

April 15, 1996

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-96-027

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

Florida Power Corporation  
Crystal River 3  
Crystal River, Florida  
Dockets: 50-302

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

Subject: CONTRACTOR HURT

On February 12, 1996, at approximately 3:54 p.m., a licensee contractor slipped and fell injuring herself descending a permanent ladder inside containment. The licensee dispatched EMTs and site medical personnel to the containment building. An offsite ambulance was summoned and the person was transported as potentially contaminated to the Seven Rivers Community Hospital. At the hospital, the person was determined not to be contaminated.

The extent of the injuries included a broken right ankle, a broken and dislocated right elbow, and severe cuts to the upper arm.

The licensee immediately restricted all access to the containment, pending an investigation on the cause of the accident. The licensee's investigation determined that the primary cause of the accident was a cross beam located behind a step on the ladder which did not allow the full foot to be placed on the rung. Corrective actions include briefing of all shop personnel of the accident, determining if similar obstructions exist on other ladders inside containment, prevent use of the subject ladder and other ladders determined to be unsafe, require the use of retracting lanyards on climbing harnesses for all ladders equipped for them, and several other changes to address contributing factors. No press release has been made on the incident.

Local newspapers have contacted the licensee and an article on the accident was included in the local newspaper.

This information is current as of 10:00 a.m., on April 15, 1996.

The State of Florida has been notified.

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