

November 12, 2004

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-III-04-015

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information is as initially received without verification or evaluation, and is basically all that is known by the Region III staff on this date.

Facility

Perry Nuclear Power Plant
FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Co.
Perry OH
Docket: 50-440

Licensee Emergency Classification

Notification of Unusual Event
 Alert
 Site Area Emergency
 General Emergency
 Not Applicable

SUBJECT: INADVERTENT DISCHARGE OF CO₂ FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM IN TURBINE BUILDING

DESCRIPTION:

At 3:00 p.m. EST on November 12, 2004, the licensee declared an Unusual Event as the result of an inadvertent discharge of the CO₂ in the turbine lube oil room in the turbine building.

Plant operations were not affected by discharge of the CO₂. The licensee performed initial surveys of the area. No personnel injuries were involved and there was no indication of fire or any equipment damage. The licensee ventilated the area, and took oxygen samples to allow entry into the area.

The NRC resident inspectors monitored the licensee's response to the incident. The residents will continue to monitor licensee follow-up actions.

The licensee terminated from the Unusual Event at 4:36 p.m. EST.

The licensee informed local news media of the incident. The State of Ohio has been notified. The information in this preliminary notification has been reviewed with licensee management.

The licensee notified the NRC Operations Center of the incident at 3:20 p.m. EST on November 12, 2004. This information is current as of 5 p.m. EST on November 12, 2004.

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