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Attention: Mr. D. M. Sternberg, Chief
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Subject: Interim Report - DER 83-26
A 50.55(e) Potentially Reportable Deficiency Relating to BOP ESFAS Electronic Modules Failed Preoperational Testing Due to Overheating
File: 83-019-026; D.4.33.2

Reference: Telephone Conversation between P. Narbut and R. Tucker on April 27, 1983

Dear Sir:

The NRC was notified of a potentially reportable deficiency in the referenced telephone conversation. At that time, it was estimated that a determination of reportability would be made within thirty (30) days.

Due to the extensive investigation and evaluation required, an Interim Report is attached. It is now expected that this information will be finalized by August 25, 1983, at which time a complete report will be submitted.

Very truly yours,

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INTERIM REPORT - DER 83-26
POTENTIAL REPORTABLE DEFICIENCY
ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY (APS)
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I. POTENTIAL PROBLEM

During Preoperational Test 92PE-1SA01, the following components did not meet performance requirements as specified in Specification 13-JM-104.

1) The Balance of Plant (BOP) Engineered Safety Features Actuation System (ESFAS) electronic modules failed, due to overheating. The temperature maximum limit for electronic chips per the manufacturer's (General Atomic Company) literature is 167°F. During testing, temperatures measured on the upper most module were observed to exceed 130°F, with 148°F temperatures observed in the module interior approximately one inch way from chip surfaces. The control room ambient temperature at this time was 78°F. Per Specification 13-JM-104, these electronic module cabinets should be able to operate in an ambient environment of 104°F. Excessive temperatures were not observed prior to the sealing of cable entrance holes located under the BOP ESFAS cabinets.

2) The Diesel Generator Start Signal electronic module failed in the nonactuated state and would not respond to Safety Injection Activation Signal, Auxiliary Feedwater Actuation Signals or Manual input signals.

This condition is documented in APS Startup Nonconformance Report S-309-1-J.

II. APPROACH TO AND STATUS OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Bechtel Engineering is currently corresponding with General Atomic Company to disposition this condition.

III. PROJECTED COMPLETION OF CORRECTIVE ACTION AND SUBMITTAL OF THE FINAL REPORT

Evaluation of this condition and submittal of the Final Report is forecast to be completed by August 25, 1983.