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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE---PNO-76-107

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of an event of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information presented is as initially received without verification or evaluation and is basically all that is known by IE staff on this date.

Facility: Millstone Point 2 (DN 50-336)

Subject: ADMINISTRATIVELY IMPOSED LIMIT ON REACTOR POWER

Effective June 21, 1976 the licensee intends to administratively limit reactor power to 70 per cent. This is being done to eliminate inadvertent steam releases to the atmosphere, which are annoying the local populace due to the high noise level.

The steam releases occur indirectly as a result of inadvertent control rod drops, which have been frequent over the past thirty days. The control rod drops cause a turbine runback which results in a power mismatch. The power mismatch causes the steam safety valves to release to atmosphere.

The control rod drop problem is being investigated by the licensee. It appears to be caused by component failures in the rod drive control system. A design change is planned.

Media interest is expected because of the power restriction and its association with a control rod problem. The State of Connecticut has been informed. A press release is planned by the licensee.

Region I, NRC, Philadelphia, PA received notification of this occurrence by telephone from the Unit Superintendent at 12:00 noon, June 21, 1976.

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