

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-V-92-029A Date: 8/18/92

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 V staff on this date.

Facility	Licensee Emergency Classification
Washington Public Power Supply System	X Notification of Unusual Event
Washington Nuclear 2	Alert
Richland, Washington	Site Area Emergency
Dockets: 50-397	General Emergency
	Not Applicable

Subject: UPDATE - UNUSUAL EVENT AND MANUAL SCRAM DUE TO POWER OSCILLATION

On 8-15-92 at 0304 PDT, a manual scram was initiated due to apparent power oscillations of approximately 24% peak to peak centered at 35% power and lasting approximately 140 seconds. An UNUSUAL EVENT was declared at 0320 PDT, and was terminated at 0430 PDT on the basis of stable plant conditions after the shutdown.

The licensee has assembled a team of personnel to determine the root causes of the event. Vendor and BWR industry personnel are included.

On 8-15-92 at 0500 PDT, the NRC resident inspector was dispatched to the site to monitor the licensee actions. On 8-17-92 at 0730 PDT, an Augmented Inspection Team (AIT) arrived at the site, and was briefed by the licensee. Interviews with licensee personnel are being conducted, and the team is analyzing the data provided by the licensee. A sequence of events is being constructed.

On 8-16-92 a Confirmatory Action Letter (CAL) was issued to formally document the understanding that the licensee does not plan to restart the reactor until they thoroughly understand the event and have discussed their assessment with the NRC.

The licensee issued a press release on Saturday, August 15. The AIT team leader met with the local press following the licensee's press conference held on Monday, August 17. The Region V Public Affairs Officer (PAO) has responded to additional media inquiries.

This information is current as of 1030 PDT.

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