

March 13, 1996

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-96-016

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 Region II staff in Atlanta, Georgia on this date.

Facility

Georgia Power Co.
Hatch 2
Baxley, Georgia
Dockets: 50-366

Licensee Emergency Classification

Notification of Unusual Event
Alert
Site Area Emergency
General Emergency
X Not Applicable

Subject: SHUTDOWN EXCEEDING 72-HOURS TO REPLACE SAFETY RELIEF VALVE

Due to suspected pilot seat leakage, the 2H Safety Relief Valve (SRV) tail pipe temperature has been increasing since the end of the Unit 2 refueling outage (RFO). During the past week, the temperature has stabilized at 275 degrees Fahrenheit, which is an increase from the post outage temperature of 230 degrees Fahrenheit. The licensee had established a setpoint of 285 degrees Fahrenheit, at which point the operators would consider a controlled shutdown. This value was calculated to be seat leakage of approximately 1000 LBM/hr. The licensee and vendor determined that the subject SRV would not be a potential problem unless the leakage flow reached the 1500-2000 LPM/hr range.

Although the licensee was not expecting a further increase in temperature, the licensee conservatively made a decision to conduct a shutdown to replace the valve. Unit 2 began reducing power Tuesday, March 12, 1996, came off the grid at 5:02pm EST, and currently is in cold shutdown (Mode 4). The licensee has entered the drywell to begin work. This scheduled 80 hour outage will include replacement of the 2H SRV and other routine maintenance tasks.

The licensee decided to shutdown now because Unit 1 is shutting down for its RFO on March 23, 1996.

The resident inspectors onsite will follow this outage work.

The State of Georgia has been informed.

This information is current as of 11:30am EST on March 13, 1996.

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