

February 18, 2000

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-00-008

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 II staff (Atlanta, Georgia) on this date.

Facility	Licensee Emergency Classification
Duke Power Co.	Notification of Unusual Event
Oconee 1	Alert
Seneca, South Carolina	Site Area Emergency
Dockets: 50-269	General Emergency
	X Not Applicable

Subject: UNPLANNED SHUTDOWN

At 8:43 p.m., on February 16, 2000, a shutdown of Oconee Unit 1 was completed in response to a small reactor coolant system (RCS) pressure boundary leak. The leak, identified earlier that day, is a through wall leak on a pipe bend in an RCS drain line. The drain line also serves as the post accident sampling line.

The licensee has cooled down the plant and is making preparations to conduct mid-loop operations. During this mid-loop period, the licensee will replace the leaking pipe bend and as a preventive measure, replace seals on three of the four reactor coolant pumps.

The resident inspectors are following this issue and the licensee's repair activities.

This information is current as of 1:00 p.m., on February 18, 2000.

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