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Beginning at 0820 on 1-23-85, the water level in the refueling canal was reduced to a level approximately fifteen feet above the top of the reactor pressure vessel flange in preparation for FNP-2-STP-40 (Safety Injection With Loss of Offsite Power Test). The water level was increased above the Technical Specifications minimum value at approximately 1115, which was shortly after the initiation of FNP-2-STP-40. Beginning at 1304 on 1-23-85, the water level was decreased to the mid-plane of the reactor coolant loops and maintained at that point to allow the head to be placed on the reactor pressure vessel. The thirteen snubbers were replaced and the A train RHR was declared operable at 0102 on 1-25-85.

Operations personnel were aware that the snubbers had been removed from the A train RHR loop. The effect of the removed snubbers was discussed and it was incorrectly determined that the loop was able to perform its design function. The Operations personnel failed to recognize that reducing the water level below the minimum allowable value was a violation of Technical Specification 3.0.4.

This event was caused by personnel error. The personnel involved in this event have been counseled.

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Dear Sir:

Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant, Unit 2, Licensee Event Report No. LER 85-003-00 is forwarded in accordance with 10CFR50.73 to provide 30 day written notification of the occurrence.

If you have any questions, please advise.

Yours very truly. 12 P. McDonald R.

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