

June 1, 1993

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-11-93-024

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

Florida Power & Light Co.
 Saint Lucie 1
 Ft. Pierce, Florida
 Dockata: 50-335

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

Subject: SHUTDOWN IN EXCESS OF THREE DAYS

As reported in Event Number 25589 of May 30, 1993, St. Lucie Unit 1 declared an Unusual Event for a Technical Specification required shutdown due to indications of a control rod being unlatched from its extension shaft so that it could not be raised from the bottom of the core. The licensee discovered this condition during routine low power physics testing following reactor startup on May 28 from a refueling outage. The Unusual Event was entered at 10:49 a.m., May 30, and was exited at 10:58 a.m., when the reactor was shut down. The licensee placed Unit 1 in Mode 5 and is planning to remove the reactor vessel head to determine the root cause and correct the problem with Control Element Assembly (CEA) 7. CEA 7 includes one drive unit, one extension shaft, and two control rods (one of which is apparently unlatched from the extension shaft). During this forced outage, the licensee plans to repair a shaft seal on the 1A2 reactor coolant pump. Unit 1 is scheduled to be off line for these repairs until June 22, 1993.

The State of Florida was informed by the licensee

The NRC senior resident inspector was onsite and received verbal notification of this event from the licensee at about 11:00 a.m. (EDT) on May 30, 1993.

This information is current as of 10:00 a.m. on June 1, 1993.

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