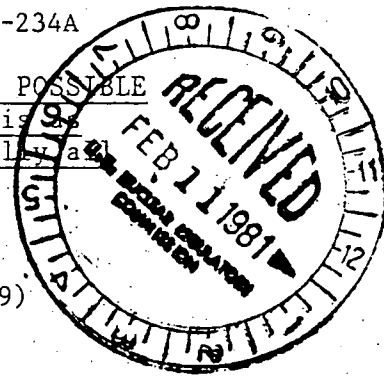


PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

Date: December 24, 1980

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-III-80-234A

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information presented is initially received without verification or evaluation and is basically that is known by IE staff as of this date.



Facility: Commonwealth Edison Company
Dresden Nuclear Power Station Unit 3 (Docket No. 50-249)
Morris, IL

Subject: EXCEEDING TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION L.C.O. FOR PRIMARY CONTAINMENT
HPCI, AND ISOLATION CONDENSER WHILE SHUT DOWN

This PN updates PNO-III-80-234 issued on December 22, 1980.

The unit is returning to power operation (critical 5:10 a.m. CST) following the outage for scheduled maintenance and modifications. During the outage, the reactor pressure was allowed to increase above cold shutdown (175 psig) while the Primary Containment was open, the High Pressure Coolant Injection System was out of service, and the Isolation Condenser was isolated.

An Immediate Action letter was issued on December 23, 1980 which confirmed actions to prevent recurrence of the event. Actions included review by the onsite Review Board; issuance of a station operating order to assure maintenance of flow and therefore adequate mixing of reactor coolant in the core; and inclusion in the report of the event the permanent changes to be implemented to preclude recurrence of similar events.

Neither the licensee nor Region III is planning to issue a press release.

The State of Illinois is being notified.

This information is current as of 9:00 a.m., December 24, 1980.

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