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ATTACHMENT

EVENT DESCRIPTION AND PROBABLE CONSEQUENCES (CONT'D)

At 1030 on April 6, 1982 during normal operation, #12 Emergency Core Cooling System (ECCS) Pump Room Exhaust Fan was removed from service (Reference: LER 82-18, Docket No. 50-317) to replace a suspect shaft bearing. Vibration in the blower was at that time thought to be due only to wear of the bearing in question. The bearing was replaced, and the fan was returned to service at 1605.

After a period of operation, excessive vibration was again noted in the blower and at 0805 on August 2, 1982 it was removed from service to investigate the cause (T.S. 3.7.7.1). It was discovered that the blower shaft had worn down to a reduced diameter in the area of the inner race of the bearing replaced in April. When the previous repair was made, there was no notice of any reduced shaft diameter, however, because the fan vibration never completely abated, it is now obvious that these two failures are related, both having been caused by the imbalance in the blower.

A new replacement shaft was machined and certified for Safety Related use, and was installed along with new shaft bearings. The blower was balanced, aligned, and returned to service at 1930 on August 2, 1982, the previously noted vibration having been eliminated. The unit has been added to our existing Vibration Monitoring program which will provide indication of any developing trends in the future.

We may expect no further problems in this area.