

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

Date: October 3, 1979

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-III-79-09B

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: Northern States Power Company
Prairie Island, Unit 1 (DN 50-282)
Red Wing, MN

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Subject: TUBE RUPTURE IN STEAM GENERATOR A

This is an update of PN-III-79-09A

At 11:45 a.m. on October 3, 1979, the Unit reached the cold shutdown condition (reactor coolant system temperature less than 200°F). The plant will remain shutdown pending completion of the steam generator inspection and completion of the necessary repairs. The duration of the shutdown is unknown.

Communications (via the Red Phone) between the licensee, Region III and IE have been discontinued. Additionally, continuous manning of the Region III Emergency Response Center has been discontinued. The Region III site team has completed their mission and has departed the site. The Resident Inspector and Region III Specialist Inspectors will follow the licensee's actions to resolve this problem.

The States of Minnesota and Wisconsin have been notified of this information. Media interest continues to be high.

This information is current as of 2:00 p.m., October 3, 1979.

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