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NARRATIVE REPORT

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LER 81-013/01L-0 EVENT DATE - May 8, 1981

1. EXPLANATION OF OCCURRENCE

Incore Thermocouple Lll began to exhibit erratic behavior; therefore, in accordance with Technical Specification 3.3.3.5, Table 3.3-10, Item 10, this report is being submitted.

To date, six (6) LERs, including this one, concern thermocouple failures, the others are LER 80-13, LER 70-41, 80-50, 80-53, and 81-05.

II. CAUSES OF THE OCCURRENCE

This precise reason for the failure/erratic behavior of Incore Thermocouple L-11 is not known and may not be possible to determine given the condition of the Unit 2 core relative to incore instrumentation.

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III. CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE OCCURRENCE

At the time of the occurrence, the Unit 2 facility was in a long-term, cold shutdown state. The reactor decay heat was being removed via loss to ambient. Throughout the event there was no effect on the Reactor Coolant System or the core.

IV. CORRECTIVE ACTIONS TAKEN OR TO BE TAKEN

IMMEDIATE

No immediate action is applicable.

LONG TERM

We are monitoring the situation to determine if any trend is becoming apparent and whether such a trend would have a safety impact in the long term.

V. COMPONENT FAILURE DATA

The failed thermocouple was a Type K (Chromium/Alumel) thermocouple, Model No. DAZA-76-7R-1B-IT-1C, supplied by Babcock and Wilcox and manufactured by Bel Fab, Inc.