

February 25, 2000

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-III-00-007

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 Region III staff (Lisle, Illinois) on this date.

Facility	Licensee Emergency Classification
Michigan Electric Co.	Notification of Unusual Event
Cook 2	Alert
Bridgman, Michigan	Site Area Emergency
Dockets: 50-316	General Emergency
	X Not Applicable

Subject: CHANGE TO D.C. COOK UNIT 2 RESTART SCHEDULE

On February 24, 2000, American Electric Power Co. announced a change to its schedule for restarting the Donald C. Cook Nuclear Power Plant Unit 2. Issues encountered during the testing of equipment necessary for the core reload and power operations of Unit 2 will cause a three-week delay from the planned April 1, 2000, restart. The testing process continues and may result in additional issues that could extend the delay.

The licensee has not revised the schedule for Unit 1 restart, which remains at September 2000.

Both units have been shut down since September 1997 when design issues were identified in a NRC inspection. The NRC subsequently implemented the Inspection Manual Chapter 0350 oversight process for the D.C. Cook restart. Monthly public meetings are held to discuss plant issues, inspections findings, and progress toward restart.

The NRC will continue to inspect and follow restart issues.

The State of Michigan will be informed. The information in this preliminary notification has been reviewed with the licensee.

Region III received the utility's announcement on February 24, 2000. This information is current as of 9:45 a.m. CST February 25, 2000.

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