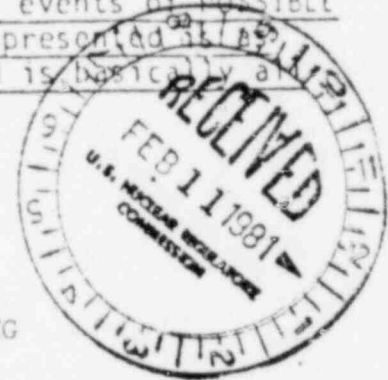


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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURENCE--PNO-111-80- 190A

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information presented is initially received without verification or evaluation and is basically as that is known by IE staff as of this date.



Facility: Commonwealth Edison Company
Quad Cities Unit 2 (DPR-30)
Cordova, IL

Subject: QUAD CITIES UNIT 2 SHUTDOWN FOR MAINTENANCE/TESTING

While decreasing Unit 2 power for the October 17, 1980 maintenance outage, periodic surveillance testing of the main steam relief valves was conducted. The number 3C valve failed to operate. The shutdown was completed and a spare relief valve was substituted for the inoperative one. The licensee is still determining the mechanism of valve failure, and the resident inspector is following up the licensee's analysis.

The outage was successfully completed and returned to power operation the morning of October 22, 1980. During the startup the 3C Main Steam Relief Valve tested satisfactorily. The return to power was delayed when the licensee discovered a leak in one of the turbine steam seal relief valves (no nuclear safety significance). The unit was maintained in hot standby until repairs were completed, after which power production was resumed.

Neither the licensee nor Region III is planning a press release.

The State of Illinois is being notified.

This Preliminary Notification is issued for information only, no further action or update by IE is anticipated.

This information is current as of 8:00 a.m., October 23, 1980.

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