

May 19, 1988

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-88-26B

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: Georgia Power Company
Hatch Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. 50-321/50-366
Baxley, Georgia

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

SUBJECT: PLANT SHUTDOWN FOR 30 DAYS TO EVALUATE INPO FINDINGS AND CORRECT PROBLEMS - SECOND UPDATE

This PN updates PNO-II-88-26, issued April 19, 1988, and PNO-II-88-26A, issued May 16, 1988.

Unit 1 achieved criticality at 5:05 p.m. (EDT) on May 18, 1988, following a 30-day outage period to correct problems identified as a result of an INPO evaluation and is in the process of power ascension, expecting to reach full power by May 20, 1988.

Unit 2, which went critical on May 15, 1988, remains at zero power in order to complete repairs on the "B" feedwater injection valve.

The NRC's multi-office operational assessment team and the NRC resident inspectors are monitoring activities at both units.

Both the licensee and the NRC have responded to media inquiries.

The State of Georgia is being kept informed.

The PN is being issued for information purposes only.

This information is current as of 8:00 a.m. (EDT) on May 19.

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