

December 9, 1987

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-87-61

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 IV staff on this date.

FACILITY: Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corp.
Wolf Creek Generating Station
Coffey County, Kansas
DN: 50-382

Licensee Emergency Classification:
____ Notification of Unusual Event
____ Alert
____ Site Area Emergency
____ General Emergency
____ Not Applicable
--X-- Other

SUBJECT: LOSS OF BOTH TRAINS OF RHR

At approximately 8:20 a.m. CST on December 9, 1987, the licensee declared the Train A emergency diesel generator inoperative. This was because the mechanical governor settings had apparently been changed. The reactor is in cold shutdown, and the plant has been in a refueling outage since September 28, 1987. The Train B ECCS including RHR is drained for maintenance. Train A RHR is in operation on offsite power. Thus, the reactor is in cold shutdown and being cooled, but both trains of RHR are declared inoperable.

The Train A emergency diesel generator was last run on December 4, 1987. Governor settings were verified as correct on that run. A diesel generator technical representative was onsite, the governor was being adjusted and the diesel run by 11:00 a.m. CST December 9, 1987. The diesel has not yet been declared operational, and the licensee has scheduled surveillance testing.

The Resident Inspector is following licensee actions closely.

Neither the licensee nor the NRC plans to issue a press release.

The state of Kansas has been informed.

Region IV received notification of this occurrence by telecon from Resident Inspector at 8:50 a.m. on December 9, 1987. Region IV has informed EDO/NRR/PA.

This information has been confirmed with a licensee representative.

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