

July 22, 1992

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-92-30B

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 IV staff on this date.

FACILITY: Fort Calhoun Station
Omaha Public Power District
Docket: 50-285

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

SUBJECT: UPDATE OF PNO-IV-92-30 REGARDING THE DECLARATION OF AN ALERT AT THE FORT CALHOUN STATION (FCS) - CONFIRMATORY ACTION LETTER ITEMS COMPLETED

At 11:52 p.m. (CDT) on July 3, 1992, FCS entered an ALERT because of a reactor coolant system leak that exceeded 40 gallons per minute (gpm).

On July 4 and 8, the NRC issued Confirmatory Action Letters (CAL) addressing the licensee's commitments to review the event, identify corrective actions, and meet with the NRC prior to returning the plant to operation.

On July 16, the licensee met with the NRC in the Region IV office and presented the results of their review and corrective actions. The leak was caused by a pressurizer safety valve that lifted and did not reseal. The licensee identified that the cause for the pressurizer safety valve failure was inadequate torquing of the adjusting bolt nut, allowing the adjusting bolt to rotate during valve actuation. This resulted in a lower setpoint and valve chatter.

On July 21, the licensee confirmed that the short term actions had been completed and the licensee was verbally notified by the NRC that the CAL commitments had been satisfied. NRC personnel independently verified completion of all items. This will allow return of the plant to power operation.

The licensee plans to start the reactor on July 22.

The States of Nebraska and Iowa were informed.

Region IV has informed EDO, NRR, and PA.

The Region IV Public Affairs Officer is notifying Fort Calhoun area media today of NRC's concurrence for restart.

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