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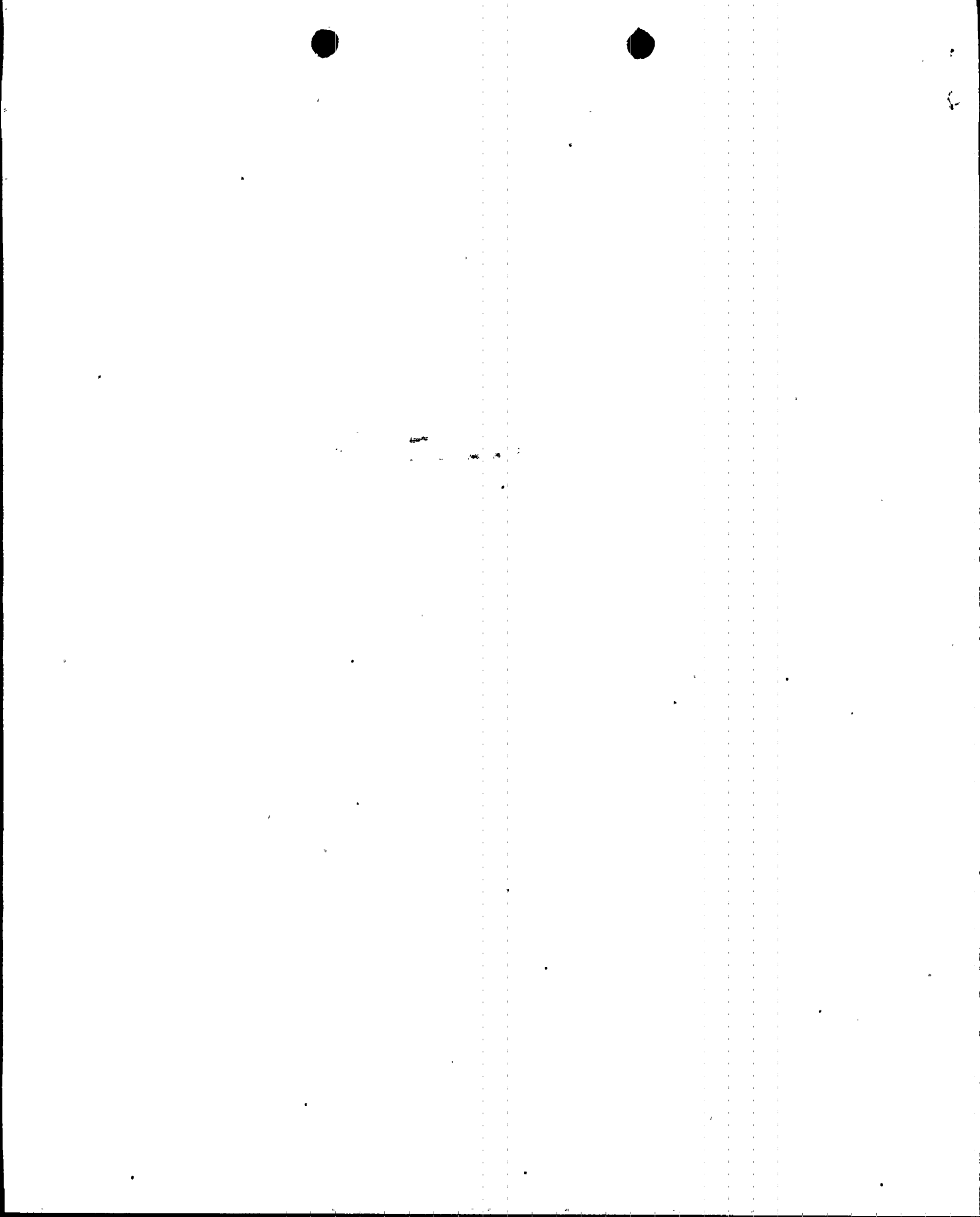
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Dear Sir:

**BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT (BFN) - UNIT 2 - DOCKET NO. 50-260
FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE DPR-52 - LICENSEE EVENT REPORT 50-
260/97003**

The enclosed report provides details concerning failure of a High-Pressure Coolant Injection (HPCI) surveillance instruction. This occurred when field measurements of the HPCI turbine speed indicated that its speed was lower than the speed displayed in the Unit 2 Control Room. This was caused by a valve leak which resulted in water intrusion into an unsealed junction box causing grounds on some HPCI cables. The root cause was an improper evaluation of the valve leak. HPCI was declared inoperable. Consequently, this report is submitted in accordance with 10 CFR 50.73 (a)(2)(v) as any event or condition that alone could have prevented the fulfillment of the safety function of structures or systems needed to mitigate the consequences of an accident.

Sincerely,


C. M. Crane

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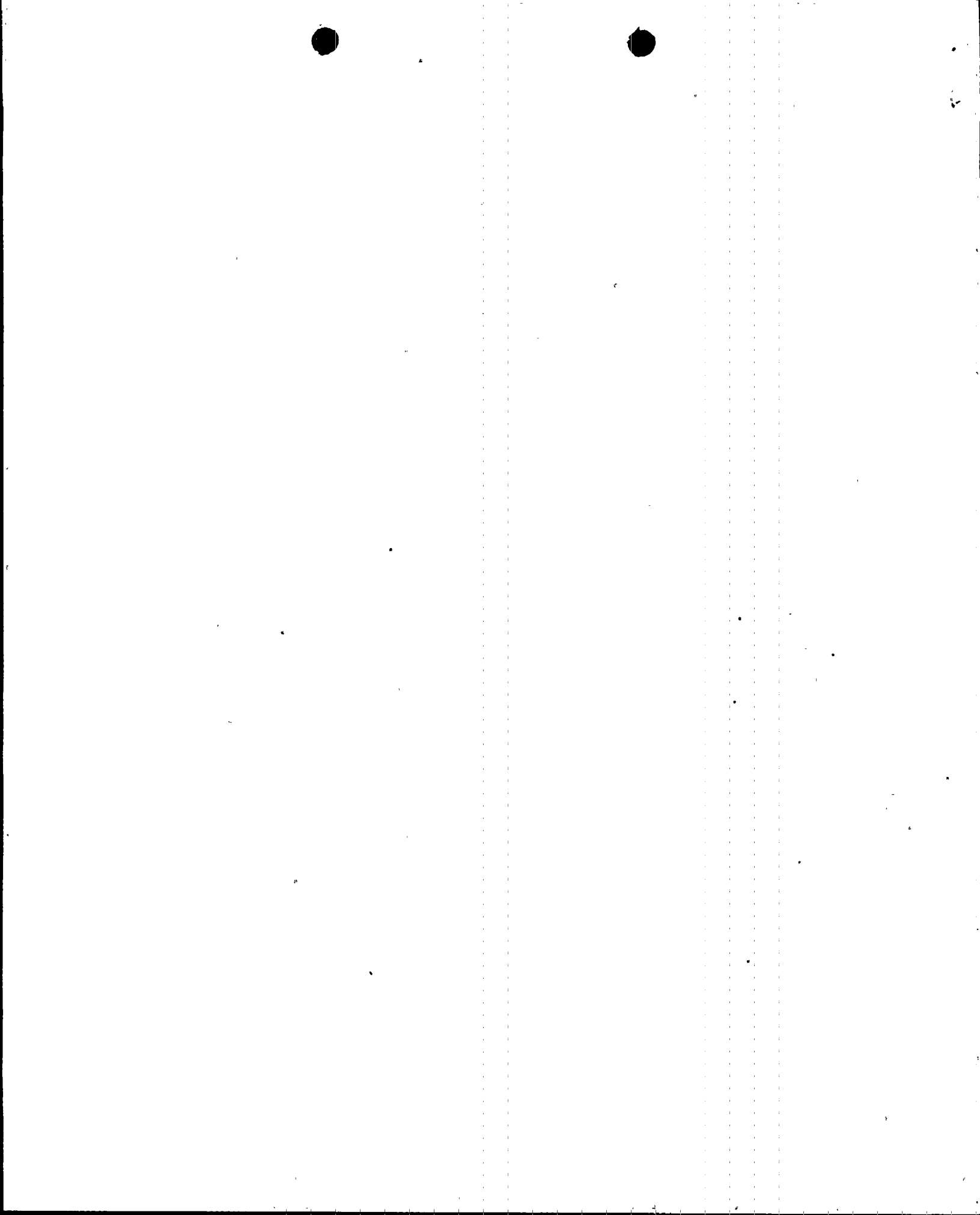
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