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SUBJECT: REPORTABLE OCCURRENCE - PROMPT NOTIFICATION

Confirming C. E. Andersen's conversation with Mr. Greenman, Region I,
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission on 1/31/79.

Reference: Docket No. 050-277/78
Peach Bottom Units 2 and 3
Technical Specification Reference: 3.14.A.7

Report No. 2-79-7/1P
Occurrence Date: 1/31/79

Identification of Occurrence:

SGTS fire protection system out of service for approximately 8 days.

Conditions Prior to Occurrence:

Both units operating at 100 percent power.

Apparent Cause:

Personnel error

Analysis of Occurrence:

On 1/23/79, the SGTS fire system was blocked to perform surveillance tests on smoke detectors. A permit was issued for this work. Due to problems involved with the surveillance testing, the job could not be completed at that time and the permit was cleared. The problem occurred when the permit was improperly cleared and the main valve feeding the fire system for this area was mistakenly left closed. On 1/31/79, it was again requested that the fire system for part of the SGTS be blocked for surveillance testing. The person applying this permit discovered that the main valve was closed when he arrived in the area. This valve was immediately reopened and the incident reported to shift supervision. During the period of 8 days when the fire system was determined to be

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inoperable, the fire detection system for this area was fully operable and numerous people were in and out of this area on a routine basis. For these reasons, the safety significance of this event is minimal.

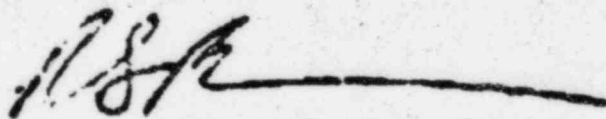
Corrective Action:

The fire system was placed back in service immediately upon discovery of this event. The person directly involved with the error in unblocking the original permit was instructed in the proper method to be used when clearing permits to assure that the system is properly returned to service. Further corrective action will be taken when the investigation of this event is completed.

Previous Failures:

Report Nos. 2-79-2/1P and 2-79-6/1P.

Very truly yours,



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