



Description of Event

On September 13, 1979, during Mode 1 operation at 49% power, loop B steam flow indicator FI-1485 gave a low flow indication. The redundant loop B steam flow indicator FI-1484 did not indicate a low flow. The affected channel was placed in the tripped condition and declared inoperable.

Probable Consequences of Occurrence

Steam line flow is used to initiate both a reactor trip and a safety injection. A safety injection will occur on a high steam line flow coincident with low steam line pressure or low-low TAVG. A reactor trip will be actuated by a steam flow/feedwater flow mismatch and low steam generator level. Since the affected steam flow channel was placed in the tripped condition and the redundant channel remained operable, the health and safety of the general public were not affected by this event. There are no generic implications associated with this occurrence.

Cause of Occurrence

Loop B steam flow indicator FI-1485 gave low indication because the root valves for the flow transmitter were both leaking causing a loss of reference leg level.

Immediate Corrective Action

The channel was placed in the tripped condition and the root valve was temporarily repaired.

Scheduled Corrective Action

The transmitter root valves will be reworked during the refueling outage presently in progress.

Actions Taken to Prevent Recurrence

No further actions are required.

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