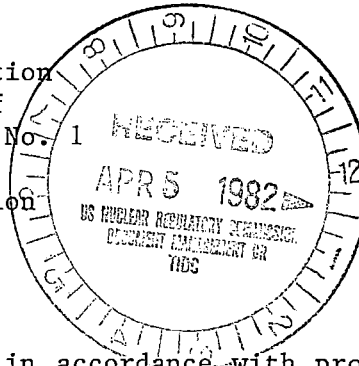


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Gentlemen:

This letter report is furnished in accordance with provisions of Surry Power Station Technical Specification 4.14.C.1.


During the period of 1345 to 1420 hrs., February 12, 1982, the average rate of change of the condenser cooling water outlet temperature was 12°F/hr. which exceeds the 3°F/hr. rate of change permitted by Technical Specification 4.14.A.3.

At the time of this event, unit one was at 100% power and unit two was at Hot Shutdown.

The failure of the vacuum priming system at the River intake substantially reduced the circulating water flow into the intake canal. Throttling of the flow through the condenser water boxes to preserve canal water level resulted in the temperature limits being exceeded. The vacuum priming system has been repaired and returned to service.

A search was conducted to determine if the canal temperature excursion had adversely affected the River Environment. No detrimental evidence was found.

Very truly yours,


R. H. Leasburg

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