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THE HIGH ALARM ON ERS-2309 WAS NOT CAUSED BY AN INCREASE IN CONTAIN-MENT NOBLE GAS LEVELS AS EVIDENCED BY THE RADIATION READINGS AT THE TIME OF THE EVENT.

THE SPURIOUS HIGH ALARM IS THE RESULT OF SOFTWARE ERRORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE NEW EBERLINE MODEL CT-1B SOFTWARE. THE MANUFACTURER WAS CONSULTED REGARDING THE SOFTWARE PROBLEMS. EBERLINE RECOMMENDED THE 4-HOUR LOG OPTION ON THE CONTROL TERMINAL BE DISABLED. THIS RECOMMENDATION WAS IMPLEMENTED ON FEBRUARY 13, 1986. TO DATE, NO FURTHER CLOCK SYCHRONIZATION ERRORS HAVE OCCURRED.

THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC WAS NOT AFFECTED.

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THE HIGH ALARM ON ERS-2309 WAS NOT CAUSED BY AN INCREASE IN CONTAINMENT NOBLE GAS LEVELS. THE RECORDED VALUE FOR THE CHANNEL AT THE TIME OF THE HIGH ALARM WAS 1.73E+00 MICRO CURIES/CC. IN ADDITION, NO HIGH ALARMS WERE RECEIVED ON THE LOW OR MID RANGE NOBLE GAS CHANNELS AS WOULD BE EXPECTED HAD A REAL INCREASE IN CONTAINMENT RADIOACTIVITY OF LARGE PROPORTION OCCURRED.

THE HIGH ALARM APPEARS TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE CLOCK AND CONTROLLER SYNCHRONIZATION THAT OCCUR ON THE CONTROL TERMINAL AROUND MIDNIGHT. THE CONTROL TERMINAL AND EACH MONITOR HAVE INDEPENDENT INTERNAL CLOCKS WHICH RECEIVE A CLOCK SYNCHRONIZATION MESSAGE FROM THE CONTROL TERMINAL SOFTWARE EACH NIGHT AT APPROXIMATELY MIDNIGHT. WHEN ANY MONITOR IS NOT IN SYNCHRONIZATION, THE SOFTWARE ATTEMPTS TO FIT ANY DATA PRESENT IN THE CHANNEL INTO AN ARBITRARY TIME FRAME. THIS CAN RESULT IN A FALSE CHANNEL STATUS WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT BE A HIGH ALARM.

THE CLOCK SYNCHRONIZATION PROBLEM IS A SOFTWARE ERROR ASSOCIATED WITH THE NEW EBERLINE MODEL CT-18 SOFTWARE.

THE MANUFACTURER (EBERLINE) WAS CONSULTED REGARDING THE SOFTWARE PROBLEMS. EBERLINE RECOMMENDED THE 4-HOUR LOG OPTION ON THE CONTROL TERMINAL BE DISABLED BASED ON SIMILAR EXPERIENCES IN OTHER PLANTS. THIS RECOMMENDATION WAS IMPLEMENTED ON FEBRUARY 13, 1986. TO DATE NO FURTHER CLOCK SYNCHRONIZATION ERRORS HAVE OCCURRED.

THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC WAS NOT AFFECTED.

PREVIOUS OCCURRENCES OF A SIMILAR EVENT INCLUDE: 316/84-011; 316/84-008.