

June 20, 2008

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-III-08-006A

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.

Facilities

Duane Arnold Energy Center
Florida Power and Light
Palo, IA
Docket: 50-331
License: DPR-49

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

SUBJECT: UPDATE - STATUS OF DUANE ARNOLD NOTICE OF UNUSUAL EVENT

DESCRIPTION:

At approximately 2:40 p.m. CDT on June 12, 2008, the plant declared an unusual event due to the loss of three offsite sources of telecommunications (commercial phone lines, microwave communication system and federal telephone system) from rising floodwaters. Since that date, the plant has reestablished two of the three offsite communication methods. The microwave telephone system and the commercial phone lines have been restored through a new exchange through the town of Shellsburg, IA, which was not affected by the flooding. With two lines of offsite communications reestablished, the licensee exited the Unusual Event at 1:28 p.m. CDT on June 19, 2008.

Levels in the Cedar River at the plant peaked at about 751 feet above mean sea level at approximately 3:00 a.m. CDT on June 13, 2008. As of 7:30 a.m. CDT on June 20, 2008, river level was 741.7 feet and declining. Although local roads in the area remain degraded from the flooding, access to the plant is available.

The NRC resident inspectors continue to monitor the situation at the plant.

The State of Iowa has been informed. The information in this preliminary notification has been reviewed with licensee management.

This information is current as of 8:00 a.m. CDT on Friday, June 20, 2008.

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