

November 6, 1984

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-84-85

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: Duke Power Company  
Oconee Unit 3  
Docket No. 50-287  
Seneca, South Carolina

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

SUBJECT: SHUTDOWN GREATER THAN 48 HOURS

Oconee Unit 3 began shutting down at 4:52 a.m. (EST) today because of a steam generator tube leak of 0.8-gallon per minute. An unusual event was declared at 6:10 a.m. because the leak had increased to 1.94 gallons per minute. No release of radioactivity occurred. The unit reached hot shutdown at 9:15 a.m., and the affected steam generator was isolated.

Duke Power Company estimates that the unit will be out of service for eight to 10 days for repairs. Oconee Unit 1 is shut down for refueling, while Unit 2 is operating at 100 percent power.

Media interest is expected because Duke plans a news release. Region II does not plan a news release.

The State of South Carolina has been informed.

Region II (Atlanta) received notification of this incident by telephone to the headquarters incident response center from the licensee at 6:25 a.m. today.

This information is current as of 11:00 a.m. today.

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