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Description of Occurrence: On August 8, 1984 while a contractor was preparing to permanently seal a fire barrier penetration, a Quality Control inspector noted that the temporary sealing was inadequate. The penetration was created by the discharge pipe of the Cooling Tower Makeup Pump Pl16-1 passing through the wall, separating the service water pumps and valve rooms. The wall is twenty-four (24) inches thick. The penetration was found temporarily sealed with approximately four (4) inches of Kaowool on the pump room side but nothing on the valve room side. The standards call for at least eleven (11) inches of Kaowool in the wall. The gap around the pipe is one-half inch. This penetration was added to the list for Fire Watch Patrols already established in this area. The Fire Watch Patrol is required to satisfy the action statement of Technical Specification 3.7.10 whenever a fire barrier penetration is inoperable.

Designation of Apparent Cause of Occurrence: The penetration had been improperly temporarily sealed some time in the past. It had gone undetected until now because of the black rubber insulation applied to the pipe which butted up against the wall and covered the gap around it. The improper sealing could only be detected by pulling back the insulation and probing the penetration. The penetration had been identified as being temporarily sealed and was on a work list to be permanently sealed as part of FCR 81-054. This FCR added the backup service water pump and required the upgrading of some of the service water pump room walls.

<u>Analysis of Occurrence</u>: The consequences of the deficient fire barrier are minimal. There was no visible opening which could have caused a draft to occur during a fire. Fire suppression and fire detection systems are installed on both sides of the wall. The combustible loading in both rooms is negligible.

Corrective Action: The penetration was permanently sealed per Maintenance Procedure MP 1405.03 under Maintenance Work Order MWO 1-84-1611-00 with a total of eleven inches (5½" on each side) of Kaowool on August 8, 1984. The penetration was then caulked and inspected on August 13, 1984.

All penetrations in the wall were inspected and no additional discrepancies discovered. It should be noted that this penetration may have been temporarily sealed prior to enforcement of present guidelines for temporary and permanent sealing of barrier penetrations. The station now uses ST 5016.13, Visual Inspection of Penetrations of Fire Barriers and Negative Pressure Boundaries, to ensure proper sealing.

Failure Data: Previous reports of improperly sealed fire barrier penetrations were reported in NP 33-83-79 (LER 83-058)

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Gentlemen:

LER No. NP-33-84-11 Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station Unit 1 Date of Occurrence: August 8, 1984

Enclosed is Licensee Event Report NP-33-84-11, which is being submitted in accordance with 10CFR50.73, to provide 30 day written notification of the subject occurrence.

Yours truly,

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Enclosure

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