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Date: April 29, 1980

## PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -PNO-III- 80-79

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 as of this date.

Facility: Dairyland Power Cooperative  
Docket No. 30-409  
Genoa, WI

Subject: REACTOR TRIP DURING STARTUP

The licensee informed the IE:HQ Duty Officer, during a routine status call at about 6:15 a.m. on April 29, 1980, that at 7:21 p.m. on April 28, 1980, the plant had automatically tripped from a power level of 0.1% power as the result of low reactor vessel water level while starting up following a three week outage to install TMI related modifications. The low water level occurred while switching from seal injection feed to feedwater when a mismatch was generated by the operator. This resulted in a low water level trip and automatic start and injection of the high pressure core spray. High pressure core spray returned the water level to normal. The water level was well above the core at all times.

The licensee failed to report the automatic initiation of the reactor protective system and high pressure core spray as required by 10 CFR 50.72. Appropriate enforcement action will be taken.

During a subsequent startup attempt the reactor was shutdown when a control rod solenoid burned out allowing the control rod to run in. The facility is shutdown making repairs and checks as of 10:30 a.m. CDT on April 29, 1980.

No release of radioactivity occurred as a result of the event.

No press release is planned by the licensee or RIII. The State of Wisconsin is being notified.

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