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 noble gas monitor out of svc greater than 72 h. Caused by  
 failure of low/mid range sample timer, readout display & low  
 range indication recorder. Recorder & timer repaired.

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In accordance with Technical Specification 3.3.3.1, Table 3.3-6, Action Statement 19, of Facility Operating License No. NPF-15 for San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 3, this letter provides the required Special Report for a Condenser Evacuation System Wide Range Noble Gas Monitor being out of service greater than 72 hours.

On 8/04/87, at 1345, with Unit 3 at 100% power, the Condenser Evacuation System Wide Range Noble Gas Monitor 3RI-7870 was removed from service for the performance of the quarterly functional test required by Technical Specification Table 4.4-3. Since redundant monitor 3RI-7818 was inoperable, Action Statements 36, 37 & 40 of Limiting Condition for Operation (LCO) 3.3.3.9 were implemented upon removal of 3RI-7870 from service. These action requirements constitute the preplanned alternate method of monitoring required by LCO 3.3.3.1 Action Statement 19.

During the performance of the quarterly functional test it was identified that the low/mid range grab sample timer, the readout display and the low range indication recorder had failed to operate satisfactorily. Following repair of both the recorder and the grab sample timer, and replacement of the readout display power supply, the monitor was properly aligned at 0810 on 8/10/87 and the quarterly functional test was satisfactorily completed.

Since the preplanned alternate method of monitoring noble gas at the condenser evacuation system discharge was implemented during the period the monitor was not performing its function, the health and safety of the plant personnel or the public was not affected by this equipment failure.

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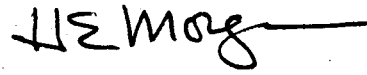
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