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Dear Sir:

This Special Report is submitted in accordance with LaSalle Unit 1 Operating License NPF-11, Appendix B, Technical Specifications 3.7.5.1 and 6.6.c.

During the period of this Special Report, (April 19 to May 10) the OA Diesel Fire Pump was inoperable and taken out of service in accordance with Technical Specification 3.7.5.1. Back up fire protection was maintained at all times by the availability of the OB Diesel Fire Pump.

On April 19, 1983, the OA Diesel Fire Pump was taken out of service in order to perform a 2 year maintenance inspection. Following the 2 year inspection on April 23, the Diesel Fire Pump was then run for the Maintenance Department to verify the diesel was running within specifications. The diesel ran fine and was turned over to the operating Department.

On April 24, 1983, the Operating Department ran the Diesel Fire Pump, in accordance with LOS-FP-W2. (DFP surveillance) during the surveillance, smoke was observed to be coming out of the valve covers. The diesel was then shutdown and maintenance was notified of the problem.

Upon investigation, it was determined that there was extensive internal damage and that the diesel required replacement.

Following installation of the new diesel, a test run was performed by maintenance to ensure that the diesel was running within specifications and tolerances.

The OA Diesel Fire Pump was returned to service May 10, 1983, following the satisfactory performance of LOS-FP-W2.

The original OA Diesel Fire Pump is being shipped to the Manufacturer so that the cause of failure can be determined.

At this time, both fire pumps are available for operation.

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