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# ABSTRACT

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On June 3, 1984, during a refueling outage, a reactor scram occurred when the reactor mode switch was changed from the "refuel" position to the "shutdown" position. Reactor Protection System (RPS) Channel 12 was in a manual trip condition at the time due to Main Steam Line Radiation Monitor cable modification. The manual scram signal which is designed to occur when the mode switch is moved to "shutdown" was jumpered on each channel of the Reactor Protection System.

An improper connection on the RPS Channel 11 jumper allowed RPS Channel 11 to trip and initiate a reactor scram signal when the reactor mode switch was changed from the "refuel" position to the "shutdown" position. Since RPS Channel 12 was already in a tripped state, a full reactor scram resulted. The RPS Channel 11 jumper was removed and checked for continuity and found to be satisfactory. The scram signal was reset shortly after the incident occurred. The jumper was reconnected to RPS Channel 11 on June 4, 1984. The reactor mode switch was then changed from the "refuel" position to the "shutdown" position without the initiation of a reactor scram.

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## TEXT

On June 3, 1984, during a refueling outage, the reactor mode switch was changed from the "refuel" position to the "shutdown" position. The reactor was in cold shutdown and subcritical, the control rods were all fully inserted. Reactor Protection System (RPS) Channel 12 was in a manually tripped state due to Main Steam Line Radiation Monitor cable modifications being performed at the time. The manual scram signal which is designed to occur when the mode switch is moved to "shutdown" was jumpered on each channel of the RPS at the time. An improper connection on the RPS Channel 11 jumper allowed RPS Channel 11 to trip when the reactor mode switch was changed from the "refuel" position to the "shutdown" position. Since both channels of the RPS were tripped at the same time, a full reactor scram resulted.

### ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL SAFETY CONSEQUENCES

There are no potential safety consequences arising out of this event because:

1) The reactor was in cold shutdown and subcritical; 2) the mode switch was initially in the "refuel" position at the time of the event; 3) the control rods were all fully inserted at the time of the event; and 4) this manual scram signal cannot be jumpered while in the "rum" or "startup" mode, as stated in the Technical Specifications, because this signal which occurs when the mode switch is moved to "shutdown" is designed to be an additional safety feature of the plant. A manual scram can be initiated by moving the mode switch to "shutdown" in any event where a scram was not initiated by automatic means or by the manual scram pushbuttons. Therefore, all of the conditions which caused this event to occur would not be present during normal operation.

#### CORRECTIVE ACTION

The RPS Channel 11 jumper was removed and checked for continuity, and found to be satisfactory. The scram signal was reset shortly after the scram occurrence. The jumper was reconnected to RPS Channel 11 on June 4, 1984. The reactor mode switch was then changed from the "refuel" position to the "shutdown" position without the initiation of a manual reactor scram.

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Gentlemen:

In accordance with 10 CFR 50.73, we hereby submit the following Licensee Event Report:

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which is being submitted in accordance with 10 CFR 50.73 (a)(2)(iv), "Any event or condition that resulted in manual or automatic actuation of any Engineered Safety Feature (ESF), including the Reactor Protection System (RPS)."

A 10 CFR 50.72 report was made at 2230 hrs on June 3, 1984. This report was completed in the format designated in NUREG-1022, dated September 1983.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Dr. Thomas E. Murley Regional Administrator