

January 28, 2003

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-03-006

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 IV staff on this date.

Facility

STP Nuclear Operating Company
SOUTH TEXAS 2
Wadsworth, TX
Docket:50-499
License No.NPF 80

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

SUBJECT: Maintenance Outage Greater than 72 Hours

DESCRIPTION: On January 24, 2003, South Texas Project Unit 2 was taken out of service to determine and correct the cause of elevated torsional vibration in the low pressure rotors of the main turbine. Previously, on January 21, 2003, the unit had been restarted following extensive low pressure turbine work and nondestructive examinations in an outage which started on December 15, 2002, when a turbine blade failed.

The state of Texas will be informed.

Region IV received notification of this occurrence by telephone from the resident inspectors on January 27, 2003. Region IV has informed EDO/NRR/PA.

This information has been discussed with the licensee and is current as of 7:40 a.m. on January 28, 2003.

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