

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-86-57

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:
Boston Edison Company
Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station
Plymouth, Massachusetts
DN 50-293

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

Subject: OUTAGE EXTENSION

Boston Edison announced today that three major tasks will be added to the current outage which will extend the projected startup dated from September 1986 until early 1987. The tasks are (1) the completion of fire protection modifications at the station (2) the installation of certain enhancements to the Pilgrim Mark I primary containment structure, and (3) refueling the reactor.

The plant has been shutdown for maintenance and to make program improvements since April 12, 1986. Boston Edison had previously planned to run the reactor for four months prior to the start of the next refueling outage in January 1987. The fire protection modifications are required by 10 CFR 50 Appendix R. Possible enhancements to BWR Mark I containment structures is an issue currently under review by the NRC. However, the NRC has not formally recommended upgrades for the Mark I containment.

Boston Edison has issued a press release and considerable media interest is expected. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has been informed.

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