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Date: July 18, 1985

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-85-51

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 the Region I staff on this date.

Facility:

Duquesne Light Company
Beaver Valley Unit 1
Shippingport, PA
DN 50-334

Licensee Emergency Classification:

☐ Notification of Unusual Event
☐ Alert
☐ Site Area Emergency
☐ General Emergency
☒ Not Applicable

Subject: POTENTIAL TAMPERING WITH DIESEL GENERATOR

At about 1:00 a.m. on July 17, 1985, the No. 1 Diesel Generator (DG) failed its routine monthly surveillance test (would only accept 390 kw load; normal full load is 2850 kw). Subsequent licensee investigation disclosed that the Woodward governor load limit setting (knob) was set at 3 as compared to the normal setting of 10. This DG was last successfully tested on June 19, 1985.

The licensee is investigating the possibility that the load limit setting (which controls the maximum amount of fuel to the diesel) was tampered with. Licensee procedures pertaining to potential tampering acts have been implemented. The No. 1 DG has been adjusted, tested and returned to service; the other DG was successfully tested. Other critical safety equipment such as the auxiliary feedwater system, switchgear, relays, switches and valve lineups have been checked; no other abnormalities have been observed.

The plant is operating at 100% power and is stable; all normal offsite power sources are available. Licensee equipment checks and investigative activities are continuing. The Unit 2 resident inspector is onsite and will follow licensee equipment checks and testing.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has been notified.

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