

EVENT DESCRIPTION AND PROBABLE CONSEQUENCES (10)

CAUSE DESCRIPTION AND CORRECTIVE ACTIONS (27)

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Description of Event

On 3/26/79 at approximately 1015, an instrument calibration "check" procedure was performed on the Channel I circuitry of Overtemperature Delta T protection. The result of this procedure was the discovery of a non-conservative upper/lower flux summing amp output which effectively raised the overtemperature Delta T. setpoint.

Probable Consequences of Occurrence

The overtemperature Delta T channel is part of the reactor trip system instrumentation which ensures the reliability, redundancy and diversity in the facility design for the protection and mitigation of accident and transient conditions. Since the redundant channels were still operable and capable of performing the required functions, there was no effect on the safety and health of the general public.

Cause of Occurrence

The cause of this occurrence is believed to be instrument drift.

Immediate Corrective Action

The immediate corrective action was to replace the upper/lower flux signal summing amplifier (NM-412A) and recalibrate this card as per the appropriate instrument calibration procedure.

Scheduled Corrective Action

No further action is required.

Actions Taken to Prevent Recurrence

No actions other than normal calibration surveillance is considered necessary.

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