PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-85-94

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 1
Docket No. 50-269
Seneca, South Carolina

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Site Area Emergency
General Emergency
X Not Applicable

SUBJECT: UNSCHEDULED SHUTDOWN GREATER THAN 48 HOURS

Duke Power Company has taken Oconee Unit 1 out of service because of a steam generator tube leak. Shutdown began at 11:47 a.m. (EDT) yesterday after samples indicated the leakage amounted to 0.15-gallon per minute and was increasing. The technical specification leak rate limit is 0.3-gallon per minute.

The affected steam generator was isolated at 9:30 p.m. yesterday. The unit is expected to be shut down for 10 to 12 days while repairs are made. Oconee Units 2 and 3 are continuing to operate.

Duke is prepared to respond to media inquiries.

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

The State of South Carolina has been informed.

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