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April 30, 1992

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-92-30

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: Georgia Power Company
Hatch Unit 1
Docket No. 50-321
Baxley, GA

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

SUBJECT: HATCH UNIT 1 SHUTDOWN IN EXCESS OF 72 HOURS

Hatch Unit 1 began a voluntary shutdown on April 29, 1992, at approximately 9:00 pm, due to higher than normal temperatures in the upper region of the drywell. One RTD in the area was indicating 240° F, which is about 70° F higher than this time last year. Due to this elevated temperature, the qualified life of temperature instrumentation cabling in the area could be exceeded prior to the end of the current operating cycle. Available information indicates that the problem may be associated with blocked air flow from one of the drywell cooling fans. Preliminary plans are for the licensee to restart the Unit on May 3, 1992.

The NRC received initial notification of this occurrence from the licensee at 10:00 a.m. (EDT) on April 29, 1992.

This information is current as of 7:30 a.m. on April 30, 1992.

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