

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

Date: June 16, 1980

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-80-92

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Facility: Connecticut Yankee Atomic Power Company
Haddam Neck Plant (DN 50-213)
Haddam Neck, Connecticut

Subject: COLLAPSE OF REFUELING WATER STORAGE TANK (RWST)

On June 16, 1980, while performing a test on the Low Pressure Safety Injection (LPSI) Pumps under runout conditions, a partial vacuum was drawn on the RWST causing several areas of the tank to become dished-in. At the time of the incident water was being pumped with both LPSI pumps from the RWST to the reactor. The licensee is investigating the apparent inability of the vent to prevent a vacuum from being drawn in the tank. The RWST has a combination vent and overflow line. The licensee is in contact with the plant's architect engineer and the constructor of the tank for possible repair options. The plant is shut down for refueling until July 12, 1980.

A press release is not planned by the NRC or the licensee. The State of Connecticut has been informed by Region I.

NRC Region I (Philadelphia) received notification of this occurrence by a telephone call from the licensee.

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