

April 8, 2008

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-III-08-003

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

Point Beach 1 & 2  
FPL Energy Point Beach, LLC  
Two Rivers, WI  
Docket: 50-266, 50-301  
License: DPR-24, DPR-27

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SECURITY THREAT

DESCRIPTION:

At 8:16 a.m. (CDT) on April 8, 2008, the licensee declared a Notification of Unusual Event after it was notified by the Two Rivers, Wis., police department of a possible security threat involving the plant that the licensee concluded was credible. The licensee instituted appropriate security procedures in response to the possible threat.

According to the police department, an individual asked for directions to the plant at an area gas station and then allegedly made a threat against the Point Beach plant. A gas station employee reported the incident to police.

The individual was subsequently identified onsite at Point Beach and taken into custody by police. The individual was onsite to begin work as a contract employee. When questioned by the FBI, the individual claimed that his statement at the gas station was misunderstood. He was subsequently released from police custody, but was escorted offsite and denied further onsite access by the licensee.

After discussions with law enforcement officials and the NRC, the licensee concluded that there was no credible threat to the plant and, at 12:26 p.m., exited the Unusual Event.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission entered monitoring mode at its Region III Incident Response Center in Lisle, Ill., and its Headquarters Operations Center in Rockville, Md., to follow the utility's response to the incident. The agency's resident inspectors and several regional inspectors were onsite at the plant. After the licensee exited the Unusual Event, the NRC resumed its normal mode of operations.

Unit 1 is operating at full power, and Unit 2 is shut down for a refueling and maintenance outage.

The State of Wisconsin has been notified. The information in this preliminary notification has been reviewed with licensee management.

The utility has responded to news media inquiries on the incident.

The NRC was notified of this incident at 8:22 a.m. on April 8, 2008. This information is current as of 2:30 p.m. on April 8, 2008.

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