

July 24, 1993

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-IV-93-020A

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 IV staff on this date.

Facility

Nebraska Public Power District
Cooper I
Brownsville, Nebraska
Dockets: 50-298

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

Subject: NOTIFICATION OF UNUSUAL EVENT BECAUSE OF HIGH MISSOURI
RIVER WATER LEVEL

On July 23, 1993, at 6:19 p.m. (CDT), Cooper Nuclear Station declared a Notification of Unusual Event when the Missouri River reached 899 feet (mean sea level). The river continued to rise throughout the night and into the morning of July 24. As of 2 p.m. (CDT) on July 24, the river level was at 899.9 feet. The licensee began a reactor shutdown at 10:35 a.m. (CDT) on July 23, 1993, as a precautionary measure. The plant was placed in cold shutdown early on July 24, 1993. All offsite and emergency power sources are available.

Some flooding is occurring in the vicinity of the plant from both the Missouri and the Little Nemaha Rivers; however, the plant remains accessible by land vehicular traffic.

The licensee has provided two shifts of staffing of essential personnel onsite, and is implementing contingency measures for additional emergency diesel fuel oil, offsite electrical power sources, and transportation.

Region IV received notification of the occurrence by telephone, from the Headquarters Operations Officer, at 7:30 p.m. (CDT) on July 23, 1993. The EDO/NRR/PA/FEMA VII/FEMA Headquarters, and the states of Nebraska and Missouri have been informed.

Region IV dispatched the Director, Division of Reactor Safety and two additional staff members on July 24, 1993. The team is expected to arrive onsite at approximately 5 p.m. Region IV entered the Monitoring Mode at 7:38 a.m. (CDT) on July 24, 1993.

A Commission technical assistant briefing was conducted at 10:30 a.m. (CDT) on July 24.

This information has been confirmed with a licensee representative.

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