PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

August 27, 1979

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-79-370

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of an event 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: Georgia Power Company Hatch, Unit 1 Docket No. 50-321 Baxley, Georgia

SUBJECT: REACTOR CRITICAL FOLLOWING REFUELING

The reactor was taken critical at 9:57 p.m. on August 24 following a planned refuelin and concrete anchor bolt maintenance outage which began on April 27, a period of four months.

Media interest is not expected. Neither the licensee nor the NRC plans to issue a news release. The State of Georgia has been informed.

This Preliminary Notification is issued for information only. No further action by IE is anticipated.

Region II (Atlanta) received notification of this occurrence by telephone from the Resident Inspector at 9:12 a.m. on August 27.

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