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ON SEPTEMBER 28, 1984, WITH UNIT 2 IN MODE 1 OPERATING AT 100 PERCENT REACTOR THERMAL POWER, AT 2214 HOURS A SECURITY OFFICER DISCOVERED THAT THE CO2 FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM FOR THE UNIT 2 AUXILIARY CABLE VAULT WAS ISOLATED WITH NO FIRE WATCH IN THE AREA. THE SECURITY OFFICER CONTACTED THE UNIT 2 CONTROL ROOM WHO PISPATCHED AN OPERATOR TO SEARCH THE AUXILIARY CABLE VAULT. FOLLOWING VERIFICATION BY OPERATIONS PERSONNEL THAT THE AUXILIARY CABLE VAULT WAS UNOCCUPIED, THE CO2 SUPPRESSION SYSTEM WAS RETURNED TO NORMAL.

INVESTIGATION OF THE INCIDENT REVEALED THAT PERSONNEL HAD EXITED THE AREA AT 1401 HOURS AND THAT THE FIRE WATCH HAD FAILED TO RETURN THE CO2 SUPPRESSION SYSTEM ISOLATION SWITCH TO THE NORMAL POSITION. FIRE WATCH DUTIES ARE PERFORMED BY CONTRACT PERSONNEL AND UNDER PLANT PROCEDURES, THE ASSIGNED FIRE WATCH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR RETURNING THE CO2 ISOLATION SWITCH TO THE NORMAL POSITION. THE DURATION THIS AREA WAS ISOLATED WITH NO FIRE WATCH PRESENT WAS CALCULATED TO BE 8 HOURS AND 13 MINUTES. THIS IS IN VIOLATION OF TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION 3.7.9.3. THE PLANT HAS RECENTLY ENGAGED A NEW CONTRACTOR FOR FIRE WATCH DUTIES. UPON LEARNING OF THE INCIDENT THE PLANT FIRE PROTECTION COORDINATOR VERIFIED THAT THE FIRE WATCH SUPERVISOR UNDERSTOOD THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CO2 ISOLATION AND SUBSEQUENT RESTORATION FOR THIS AREA AND HAD HIM REITERATE THIS REQUIREMENT TO HIS PERSONNEL. THIS SUBJECT WAS ALSO COVERED AT SUBSEQUENT FIRE WATCH SAFETY MEETINGS.

DURING THE TIME THE CO2 SUPPRESSION SYSTEM WAS ISOLATED THE FIRE DETECTION SYSTEM WAS STILL OPERABLE. HOWEVER, THE CO2 SUPPRESSION SYSTEM WOULD HAVE REQUIRED MANUAL ACTUATION.

PREVIOUS OCCURRENCES OF A SIMILAR NATURE INCLUDE:

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