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Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station Docket #50-219
Forked River, New Jersey 08731

Subject: Preliminary Abnormal Occurrence Report No. 73-29 .

The following is a preliminary report being submitted in compliance with the Technical Specifications, paragraph 6.6.2.

Preliminary Approval:

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Preliminary
Abnormal Occurrence
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SUBJECT: Violation of the Technical Specifications, paragraph 3.8.A, in that during power operation, by virtue of the fact that an inoperable snubber existed on steam lines to each of the two Isolation Condensers, both condensers were considered to be inoperable.

This event is considered to be an abnormal occurrence as defined in the Technical Specifications, paragraph 1.15B and D. Notification of this event, as required by the Technical Specifications, paragraph 6.6.2.a, was made to AEC Region I, Directorate of Regulatory Operations, by telephone on Saturday, November 3, 1973, at 0850, and by telecopier on Monday, November 5, 1973, at 1315.

SITUATION: While conducting an inspection of the hydraulic shock and sway arrestors (snubbers) located on various systems in the Reactor Building, but outside of the Drywell, the accumulators on one unit on the steam line to the A Isolation Condenser and one unit on the steam line to the B Isolation Condenser were found to be devoid of fluid. Both units were considered to be inoperable.

CAUSE: To be determined upon inspection.

REMEDIAL ACTION:

As per the requirements of the Technical Specifications, paragraph 3.8.D, an orderly plant shutdown was commenced upon noti-

fication of the situation at 1830. Meanwhile, immediate efforts were made to refill the snubber accumulator on the A Isolation Condenser steam line. This action was completed by 1845, returning the snubber to service. The load drop which had been started was halted and output was again increased to the initial level. Follow-up action included replacement of the accumulator on the snubber installed on the B Isolation Condenser steam line, then replacement of the entire snubber unit on the A Isolation Condenser steam line. This action was completed by 1910 Friday evening. A follow-up check was then made on Saturday evening to insure that no fluid loss problems existed.

SAFETY SIGNIFICANCE:

Amendment 67 to the FDSAR details the requirements for at least one Isolation Condenser to be available as a heat sink in the event of a Loss of Coolant Accident. In this situation, it can be postulated that this requirement might not have been met, had an earthquake occurred which would require the snubber to be fully operable.

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