



LER ATTACHMENT - RO #1-82-114

Facility: BSEP Unit No. 1

Event Date: October 22, 1982

During plant shutdown operations a routine comparison of suppression chamber water level indications on the RTGB showed a discrepancy in indications exhibited by the narrow and wide level instruments. The suppression pool level indicators operability test, PT-08.1.6, was then performed to determine the operability of the subject indicators. At that time a check of the local level sightglass revealed actual level was -26". The level was then returned to within specifications (-27" - -31") at a value of -29" as shown on the local level sightglass.

While investigating the level indications discrepancy, a check of the local level sightglass by the attending technicians revealed a level of -32". Prior to and at the time of this event the "B" loop of the RHR System had been in the suppression pool cooling mode. Following discovery of the first event, level was then returned to within specifications by opening the RHR System discharge valves to the Radwaste System, 1-E11-F040 and F049, and utilizing the already running "B" Loop RHR System to reduce suppression pool level. After attaining the proper level as indicated on the local sightglass level indicator, F040 and F049 were closed as was indicated on the RTGB. However, unknown to Operations personnel at that time, these valves did not fully close and a slow continual reduction in suppression pool level continued as long as the "B" loop RHR System was in service resulting in the level exceeding the specified lower limit. Following this discovery, F040 and F049 were declared inoperable, deactivated, and manually closed in accordance with technical specifications. The suppression pool level was then returned to within specifications. The problems affecting F040 and F049 are being reported in LER 1-82-116. In addition, instrumentation problems involving this event are being reported in LER 1-82-136.

Prior to the first event, there were no planned level changes which would have alerted the Control Operator of suppression chamber water level instrumentation inoperability. With regard to the first event, it is felt that present plant procedures which require a level instrumentation comparison prior to any planned level changes are sufficient to help prevent future similar type events. The second event may have been prevented by utilizing a more frequent visual check of the local level sightglass indicator following the discovery of a level indication discrepancy with the RTGB instruments. As a result, an entry will be made in the plant operating daily instructions to provide for utilizing a twice-per-shift visual check of the local level sightglass indicator whenever a suppression pool level indication discrepancy has been discovered and until the discrepancy is resolved. All licensed Operations personnel will review this report to ensure their familiarity with this event and the concerns outlined.