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DOCKET NOS 50-329 AND 50-330 *06/07*  
TRANSAMERICA DELAVAL DIESEL GENERATORS  
FILE: 0.4.9.108 SERIAL: 32252

On April 1, 1985 Consumers Power Company (CPCo) notified your staff of a reportable condition concerning the starting air check valve. In accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 50.55(e) CPCo is making this interim report.

Description of Concern

CPCo received a Part 21 Report from Transamerica Delaval dated March 12, 1985 and follow-up reports dated March 14, 1985 and April 4, 1985. Transamerica Delaval is the supplier of four standby diesel generators. The reports indicate that during operational testing of an engine at Grand Gulf, flames were noticed coming out of a flexible coupling on the air start header assembly. Examination disclosed that a piece broke off one of the four check valves in the on-engine mounted starting air piping. The other three valves were visually checked and one of these was cracked. This potential problem with the check valve in the on-engine mounted starting air piping could result in engine non-availability.

Safety Impact

The safety impact of this condition is indeterminate.

Root Cause

No root cause has been determined for this condition.

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Corrective Action

Corrective actions will not be pursued and no further reports on this subject will be made unless the Midland Energy Center is reactivated. This item will be entered in our Correspondence and Commitment Management system for long-term tracking.

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