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[0] [1] [A] [L] [B] [R] [F] [3] [2] [0] [0] [-] [0] [0] [0] [0] [0] [0] [-] [0] [0] [3] [4] [1] [1] [1] [1] [4] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] (5)

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[0] [1] REPORT SOURCE [L] [5] [0] [5] [0] [0] [0] [2] [9] [6] [7] [0] [4] [1] [8] [8] [3] [8] [0] [5] [1] [7] [8] [3] [9]

EVENT DESCRIPTION AND PROBABLE CONSEQUENCES (10)  
[0] [2] During normal reactor operation, both offgas post-treatment radiation monitors  
[0] [3] (3-RM-90-265/266) became inoperable due to sample pump failure, contrary to the  
[0] [4] requirements of T.S. 3.2.D.1.b&c. There was no effect on public health and  
[0] [5] safety since the stack radiation monitor was operable and no  
[0] [6] release limits were exceeded. A review of SI 4.8.B.1.a.1, Airborne Effluent  
[0] [7] Release Rate, indicated no significant increase in building effluent activity  
[0] [8] levels during this event.

SYSTEM CODE [I] [E] (11) CAUSE CODE [E] (12) CAUSE SUBCODE [F] (13) COMPONENT CODE [P] [U] [M] [P] [X] [X] (14) COMP SUBCODE [X] (15) VALVE SUBCODE [Z] (16)  
LER/RO REPORT NUMBER [8] [3] (17) SEQUENTIAL REPORT NO. [0] [2] [7] (18) OCCURRENCE CODE [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] (19) REPORT TYPE [L] (20) REVISION NO. [0] (21)  
ACTION TAKEN [C] (22) FUTURE ACTION [Z] (23) EFFECT ON FLANT [Z] (24) SHUTDOWN METHOD [Z] (25) HOURS [0] [0] [0] [0] (26) ATTACHMENT SUBMITTED [Y] (27) NRRD-4 FORM SUG. [N] (28) PRIME COMP. SUPPLIER [L] (29) COMPONENT MANUFACTURER [M] [2] [7] [0] (30)

CAUSE DESCRIPTION AND CORRECTIVE ACTIONS (27)  
[1] [0] The cause of this event was sample pump failure, probably due to normal end-of-  
[1] [1] life operation. The redundant pump was placed in service within 25 minutes.  
[1] [7] The Metal Bellows Corp., Model No. MB21, Part No. 28649, sample pump was  
[1] [3] replaced on the next day. This is considered to be a random failure and no  
[1] [4] recurrence control is required.

FACILITY STATUS [E] (31) % POWER [0] [9] [9] (32) OTHER STATUS [NA] (33) METHOD OF DISCOVERY [A] (34) DISCOVERY DESCRIPTION [Control Room Alarm] (35)

ACTIVITY CONTENT RELEASED OF RELEASE [Z] (36) AMOUNT OF ACTIVITY [NA] (37) LOCATION OF RELEASE [NA] (38)

PERSONNEL EXPOSURES NUMBER [0] [0] [0] (39) TYPE [Z] (40) DESCRIPTION [NA] (41)

PERSONNEL INJURIES NUMBER [0] [0] [0] (42) DESCRIPTION [NA] (43)

LOSS OF OR DAMAGE TO FACILITY TYPE [Z] (44) DESCRIPTION [NA] (45)

PUBLICITY ISSUED DESCRIPTION [N] (46) DESCRIPTION [NA] (47)

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BFRO-50- 296 / 83027 Technical Specification Involved 3.2.D.1

Reported Under Technical Specification 6.7.2.b(2) \* Date Due NRC 5/18/83

Event Narrative:

Unit 1 was in a refueling outage, unit 2 was operating at 94-percent power, and unit 3 was operating at 99-percent power. Only unit 3 was affected by the event. At approximately 1440 hours on April 18, 1983, the offgas post-treatment radiation monitor sample pump failed, causing both offgas post-treatment radiation monitors (3-RM-90-265/266) to become inoperable. The failure initiated a control room alarm. Plant operations personnel were immediately dispatched and placed the redundant post-treatment sample pump in service within 25 minutes. Technical Specification (T.S) 3.2.D.1 requires that both offgas post-treatment radiation monitors be operable during reactor operation. This requirement was not met for this 25-minute period. Because of this quick recovery, a shutdown (T.S. 3.2.D.1.c) was not required.

During the time both offgas post-treatment monitors were inoperable, the offgas pre-treatment and stack radiation monitors were operable. No significant increase in activity levels was detected by these monitors during this time. Additionally, a review of SI 4.8.B.1.a.1 (Airborne Effluent Release Rate) revealed no significant increase in building effluent activity during this time. This event had no adverse effect on the health or safety of the public.

The cause of this event was sample pump failure. The sample pump failure was apparently due to normal wear-out. The pump is a sealed unit and further investigation is not practical. The failed sample pump was replaced on April 19, 1983. This event is considered to be a random failure and no recurrence control is required.

\* Previous Similar Events:

BFRO-50-259/78032

Retention: Period - Lifetime: Responsibility - Document Control Supervisor

\*Revision: JRP

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Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY - BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT UNIT 3 - DOCKET  
NO. 50-296 - FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE DPR-68 - REPORTABLE OCCURRENCE  
REPORT BFRO-296/83027

The enclosed report provides details concerning offgas post-treatment  
radiation monitors that became inoperable because of sample pump failure.  
This report is submitted in accordance with Browns Ferry unit 3 Technical  
Specification 6.7.2.b(2).

Very truly yours,

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Director of Nuclear Power

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