

July 26, 1985

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-85-71A

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 II staff on this date.

FACILITY: Georgia Power Company
Hatch Unit 1
Docket No. 50-321
Baxley, Georgia

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

SUBJECT: UNSCHEDULED SHUTDOWN GREATER THAN 48 HOURS - UPDATE

This PN updates PNO-II-85-71, issued July 25, 1985.

Disassembly of the inboard main steam line isolation valve in main steam line "A" has revealed a broken valve stem in the vicinity of the stem's backseat portion.

It appears that the break may have been caused by a metal fatigue failure. The affected valve in Unit 1 was manufactured by Atwood Morrel, but main steam isolation valves in Hatch Unit 2--which is operating at 100 percent power--are from a different vendor. Georgia Power is continuing to evaluate the valve problem.

Georgia Power is prepared to respond to media inquiries.

The State of Georgia has been informed.

This information is current as of 11 a.m. (EDT) today.

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