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Mr. K.V. Seyfrit, Director
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Office of Inspection & Enforcement
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SUBJECT: Waterford SES Unit 3
Docket No. 50-382
Potentially Reportable Incident No. 21
"Pressure Transmitter Lift-Off Voltage"



Dear Mr. Seyfrit:

The subject deficiency describes a liftoff-voltage problem for Rosemount 1153A transmitters. The device will not start up for certain combinations of power supply voltage, zero suppression, ambient temperature, etc.

In Waterford SES Unit No. 3 applications, the voltage provided to the current loop of the transmitter is 40 volts dc. Since the liftoff-voltage problem does not occur if the power supply voltage exceeds 30 volts, we do not believe that this failure is a reportable deficiency under 10CFR50.55e.

Yours very truly,

D.L. Aswell

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