

February 26, 2001

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-III-01-007

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 the Region III staff on this date.

Facility

Nuclear Management Company
Monticello Nuclear Power Plant
Monticello, Minnesota
Docket No. 050-00263

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

SUBJECT: SHUTDOWN TO PERFORM AND REVIEW REQUIRED INSERVICE TESTING

On February 24, 2001 the licensee determined that inservice testing requirements of Section XI of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code had not been completed for two Low Pressure Coolant Injection system testable check valves and the High Pressure Coolant Injection system testable check valve. The associated systems were declared inoperable, and the licensee began to shut down the plant, as required by the Technical Specifications. The reactor was shut down at 10:27 a.m., on February 25, 2001.

The required inservice testing will be performed on the check valves. The licensee intends to review possible ASME code issues with other equipment and perform other maintenance activities during the outage.

The licensee has issued a news release on the shutdown.

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

The resident inspectors will monitor the licensee's testing and maintenance activities.

This information is current as of 10 a.m. CDT on February 26, 2001.

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