PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-85-21

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 NRC staff on this date.

FACILITY:	Louisiana Power & Light Company Waterford Unit 3 Killona, Louisiana Docket No. 50-382	Licensee Emergency Classification: X Notification of Unusual Event Alert Site Area Emergency General Emergency Not Applicable

SUBJECT: STEAM HAMMER IN STEAM SUPPLY LINE TO EMERGENCY FEEDWATER PUMP

At approximately 4:35 p.m. (CDT) on May 8, 1985, the emergency feedwater pump AB was started for monthly surveillance. The operators notices a loud noise when opening the A side steam supply valve and assumed it was the opposite line (B side) check valve slamming shut.

Subsequently, at 3:40 p.m. (CDT) on May 9, 1985, it was observed that snubbers and several steam line supports were damaged.

The licensee is evaluating the cause of the event.

No press release is planned by the licensee.

The state of Louisiana was notified.

This information is current as of 2:00 p.m. May 13, 1985.

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