

January 18, 2002

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF AN ALERT -- PNO-IV-02-005A

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 Headquarters staff on this date.

Washington State University
Nuclear Radiation Center
Pullman, WA
Docket: 50-027
License: R-76

Licensee Emergency Classification
Notification of Unusual Event
Alert
Site Area Emergency
General Emergency
X Not Applicable

SUBJECT: UPDATE - PULSE ROD FOUND STUCK FROM THE FULL IN POSITION

DESCRIPTION:

This provides updated information regarding an event which was reported at 12:22 p.m. EST on January 17, 2002. The licensee has completed their emergency response procedures, a preliminary evaluation, and a proposed resolution plan for the stuck pulse rod. The licensee's Safeguards Committee concurred in the proposed course of action. The licensee notified the NRC that they terminated the alert condition at 5:49p.m. EST, after the pulse rod was fully inserted.

The NRC staff plans to followup on this event during the next scheduled inspection. There has been no press interest noted.

This information is current as of 6:00 p.m. EST on January 17, 2002.

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