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At 7:30 p.m. one instrument channel monitoring steam flow from Steam Generator #24 was observed to be drifting excessively in the high (conservative) direction. At 10:20 p.m. a high steam flow signal was generated from #23 Steam Generator. For the existing reactor coolant temperature and pressure, a second high steam flow signal was sufficient to result in a Safety Injection signal.

The behavior of the two channels is not unique although the magnitude of the drift was excessive. A drift of this magnitude is considered to be an isolated case. There was no impact on plant safety as the Safety Injection pumps would have pormally been de-energized for this reactor coolant temperature and pressure.

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At 7:30 p.m. one instrument channel monitoring steam flow from Steam Generator #24 was observed to be drifting excessively in the high (conservative) direction. The operator placed this channel in the tripped condition in accordance with procedures. At 10:20 p.m. a high momentary steam flow signal was generated from #23 Steam Generator line. For the existing reactor coolant system temperature and pressure, the two high steam flow signals were sufficient to result in a Safety Injection signal.

The instrumentation loop associated with the first channel drift was checked and found to be satisfactory. The transmitter sensing tubes were blown down, vented and placed backed in service.

The response of the steam flow channels under these conditions is due to inherent non-linearity of errors which become significant at lower scale ranges. The setpoint, associated with high steam flow, is constant from zero to 20% load. For the steam generator conditions at the time of the second high steam flow signal, a mass flow rate of 14.8% of full steam flow would have been sufficient to produce the same ΔP as for full steam flow. Steam flow signals are susceptible to system errors at the low (less than 25% full scale) end of the scale. These errors are due to instrument drift, air in impulse lines and electronic instability. No further action is planned.

There was no impact upon plant safety as both High Flow channels were activated by steam flows which are below the minimum required. From the viewpoint of plant safety, the behavior of both instrument channels was conservative.

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Dear Sirs:

The attached Licensee Event Report LER-84-026-00 is hereby submitted in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR Part 50.73.

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