

April 11, 2000

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-III-00-010

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 Region III staff (Lisle, Illinois) on this date.

Facility	Licensee Emergency Classification
American Electric Power	Notification of Unusual Event
Cook 2	Alert
Bridgman, Michigan	Site Area Emergency
Dockets: 50-316	General Emergency
	X Not Applicable

Subject: D.C COOK UNIT 2 BEGINS LOADING FUEL

On April 10, 2000, American Electric Power Co. workers began loading fuel into the Unit 2 reactor vessel at the Donald C. Cook Nuclear Power Plant in preparation for restarting the unit. Unit 1 remains defueled in support of steam generator replacement activities.

Both units have been shut down since September 1997 after design issues were identified during an NRC inspection. The NRC subsequently augmented the oversight of the D.C. Cook restart. Regular public meetings have been held to discuss plant issues, inspection findings, and progress toward restart.

The State of Michigan will be informed. The information in this preliminary notification has been reviewed with the licensee.

This information is current as of 4 p.m. CDT on April 10, 2000.

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