April 23, 1982

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-82-47

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: Duke Power Company
Oconee Unit 3
Docket No. 50-287
Seneca, South Carolina

Licensee Emergency Classification:
_____ Notification of Unusual Event
_____ Alert
_____ Site Area Emergency
_____ General Emergency
__X__ Not Applicable

SUBJECT: SHUTDOWN GREATER THAN TWO DAYS

The licensee is shutting down Oconee Unit 3 today to begin a refueling and in-service inspection outage. During the shutdown, which is beginning 18 days earlier than planned, Duke Power will inspect the steam generators to check for possible internal auxiliary feedwater header damage similar to that identified at the Davis-Besse and Rancho Seco facilities (PNO-III-82-38, PNO-V-82-17 and supplements).

Oconee Units 1 and 2 steam generators, which are of a different design from that of Unit 3, do not have internal auxiliary feedwater headers.

Media interest is expected because Duke is issuing a news release today. The NRC will respond to media inquiries.
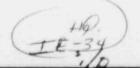
The State of South Carolina has been informed.

Region II (Atlanta) received notification of this occurrence by telephone from the resident inspector at 2 p.m. on April 22

This information is current as of 9:30 a.m. on April 23.

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