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Gentlemen:

Licensee Event Report No. 89-10 is attached. This report discusses an event in which the Auxiliary Feedwater Pumps started on an inadvertent signal.

Sincerely,

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The cause of this event was personnel error in not following the GOI-3 procedure. The procedure has a specific step to block the AFP's start signal prior to stopping the operating main feedwater pump. Corrective action was to hold the responsible individual accountable by implementing appropriate disciplinary action. Additionally, this event was discussed in a Lessons Learned Bulletin.

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