

October 3, 1988

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-88-81

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: Gulf States Utilities
River Bend Station
DN: 50-458

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

SUBJECT: OUAGE GREATER THAN 72 HOURS

On September 30, 1988, the licensee performed a special test of the main steamline isolation valve (MSIV) solenoid operated valves (SOV) as described in NRC information Notice 88-43, "Solenoid Valve Problems." Two out of eight SOVs failed. The failure of the solenoids on the B and C inboard MSIVs would have prevented fast closure of those valves. The redundant outboard MSIVs operated as designed. As a result of these test results, the licensee commenced a reactor shutdown on September 30, 1988. The plant will be shutdown for between 4 to 7 days to perform maintenance and corrective actions on the MSIV SOVs, recirculation pump seals, and other items.

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

The state of Louisiana will be informed.

Region IV first received notification of this occurrence by telephone from the Senior Resident Inspector at 2:45 p.m. on September 30, 1988. Region IV has informed NRR, SP, and PA.

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