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Reported under Technical Specification 3.6.1.3.a

Date of Occurrence: 7-19-81 Time of Occurrence: 0710 CDT

Technical Specification Involved: 6.9.1.12.e

Conditions Prior to Occurrence

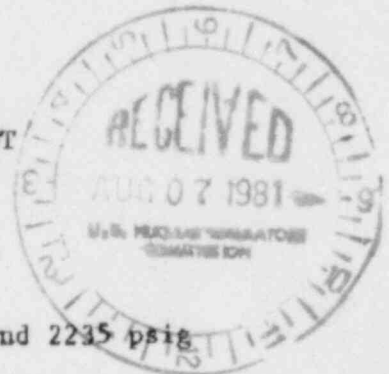
Unit 1 in Mode 3 with RCS temperature and pressure at 537°F and 2235 psig

Identification and Description of Occurrence

During performance of a linkage interlock test on the lower containment personnel access lock, the inner door was allowed to slam and bounce back. The latch closed blocking the door ajar. The outer door was then opened violating containment integrity for five seconds per Technical Specification 3.6.1.3.a. This event occurred on 7-19-81 and the required 24 hour phone call was made, but the 24 hour written follow-up was inadvertently not prepared or sent by the Sequoyah Compliance Staff. This omission was discovered on 7-28-81 during preparation of the Licensee Event Report. The Compliance Staff has been reinstructed to perform a more detailed review of Potential Reportable Occurrences when they are initiated.

Apparent Cause of Occurrence

Excessive slack in the door operating linkage allowed the door to bounce back far enough to allow the latch to block it open.



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