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EVENT DESCRIPTION AND PROBABLE CONSEQUENCES

On September 27, 1983, at 1535 hours, with the Plant in Mode 1, the Control Room Supply Atmosphere Particulate Gaseous Iodine Radiation Monitor (RM-Al) was declared INOPERABLE. The alarm circuit for the HI-RAD alarm was shorted during the performance of an operational test.

There were no adverse consequences as the Licensee was in compliance with Action Statement 29 of Technical Specification 3.3.3.1, Table 3.3-6, when the Control Room Emergency Ventilation System was placed in the "Emergency" mode of operation.

CAUSE AND CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

The cause of the occurrence is attributed to personnel error; the monitor's alarm circuit was inadvertently shorted by a technician working in a confined space performing an operational test. The monitor was repaired, the appropriate operational test was performed, and the Radiation Monitor (RM-Al) was returned to OPERABLE status at 1730 hours on September 27, 1983.

The event will be discussed with the personnel who perform this test to emphasize that care be exercised when making electrical measurements.

SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY POST OFFICE 764 COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29218 O. W. DIXON, JR. VICE PRESIDENT October 25, 1983 NUCLEAR OPERATIONS Mr. James P. O'Reilly Regional Administrator U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Region II, Suite 2900 101 Marietta Street, N.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30303 SUBJECT: Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station Docket No. 50/395 Operating License No. NPF-12 Thirty Day Written Report LER 83-115 Dear Mr. O'Reilly: Please find attached Licensee Event Report #83-115 for the Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station. This Thirty Day Report is required by Technical Specification 6.9.1.13.(b) as a result of entry into Action Statement (b) of Technical Specification 3.3.3.1, "Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation," on September 27, 1983. Should there be any questions, please call us at your convenience. Very truly yours, O. W. Dixon, Jr. LEK: OWD/mac/fjc Attachment C. L. Ligon (NSRC) V. C. Summer cc: G. J. Braddick E. C. Roberts D. J. Richards E. H. Crews, Jr. NRC Res. Inspector T. C. Nichols, Jr./O. W. Dixon, Jr. J. B. Knotts, Jr. H. N. Cyrus I&E (Washington) Group Managers Document Management O. S. Bradham Branch R. B. Clary INPO Records Center C. A. Price NPCF A. R. Koon File (Lic./Eng.) D. A. Lavigne J. F. Heilman OFFICIAL COPY