

January 29, 1985

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-85-12

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: Alabama Power Company
Farley Unit 2
Docket No. 50-364
Dothan, Alabama

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

SUBJECT: CONTAINMENT VERTICAL TENDON DEGRADATION CONCERN

Representatives from Bechtel and INRYCO arrived onsite today to investigate circumstances associated with identification of a broken containment tendon field anchor which has relieved pre-stress tension in the tendon.

The licensee identified the problem yesterday while conducting a walkdown of the exterior of the containment prior to conducting an Integrated Leak Rate Test (ILRT). Licensee personnel noticed that grease caps covering the vertical tendon were deformed. Removal of the caps showed that the field anchor of the tendon had broken into seven pieces, relieving the pre-stress tension in the tendon. Numerous broken wires were also found.

A construction inspector from Region II is being dispatched to the site.

The Unit is down for refueling. The licensee has made no estimate as to possible delay in restarting the reactor once refueling operations are complete.

Media interest is not expected at this time. The licensee does not plan to issue a news release.

The State of Alabama has been informed.

Region II received initial notification of this event by telephone from the resident inspector at 3:00 p.m. (EST) on January 28.

This information is current as of 1:00 p.m. on January 29.

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