

April 28, 1992

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-11-92-28

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: Florida Power & Light Company
Turkey Point Unit 3
Docket No. 50-250
Miami, Florida
Florida City, FL

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

SUBJECT: UNIT SHUTDOWN IN EXCESS OF THREE DAYS TO REPAIR RCS PUMP SEAL

Turkey Point Unit 3 was taken off line on Monday, April 27, 1992, to repair a malfunctioning seal on Reactor Coolant Pump (RCP) 3-C. Beginning on Saturday, April 25, an upward trend in the leakoff rate of the #1 seal had been observed and was being monitored by the licensee. At 9:33 a.m., on April 27, the leakage exceeded the administrative limit of 5 gpm and the licensee initiated a controlled shutdown of the unit to replace the seal. An outage of approximately nine days is expected for completing the RCP seal replacement. Prior to the shutdown, the unit was operating at 87% power to conserve fuel for outage scheduling purposes. The resident inspectors are following the licensee's actions.

The licensee issued a press release, and plans to inform the State of Florida as a courtesy.

The NRC received initial notification of this event from the licensee at approximately 9:00 a.m. on April 27, 1992, prior to the commencement of shutdown.

This information is current as of 9:30 a.m. on April 28, 1992.

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