

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-92-55

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 I staff on this date.

Facility:	Licensee Emergency Classification:
Northeast Nuclear Energy Company	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notification of Unusual Event
Millstone Nuclear Power Station - Unit 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Alert
Docket No. 50-423	<input type="checkbox"/> Site Area Emergency
Waterford, CT	<input type="checkbox"/> General Emergency
	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable

Subject: TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION REQUIRED SHUTDOWN

At 11:47 a.m. on September 29, 1992, the licensee determined that both trains of the supplementary leak collection and release system (SLCRS) were inoperable. This system is designed to draw and maintain a vacuum in buildings adjacent to the containment building within 50 seconds of a design basis accident in order to collect and filter any radiological releases. The licensee initiated a technical specification (TS) required shutdown and expects to be in cold shutdown by 12:47 p.m. on October 1, 1992.

The licensee declared an unusual event due to the TS required shutdown and made all required offsite notifications. The unusual event will remain in effect until the unit reaches the cold shutdown condition.

The SLCRS system was declared inoperable following unacceptable drawdown test results which indicated that the system was able to draw the required vacuum (0.25 inches water gauge) within two minutes rather than the TS required 50 seconds. The test was performed as part of an ongoing evaluation of previously identified problems with the auxiliary building filter system and their effect on SLCRS performance. Despite the increased drawdown time, the licensee estimated that the effect on site boundary doses during an actual accident would remain below the 10 CFR Part 100 limits.

The shutdown is expected to last about two weeks. During this outage, the licensee plans to perform various preventive and corrective maintenance activities in addition to correcting the SLCRS system problems.

The State of Connecticut has been notified.

The licensee issued a press release regarding this event. Region I Public Affairs is prepared to respond to media inquiries.

This information is current as of 8:00 a.m. on September 30, 1992.

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