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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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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.


On October 4, 1983 at 1410, while running the Diesel Fire Pump for a Unit 2 pre-operational test, the OB Diesel Fire Pump (DFP) jacket water coolant was observed to have a high temperature. As a result the diesel was shut down and the control switch placed in "off" to inspect the diesel engine for the cause of the overheating.

The "OA" DFP was also out of service due to the engine and pump being out for repairs as explained in Special Report dated October 20, 1983.

While both diesel fire pumps were inoperative the service water tie valves to the fire protection system were verified open so that service water could supply fire protection if needed.

OB DFP was declared operable on October 4, 1983 at 2152 when LOS-FP-W2 was performed on this DFP.

This letter is submitted late since during the review of this event it was determined that during the period of time the control switch was in "off" position an operator was not in continuous attendance at the control switch to start the pump if needed. Therefore, both the diesel fire pumps were inoperative for a period of time, although the OB pump could have been started manually if needed.


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