PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-III-84-83 Date October 2, 1984

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 staff on this date.

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Facility: Union Electric Company

Callaway Nuclear Plant St. Louis, MO 63166

Docket No. 50-483

Licensee Emergency Classification: Notification of an Unusual Event

Alert

Site Area Emergency
General Emergency
XX Not Applicable

Subject: INITIAL CRITICALITY

The Callaway plant commenced rod withdrawal for initial criticality at 5:05 p.m. (CDT) on October 1, 1984, and commenced boron dilution at 10:12 p.m. Mode 2 was entered at 2:37 a.m. on October 2, 1984. Initial criticality was achieved at 4:22 a.m. on October 2, 1984. Good agreement was observed between actual conditions at criticality and predicted conditions. Core power is being held at 10^{-8} amps on the intermediate range pending core physics testing.

The State of Missouri will be notified.

Region III (Chicago) was informed of the initial criticality by the Headquarters Duty Officer at 7:00 a.m. on October 2, 1984.

This information is current as of 10:40 a.m. October 2, 1984.

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