

July 19, 1985

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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-85-36

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 NRC staff on this date.

FACILITY: Nebraska Public Power District
Cooper Nuclear Station
Brownville, Nebraska
Docket No.: 50-298

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

SUBJECT: LOSS OF INSTRUMENTATION ON THE METEOROLOGICAL TOWER

At 4:30 a.m. (CDT) on July 19, 1985, the site meteorological tower was struck by lightning. This resulted in the loss of all meteorological instrumentation on the tower. This equipment loss is apparently not covered by Technical Specifications, but in accordance with the site emergency plan, an unusual event was declared. This declaration was at 5:52 a.m. (CDT). Fuel loading was in progress, and this was stopped at 5:47 a.m. (CDT).

The licensee plans to repair the meteorological tower when weather conditions permit.

The licensee does not plan to issue a press release but will respond to any media inquiries.

The state of Nebraska has been informed.

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