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PLATTEVILLE, COLORADO 80651

April 9, 1981
Fort St. Vrain
Unit No. 1
P-81119



Mr. Karl V. Seyfrit, Director
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region IV
Office of Inspection and Enforcement
611 Ryan Plaza Drive
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Reference: Facility Operating License
No. DPR-34

Docket No. 50-267

Dear Mr. Seyfrit:

Enclosed please find a copy of Reportable Occurrence Report No. 50-267/
81-022, Final, submitted per the requirements of Technical Specification
AC 7.5.2(b)2.

Also, please find enclosed one copy of the Licensee Event Report for
Reportable Occurrence Report No. 50-267/81-022.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

cc: Director, MIPC

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FORT ST. VRAIN NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION
PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO
16805 WELD COUNTY ROAD 19 1/2
PLATTEVILLE, COLORADO 80651

REPORT NO. 50-267/81-022/03-L-0

Final

IDENTIFICATION OF
OCCURRENCE:

On March 10, 1981, it was determined that the total dissolved solids in the plant non-radioactive liquid effluent exceeded 2300 parts per million on February 24, 1981. This is reportable per Fort St. Vrain Technical Specification AC 7.5.2(b)2 as a degraded mode of LCO NR 1.1.

EVENT
DESCRIPTION:

On several previous occasions, the non-radioactive liquid effluent has exceeded the LCO NR 1.1 limit for residual chlorine. These events were reported in Reportable Occurrences 79-61, 80-28, and 81-004. Because of the difficulty in obtaining the exact chlorination required by the system, plant operations have been modified to include closing the blowdown discharge valve (1) (see Figure 1) from the circulating water system during chlorination to prevent inadvertent discharge of any high residual chlorine to the Goosequill ditch. To maintain minimum blowdown rate requirements during the chlorination, the raw water bypass valve (2) was opened to make up the lost flow.

On Friday, February 20, 1981, this was done during the regular chlorination of the circulating water system; however, following the chlorination, the blowdown discharge valve (1) was not re-opened. This resulted in the continued concentration of total dissolved solids in the circulating water system due to evaporation. The circulating water system was sampled Tuesday, February 24, 1981, and the total dissolved solids were found to be high. The blowdown valve (1) was fully opened, and the blowdown of the circulating water system continued at this rate for approximately two hours when it was noted that the Goosequill total dissolved solids was 3175 parts per million was in excess of the LCO NR 1.1 limit of 2300 parts per million. The blowdown rate was adjusted to reduce the total dissolved solids being discharged to the plant effluent and the liquid effluent was within required chemical limits by the next shift. The blowdown was continued and has maintained the total dissolved solids within acceptable limits. The water discharged to the Goosequill ditch during this event followed the regular discharge

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path from the Goosequill ditch to the farm ponds. The farm pond level was low and it appears unlikely any of this water was discharged to the South Platte River.

CAUSE

DESCRIPTION:

High total dissolved solids in the plant non-radioactive liquid effluent was the result of two problems:

1. Excessive build-up of total dissolved solids in the circulating water system between February 20 and 24, 1981, due to no system blowdown during this period.
2. The following blowdown of the systems on Tuesday, February 24, 1981, at a rate greater than the dilution capability of the Goosequill ditch flow.

CORRECTIVE

ACTION:

Circulating water system blowdown was adjusted to a lower rate, and the total dissolved solids returned to acceptable values by the time of the next sample.

This occurrence will be reviewed by the Plant Review Panel to determine the need for further corrective action in terms of the procedures and individuals involved.

No further corrective action is anticipated or required.

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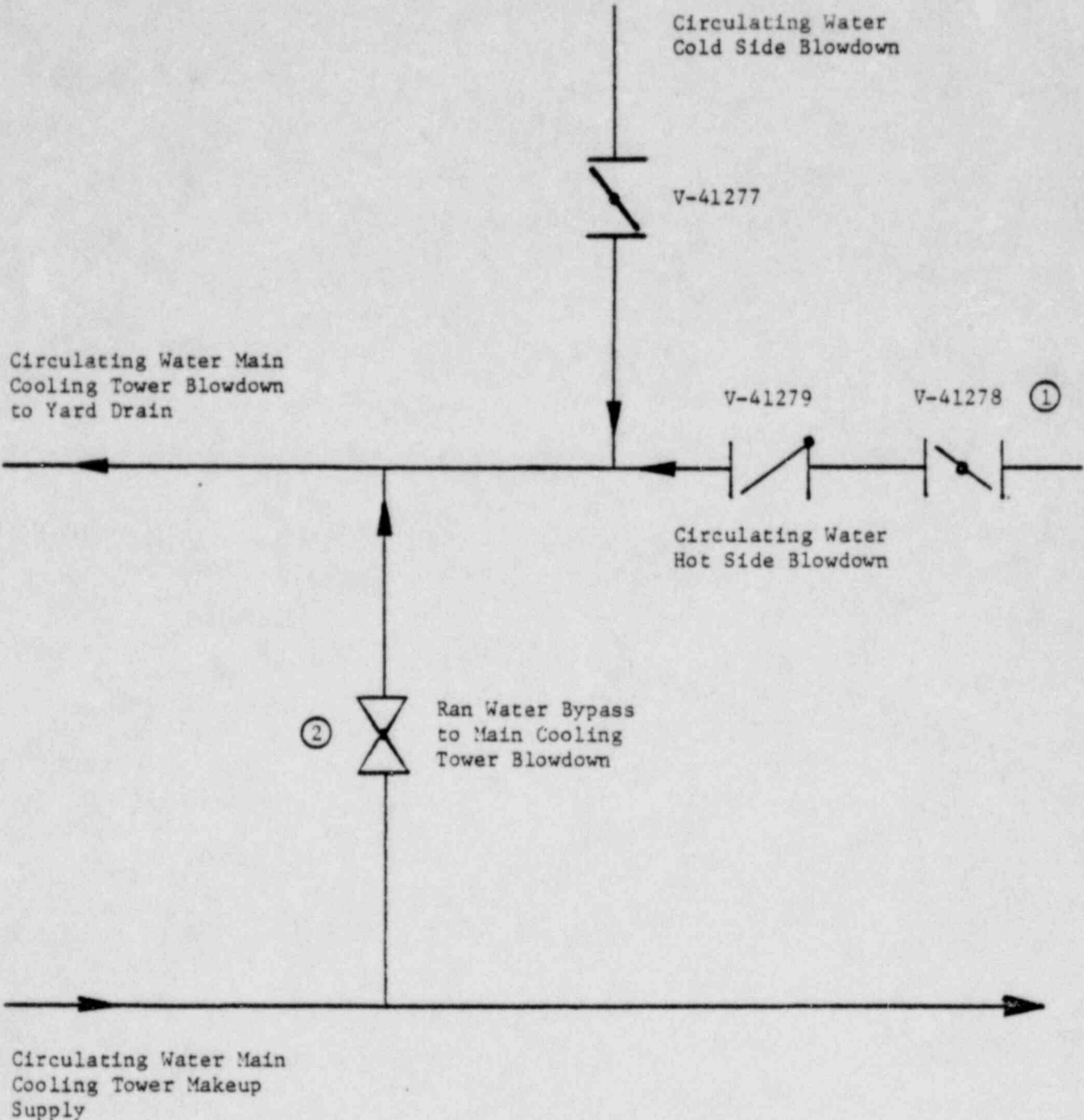


FIGURE 1

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