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Mr. Boyce H. Grier, Director
Office of Inspection and Enforcement
Region I
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
631 Park Avenue
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406

Dear Mr. Grier:

SUBJECT: Licensee Event Report Narrative Description

The following occurrence was reported to Mr. Gage,
Region I, Office of Inspection and Enforcement on June 21, 1979.

Reference: Docket Number 50-278
Report No: LER 3-79-20/1T
Report Date: July 6, 1979
Occurrence Date: June 21, 1979
Facility: Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station
R.D. 1, Delta, PA 17314

Technical Specification Reference:

The applicable Technical Specification is 3.8.C.1.

Description of the Event:

On 6/21/79 at approximately 11:05 AM, the Unit 3 reactor as removed from service due to the loss of the offgas recombiner system. Primary coolant pressure was reduced to approximately 500 psig while recovery operations were in progress. Startup check lists were completed and rod withdrawal was initiated. Repairs were made to the recombiner system.

At approximately 4:50 PM, startup operations were initiated to establish condenser vacuum conditions in accordance with procedures. The startup vacuum pump was started at this time. At 4:58 PM, the main off-gas stack radiation monitor started to show an increased release rate. The startup vacuum pump was

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