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A monitor "loss-of-sample-flow" alarm on the OPR33J (Main Control Room Outside Air Intake 'B') radiation monitor automatically caused the Control Room Ventilation System to switch to its make up mode of operation. The alarm resulted when the operator manually stopped the ventilation purge prematurely during a filter change operation. Training was provided to the appropriate personnel in regards to this event.

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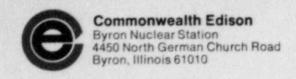
On December 25, 1984 at 0755 with the plant operating in Mode 5, the gas monitor channels of radiation monitor OPR33J (Main Control Room Outside Air Intake 'B') underwent a "loss-of-sample-flow" during a filter change operation. Due to the interlock alarm, the ventilation system for the Main Control Room automatically switched to the ESF make-up mode of operation.

The monitor "loss-of-sample-flow" alarm was caused by a personnel error. The filter change procedure is structured so that the radiation monitor is placed in the purge mode prior to a filter change. This blocks various interlocks which during the changing of a filter can cause the ventilation to shift to the makeup mode. The purge lasts for 30 minutes then the monitor returns to normal operation automatically. While the filter is being removed from the monitor, the automatic flow control feature attempts to compensate for excessive flow. In this case, after the filter was replaced, the NSO took the monitor out of the purge mode manually before the automatic flow control feature could return sample flow to normal. As the automatic control feature was restricting flow due to the filter change, the "loss-of-sample-flow" alarm actuated causing the ventilation to shift to the makeup 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.

The operator was instructed on proper procedure use, and this event was discussed with all appropriate licensed personnel through training.

There have been similar occurrences of ventilation makeup mode shifts during filter changes, (LER 84-018-00, LER 84-027-00). The earlier occurrences were due to an improper procedure which has been corrected.



January 24, 1985

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BYRON 85-0118

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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 84-039-00, Docket No. 59-454.

Very truly yours,

R. E. Querio

Station Superintendent

Byron Nuclear Power Station

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