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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

November 22, 1976

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-76-200

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: J. A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant (DN 50-333)  
Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation  
Power Authority of the State of New York, Inc.

Subject: INADVERTENT TARGET ROCK SAFETY RELIEF VALVE OPERATION

NRC, Region I, was informed that an inadvertent operation of one of the eleven Target Rock Safety/Relief Valve occurred at 2:20 p.m. on November 22, 1976. The reactor was being started up and had just reached the run mode (1000 psig) when the valve relieved. The valve reshut at a reactor pressure of 200 psig. Preliminary information indicated that no safety related problems resulted from the event. The reactor will remain shutdown for replacement of the valve. The licensee is preparing to make a drywell and torus inspection.

This Target Rock Safety/Relief valve, No. E, failure (reference to PNO-76-197) is similar to the one, No. F, that occurred on November 19, 1976. The licensee is planning to replace this failed valve with a new valve.

Media interest is expected because of an unscheduled plant shutdown. The State of New York has been and is being kept informed. A press release is not planned.

NRC, Region I, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania received notification of this occurrence by telephone from the licensee at 2:40 p.m., November 22, 1976.

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