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On March 9, 1985 at 0655 hours Fire Detection and Auto Pre-action Suppression System S-15 "Intermediate Building Basement East Cable Trays" was requested to be removed from service for grinding and welding work activities in that area.

At 1430 hours of the same day, during Periodic Surveillance Test, it was discovered that S-15 was in service and S-05 "Cable Tunnel Smoke Detection System Auto Deluge" instead had been inadvertently removed from service.

This resulted in S-15 area being left in service while grinding and welding was going on (no alarm or auto pre-action conditions) with a firewatch present while S-05 area was defeated and no firewatch patrol was established to inspect the zone with the inoperable instrument at least once per hour. This violated Technical Specification 3.14.1.1 which requires, within an hour, a firewatch patrol to inspect the zone with the inoperable instruments at least once per hour.

This condition was created by personnel error. The individual assigned this responsibility misread the zone to be deactivated, S-05 rather than S-15. It should be noted that for the defeated zone, "Cable Tunnel" Heat Detection System Z-05 was still operable, and that the spray and/or sprinkler S-05 could still be operated manually upon receipt of Z-05 heat detector alarm in the Control Room. Thus the potential consequences of this event were minimal.

Procedure SC-3.16.2.4 will be reviewed to identify means to preclude re-occurrence. In the interim, when disconnecting the Fire Signaling System, personnel will perform a double verification, similar to the double verification presently required after reactivating the systems.

Modifications to the existing system are being investigated which will provide visual indication of these systems when in or out of service on the Control Room Panel. At present the only indication existing in the Control Room is when a system alarms. Activation and deactivation is performed in a satellite station in the Relay Room.



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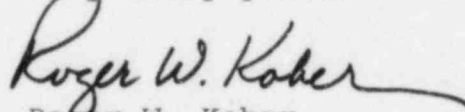
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In accordance with 10 CFR 50.73, Licensee Event Report System, item (a)(2)(i)(B) which requests a report of, "any operation or conditions prohibited by the plant Technical Specification", the attached Licensee Event Report LER 85-003 is hereby submitted.

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