



- I. LER NUMBER: 83-009/03L-0
- II. LASALLE COUNTY STATION: Unit 1
- III. DOCKET NUMBER: 050-373
- IV. EVENT DESCRIPTION:

During inspection of main steam drain line piping, mechanical snubber MS20CB-1½-H015 was found excessively hard to stroke. Unit 1 was in cold shutdown at the time of this event.

V. PROBABLE CONSEQUENCES OF THE OCCURRENCE:

Same as DVR 1-1-82-195 and LER 82-009/03L-0. The affected piping was reanalyzed with the inoperable snubber modeled as a rigid restraint. The analysis revealed that one weld had exceeded the allowable usage factor and one additional weld may be approaching this factor. However, no failure of piping, welds, or associated restraints occurred as a result of this event. Since no release of radioactivity occurred, the health and safety of the public was not affected and the plant was maintained in a safe condition at all times.

VI. CAUSE:

An evaluation of the damaged snubber revealed that the ball screw shaft was slightly bent. This was most likely the result of forces being applied in the lateral direction such as by stepping on or using the snubber as a rigging point. The bent shaft caused excessive friction between internal parts which in turn caused the snubber to fail. Since failure was caused by external forces, a generic problem with Pacific Scientific snubbers is not apparent at this time.

VIII CORRECTIVE ACTION:

The inoperable snubber was replaced under work request #L22379. The weld which was analyzed to have exceeded its allowable usage factor was replaced under work request L22435. One additional weld which was approaching the allowable usage factor was replaced under work request L22531 (ALARA considerations). All of these actions were completed prior to leaving the cold shutdown condition.

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