



Attachment to LER 82-39  
Palisades Plant  
November 19, 1982

As reported in LER 82-29, 82-33 and 82-36, Palisades has been experiencing minor leakage (within Technical Specification limits) in T-82B (B Safety Injection Tank). The leakage is past loop check valve 3116 and either the tank check valve 3117 or the fill and drain valve CV-3043. While this leakage would not normally result in a significant problem or a reportable event, the problem has been compounded by a failure of the Safety Injection Tank (SIT) level indicating system. Consequently, the operators have had to rely on the high and low level switch alarms for level indication. Each time one of the alarms is received, a Limiting Condition for Operation (LCO) is entered. Specifically, the SIT must be declared inoperable until the level and boron concentration are reestablished within the limits of TS 3.3.1.b; therefore, the LCO of TS 3.3.2.a is entered.

On November 5, 1982 at 0759, a high level alarm was received on T-82B. A sample from T-82B at 0848 showed boron concentration to be 1690 ppm. While T-82B level was promptly restored to the normal operating level, boron concentration could not be restored until 1025. Consequently, T-82B was inoperable for more than one hour permitted by Technical Specification 3.3.2.a. The situation reoccurred on November 7. T-82B level was again promptly restored within the one hour limit.

Inspection and repair of check valve 3116 is currently scheduled for the next refueling outage. Additional monitoring will be performed to determine which other valves are leaking and necessary repairs will also be made during the next refueling outage.

Repair of the level indicating system during plant operation is precluded because of the high radiation field. Therefore, additional testing will be performed to isolate and correct the problem during the next extended shutdown.