

October 12, 1982

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-82-108

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: Duke Power Company
Oconee Unit 3
Docket No. 50-287
Seneca, South Carolina

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

SUBJECT: SHUTDOWN EXCEEDING 48 HOURS

On October 10, at 10:23 p.m. (EDT), the reactor was placed in hot shutdown following indications of increasing steam generator tube leakage, initially identified on October 9, in the 3A steam generator.

Leakage increased from 0.02 gallons per minute to 0.04 gallons per minute in a 36-hour period. The technical specification limit for leakage of 1.0 gallons per minute was not exceeded.

There was no abnormal release of radioactivity within the containment building and no release of radioactivity to the environment.

The licensee expects the reactor to be out of service for approximately 2½ weeks.

The licensee has issued a news release. The NRC does not plan to issue a news release.

The State of South Carolina has been informed.

The NRC Incident Response Center received notification of this occurrence by telephone from the licensee at 3:05 p.m. (EDT) on October 9.

This information is current as of 10 a.m. (EDT) on October 12.

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