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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attention: Document Control Desk
Washington, D.C. 20555

Subject: Special Report Pursuant to Technical Specification 3.15.C.2
Cooper Nuclear Station, NRC Docket 50-298, DPR-46

Gentlemen:

On March 26, 1996, both the electric-driven and diesel-driven fire pumps were placed in the pull-to-lock position to accommodate preventive maintenance on the Fire Suppression Water (FSW) System. The FSW System was thereupon rendered inoperable for approximately four minutes. Cooper Nuclear Station (CNS) Technical Specification 3.15.C.2 requires the submittal of a Special Report by the following working day whenever the FSW System is inoperable. The report is to discuss the cause of the inoperability, action taken, and plans and schedule for restoring the system to operable status.

Cause of the Inoperability

Flow for the CNS FSW System is provided by one electric-driven pump (FP-P-E) and one diesel-driven pump (FP-P-D). An additional non-Technical Specification electric pump (FP-P-C) is available as an installed backup. The Fire Water Pumps auto-start on low fire water header pressure. An electric jockey pump maintains the header pressurized to prevent inadvertent pump starts.

On March 26, 1996, a portion of the FSW System was isolated to allow for the performance of preventive maintenance. At 1556, upon completion of the preventive maintenance, fire water pumps FP-P-E and FP-P-D, backup pump FP-P-C, and the jockey pump were placed in the pull-to-lock position to prevent inadvertent pump starts during system restoration and acceptance testing. This configuration left FP-P-D and FP-P-E available for manual initiation. The backup electric pump was also available for providing manual alternate FSW System capability.

Action Taken

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The electric-driven and the diesel-driven Fire Water pumps were returned to service at 1600 that day following the completion of the FSW preventive maintenance activity. The Control Room crew was cognizant of the FSW System status and was capable of manually initiating the system, if needed. The NRC was informed of this event by a required 24-hour telephone notification at 1704 on March 26, 1996.

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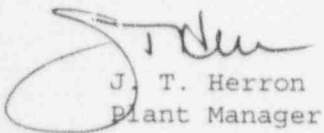
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Plans and Schedule for Restoring System to Operability

As discussed in the previous paragraph, the Fire Suppression Water System has been restored to operability. Owing to the short period of system inoperability (approximately four minutes), and the availability of manual system actuation by cognizant Control Room personnel, the safety significance of this configuration was minimal.

Sincerely,



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COMMITMENT	COMMITTED DATE OR OUTAGE
None	