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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-III-94-90

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.

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Licensee Emergency Classification</u>
Fermi 2	General Emergency
Detroit Edison Co.	Site Area Emergency
Monroe Michigan	Alert
	Unusual Event
Docket No. 50-341	X Not Applicable

Subject: STARTUP FOLLOWING TURBINE-GENERATOR FAILURE OUTAGE

On December 19, 1994, reactor operators began the startup of the Fermi 2 reactor following recovery from the turbine-generator failure and fire on December 25, 1993. Rod withdrawal began at 3:07 p.m., and the reactor was made critical at 5:08 p.m.

After performing shutdown margin testing, the reactor operators shut the reactor down again according to its startup and testing program. The testing program will continue for about 45 to 60 days, including potential frequent shutdowns.

During the outage, the licensee removed the turbine blades from two stages of the low pressure turbine, and extensively overhauled the turbine-generator system. The licensee intends to replace the low-pressure turbine during its next refueling outage in 1996.

An NRC Restart Team, headed by a Region III (Chicago) division director, has closely monitored the licensee's outage activities and its preparation for startup. The withdrawal of control rods was observed by the resident inspectors, and Region III will provide augmented inspection coverage during the initial stages of the startup and testing program.

The licensee issued a news release. The State of Michigan will be notified. Information in this preliminary notification has been reviewed with licensee management.

This information is current as of 9 a.m. on December 20, 1994.

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