

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

February 26, 1980

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-80-32

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 as of this date

FACILITY: Florida Power Corporation
Crystal River 3
Docket No. 50-302
Crystal River, Florida

SUBJECT: SITE EMERGENCY

Crystal River Unit 3 tripped about 2:25 p.m. February 26 upon some combination of loss of non-nuclear instrumentation power and integrated control system power. Initial reports to Region II indicate that coolant pumps were stopped, RM Pressure Safety Injection was initiated, and auxiliary feed pumps were activated. Pressurizer level was over range high, primary pressure was 2300 lbs. Pressure was being maintained by pressurizer power operated relief valve operation. "B" steam generator had level indication. "A" steam generator level was not indicating and plant personnel were attempting to restore level to indicating range. Containment pressure was 18 psia, dome radiation was 50 R.

Subsequently, it has been determined that natural circulation is occurring with 25 degree primary Delta T across B steam generator. Containment radiation has decreased to about 20 R. The site has declared a site emergency and has commenced external monitoring. No offsite release has occurred at this time. Region II is dispatching a team via charter jet - Region II inspectors and the Performance Appraisal Team are presently onsite. The Region II radiological van has been dispatched from St. Lucie site.

Media interest is occurring. Region II is responding to media inquiries. The State of Florida has been notified.

Region II (Atlanta) received notification of this occurrence by telephone from Plant Manager/Resident Inspector at 2:40 p.m. on February 26, 1980.

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