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JAMES A. FITZPATRICK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT



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Reference: Docket No. 50-333 Licensee Event Report: 79-083/03X-1

Revision 1

Dear Mr. Grier:

We have enclosed the referenced Licensee Event Report in accordance with Section 6.0 of Technical Specifications and USNRC Regulatory Guide 1.16.

If there are any questions concerning this report, please contact Mr. W. Verne Childs at 315-342-3840, Extension 207.

Very truly yours,

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During normal operation, operations personnel noted that a routine computer printout of the core performance log indicated that the Maximum Fraction of Limiting Power Density (MFLPD) was 1.014 and 1.016 for two nodes compared to a Technical Specification limit of equal to or less than 1.000. Reactor power was immediately reduced approximately 3% in accordance with the requirements of Technical Specification, Appendix A, Paragraph 4.1.B. This action restored MFLPD to within the limits of Technical Specifications within the time frame allowed and is considered to be equivalent to operation in a degraded mode.

Following the initial power reduction, the control rod pattern was adjusted to reduce local power and power was returned to approximately 100% of rated power three hours later.

The event did not represent any significant hazard to the public health and safety.

NOTE: Revision 1 of this LER is submitted to correct Items 25 and 26 which were inadvertantly left blank on the original submittal.

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