

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION - NOT FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

July 23, 1975

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE --PN-75-55

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Facility: Millstone 2 (DN 50-336) - (Late stages of preoperational testing)
Northeast Nuclear Energy Company

Subject: COMPLETE SEVERENCE OF SERVICE WATER PIPE TO THE "A" DIESEL GENERATOR

At 7:30 p.m., on July 22, 1975, after completion of the loss of offsite power test, with the diesels shutdown, the six inch cast carbon steel service water line severed. Two thousand gallons per minute of saltwater flooded the "A" Diesel Room to one foot depth. Several components including diesel control panel, fuel pumps, and air compressor were flooded. A heat exchanger head was damaged by pipe whip.

One inch of water leaked to the "B" Diesel Room. No damage to the diesel or its support systems was observed, but its operability is being checked.

The cause of the pipe failure is being investigated.

Media interest is not expected. The State of Connecticut has been informed. A press release is not planned.

OIE (Region I) received notification of this occurrence by telephone from Mr. Kenyon at 8:00 a.m. on July 23, 1975.

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