

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-83-98

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 I staff on this date.

Facility: Duquesne Light Company
Beaver Valley Unit 1
DN 50-334

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

Subject: POTENTIAL STRIKE

The IBEW contract that covers most non-management personnel, including licensed reactor operators, but excludes the security force, expires at midnight, September 30, 1983. A company proposal has been made to the union but a vote on the proposed contract has not yet been scheduled; it is not clear whether a settlement or a contract extension can be reached. In the event of a strike, the licensee plans to continue plant operations with management personnel, including the use of senior licensed reactor operators for control room shift manning.

Region I has reviewed the licensee plans for coping with a possible strike per IE MC 92709. The licensee has been requested to supply certification for personnel to be used to fill licensed reactor operator positions per 10 CFR 55.31(e). Region I will independently review the licensed personnel qualifications prior to contract expiration in order to determine justification for continued operation. If a strike occurs, Region I plans to provide continuous inspection coverage until it can be confirmed that the transition to operation of the plant by management personnel has successfully occurred.

The licensee has not issued a press release, but local media are aware of the contract expiration. NRC will respond to media inquiries. The State of Pennsylvania has been informed.

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