

May 4, 1995

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-95-027

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 Region II staff (Atlanta, Georgia) on this date.

Facility

Duke Power Co.
Oconee 2
Seneca, South Carolina
Dockets: 50-270

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

Subject: SHUTDOWN GREATER THAN 72 HOURS - OCONEE UNIT 2

On May 4, 1995, Oconee Unit 2 was shutdown in order to replace ruptured steam extraction line expansion joints inside the main condenser. During this estimated two-week outage, control rod drive mechanism (CRDM) thermal barriers will be replaced on control rods that have or are expected to exceed the rod drop time limit during the current operating cycle. Increased control rod drop times (apparently due to corrosion material buildup) prompted the replacement of nine CRDM thermal barriers during the last Unit 2 refueling outage, as well as the current replacement effort in Unit 1 (see PNO-II-95-024).

The State of South Carolina has been notified. No press release is planned by the licensee.

This information is current as of 11:00 a.m., on May 4, 1995.

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