

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

Date: December 31, 1979

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-79-47

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: Northeast Nuclear Energy Company
Millstone Unit 2
New London, Connecticut
(DN 50-336)

Subject: LOSS OF CONTROL ROOM ANNUNCIATORS

At 2320 hours on December 29, 1979 while operating at 100% power all Unit 2 control room annunciator panels were lost. Investigation revealed that half of the 28 DC power supplies feeding the annunciator circuits had failed. This degraded condition led to an overloading of the remaining power supplies. The failed power supplies were replaced and the annunciator panels returned to an operable status at 0542 hours on December 30, 1979. All critical plant parameters were being closely monitored by alternate means throughout this event.

Media interest is expected because of high public interest in plant operations. The State of Connecticut has been informed. A press release was issued by the licensee. A press release is not planned by NRC at this time.

The NRC Duty Officer received notification of this event by telephone from the licensee at 0009 on December 30, 1979.

This PN is issued for information only. The Resident Inspector on site is continuing to follow the licensee's actions.

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