

August 28, 2008

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE - PNO-I-08-010

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 I staff on this date.

Facility

PSEG
Hope Creek Generating Station
Hancocks Bridge, NJ
Docket: 50-354

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

Subject: HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION NOTIFICATION OF UNUSUAL EVENT
DUE TO INDICATIONS OF INTERNAL FLOODING

Hope Creek Generating Station (Hope Creek) declared an Unusual Event at 4:47 a.m. on August 28, 2008, based on receipt of a control room alarm and operator observations of approximately 1.5 inches of water on the floor of one of the service water pump bays. The service water compartment sump pumps, which normally start and discharge the accumulated water from normal packing gland leakage, did not start due to a stuck level switch.

Operators successfully activated the service water compartment sump pumps and reported water level trending down. Operators verified through local observations that the sources of water leakage into the service water pump bays were from normal or previously identified sources. Hope Creek operators exited the Unusual Event at 7:36 a.m. after determining that there was no indication of uncontrolled internal flooding. Safety-related equipment was not adversely impacted during this event.

The NRC Resident Inspector responded to the site to monitor this event. The NRC will continue to evaluate the event. The NRC Region I Public Affairs Office is prepared to respond to media inquiries.

Region I received initial notification of this occurrence by telephone call from the licensee to the Headquarters Operations Officer at 5:33 a.m. The information presented herein has been discussed with PSEG and is current as of August 28, at 1:30 p.m.

This preliminary notification is issued for information only and no further action by the staff is anticipated.

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