

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

Date: December 10, 1979

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-79-288

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: Public Service Electric and Gas Company
Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 1
Hancocks Bridge, New Jersey
(Docket No. 50-272)

Subject: EXTENSION OF OUTAGE TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS WITH INOPERABLE SEISMIC RESTRAINTS

On December 7, 1979, the licensee decided to maintain the plant in cold shutdown until all outstanding seismic re-analyses for piping supports are completed. Previously, the licensee expected to complete this work during unit startup and power ascension. However, recurrent problems with seismic re-analyses requiring plant shutdown or restrictions imposed by Technical Specification requirements on plant operation have caused the licensee to re-evaluate the previous plan. The current estimate for plant heatup is December 22, 1979.

This PN is issued for information only. The Resident Inspector on site will follow further developments.

Media interest is expected due to local interest in plant operations. The States of New Jersey and Delaware have been notified. A press release has been issued by the licensee.

NRC, Region I (Philadelphia) received notification of this occurrence from the Resident Inspector at 4:00 p.m. on December 7, 1979.

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