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Dear Sir:

This Special Report is submitted in accordance with LaSalle Unit 1 Operating License NPF-11, Technical Specification 3.8.1.1 and 6.6.C regarding the Unit 1, B Diesel Generator (DG, 1E23S001)

On April 14, 1992, with LaSalle Unit 1 in mode 3 (RUN), the 1B Diesel Generator tripped on reverse power when the output breaker (ACE 1433) was opened. The cause of this event was attributed to the performance of a Nuclear Station Operator (NSO) trainee who was operating the 1B DG. An attempt was made to open the output breaker with 1000Kvars and 200Kwatts of load still being supplied by the 1B D.G. When the output breaker opened the 1B DG experienced large swings in voltage which in turn tripped the engine on reverse power.

The 1B DG was started and loaded again per LaSalle Operating Surveillance-Diesel Generator-Monthly 3 (LOS-DG-M3). When offloaded this time the vars and watts were lowered to 200Kvars and 200Kwatts before the output breaker was opened successfully. A revision will be initiated for LOP-DG-03, 06, 09 "Shutdown of all Diesel Generators" to lower Kvars before opening the output breaker. Action Item Record #373-251-92-00065 will track the completion of this revision.

At the time of the event, the 1B DG was being tested for its monthly operational load run (LOS-DG-M3) and was immediately retested per this procedure.

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