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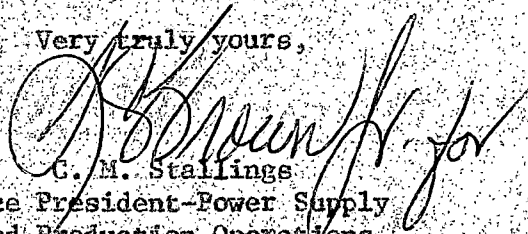
Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

Pursuant to Surry Power Station Technical Specifications, the Virginia Electric and Power Company hereby submits the following Licensee Event Report for Surry Unit No. 2.

Report No.	Applicable Technical Specification
LER-78-015/03L-0	6.6.2.b(2)

This report has been reviewed by the Station Nuclear Safety and Operating Committee and will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the System Nuclear Safety and Operating Committee.

Very truly yours,



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Vice President-Power Supply
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Title: Emergency Air Bottle Header - Control Room

1. Description of Events:

During normal operation at rated power, an air leak was found on the header of the control room emergency air supply bank. Leak isolation required isolation of each individual bottle at its valve. This constituted a condition contrary to Technical Specification 3.19.A and reportable in accordance with Technical Specification 6.6.2.b(2).

2. Probable Consequences/Status of Redundant Systems

The air bank is intended to provide air to the control room during that phase of an accident when containment out-leakage is occurring. The air system is backed up by emergency supply fans which take a suction from the turbine building through absolute and charcoal filter assemblies. Had an event occurred, the control room would have remained manned. The health and safety of the general public were not affected.

3. Cause of Event

The event was caused by failure of the coupling nut between the header and the emergency air pressure regulating valve. The nut cracked apparently due to work hardening.

4. Immediate Corrective Action

Each air bottle was individually isolated, and the header depressurized. The coupling nut was replaced and the system returned to normal configuration within four hours of identification.

5. Subsequent Corrective Action

None

6. Actions Taken To Prevent Recurrence

None

7. Generic Implications

None