



LER ATTACHMENT - RO #1-82-112

Facility: BSEP Unit No. 1

Event Date: October 21, 1982

This event occurred because a required continuous fire watch in the No. 1 diesel generator room was mistakenly discontinued, rendering the room unpatrolled for less than one hour. At the time of this event, preparations were in progress to perform postmaintenance testing on the isolation valve of the sprinkler system for No. 1 diesel generator, 2-FP-V278. Maintenance on this valve required isolating the subject sprinkler system which necessitated an LCO and a continuous fire watch in the room. Following completion of the involved maintenance and the cancelling of the valve clearance, the fire watch (a member of the plant Mechanical Maintenance group) mistakenly presumed this meant the fire watch was cancelled and left the area.

This event went undiscovered for approximately one hour, at which time a member of the Fire Protection group who was involved with postmaintenance testing on V278 discovered the room was unpatrolled. Following the discovery, a continuous fire watch was reestablished in the room until completion of the required postmaintenance testing and return of the subject sprinkler system to operability. An interview with the involved fire watch revealed an unfamiliarity with the posttesting requirements following completion of fire protection system-related maintenance. The foreman responsible for the work did realize that the fire watch was still required and thought that it was being maintained.

As a result of this event, the maintenance personnel involved were counselled by a member of the Fire Support group to be aware that fire watches remain in effect until cancellation of applicable LCOs and return of the involved system to operability. In addition, the importance of good communications between personnel performing fire protection system-related maintenance was also stressed with the involved maintenance personnel. Maintenance supervisory personnel will review this report with their personnel to ensure familiarity with the concerns involving this event.