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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Reference: Facility Operating License No. DPR-65
Docket No. 50-336
Reportable Occurrence RO-50-336/79-16/3X-1

Dear Mr. Grier:

This letter forwards update Licensee Event Report 79-16/3X-1 pursuant to Millstone Unit 2 Appendix A Technical Specifications, Section 6.9.1.9.b, conditions leading to operation in a degraded mode permitted by a limiting condition for operation. An additional three copies of the report are enclosed.

Yours truly,

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cc: Director, Office of Inspection and Enforcement, Washington, D.C. (30)
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Event Description

On 6/11/79, during a plant cooldown one channel of low range pressurizer pressure indication was found to be reading approximately 250 psi lower than actual pressurizer pressure. The cooldown continued in accordance with technical specifications, Section 3.4.9.3, action a, and the pressure transmitter was adjusted, recalibrated and returned to service.

On 11/1/79 during another plant cooldown, the same pressure transmitter was found to be reading approximately 200 psi lower than actual pressurizer pressure. The cooldown continued in accordance with technical specifications Section 3.4.9.3, action a. Two defective components were replaced in the transmitter which was then recalibrated and returned to service. Total time out of service was 10 hours.

Cause Description

The cause of the initial low reading was a zero shift which was corrected by adjustments and recalibration. Following the second occurrence on 11/1/79, examination of the transmitter revealed two defective components, an oscillator-amplifier (P/N 805B27403) and a bourdon tube (P/N 628B030402). The defective parts were replaced and the transmitter was recalibrated and returned to service. The faulty component replacement will be the final corrective action rather than complete transmitter replacement as stated in the original report of 7/10/79.

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