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OPERATING LICENSE DPR-54
DOCKET NO. 50-312
REPORTABLE OCCURRENCE 81-22

In accordance with Technical Specification for Rancho Seco Nuclear Generating Station, Section 6.9.4.2b and Regulatory Guide 1.16, Revision 4, Section C.2.b.2, the Sacramento Municipal Utility District is hereby submitting a thirty-day report of Reportable Occurrence 81-22.

In compliance with Technical Specifications, Section 4.14.1, the visual inspection of "inaccessible" safety system hydraulic snubbers was being performed on April 16, 1981. During that inspection, three of the 77 snubbers in the "inaccessible" category were found to be low on fluid. All three units were determined as inoperable since two of the units are, per Technical Specification Section 4.14.4, exempt from functional testing and the third was refilled prior to being removed and tested in the "as found" condition.

The two units exempt from functional testing were Snubber No. SS-16, exempt due to a rated capacity greater than 50,000 pounds, and Snubber No. SS-17, exempt due to being difficult to remove or in a high radiation area. Since the cause of the low fluid

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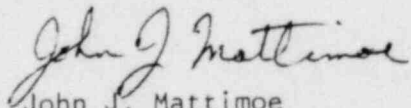
level was either due to the accumulators or the valve bodies, both of these assemblies were removed from the snubbers and reworked. The reworked accumulators and valve bodies were then reinstalled and the units filled to the proper levels.

The unit which was inadvertently refilled, prior to being tested to verify operability, Snubber No. MS-20522-SW2, was determined to be leaking fluid from the accumulator. The unit was removed, the accumulator rebuilt, the unit successfully tested and then reinstalled.

In accordance with the schedule in Technical Specifications Section 4.14.1, the inspection time interval has been reduced to four months \pm 25%.

All three snubber units are manufactured by Bergen-Patterson Pipe Support Corporation.

Since the unit was shutdown for refueling, there were no transients nor power reductions associated with this event.



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