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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-81-112

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information 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 Unit 3 (DN 50-278)
Delta, Pennsylvania

Licensee Emergency Classification:

____ Notification of Unusual Event
____ Alert
____ Site Area Emergency
____ General Emergency
____ x Not Applicable

Subject:

OUTAGE EXTENSION

On October 7, 1981 the licensee extended the refueling outage, which began on March 31, 1981, until November 2, 1981. The reason was turbine bearing damage on October 5 during preparations to put the turbine generator on-line. The prime cause appears to have been failure to remove a fine mesh strainer installed for routine flushing operations during the outage.

Media interest is possible due to sensitivity to nuclear issues. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has been informed.

This PN is for information. Neither the licensee nor the NRC plan a press release.



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