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Facility: Detroit Edison Company
Fermi 2
Newport, MI 48166

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

Docket No: 50-341

Subject: STARTUP AUTHORIZED AFTER MAINTENANCE OUTAGE

On October 9, 1987, the Regional Administrator authorized Detroit Edison to resume operation of the Fermi 2 Nuclear Power Plant following a maintenance outage which began July 31, 1987. The previous limitation of 50 percent power remains in effect. (The licensee withdrew its request to exceed 50 percent power, but will resubmit it after a period of routine operation at the 50 percent level.)

The reactor was taken critical at 2:19 a.m. (EDT) on October 10, 1987, and was at 30 percent power at 9 a.m. on October 13, 1987.

During the outage, two special NRC team inspections -- one covering maintenance and the second a broad look at plant operations -- were completed. The licensee, in responding to the inspection findings, has made a number of overall improvements, particularly in reducing the maintenance backlog, improving the material condition of the plant, and enhancing the operators' knowledge of license and Technical Specification requirements. In the letter authorizing restart, the utility was directed to prepare a program for all its operating shifts to perform various routine operations and training evolutions to gain additional experience and to demonstrate the plant's operating capabilities. In addition, the licensee is to provide monthly reports on the status of its preventive maintenance program, submit detailed plans for improvements in the plant's Technical Specifications and their interpretation and implementation, and prepare a comprehensive report on its various improvement programs and commitments to the NRC.

The resident inspectors will continue to monitor the plant's operations. The Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation concurred in the startup authorization.

The State of Michigan will be notified.

This information is current as of 9:30 a.m., October 13, 1987.

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