

Date: September 25, 1992

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PN39251

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 III staff on this date.

Facility:  
Prairie Island I  
Northern States Power Co.  
Red Wing, Minnesota

Licensee Emergency Classification  
\_\_\_ General Emergency  
\_\_\_ Site Area Emergency  
\_\_\_ Alert  
\_\_\_ Unusual Event  
X N/A

Docket No. 50-282

Subject: UNSCHEDULED OUTAGE

On September 25, 1992, the licensee shut down Unit I due to increasing steam generator tube leakage. Indications of a leak had first been detected on September 20 and the leak rate had been slowly increasing. The leak rate at the time of shutdown was about 10 percent of the Technical specification limit.

The unit had been in coastdown to a scheduled October 24 refueling outage. Outage activities will be limited to steam generator inspection and repair with the intention of resuming power operation in 12 to 28 days.

A planned dual unit outage is scheduled to begin on October 24.

The information in this preliminary notification has been reviewed with the licensee management. The States of Wisconsin and Minnesota have been notified.

Region III (Chicago) will monitor the licensee's outage activities. The information in this Preliminary Notification is current as of 9:25 a.m. (CDT), September 25, 1992.

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