

October 29, 1984

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-84-77

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: Georgia Power Company
Hatch Unit 1
Docket No. 50-321
Baxley, Georgia

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

SUBJECT: CRACK IDENTIFIED IN CORE SPRAY SPARGER/DISTRIBUTION BOX WELD

The licensee has identified a crack at the toe of the sparger/distribution box weld during inspection of the lower "B" core spray sparger on Unit 1. The crack appears to be in excess of 180° of the circumference. The depth of the crack has not been determined.

The licensee reports that the upper core spray sparger exhibited no signs of cracking. Spargers were inspected on Unit 2 during its last outage, and no cracks were identified.

Region II will perform follow-up inspections to assure proper resolution of this event.

Media interest is not expected. Neither the licensee nor the NRC plans to issue a news release at this time.

The State of Georgia has been informed.

Region II (Atlanta) received notification of this occurrence by telephone from the licensee at 1:40 p.m. (EDT) on October 27.

This information is current as of 10:00 a.m. (EST) on October 29.

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