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Event on 6-3-79
 SUBJECT: Notifies reactor containment bldg integrity was breached when personnel opened inner air lock when outer door was not sealed due to faulty mechanism. No release was made since containment purge was in progress.

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Mr. James P. O'Reilly
Directorate of Regulatory Operations
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

As required by Technical Specification 6.9.2.a.3 the following event
is reported:

At about 0830 hours on 6/3/79 with the plant in hot shutdown at 420°F the reactor containment building integrity was breached when personnel leaving the containment opened the inner air lock door not knowing that the outer door was not sealed due to a faulty mechanism. The inner door was immediately reclosed, re-establishing containment integrity. No release was made since a containment purge was in progress and air was entering past the inner door when opened. Containment access was made using extra precautions to maintain integrity until maintenance personnel could correct the door interlock. The breach of containment integrity is contrary to Technical Specification 3.6.1.a.

This event was reported to Mr. H. R. Banks, Manager of Nuclear Generation and to Mr. T. J. McHenry of the NRC Atlanta office.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Starkey, Jr., Manager
H. B. Robinson SEG Plant

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