

December 17, 1991

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-91-82

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
Clemson, SC

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

SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF PLANT SHUTDOWN

On December 15, 1991, the licensee identified a 3/4 inch crack on the 12 inch suction piping of the low pressure injection (LPI) system. The LPI system was in service at the time and the leakage was estimated to be no more than .1 gpm. The crack is located where a 3/4 inch relief valve line ties into the LPI system. The leak is isolable. The licensee is evaluating the cause and repair options, and estimates that Unit 3 will remain in a shutdown condition for an additional two weeks. The Unit was shutdown on November 23, 1991, due to a separated 3/4 inch compression fitting.

The licensee has issued a press release describing the two week extension.

The NRC received initial notification of this event by telephone from the licensee at 3:04 p.m., (EDT) on December 15, 1991.

This information is current as of 10:00 a.m., on December 17, 1991.

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