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Licensee Event Report No. 89-28 is attached. This report discusses an event in which the surveillance interval for the Rod Position Indication System was exceeded.

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DESCRIPTION OF OCCURRENCE

During the time period of August 1 to August 4, 1989 the plant operated in modes 1 and 2 (Power Operation and Startup) at various power levels (Maximum power approximately 25 percent) for conducting physics and turbine testing.

The Plant Computer Rod Position Deviation Monitor was determined to be inoperable at noon on August 1, 1989. Operations personnel began logging rod positions at four hour intervals as required by Technical Specification (TS) 4.1.3.2, "Position Indication Channels Surveillance Requirements". This surveillance is performed using Periodic Operating Test (POT) 24-1, "Shift Operating Routines". During a review of POT 24-1 data on October 17, 1989 it was discovered that the positions of the Shutdown Banks were not recorded from August 1, to August 4, 1989 at four hour intervals as required by TS 4.1.3.2. The Shutdown Bank positions were recorded at an interval which did not exceed twelve hours during the August 1, to August 4, 1989 time period. Further review identified that POT 24-1 had a weakness in that the form attached for recording Control and Shutdown bank positions did not allocate space for documenting Shutdown Banks data during Rod Position Deviation Monitor inoperability.

CAUSE OF OCCURRENCE

The apparent cause is personnel error in failure to include space for recording the Shutdown Banks in the attachment to POT 24-1. A contributing cause was Operations personnel not recognizing that the position of the Shutdown Banks was not being recorded on the same frequency as the Control Banks.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

POT 24-1 Attachment A was deviated on October 18, 1989 to provide space for recording the Shutdown Banks positions.

Training Information Bulletin 65 was issued on August 2, 1989 to Plant Operations personnel to give information and guidance on the Rod Position Deviation Alarm and the increased surveillance requirements should the computer alarm be unavailable.

To lessen the probability of recurrence of the computer problem that caused the Plant Computer Rod Position Deviation Monitor to be inoperable a software change was made to the Plant computer to restore a variable to its proper value following a restart of the computer.

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SIGNIFICANCE OF OCCURRENCE

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