

POWER AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
JAMES A. FITZPATRICK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

DOCKET NO.50-333

ATTACHMENT TO LER 80-031/03L-0

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During normal operation, the Drywell to Torus Differential Pressure was less than the requirements of Technical Specifications paragraph 3.7.A.7. This resulted in operation in a degraded mode allowed by paragraph 3.7.A.7.A.3 for a period of approximately 35 minutes.

The differential pressure was out of specification approximately 0.04 psid due to a rapid drop in the reactor building cooling system temperature. An operator initiated trip of the reactor water cleanup system (due to a valve packing failure) resulted in a sudden decrease in the heat load on the reactor building cooling system which in turn resulted in a rapid decrease in the temperature of the reactor building cooling system. This temperature decrease resulted in a drywell pressure decrease (due to cooling). Immediate restoration of the Reactor Building Cooling Water temperature to its normal range restored the drywell to torus differential pressure to within technical specification limits. To provide the operator with early warning that drywell to torus differential pressure is approaching the limit, the low differential pressure alarm has been raised to 1.75 psid. In addition, the reactor building cooling system temperature alarm setpoint will be changed during the 1980 refueling outage to provide the operator with early warning of decreasing temperature.

No further action will be required to reduce the probability of recurrence. The event did not represent a significant hazard to the public health and safety.

NOTE: LER 80-017 is a related event.