

January 15, 1998

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-III-98-007

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 III staff (Lisle, Illinois) on this date.

Facility	Licensee Emergency Classification
Commonwealth Edison Co.	Notification of Unusual Event
Dresden 2	Alert
Morris, Illinois	Site Area Emergency
Dockets: 50-237	General Emergency
	X Not Applicable

Subject: AUTOMATIC REACTOR TRIP CAUSED BY TURBINE TRIP

At 7:04 p.m. (CST) on January 13, 1998, the Unit 2 reactor shut down automatically from 99 percent power due to a main turbine trip. All safety systems functioned as expected during the reactor shutdown. The licensee is currently investigating the cause of the turbine trip and reactor trip. The licensee believes an instrument surveillance in progress to calibrate local reactor water level indication (indication only) may have caused the trip.

The NRC resident inspectors responded to the site following the trip to monitor personnel and plant equipment response and are currently monitoring the licensee's investigation activities. The licensee expects the unit to be ready for restart on or around January 17, 1998.

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

The licensee notified the NRC Operations Center of this event at 9:09 p.m. (CST) on January 13, 1998. This information is current as of 12 noon on January 15, 1998.

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