Report Number:

R0-77-3/3L

Report Date: Occurrence Date: February 10, 1977 January 12, 1977

Facility:

Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit 1,

Waterford, Ct. 06385

Identification of Occurrence:

Instrumentation which initiates Emergency Core Cooling Systems was found to have a setting less conservative than that established by the Technical Specifications.

Conditions Prior to Occurrence:

Prior to the occurrence, the plant was operating at a steady state power of ninety-nine percent. Description of Occurrence:

On January 12, 1977 while performing a surveillance (High Drywell Pressure-Functional and Calibration) on drywell pressure switches, it was found that one of the four switches was tripping at a value higher than that allowed by the Technical Specifications. The Technical Specifications require that trip setting of these switches be less than or equal to 2 psig. The setpoint of the switch in question was found to be 2.2 psig.

This report is similar in nature to LER RO-76-37/3L and LER RO-76-41/3L.

Designation of Apparent Cause of Occurrence:

The failure of this pressure switch to trip at the desired setpoint is considered to be attributable to a setpoint drift.

Analysis of Occurrence:

These switches are arranged in a one-out-of-two-twice logic system to provide one of the permissive signals, to the Automatic Pressure Relief Valves, for automatic blowdown. Failure of the switch to trip at the required setpoint did not impair the system's ability to perform its intended function. The setpoints of the other switches in the logic system were checked and found to be within the desired range and would have initiated the required action upon receipt of a high drywell pressure.

The switch that failed to operate at the desired setpoint was a Barton, Model Number 288, with a range of zero to ten psi.

Corrective Actions:

All of the pressure switches in the logic system were checked to insure the correct setpoints. The switch that was found to have the incorrect setpoint was adjusted to the required setpoint and satisfactorily tested.

The setpoint of this switch will be changed to all of pore margin between the setpoint and the Technical Specification limit. This change is based on recommendations made by the General Electric Company in a report on instrument drift.