

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-85-08A

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 NRC staff on this date.

FACILITY:	Louisiana Power & Light Company	Licensee Emergency Classification:
	Waterford-3 Steam Electric Stn.	<input type="checkbox"/> Notification of Unusual Event
	Killona, Louisiana	<input type="checkbox"/> Alert
	Docket No. 50-382	<input type="checkbox"/> Site Area Emergency
		<input type="checkbox"/> General Emergency
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON INADVERTENT ACTIVATION OF CONTAINMENT SPRAY

This is an update to our PNO (85-08) of February 21, 1985, which described the inadvertent containment spray event of February 20. There is an error in the PN concerning the reason that component cooling water could not be immediately restored. Although the component cooling water containment isolation valves reopened when the control spray activation signal was reset, the reactor coolant pump seal cooler inlet and outlet valves on three of the pumps isolated, possibly on a pressure surge when the cooling supply was isolated. Since these valves are not remotely operated, a containment entry was required to reestablish seal cooling. The seal coolers isolate on high pressure which might indicate reactor coolant back-leakage into the component cooling water system. Seals on three pumps will be replaced. Repairs are now in progress.

There has been considerable local media interest in this event, especially local radio phone-in talk shows which have focused on plant safety. LP&L has learned that there is a possibility that a small-scale demonstration may occur at the plant site and simultaneously at the corporate offices on Saturday and Sunday. This demonstration is probably organized by the joint intervenors and will be aimed at drawing media attention. The licensee is reviewing the security plans to ensure that plant security will not be compromised by a demonstration.

The NRC does not plan to issue a press release but will respond to any media inquiries.

The state of Louisiana was notified.

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