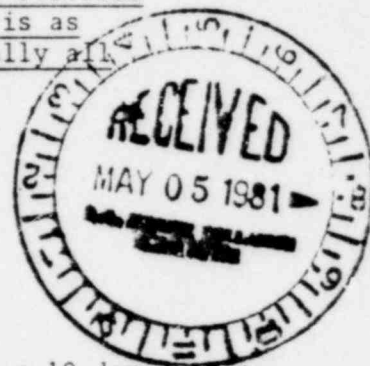


PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

Date: April 27, 1981

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-III-81-43

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: Toledo Edison Company  
Davis-Besse Site (Docket No. 50-346)  
Oak Harbor, OH

SUBJECT: PLANT STARTUP AFTER STEAM GENERATOR REPAIR

The reactor went critical at 7:29 a.m. EST on April 25, 1981, after a 19-day outage to repair two tube leaks in steam generator No. 2 (Ref. PNO-III-81-38). The location of the tube failures was approximately two feet, 8 inches below the upper tube sheet. The two tubes were plugged and an additional 270 tubes were eddy current inspected.

At 4:00 a.m., EDT, on April 26, 1981, during testing of the feed water block valve, the startup feedwater valve closed causing a low steam generator level scram. All safety systems responded and the reactor returned to criticality at 1:10 EDT the same day and is currently at 40% power.

The licensee is investigating the cause of the startup feedwater valve closure. The resident inspector is following up on this event. This Preliminary Notification is issued for information only and no further action by IE is anticipated.

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

The State of Ohio is being notified by Region III.

Region III received notification of this information by telephone from the Resident Inspector and this information is current as of 12:00 noon on April 27, 1981.

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