

LICENSEE EVENT REPORT (LER)

FACILITY NAME (1)
BYRON, UNIT 1

DOCKET NUMBER (2)
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TITLE (4)
INADVERTENT START OF OB MAKEUP FILTER FAN AND CONTROL ROOM VENT ISOLATION

| EVENT DATE (6) | | | LER NUMBER (8) | | | REPORT DATE (7) | | | OTHER FACILITIES INVOLVED (8) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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LICENSEE CONTACT FOR THIS LER (12)

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COMPLETE ONE LINE FOR EACH COMPONENT FAILURE DESCRIBED IN THIS REPORT (3)

| CAUSE | SYSTEM | COMPONENT | MANUFAC TURE | REPORTABLE TO NRC | CAUSE | SYSTEM | COMPONENT | MANUFAC TURE | REPORTABLE TO NRC | | | |
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SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT EXPECTED (14)

YES (If yes, complete EXPECTED SUBMISSION DATE)

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EXPECTED SUBMISSION DATE (15)

MONTH: DAY: YEAR:

ABSTRACT (Limit to 1400 words) (4. approximately 1100 characters maximum) (16)

A spurious high radiation and interlock alarm on radiation monitor OPR34J (Main Control Room Outside Air Intake 'B') automatically caused the Control Room Ventilation System to switch to the make up mode of operation. The spurious alarms were produced when filters in the monitor were being changed. In order to prevent recurrence of the event, noise suppression devices have been installed on the monitor.

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TEXT (If more space is required, use additional NRC Form 366A's (1).)

On December 31, 1984 at 0937, with the plant operating in Mode 5, radiation monitor OPR34J (Main Control Room Outside Air Intake 'B') went into high radiation and interlock alarm due to noise induced by the flow controller vacuum switches when the filters were installed. Due to the interlock condition, the ventilation system for the Main Control Room automatically switched to the ESF make up mode of operation. The alarms reset automatically shortly after they occurred as a true alarm condition was not present at the affected monitor.

By procedure, whenever filters are to be changed, the monitor is placed in the purge mode, which was done. However, the induced noise caused a high radiation signal which is not blocked in the purge mode.

Plant and public safety were not affected since the result of the event was to switch the Control Room HVAC to a safer mode of operation.

There have been similar occurrences of ESF functions due to filter changes (LER 84-018-00, LER 84-027-00).

Noise suppression devices have been installed in the monitor, and these should preclude recurrence of this event.



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Byron Nuclear Station
4450 North German Church Road
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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Sir:

The enclosed Licensee Event Report from Byron Generating Station is being transmitted to you in accordance with the requirements of 10CFR50.73(a)(2)(iv) which requires a 30 day written report.

This report is number 84-038-00, Docket No. 50-454.

Very truly yours,

R. E. Querio
Station Superintendent
Byron Nuclear Power Station

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Enclosure: Licensee Event Report No. 84-038-00

cc: J. G. Keppler, NRC Region III Administrator
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