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At approximately 5:00 p.m. on June 29, 1984, with Unit 2 in the cold shutdown condition and Unit 3 operating at 100% power, the diesel driven fire pump automatically started. The motor driven fire pump was running at this time for fire system testing. At the same time, the control room received reports of flooding at elevation 116' of the turbine building. Investigation revealed that there was a break in an elbow in the fire header at that location. Both fire pumps were removed from service so that the affected portion of the fire header could be isolated. A continuous fire watch was posted in the area of the sprinkler heads fed from the isolated portion of the fire header. The diesel fire pump was returned to service 1 hour and 10 minutes later. The motor driven fire pump was tested and declared operable about 12:30 a.m. on June 30, 1984, after repairing its disconnect switch which was broken while shutting off the pump. The elbow was replaced and the fire protection system was entirely returned to service within 24 hours from the time of the occurrence.

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Description of the Event:

On June 29, 1984, with Unit 2 in cold shutdown for refueling and Unit 3 operating at 100% power level, the motor driven fire pump was running for fire system testing. The diesel driven fire pump automatically started at approximately 5:00 p.m., indicating a drop in the fire header pressure. Coincidentally, the control room received reports of flooding in the area of the elevator at the 116' elevation of the turbine building. Investigation revealed that there was a pipe break in an elbow in the fire header at that location. Both the diesel and motor driven fire pumps were shut off to permit closing the manual gate valves necessary to isolate the affected portion of the fire header.

Consequences of the Event:

Isolating the affected portion of the fire header also isolated the flow of water to the sprinkler heads (part of the sprinkler system) under the floor at elevation 135' - 0" of the turbine building in the vicinity of Unit 2 & 3 hatch. A continuous fire watch was posted in the area of the sprinkler heads.

With the affected portion of the fire header isolated, the diesel driven fire pump, which is designed to handle the flow requirements of the water fire system, was tested and declared operable 1 hour and 10 minutes after the occurrence. The motor driven fire pump was available for service 1 hour and 25 minutes after the occurrence, but was not tested since maintenance was required to repair its disconnect switch handle, which had been broken in the shutdown.

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Cause of the Event:

Cause of the event was mechanical failure along the inside seam of the elbow. The elbow is being analyzed to determine the cause of the mechanical failure.

Corrective Actions:

The handle of the disconnect switch for the motor driven fire pump was repaired, the pump was tested and declared operable 7 hours and 30 minutes after the occurrence (approximately 12:30 a.m. on June 30, 1984). The elbow in the fire header was replaced and the system was tested and declared operable within 24 hours from the time of the occurrence.

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Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station RD #1, Box 208, Delta, PA 17314

This LER is submitted pursuant to the requirements of 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(x).

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