

Date: March 6, 1995

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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-III-95-10

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

Dresden 2
Commonwealth Edison Co.
Morris, IL

Licensee Emergency Classification

General Emergency
Site Area Emergency
Alert
Unusual Event
X Not Applicable

Docket No. 50-237

Subject: SHUTDOWN TO TEST EDG VOLTAGE REGULATOR AFTER REPLACEMENT

On March 6, 1995, the licensee shut Unit 2 down to perform surveillance testing on a newly replaced voltage regulator for the Unit 2 emergency diesel generator (EDG). The diesel generator was declared inoperable February 27 during a routine surveillance test because of a failed magnetic amplifier. The inoperable diesel generator put the unit in a limiting condition for operation requiring the diesel generator be restored within 7 days or the unit be shut down.

Following completion of repairs on March 2, the output breaker unexpectedly closed several times, affecting the voltage regulator. The voltage regulator was subsequently replaced and successfully tested. A surveillance test was required to demonstrate emergency diesel generator operability. However, that test cannot be performed at power. Therefore, the reactor shutdown was necessary to accommodate the surveillance test and to comply with the 7-day limiting condition for operation.

The unit is expected to be shut down for several days.

The State of Illinois will be informed. The information in this preliminary notification has been reviewed with licensee management.

The licensee notified the NRC Operations Center of the intended shutdown at 8:32 p.m. on March 5. This information is current as of 3 p.m. on March 6, 1995.

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