

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

July 16, 1979

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-79-249

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

FACILITY: Vogtle, Unit No. 1
Waynesboro, Georgia
Docket No. 50-424

SUBJECT: STOP WORK ORDER FOR REACTOR CAVITY CONCRETE PLACEMENTS

During a preplacement inspection of the Unit 1 reactor cavity, six rebar Cadwelds were identified that did not pass visual inspection. Further inspection disclosed eight other Cadwelds without presently available documentation. Based upon these findings, the on-site manager of field operations issued a stop work order on July 12, halting concrete placement in the Unit 1 cavity area. The six Cadwelds will be cut out and tested. These Cadwelds were made in October of 1978 prior to the time that a separate QC organization was established at the site.

There has been no media interest. Neither the licensee nor the NRC plan to issue a news release. The State of Georgia has been informed.

Region II (Atlanta) received notification of this occurrence by telephone from the licensee at 3:54 p.m. on July 13. This information is current as of 9:00 a.m. on July 16.

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