

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-I-00-024

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, New Jersey  
Dockets: 50-219

Licensee Emergency  
Classification

Notification of Unusual  
Event

Alert

Site Area Emergency

General Emergency

Not Applicable

Docket No.: 05000219

License No.: DPR-16

**SUBJECT: OYSTER CREEK TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION REQUIRED SHUTDOWN**

On August 15 at 1:40 a.m., operators initiated a technical specification (TS) required plant shutdown from 86 percent reactor power due to two inoperable secondary containment isolation valves. At about 3 a.m. on August 14, after securing the normal reactor building ventilation system for planned maintenance, operators noted that the standby gas treatment system was unable to maintain the required negative differential pressure. Troubleshooting efforts identified that two reactor building isolation valves were not performing their isolation function. The shutdown was completed about 6:41 a.m. on August 15.

The NRC residents observed portions of the plant shutdown. The resident inspectors are onsite to monitor licensee activities. The licensee plans a short outage to repair the containment isolation valves. Other maintenance will be performed including repairing an acoustic monitor on one electromatic relief valve.

The contents of this PN have been communicated to New Jersey state officials. The information in this preliminary notification has been reviewed with the licensee.

This information is current as of 9:00 a.m. EDT on August 15, 2000.

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