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Abstract: 84-029

On December 20, 1984, an automatic isolation of the reactor enclosure ventilation system occurred as a result of effects on radiation monitoring systems by unrelated radiographic activities. The isolation occurred during radiographic testing and resulted from radiation detected by a radiation element located in the reactor enclosure ventilation system. The reactor enclosure isolation valves and fans functioned in accordance with design, and the isolation was reset upon completion of the radiographic testing.

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Description of the Event:

On December 20, 1984, at approximately 5:21 a.m., work activities of a subcontractor performing radiography to a 3/4-inch butt weld on elevation 283 of Area 16 of the reactor enclosure, caused an isolation of the enclosure. The isolation occurred as a result of radiation being detected by a radiation element located in the reactor enclosure ventilation exhaust. The isolation valves and fans functioned in accordance with the design. The isolation was reset at 5:50 a.m. the same morning.

The control room had previously been notified at 4:30 a.m. the same morning of the radiographic testing to be performed.

At 5:30 a.m. the subcontractors completed their work and notified the control room of completion of their task.

Consequences of the Event:

The reactor enclosure isolation functioned as designed. There were no adverse consequences.

Cause of the Event:

The event was caused by the performance of radiography in the vicinity of the reactor enclosure ventilation exhaust radiation monitors.

Corrective Actions:

A memorandum has been written to each shift so that they are aware that radiography can cause radiation isolations. This event shall be discussed with each shift during the shift meetings.

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SUBJECT: Licensee Event Report
Limerick Generating Station - Unit 1

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This LER is submitted pursuant to the requirements of 10CFR50.73 (a)(2)(iv).

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