

April 22, 1996

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-96-031

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 1
Baxley, Georgia
Dockets: 50-321

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

Subject: TRANSPORT OF A POTENTIALLY-CONTAMINATED INJURED INDIVIDUAL OFFSITE

On April 20, 1996, Hatch reported the declaration of an unusual event associated with the transport of a potentially-contaminated injured individual offsite. The unusual event was declared at 9:14 a.m. and exited the same day at 10:36 a.m. when the licensee determined that the individual was no longer contaminated.

An individual sustained severe head and possible chest injuries when he fell approximately 10 feet from scaffolding in the drywell. (Unit 1 is currently shut down and is in a refueling outage.) The individual was not frisked and was transported to the Appling County Hospital in Baxley, Georgia with some of his protective clothing on. The injured individual was surveyed at the hospital and was found to be slightly contaminated (slightly above the limit of 100 counts per minute over a 100-cm² area). The individual was decontaminated and transported to Savannah, Georgia via helicopter, where he remains under observation at the hospital.

The NRC received initial notification of this event by telephone from the licensee at approximately 9:15 a.m. on April 20, 1996. The Resident Inspectors responded to the site and the local hospital to monitor licensee activities.

State, local, and FEMA officials were informed. There was no media interest and the licensee does not plan to issue a press release.

This notification is issued for information only. No further action by Region II is anticipated.

This information is current as of 9:00 a.m. on April 22, 1996.

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