

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-91-4

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:
GPU Nuclear Corporation
Oyster Creek Nuclear Gen. Station
Forked River, New Jersey
Docket No. 50-219

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

Subject: INOPERABILITY OF ALL EMERGENCY DIESEL GENERATORS

At 10:47 a.m. January 9, 1991, the licensee declared an Unusual Event and commenced plant shutdown when both emergency diesel generators (EDG) were declared inoperable. EDG No. 2 was declared inoperable on January 6, 1991, after the belt drives for the EDG cooling fan failed during monthly surveillance testing. On January 9, 1991, during the daily operability test of No. 1 EDG to satisfy Technical Specifications, No. 1 EDG failed to start due to a timing sequence fault. A second start sequence was immediately initiated. This second attempt resulted in the proper startup of No. 1 EDG.

Oyster Creek commenced plant shutdown at 10:35 a.m. from 97% power. No. 2 EDG repair and retest was completed and declared operable. The unusual event was terminated and shutdown was secured at 2:15 p.m. Investigation of the No. 1 EDG's timing fault is ongoing. Offsite power is available and stable.

Region I received initial notification of this occurrence by the senior resident inspector at 10:50 a.m. on January 9, 1991. This information has been discussed with the licensee and is current as of 3:30 p.m., January 9, 1991.

The State of New Jersey has been notified. The licensee issued a press release.

The resident inspectors are monitoring licensee actions.

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