

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-88-99

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Facility: GPU Nuclear Corporation
Oyster Creek Nuclear Station
Forked River, New Jersey 08731
Docket No. 50-219

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

Subject: PLANT SHUTDOWN DUE TO INOPERABLE ISOLATION CONDENSERS (EVENT No. 1255)

At 1:20 p.m. today (9/29/88) the licensee notified the NRC operations center that they were to commence an orderly shutdown of the reactor. This was as a result of the licensee's review of data which indicated that the steam lines for both "A" and "B" Isolation Condensers were partially filled with water placing the steam lines in a potential inoperable condition. The licensee and Region I staff are reviewing the data to identify the cause of this situation.

During the shutdown, the licensee disabled the automatic initiation system for the condenser isolation valves to prevent possible water hammer in case of inadvertent actuation. The licensee declared an Unusual Event at 2:30 p.m.

Region I plans to respond to media inquiries. The State of New Jersey was informed.

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