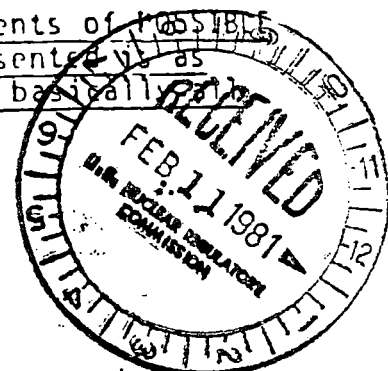


Date: October 31, 1980

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURENCE--PNO-111-80-200

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 that is known by IE staff as of this date.



Facility: Consumers Power Company
Palisades Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-255
Covert, MI

Subject: EQUIPMENT PROBLEMS RESULTING IN A PLANT SHUTDOWN IN EXCESS OF TWO DAYS

The plant was shut down at 6:00 a.m. on October 31, 1980, due to high vibrations on the No. 3 bearing on the low pressure stage of the main turbine. The vibrations had gradually increased up to 9 mils at which point the decision was made to shut the unit down for rebalancing of the turbine. The licensee estimates that the rebalancing efforts will be completed and the unit restarted within 72 hours.

Neither the licensee nor Region III intend to issue a press release on this matter.

The State of Michigan will be notified.

Region III received notification of this matter from the Headquarters Duty Officer on October 31, 1980.

This information is current as of 9:00 a.m. (EDT) on October 31, 1980.

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