PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-III-88-45 Date May 18, 1988 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 III staff on this date. Licensee Emergency Classification: Facility: Cleveland Electric Illuminating Notification of an Unusual Event Company Alert Perry Unit 1 Site Area Emergency Perry, OH 44081 General Emergency Not Applicable Docket No. 50-440 Subject: SHUTDOWN FOR GENERATOR REPAIRS At about 4 a.m. (EDT) on May 18, 1988, the licensee began to shut the unit down from 100 percent power to repair the hydrogen seal oil system for the main generator. Earlier, the level controller in the system failed and dumped up to 600 gallons of oil into the main generator casing. The licensee anticipates an outage of at least three days to repair the seal oil system and inspect the main generator for effects of the seal oil. (In June 1987 the main generator bushings failed as a result of seal oil blocking the flow of hydrogen coolant to the bushings.) The resident inspectors are monitoring the licensee's activities. The State of Ohio will be notified. Region III (Chicago) was notified of the shutdown on May 18, 1988. This information is current as of 10 a.m., May 18, 1988. RCK KCKEN CONTACT: R. Cooper R. Knop FTS 388-5578 FTS 388-5547 DISTRIBUTION: WFN 1 WFN 1 NMBB Phillips . E/W NMSS Chairman Zech AEOD SLITP Comm. Roberts ARM OI Mail To: Comm. Bernthal EDO DCS (Original) PA Comm. Carr Resident Inspector Offices DOT (Trans. Only) Comm. Rogers OGC Resident Inspector SECY OGC-H FAX TO: Nicholson Lane Regions INPO 1:20 Region I CA Region II GPA NSAC 1: 34 ACRS Region IV Licensee/36 HQS. Operations Officer 1:38 Region V PDR

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