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Facility: Wisconsin Public Service
Kewaunee Nuclear Power Station
Docket No. 50-305
Kewaunee, WI 54216

Licensee Emergency Classification:
 Notification of Unusual Event
 Alert
 Site Area Emergency
 General Emergency
 xx Not Applicable

Subject: INOPERABLE CONTAINMENT PRESSURE SENSING LINES (CORRECTED COPY)

Region III (Chicago) was informed by the licensee on October 4, 1982 that a technician inspecting safety and non-safety related containment pressure sensing lines found all ten lines had mistakenly been capped. The licensee believes the lines may have been capped since May 20, 1982, the end of the last refueling outage. The licensee told Region III that two new auxiliary operators had performed local leak rate tests on these and other lines within containment during the outage. When they concluded their testing, their supervisor reportedly told them to go back and make sure that every line they tested was capped. The two operators apparently did not realize the ten containment pressure sensing lines were to remain open.

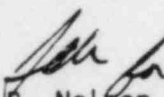

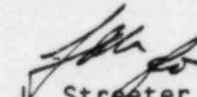
Capping of the lines would disable the pressure sensors. In the event of a small break loss-of-coolant-accident in containment or a main steam line break in containment, the emergency core cooling system (ECCS) would not activate automatically because of the inoperable sensors. The (ECCS) could be started by operator action in the control room.

The plant was operating at 100 per cent power when the technician made the discovery at 4:15 p.m. (CDT), October 4. The caps were immediately removed.

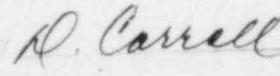
The Senior Resident Inspector was notified, and he is reviewing the event. Appropriate enforcement action will be initiated.

Neither Region III nor the licensee plans a press release at this time. The State of Wisconsin will be notified.

Region III was notified of the event by the Headquarters Duty Officer at 4:40 p.m. (CDT) October 4, 1982. This information is current as of 11 a.m. (CDT) October 5, 1982.

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