

November 23, 1991

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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-91-74

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 Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-269

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

SUBJECT: PLANT ALERT - REACTOR COOLANT SYSTEM (RCS) LEAK IN EXCESS OF 50 GPM
IN UNIT 3 AT 100% POWER

The licensee declared on Alert at 0214 on November 23, 1991, based on an RCS leak of approximately 70 gpm. A controlled shutdown of Unit was initiated. The reactor tripped at 0325 during the shutdown. The plant is in hot shutdown with depressurization in process. No offsite releases have occurred. The source of the leak has not been identified. The plant is stable and all ECCS systems are available. The licensee has activated the TSC and the Crisis Management Center. The resident inspectors are on site and the Region II and Headquarters Incident Response Centers are manned in an enhanced activation state.

The State of South Carolina was informed by the Licensee.

The NRC received initial notification of this event by telephone from the licensee at 2:24 a.m. (EPT) on November 23, 1991.

This information is current as of 0530 on November 23, 1991.

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