

March 17, 1993

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-93-013

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 Corporation
Crystal River 3
Crystal River, Florida
Dockets: 50-302

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

Subject: DEGRADED OFFSITE POWER

Crystal River Unit 3 entered an unusual event due to loss of the 230 KV switchyard. The cause of the degraded switchyard is believed to be salt deposits from a recent storm.

The power plant has two sources of power available at this time. One is the "A" emergency diesel generator which has been manually started as a precaution and is supplying the "A" engineered safeguards bus. The second is the 500 KV source of offsite power which remains available and is supplying the non-vital busses.

The "B" emergency diesel generator as well as the "B" engineered safeguards bus are unavailable due to scheduled maintenance. The plant entered a scheduled mid-cycle outage on March 4, 1993, and has been in cold shutdown since that time. The current plant temperature is 94 degrees.

Adequate decay heat removal is being powered via the "A" EDG, and alternate cooling methods are available should the decay heat removal system be lost.

The Region II Incident Response Center has been activated in the Monitoring Mode.

The NRC has notified the State of Florida and FEMA.

This information is current as of 12:15 p.m. EST on March 17, 1993.

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