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During cold shutdown on April 25, 1984 at approximately1000 hours a Reactor Building ventilation isolation (VA) and Standby Gas Treatment System (BH) initiation occurred. This was caused by a high radiation signal from the reactor building vent wide range gas monitors (General Atomic Model 0366-0000) (IL).

Major construction taking place in the drywell had been producing greater amounts of particulate matter than is normal. Filters (FLT) in the B channel reactor building vent wide range gas monitor (IL) became clogged and restricted sample flow. The restricted air flow caused an alarm. A health physicist tried various controls on the monitor in attempts to increase the air flow. These controls operate solenoid valves and start and stop the sample pump (P). This activity caused a Hi-Hi radiation signal on the Channel B monitor. When the Channel B monitor alarmed in the Hi-Hi state it caused the Reactor Building Ventilation isolation and Standby Gas Treatment System Initiation. Redundant filters were placed in service and the alarm cleared. The isolation was subsequently reset.

There was no effect on public health and safety.

Procedural changes will be made to prevent the filters from being clogged to the point where they restrict flow.

There have been no previous similar occurrences.



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Reactor Building Isolation by Wide Range Gas Monitors

The License Event Report for this occurrence is attached.

This event was reported via Emergency Notification System per 10 CFR Part 72 on April 25, 1984.

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Manager - Nuclear Support Services

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