

May 24, 1982

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-82-57

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 1
Docket No. 50-259
Seneca, South Carolina

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

SUBJECT: MAINTENANCE OUTAGE IN EXCESS OF TWO DAYS

On May 21, at 10:10 p.m. (EDT), the reactor tripped on high reactor coolant system (RCS) pressure. Operators were conducting a periodic test of control rod drive (CRD) movement. Operators manually reduced power to 55 percent after one rod dropped. A main feedwater flow mismatch caused high RCS pressure. The RCS pressure did not reach the power operated relief valve (PORV) set point during the transient.

The licensee plans to keep the reactor out of service for two weeks to repair a leaking CRD housing, a leaking pressurizer code safety valve, and to inspect steam generator shield wall tendons.

Media interest is expected. The licensee plans to issue a news release. The NRC will respond to media inquiries.

The State of South Carolina has been informed.

The NRC received notification of this occurrence by telephone to the headquarters duty officer at 10:41 p.m. (EDT) on May 21.

This information is current as of 10:30 a.m. (EDT) on May 24.

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