

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

January 28, 1981

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-81-08

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This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of an event of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information presented is as initially received without verification or evaluation and is basically all that is known by IE staff as of this date.

FACILITY: Virginia Electric and Power Company  
North Anna Unit 1  
Docket No. 50-338.  
Mineral, Virginia

SUBJECT: VEPCO NEGOTIATING POSSIBLE EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION FROM TMI 2

The licensee is negotiating with Metropolitan Edison Company for the possible lease or purchase of a TMI 2 Westinghouse turbine rotor assembly for use as a replacement.

A crack has been detected in one rotor assembly at North Anna 1 (reference PNO-II-81-05) which currently is out of service for refueling and for an engineering survey of selected piping systems. Replacement is being considered at this time to avoid taking the unit out of service at a later date.

The TMI 2 rotor assembly, which was in use for a relatively brief period, has been removed from the turbine housing for inspection and no decision on acquisition will be made until it is determined that the equipment is in sound condition.

The refueling outage was scheduled to be completed on February 14, 1981. The impact of the turbine repairs on this schedule is not known at this time.

A press release was made by the licensee and media interest is expected. A press release is not planned by the NRC. The Commonwealth of Virginia has been informed.

Region II (Atlanta) received notification of this occurrence by telephone from the resident inspector at 11:00 a.m. on January 28.

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