No specific problem was ever found, however the channel was successfully tested for satisfactory operation and no further problems have been noted since the plant returned to power operation.

All CEA's were fully trippable during the above events.