

## PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION - REGION III

October 23, 2012

### PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE - PNO-III-12-013

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**

Kewaunee Power Station  
Dominion Energy Kewaunee, Inc  
Kewaunee, Wisconsin  
Docket: 50-305  
License: DPR-43

#### **Licensee Emergency Classification**

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

SUBJECT: PLANNED SHUTDOWN AND DECOMMISSIONING OF KEWAUNEE POWER STATION

#### DESCRIPTION:

On October 22, 2012, Dominion announced in a press release that it will permanently shut down the Kewaunee Power Station. Pending a grid reliability review by the Midwest Independent System Operator (MISO) for transmission, the station is expected to shutdown in the second quarter of 2013 and move to safe shutdown.

The NRC has strict rules governing nuclear power plant decommissioning, involving cleanup of radioactively contaminated plant systems, and structures and removal of the radioactive fuel. Under these rules, the licensee is required to submit a written certification to the NRC within 30 days following the decision to permanently shutdown a nuclear facility. The licensee has not yet submitted this certification to the NRC. No major decommissioning activities can occur until certain information has been provided to the NRC.

The resident inspectors and other NRC staff continue to monitor plant activities.

The information in this preliminary notification has been reviewed with licensee management.

The State of Wisconsin has been notified.

This information is current as of 11:00 a.m. on October 23, 2012.

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