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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE - PNO-I-08-013A

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

AmerGen Energy Company, LLC
Oyster Creek
Forked River, NJ
Docket: 50-219

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

Subject: UPDATE - SHUTDOWN GREATER THAN 72 HOURS: AUTOMATIC REACTOR SCRAM DUE TO MAIN TRANSFORMER FAULT

This preliminary notification supplements information in PNO-I-08-013, which documented an automatic reactor scram at the Oyster Creek generating station that resulted in a shutdown greater than 72 hours. The scram was caused by a main transformer internal fault.

AmerGen replaced the failed transformer with an on-site spare. Following maintenance and testing activities associated with the installation of the spare transformer, AmerGen plans to restore Oyster Creek to full power operation.

Currently, the plant is critical, and heating up. AmerGen plans to return the plant to full power within 48 hours.

The NRC staff continues to closely follow AmerGen's causal evaluations and corrective actions. NRC oversight will be conducted through the Agency's normal independent baseline inspections, by the on-site resident inspectors.

The information presented herein has been verified with AmerGen and is current as of December 5, at 2:30 p.m.

This preliminary notification is issued for information only.

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