

February 1, 1988

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-88-09

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: Nebraska Public Power District
Cooper Nuclear Station
Brownville, Nebraska
DN: 50-298

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

SUBJECT: SHUTDOWN IN EXCESS OF 48 HOURS

On January 28, 1988, a reactor scram occurred from 45 percent power because of a speed control problem with the B reactor recirculation pump motor generator. After the scram, the licensee discovered a ground in the B residual heat removal (RHR) pump motor. Although the licensee has corrected and is testing the reactor recirculation pump motor generator, the plant remains in cold shutdown while the licensee investigates the RHR pump motor ground. The plant is scheduled to begin a 2-month refueling outage on February 22, 1988. The senior resident is monitoring licensee actions.

There have been no news media inquiries regarding this matter.

Neither the licensee nor the NRC plans to issue a press release.

Region IV received notification of the licensee's progress by telephone call from the senior resident inspector at 7:50 a.m. on February 1, 1988.

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