

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

One year

Date: December 17, 1979

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-79-36

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: Philadelphia Electric Company
Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, Unit 3
DN 50-27
Delta, Pennsylvania

POOR ORIGINAL

Subject: UNSCHEDULED SHUTDOWN

A reactor manual scram was initiated at 4:43 p.m. on December 14, 1979, following a momentary loss of power to instrument feeds while restoring the static inverter after maintenance. The momentary power loss resulted in a turbine /generator runback and bypass valve opening as well as pressure and level instrumentation instabilities. There was no ECCS initiation and no unusual stack releases. Following troubleshooting Unit 3 was back online at 10:28 a.m. on December 15 and is presently operating at 94 percent power.

Media interest is expected due to interest in matters related to nuclear power plants. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has been informed. A press release was issued by the licensee but is not planned by the NRC. This preliminary notification is issued for information only. NRC Region I received notification of the occurrence by telephone call from the licensee at 4:55 p.m. on December 14, 1979.

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