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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-82- 25

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 the Region I staff on this date.

Facility: Nine Mile Point Unit 1
DN 50-220
Oswego, New York

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Subject: LEAKAGE FROM WELDS ON REACTOR VESSEL NOZZLES

While performing a Reactor Vessel hydrostatic test at 900 psig, the resident inspector observed leakage from the vicinity of #15 Recirc Pump suction nozzle. Licensee personnel subsequently identified leakage from the vicinity of #11 Recirc Pump discharge nozzle. After the insulation was removed and with the reactor depressurized, three (3) small leaks were observed on #11 Recirc Pump discharge safe-end and one (1) on #15 Recirc Pump suction safe-end. Each of the leaks is in the heat affected zone of the safe-end to pipe weld. One of the leaks on the #11 safe-end appears to be a longitudinal crack 1/2 inch long; the other three are pin hole leaks.

The licensee plans to ultrasonically test all other recirc pump suction and discharge nozzles. Repair of the safe-ends on the affected nozzles requires a full core off load and draining the reactor vessel. The repairs are expected to extend the current 5 day outage indefinitely.

The licensee issued a press release on March 23, 1982, and plans to issue an additional press release today. The NRC does not plan to issue a press release but has responded to inquiries.

NRC, Region I received notification of this event by telephone from the resident inspector on March 23, 1982. This information is current as of 8:00 a.m., 3/24.

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