

September 6, 1995

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-I-95-034

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 Region I staff in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania on this date.

Facility

New York Power Authority
Fitz Patrick 1
Lycoming, New York
Dockets: 50-333

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

Subject: REACTOR SCRAM / UNPLANNED SHUTDOWN GREATER THAN 72 HOURS

On September 5, 1995, at 1:03 p.m. a reactor scram and Group II isolation occurred from 100% power due to low reactor water level. The low water level occurred when the speed of both reactor feedwater pumps began decreasing due to a personnel error. A valve in one train of the standby gas treatment system did not operate and during the cooldown the heatup and cooldown pressure/temperature limit for the lower head was exceeded for approximately 1.5 hours due to reactor water cleanup system isolation and tripped recirculation pumps. Currently the plant is in cold shutdown and the licensee is conducting post-trip analysis and investigating the causes of the above problems.

The licensee anticipates being in cold shutdown for approximately 7 days during which time outage maintenance will be conducted. Several major items include repairing three safety/relief valves, replacing one station battery, and replacing a recirculation pump seal.

The resident inspectors are following licensee actions.

The State of New York has been notified and the licensee has issued a press release.

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