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Facility: Commonwealth Edison Co.  
LaSalle Nuclear Power Station  
Docket No. 50-373  
Marseilles, IL 61341

Licensee Emergency Classification:  
xx Notification of Unusual Event  
     Alert  
     Site Area Emergency  
     General Emergency  
     Not Applicable

Subject: REACTOR RECIRCULATION PUMP SEAL LEAK

While the unit was shut down because of condensate system problems, the seals of the 2A recirculation pump began leaking about 10 a.m. (CDT) August 21, 1982. The leakage increased to about 25 gallons per minute, and at 11:10 a.m. an Unusual Event was declared by the licensee because the leakage exceeded Technical Specification limits. The leakage was collected in the containment pump and pumped out for processing in the rad waste system. There was no release of radioactivity to the environment. The seal leakage was stopped at about 3:30 p.m. when the recirculation loop was isolated. The Unusual Event was terminated at that time.

Repairs to the pump seal are underway and the plant is expected to remain out of service until August 25, 1982. A Region III (Chicago) staff member was dispatched to the site to review the incident, arriving about 2 p.m.

Neither the licensee nor Region III plan to issue a news announcement. News media interest may occur because of continuing interest in plant operations.

The State of Illinois will be notified.

The Headquarters Duty Officer was notified of the Unusual Event at 11:10 a.m. (CDT) and the information was relayed to Region III personnel. This information is current as of 9 a.m. (CDT) August 23, 1982.

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