

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

May 8, 2018

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE – PNO-III-18-003A

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. Some of the information may not yet be fully verified or evaluated and is basically all that is known by the Region III staff on this date.

Facility

Fermi Power Plant, Unit 2
DTE Energy Company
Newport, MI
Docket: 50–341

Licensee Emergency Classification

Notification of Unusual Event
 Alert
 Site Area Emergency
 General Emergency
 Not Applicable

SUBJECT: UNPLANNED SHUTDOWN GREATER THAN 72 HOURS FOLLOWING A LOSS OF STATION SYSTEM TRANSFORMER #64 AND SUBSEQUENT REACTOR SCRAM – UPDATE

On April 14, at 10:20 a.m. (EDT), the Fermi Unit 2 automatically shut down in response to the electrical isolation of Station System Transformer (SST) #64. The isolation of this transformer caused a partial loss of feedwater, which resulted in an automatic scram of the reactor as designed. All control rods inserted and all plant systems responded as designed to the scram. The isolation of SST #64 also caused Division 1 of the safety buses to lose power. Emergency diesel generators automatically started up and provided power the Division 1 safety buses as expected. Power to the redundant Division 2 safety buses was not affected.

The NRC resident inspector responded to the control room after being notified of the reactor scram and observed operators' activities.

The licensee investigated the cause of the SST #64 isolation and made the necessary repairs before the Unit started up. The NRC resident inspectors monitored the licensee's corrective actions throughout the shutdown.

Fermi Unit 2 started up on May 5, 2018 at 2:38 p.m. (EDT). The plant is currently at 88 percent power and continuing power ascension. The NRC resident inspectors will continue to follow licensee's activities.

The State of Michigan has been updated of the changes.

The information presented herein has been discussed with the licensee and is current as of May 8, 2018, at 3:00 p.m. (EDT).

This preliminary notification is issued for information only.

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