

November 23, 1982

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-82-116-A

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 II staff on this date.

FACILITY: Georgia Power Company  
Hatch Unit 1  
Docket No. 50-321  
Baxley, Georgia

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

SUBJECT: LINEAR INDICATIONS IN RECIRCULATION PIPING

This PN updates PNO-II-82-116, issued October 27, 1982.

During ultrasonic inspection of 21 recirculation system piping welds, in accordance with IE Bulletin 82-03, NUREG-0313, Revision 1, and the licensee's inservice inspection (ISI) program, the licensee identified linear indications in the four end caps of the jet pump riser header (22-inch diameter), one 28-inch recirculation loop pipe weld, and one 22-inch branch connection weld. The indications are in the stainless steel base material heat affected zone.

An additional sample of 19 welds was inspected. To date, 16 of the additional 19 sample welds have been evaluated with no rejectable indications. The other three are still being evaluated.

The Unit is down for refueling.

The licensee is evaluating the data to determine the appropriate corrective action for these indications and those found in a residual heat removal (RHR) system suction line. (PNO-II-82-116).

Region II specialists are monitoring the licensee's evaluation and will review the adequacy of the licensee's corrective action. Appropriate NRR officials are being kept informed.

Media interest has not occurred. Neither the licensee nor the NRC plans to issue a news release.

The State of Georgia has been informed.

Region II (Atlanta) received notification of this occurrence by telephone from the licensee at 3 p.m. (EDT) on November 19.

This information is current as of 8 a.m. (EST) on November 23.

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