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Office of Inspection and Enforcement
Region I
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
631 Park Avenue
King of Prussia, PA 19406

SUBJECT: REPORTABLE OCCURRENCE - PROMPT NOTIFICATION

Confirming C. E. Andersen's conversation with Mr. Greenman, Region I, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission on 1/31/79.

Reference: Docket No. 050-277/78
Peach Bottom Units 2 and 3
Technical Specification Reference: 3.14.B.4

Report No. 2-79-6/1P
Occurrence Date: 1/30/79

Identification of Occurrence:

Unit 2 and Unit 3 recirc MG set room fire protection system out of service for approximately 8 hours with no fire watch posted.

Conditions Prior to Occurrence:

Unit 2 operating at 100 percent power. Unit 3 operating at 90 percent power.

Apparent Cause:

Personnel error

Analysis of Occurrence:

The recirc MG set room fire detection system on both units was disabled on the morning of 1/30/79 so that modification work could proceed in the area. A fire watch was posted at that time. When the work in these two areas was completed for the day at about 4 PM, the working group failed to notify the shift that they were finished for the day. The fire watch left the room when the days work was completed. Late on the next shift as part of a normal surveillance of the area, the operating shift noticed the error and immediately restored the fire detection system to normal. Since this area is routinely inspected by shift personnel the safety significance of this event is minimal.

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Deliver to:
Mr. Grossman

Corrective Action:

The fire detection system was placed back in service immediately upon discovery of this event. A meeting was subsequently held with supervision of the working group involved with this occurrence. They were instructed in the importance of notifying shift supervision when working under the above conditions so that shift personnel can take appropriate remedial action. Further corrective action will be taken following completion of the investigation of this incident.

Previous Failures:

Report No. 2-79-2/1P

Very truly yours,

W. T. Ullrich
Station Superintendent

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