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Description of the Event:

On January 9, 1985, at 5:30 p.m., during surveillance testing of the HPCI logic system on Unit No. 3, the HPCI turbine could not be tripped from the control room as required by the surveillance test or using the local overspeed trip and was declared inoperable. Unit No. 3 was at 86 percent power level at the time of the occurrence. Investigation revealed a problem with the turbine hydraulic trip relay. The HPCI steam supply isolation valve, MO3-23-14, was closed to isolate the steam supply to the turbine and the automatic initiation signal, which had been actuated in accordance with the surveillance test, was reset.

Consequences of the Event:

The failure of the hydraulic trip relay did not prevent the automatic initiation of HPCI and therefore would not have prevented HPCI from performing its designed safety function. Likewise, all alarm functions associated with HPCI were operable and would have indicated any conditions which required the isolation of HPCI. The Reactor Core Isolation Cooling system, the Low Pressure Coolant Injection system, the Core Spray system, and the Automatic Depressurization system were verified as operable in accordance with Technical Specification 4.5.C.2.

Cause of the Event:

Investigation into the failure to trip determined that the turbine hydraulic trip relay piston was binding as a result of paraffin on the piston. The paraffin within the oil used as hydraulic fluid for the turbine controls had separated from the oil and coated the internals of the hydraulic system including the trip relay piston. Investigation has not determined the cause of the paraffin separation.

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Corrective Actions:

Upon identification of the solidified paraffin, the hydraulic fluid was analyzed for contamination and determined to be clean; therefore, it was not replaced. The piston of the HPCI turbine hydraulic trip relay was cleaned along with a portion of the associated piping and internals. HPCI was declared operable and returned to service at 12:00 noon on Januray 11, 1985. HPCI is being fuctionally tested on a weekly basis to verify the system's operability.

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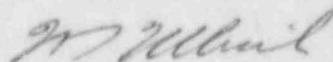
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This LER deals with the failure to trip of the HPCI turbine on Unit 3.

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This LER is submitted pursuant to the requirements of 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(v).

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