

December 7, 1992

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-92-042

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 IV staff on this date.

FACILITY:  
River Bend Station  
Gulf States Utilities  
Docket: 50-458

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

SUBJECT: PLANT SHUTDOWN GREATER THAN 72 HOURS

On December 6, at 5:30 p.m., the licensee manually scrammed the reactor to complete a planned shutdown. The outage was scheduled to replace the Reactor Recirculation Pump B seal package. The licensee had indications of a degraded inboard seal. The outboard seal functioned correctly, therefore there was no increase in leakage from the pump. The scope of outage work also includes troubleshooting and repairing the CHC pressure regulator, replacing a pedestal sump pump, repairing secondary plant steam leaks, and repairing a generator hydrogen seal oil system leak. Depending on the conditions that the licensee finds in the pump seal, the outage scope may be increased to include the Recirculation Pump A seal package. The licensee plans to begin plant start up on December 11, 1992.

The state of Louisiana will be informed.

Region IV received confirmation of this occurrence from the resident inspector at 7:45 a.m., on December 7, 1992. Region IV has informed EDO, NRR, and PA.

This information has been confirmed with a licensee representative.

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