



LER ATTACHMENT - RO # 2-82-15

Facility: BSEP Unit No. 2

Event Date: January 17, 1982

During a reactor startup, it was discovered that IRM "E" was inoperable, as the instrument indicated downscale when on range No. 9. At the time of this discovery IRM "C" was also indicating downscale and had been declared inoperable earlier the same day when the reactor was shut down. Following the IRM "E" inoperability discovery, an "A" RPS manual scram was initiated in accordance with technical specifications. At the time of this event IRM "A" and "G" were operable and showing expected indications.

The investigation of the IRM "E" indication problem revealed that the downscale indications resulted from a partial grounding of the monitor's detector output signal. This occurred due to drywell moisture intrusion into the detector signal cable through a tear in the cable insulation. At this time it has not been determined when or how the tear occurred. The tear was repaired and the IRM was calibrated and returned to service.

The investigation of the IRM "C" indication problem determined that the monitor detector was defective, attributed to detector burnout. The detector was replaced, the monitor instrumentation was calibrated, the IRM was returned to service and the manually initiated "A" RPS one-half scram was then reset.