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Re: 10CFR50.73(a)(2)(i)

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Reference: Facility Operating License No. DPR-65  
Docket No. 50-336  
Licensee Event Report 95-017-00

This letter forwards Licensee Event Report 95-017-00 required to be submitted within thirty (30) days pursuant to 10CFR50.73(a)(2)(i).

Very truly yours,

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Attachment: LER 95-017-00

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## LICENSEE EVENT REPORT (LER)

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FACILITY NAME (1)

Millstone Nuclear Power Station Unit 2

DOCKET NUMBER (2)

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TITLE (4)

Fire Watch Sleeping in the Auxiliary Building West 480 Volt Switchgear Area

EVENT DATE (5)			LER NUMBER (6)			REPORT DATE (7)			OTHER FACILITIES INVOLVED (8)	
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			20.405(a)(1)(v)		50.73(a)(2)(iii)		50.73(a)(2)(x)			

## LICENSEE CONTACT FOR THIS LER (12)

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## COMPLETE ONE LINE FOR EACH COMPONENT FAILURE DESCRIBED IN THIS REPORT (13)

CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANUFACTURER	REPORTABLE TO NRC	CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANUFACTURER	REPORTABLE TO NRC

## SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT EXPECTED (14)

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## ABSTRACT (Limit to 1400 spaces, i.e., approximately 15 single-spaced typewritten lines) (16)

On May 3, 1995, at 0105 hours, with the plant in mode 6, a contract individual assigned as a continuous fire watch was found sleeping in the West 480 Volt Switchgear Room.

The root cause of the event was personnel error. There were no safety implications as a result of this event.

Immediate corrective action was to post another individual as a fire watch to the West 480 Volt Switchgear Room. Long term corrective actions to prevent recurrence of this event involve removing chairs from all the fire watch post locations, reducing post assignment times from one hour to one half hour and assigning personnel alarm devices to alert of fatigue. Also, long term corrective actions from previous similar events continue to be reemphasized. These are fire watch shift briefings, room temperature monitoring, increased supervisory oversight, and reinforcement of expectations of fire watch personnel while on duty.

The event is being reported pursuant to the requirements of 10CFR50.73(a)(2)(i)(B) as a condition prohibited by the plant's Technical Specifications.

EXPIRES: 5/31/95

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I. Description of Event

On May 3, 1995, at 0105 hours, with the plant shutdown and in mode 6, a contract individual assigned as a continuous fire watch was found sleeping in the West 480 Volt Switchgear Room. The individual had been assigned to this post as a result of the fire detection and suppression systems in this area being isolated, and a ceiling plug between the room and the floor above being removed. A unit shift supervisor making rounds discovered the individual sleeping.

There were no operator actions required as a result of this incident, nor did it involve any automatic or manual safety system actuations.

II. Cause of Event

The root cause of the event was personnel error.

III. Analysis of Event

This event is reportable pursuant to the requirements of 10CFR50.73(a)(2)(i)(B) as a condition prohibited by the plant's Technical Specifications. The fire watch post was established in the West 480 Volt Switchgear Room to comply with Millstone 2 Technical Specification 3.3.3.7, requiring a fire watch to be posted when fire detection systems are not operable, and Millstone 2 Technical Specification 3.7.10, requiring a continuous fire watch on at least one side of a fire rated assembly when it is not operable.

The fire watch took his post at 0043 hours. He was found sleeping at 0105 hours. Plant security keycard reader logs showed that no entries were made into the West 480 Volt Switchgear Room between these times. Thus, the maximum amount of time the individual could have been asleep at his post was 22 minutes.

The Unit was in mode 6. Any credible postulated fire in the area would have been expected to be confined to an affected piece of equipment and the immediate room. Therefore, the safety consequence of this event is minimal.

IV. Corrective Action

The individual found sleeping was removed from duty and another fire watch was immediately posted to the area. Employment of the individual found sleeping was terminated.

The following corrective actions have been established to prevent recurrence of this event:

- 1) Chairs have been removed from continuous post locations, and fire watch personnel have been instructed to not sit while on post.
- 2) The fire watch rotation interval has been decreased from hourly to half hourly.
- 3) Personnel alarming devices have been issued to fire watch on post. These devices will alarm with progressively increasing volume if a fire watch is stationary for more than 30 seconds.

Corrective actions from two similar previous LERs are also being reemphasized to ensure adequate fire watch coverage in posted plant areas. These actions are increased supervisory oversight, and reinforcement of expectations of fire watch personnel while on duty.

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## Similar LERs:

- LER 95-007-00, February 19, 1995 Fire Watch Sleeping in the Auxiliary Building,  
Enclosure Building Filtration System Area
- LER 95-014-00, April 4, 1995 Fire Watch Sleeping in the Auxiliary Building  
West 480 Volt Switchgear Area

EIS Codes: None