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Docket No. 50-219
Forked River, NJ 08731

SUBJECT: Reportable Occurrence Report No. 50-219/82-37/01P

The following is submitted in accordance with Technical Specification 6.9.2.a.6, and confirms our telephone notification made to Mr. J. Thomas of the NRC at 9:30 AM on 7/19/82 by Mr. J. L. Sullivan.

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OYSTER CREEK NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION
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Licensee Event Report
Reportable Occurrence No. 50-219/82-37/01P

Report Date

July 20, 1982

Discovery Date

July 19, 1982

Identification of Occurrence

On July 19, 1982, it was identified that a procedural error existed which removed the capability to automatically isolate an Isolation Condenser as required by Technical Specifications, Table 3.1.1, Item I.

This event is considered to be a Reportable Occurrence as defined by Technical Specifications, paragraph 6.9.2.a.6.

Conditions Prior to Occurrence

The plant was in various operating modes during the time the condition existed.

Description of Occurrence

During the performance of the Isolation Condenser Isolation Test and Calibration (Procedure 609.3.002), the first actions the operators take is to open the supply breakers for the normally open valves, thus preventing automatic isolation of the system. This is done because the logic for isolation is a one out of four, and a test of any one sensor will initiate isolation. This procedural error will inhibit the automatic isolation function of the affected isolation condenser.

Apparent Cause of Occurrence

The cause of the occurrence is attributed to procedural inadequacy.

Analysis of Occurrence

The purpose of the isolation condenser is to depressurize the reactor and to remove decay heat and maintain water inventory in the event that the turbine and main condenser is unavailable as a heat sink. The line break sensors isolate the system if a pipe rupture should occur during operation.

However, under the precautions and limitations section of Procedure 609.3.002, the need for operator manual action was recognized as follows: "During periods that the isolation condenser isolation valves supply breakers are open, when the isolation condensers are required to be operable, operators shall stand by at respective motor control centers to close supply breakers immediately upon command from control room." The possibility exists that during a pipe rupture the operator could not perform this function at the local motor control centers. The isolation function would then be rendered inoperable.

Corrective Action

The procedure will be revised to alter the method of testing and place the isolation condenser under test in a safe (isolated) condition as allowed by Technical Specifications, paragraph 6.9.2.b.2.