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While performing a plant shutdown, a high neutron flux was generated by source range instrumentation, Channel 32, thus activating the reactor protection system. The cause of this actuation was a detector malfunction after the source range instruments were automatically energized when unblocked. The reactor was subcritical when the actuation occurred.

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During a scheduled plant shutdown, Channel 32 was approximately one decade higher than Channel 31 when the detectors were automatically unblocked. This was above the high neutron flux setpoint causing an immediate actuation of the reactor protection system. A comparison of the indication for Channel 32 with source range Channel 31 and the intermediate range channels confirmed that Channel 32 was incorrect. Further testing of Channel 32 determined that a problem existed with the detector. Channel 32 was then bypassed and the control rod shutdown banks withdrawn. No early warning was available to predict a high detector indication since the source range channels are deenergized when blocked.

Inspection and repair of the detector was postponed until a later shutdown. Plant Technical Specifications only require one source range channel to be operable. Source range Channel 32 remained bypassed during the subsequent reactor startup.



August 20, 1984

Mr. J. G. Keppler, Regional Administrator Office of Inspection and Enforcement, Region III U. S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION 799 Roosevelt Road Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

Dear Mr. Keppler:

DOCKET NO. 50-266
LICENSEE EVENT REPORT NO. 84-003-00
INADVERTENT ACTUATION OF THE REACTOR PROTECTION SYSTEM
POINT BEACH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT 1

Enclosed is Licensee Event Report No. 84-003-00 which provides a description of an inadvertent actuation of the Unit 1 reactor protection system initiated by a high source range instrument upon energization while in a shutdown condition reportable 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, including the reactor protection system."

Very truly yours,

Vice President-Nuclear Power

C. W. Fay Enclosure

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