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Facility: Commonwealth Edison Co.
LaSalle Unit 1
Marseilles, IL 61341

Licensee Emergency Classification:
XX Notification of an Unusual Event
Alert
Site Area Emergency
General Emergency
Not Applicable

Docket No: 50-373

Subject: FAILED EXPANSION JOINT FLOODS CRIB HOUSE

At 7:45 p.m. (CDT), May 31, 1985, while operating at 85 per cent power, the licensee manually scrambled the unit because of a decreasing vacuum in the condenser. The licensee determined that a flexible expansion joint (nine foot in diameter) on the discharge side of the 1B circulation pump had ruptured, flooding the Crib House. All service water and circulation pumps to both units were lost because of the flooding. (Unit 2 has been in cold shut down since February 28 for maintenance.)

The Marseilles Fire Department was called to the scene and used a pumper truck to help pump water out of the Crib House.

Unit 1 achieved cold shutdown at 7:40 a.m. (CDT), June 1, 1985. The Unusual Event was terminated at 10:27 a.m. (CDT), June 1, 1985.

The licensee is currently checking on the availability of replacement parts for the ruptured expansion joint. It is unknown at this time how long the plant will remain shut down.

The Senior Resident Inspector was called to the site about 10:30 p.m., (CDT), May 31. Region III (Chicago) continues to monitor the licensee's course of action.

The State of Illinois will be notified.

Region III was first notified of this event at 9:30 p.m. (CDT), May 31, 1985. This information is current as of 9 a.m. (CDT), June 3, 1985.

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