

Date: July 26, 1985

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-85-53

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Facility:
Long Island Lighting Company
Shoreham Nuclear Power Station
Brookhaven, New York
Docket No. 50-322

Licensee Emergency Classification:
____ Notification of Unusual Event
____ Alert
____ Site Area Emergency
____ General Emergency
X Not Applicable

Subject: REACTOR SCRAM SIGNAL DUE TO LOW WATER LEVEL

At 6:43 A.M. this morning, a scram signal was generated due to low reactor water level while the reactor was in cold shutdown. RHR loops A and B were lined up for shutdown cooling, with loop B in operation. The operating staff was in the process of realigning loop A of the RHR system into the standby LPCI mode. The normal suction valve from the Suppression Pool for loop A was opened before the loop A alternate suction for shutdown cooling valve was completely closed. This resulted in approximately 3000 gallons of water being drained from the Reactor Coolant System to the Suppression Pool via the RHR Loop A Suction Lines. Reactor vessel water level reached approximately -10". The apparent cause of the event was operator error. At the time of shift change, Reactor vessel water level had been restored to +43", temp was 121°F, and RHR loop B was operating in the shutdown cooling mode.

Regional inspectors are following up on the event.

The State of New York has been notified.

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