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TEXT (If more space is required, use additional NRC Form 396A's) (17)

At 1439 on August 30, 1984, during performance of the monthly surveillance tests on core power distribution, voltage readings were being taken on the upper and lower NIS power range detectors (DET) to verify their calibration. The test leads being used to measure the voltages contacted the handle on the NIS cabinet (IG), shorting the lower detector section channel N41 to ground momentarily, generating a negative rate trip signal from N41. Moments later a similar circumstance on the upper detector section of N42 caused a second negative rate trip signal, which satisfied the 2/4 logic for a reactor trip.

Cause of the event was improper use of test leads which had an exposed connector midway between the meter and the test probes. The rate trip signals lock in and must be manually reset. The first trip signal caused control room annunciation (ANN) but the control board operator did not have time to prevent the trip; the computer log showed that only 6 seconds elapsed between the first and second trip signals.

Corrective action was revision of appropriate procedures. Precautions were added to ensure no rate trip signals are present in a channel before taking readings in the next channel. Involved personnel have reviewed the event and have been instructed in the proper use of test leads.

Health and safety of the public were unaffected.





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Reactor Trip

The License Event Report for this occurrence is attached.

This event was reported via Emergency Notification System per 10 CFR Part 72 on August 30 1984.

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