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SUBJECT: FAILURE OF HPCI TURBINE DUE TO HIGH MOISTURE  
IN LUBE OIL

Enclosed is my Technical Review report on the failure of the HPCI turbine at Susquehanna 2 which occurred on January 27, 1988. The turbine failure was due to high moisture in the lube oil. The report indicates that contamination of lube oil by steam leakage past the turbine shaft seals can be detected by routine visual inspection and routine sampling such that the moisture accumulation in the lube oil can be stopped before it reaches the intolerable level. We believe that the safety implications of such event are minor and the possibility of occurrence of such an event is infrequent. Further AEOD action does not appear to be needed.



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