PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-83-17

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 NRC staff on this date.

FACILITY: Arkansas Power & Light Company
Arkansas Nuclear One Unit 1
Russellville, Arkansas
Docket 50-313

Licensee Emergency Classification:

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

SUBJECT: OUTAGE EXTENDED FOR CORE BARREL BOLT INSPECTION

The licensee has decided to extend the current outage for about one month in order to perform an inspection of the core barrel bolts. This action is being taken following reports of identified cracks and unacceptable indications during ultrasonic examination of core barrel bolts at Rancho Seco and at Crystal River.

120 bolts are used to attach the core barrel to the core support shield. These bolts are 1-3/4 inches in diameter and 8 inches long. They are believed to be type A286 Condition A, pre-stressed nickel chromium austenetic steel.

The NRC does not plan to make a press release. The licensee plans to make a press release.

This information is current as of 8:00 a.m. (CST), April 26, 1983.

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