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SUBJECT: PNO-II-97-026A: on 970504, degraded HPI pumps update made. NRC
 Region II Incident Response Ctr, continuously staffed in
 monitoring phase. State of SC notified.

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May 5, 1997

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-97-026A

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 in Atlanta, Georgia on this date.

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Licensee Emergency Classification

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

Subject: DEGRADED HIGH PRESSURE INJECTION PUMPS - UPDATE

licensee continued maintaining stable reactor coolant system (RCS) conditions with one reactor coolant pump and one decay heat removal pump in operation. At about 10:30 a.m. on May 4, 1997 the RCS was at 230 degrees F and 277 psig. Investigation revealed that the letdown storage tank level instrumentation reference leg was found to be about 45 inches low which resulted in a false high indicated level.

Following a safety committee review of special system procedures and contingency plans, the licensee filled, vented, and flushed the suction piping for the 3C HPI pump. At about 11:20 a.m. on May 4, 1997 the C pump was started and is operating normally. At 12:15 p.m. the licensee recommended a normal cooldown and placed the RCS in cold shutdown at about 2:00 p.m.

The NRC Region II Incident Response Center has been continuously staffed in the Monitoring Phase. The NRC resident inspectors, augmented by a Region II specialist and manager, have provided 24-hour inspection of onsite activities including safety committee meetings, control room operations, Technical Support Center activities, and equipment observations.

This information is up to date as of 2:00 p.m., May 4, 1997.

The State of South Carolina has been notified.

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