PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-81-95

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 or this date.

FACILITY:

Florida Power Corporation
Crystal River 3
Docket No. 50-302
Crystal River, Florida

Crystal River, Florida

Elicensee Emergency Classification:
Notification of Unusual Event
Alert
Site Area Emergency
General Emergency
X Not Applicable

SUBJECT: REACTOR COOLANT SYSTEM OVERFILLING DUE TO IMPROPER VALVE LINEUP

On November 6 at 8:20 p.m., while shifting suction from B to A decay heat removal pumps, approximately 800 gallons of Reactor Coolant water spilled to the reactor building sumps through the control rod drive motor vents and both steam generator manways. The Unit is currently in a refueling outage and the Reactor Coolant System is depressurized. The cause of the spill was a failure to realign system valves following a sample of the borated water storage tank.

Local media interest has occurred. The licensee has responded to press inquiries. The NRC is not issuing a press release. The State of Florida has been notified.

Region II (Atlanta) received notification of this occurrence by telephone from Crystal River facility at 1:00 a.m. on November 7. This information is current as of 8:15 a.m. on November 9.

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