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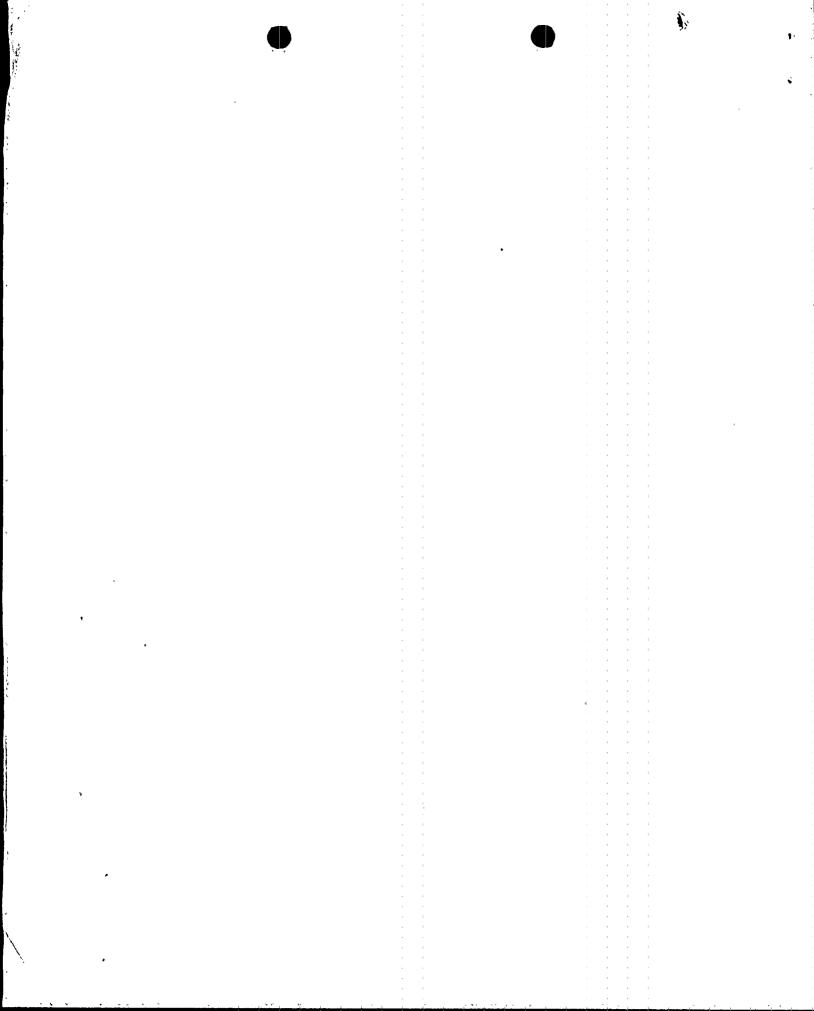
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The enclosed report provides details concerning the loss of instrumentation input logic for the plant's Division II Emergency Core Cooling Systems (ECCS) due to a cleared fuse and shorted Silicon Controlled Rectifier in the ATU inverter. This is the fourth Unit 3 inverter failure (the first was reported in LER 50-296/96004), but it was the first Unit 3 Division II inverter failure. The root cause analysis results and corrective actions to preclude recurrence will be included in a LER 50-296/96004 supplemental report.

This report is submitted in accordance with 10 CFR 50.73 (a) (2) (vii) and (a) (2) (i) (B).

Sincerely,

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