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Facility: Commonwealth Edison Co.
LaSalle Nuclear Power Station
Units 1 and 2
Marseilles, IL 61341

Licensee Emergency Classification:
Notification of an Unusual Event
xx Alert
Site Area Emergency
General Emergency
Not Applicable

Docket Nos: 50-373, 50-374

Subject: BOTH TRAINS OF THE STANDBY GAS TREATMENT SYSTEM DECLARED INOPERABLE

At 3:30 p.m., (CST), January 14, 1985, the licensee declared an "alert" according to its Emergency Classification System after both trains of the Standby Gas Treatment (SBGT) System were declared inoperable. The cause: The licensee has replaced heaters on both trains of the SBGT and upon testing found the heaters did not meet the 20 kilowatts (plus or minus 2 kilowatts) surveillance requirements specified in the technical specifications with the existing bus voltage. With both trains of the SBGT considered inoperable, the licensee commenced a shutdown of both units, as required.

At 5:30 p.m., (CST), the licensee removed the Alert Classification and stopped power reduction on the units. The reason: Following a conference call between NRR, the licensee and Region III, it was determined that the technical specifications on surveillance for the kilowatt readings on the heaters needed clarification to also specify the design voltage. At the "design" voltage of 460 volts, the new heaters met the technical specification requirements, but when "testing" the heaters at 478 volts they did not. Variations of the bus voltage which supplies the heaters is due to load changes being added and/or removed during operations.

The licensee performed an onsite and offsite review of the event to determine that safety requirements were met. In addition, an administrative technical specification change is to be sent to NRR on January 16, 1985, to clarify the surveillance test.

The State of Illinois was notified of the event. The Senior Resident Inspector was onsite closely following the licensee's course of action.

This information is current as of 9 a.m., (CST), January 15, 1985.

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