

UPDATE REPORT:
PREVIOUS REPORT DATE 9/1/77

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EVENT DESCRIPTION AND PROBABLE CONSEQUENCES (10)

CAUSE DESCRIPTION AND CORRECTIVE ACTIONS (27)

		PUBLCITY				NRC USE ONLY	
ISSUED	DESCRIPTION	(45)					
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During routine one-half core scram testing, control rod drives (CRD's) F-5 & H-7 uncoupled and overtraveled when withdrawn to position 48 following testing. This event has little safety significance since uncoupled CRD's still retain the same capability to scram as before uncoupling and uncoupling only occurs at position 48. This event had occurred previously with CRD F-5 on December 12, 1976 (Reportable Occurrence #50-237/1976-68). CRD's F-5 & H-7 were recoupled according to procedure and recoupling verified by observing no overtravel indication when each CRD was twice withdrawn to position 48.

On October 6, 1977 and September 30, 1977 CRDs F-5 and H-7 were disassembled and inspected per control rod drive inspection and maintenance procedure DMP 209. To assure a comprehensive inspection a special operating procedure (SOP 216) was prepared and followed.

Upon inspection it was found that in both cases the inner filter was unlatched. In addition the distance between the CRD flange and the end of the fully seated uncoupling rod on both rods was abnormally long (173.406 + 0.562). The abnormal length coupled with an unlatched inner filter resulted in the uncoupling of the CRD's during normal operating conditions.

As part of the reassembly procedure, C.E.Co. Quality Control personnel performed the inner filter installation and the required 20-30 pound pull test. In Feb., 1978 the Control Rod Drive Inspection and maintenance procedure DMP 209 was changed to permit maintenance personnel to install the inner filter. This change occurred due to existing Management-Union work agreements. However, Quality Control personnel will verify proper installation of the inner filter and continue to conduct the 20-30 pound pull test. The revised procedure coupled with improved Quality Control coverage of CRD overhaul and reassembly are believed to be adequate to prevent future CRD uncouplings.