

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION - REGION III

July 5, 2007

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-III-07-009

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.

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Licensee Emergency Classification</u>
Perry	<input type="checkbox"/> Notification of Unusual Event
First Energy Nuclear Operating Company	<input type="checkbox"/> Alert
Painesville, OH	<input type="checkbox"/> Site Area Emergency
Docket: 50-440	<input type="checkbox"/> General Emergency
License: NPF-58	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable

SUBJECT: UNEXPECTED REACTOR SHUT DOWN EXCEEDING 72 HOURS DUE TO PROBLEM WITH REACTOR RECIRCULATION PUMP MOTOR

DESCRIPTION:

On June 29, 2007, the Perry plant was shut down to repair the motor of one of the two reactor water recirculation pumps.

The reactor recirculation pump tripped on June 27, 2007. Plant operators stabilized the plant with the second recirculation pump continuing to run.

Because the motor is located in the drywell, the licensee shut down the plant to enable workers to examine the motor.

Plant staff is continuing to investigate the reason for the pump motor trip.

The utility is replacing the defective motor with a new motor they have in storage.

The plant will remain shut down until the problem is fixed.

NRC resident inspectors are monitoring the situation.

The plant's shut down has been covered by local media outlets.

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