

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-86-27

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 I staff on this date.

Facility:

Public Service Electric & Gas
Hope Creek Generating Station
Hancock's Bridge, New Jersey
(D/N50-354)

Licensee Emergency Classification:

- Notification of Unusual Event
- Alert
- Site Area Emergency
- General Emergency
- Not Applicable

Subject: OPERATING LICENSE ISSUANCE

On April 11, 1986 the USNRC issued Facility Operating License NPF-50, together with Technical Specifications and Environmental Protection Plan, for the Hope Creek Generating Station. License Number NPF-50 authorizes operation of the reactor at power levels not in excess of 3293 megawatts thermal. Operation is restricted to power levels not to exceed five percent of rated power pending completion of low power testing and Commission approval for ascension to full power. The licensee had planned to commence fuel loading operations at 8:00 a.m. April 12, 1986 however delays were encountered due to problems with two of four source range monitors. Current plans are to begin fuel loading today. Region I provided 24 hour inspection coverages over the weekend and will continue to do so during the initial phase of fuel load operations.

The licensee issued a press release concerning receipt of an operating license and fuel load plans. The State of New Jersey has been informed.

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