

January 29, 1997

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-97-006

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 Region II staff in Atlanta, Georgia on this date.

Facility

Georgia Power Co.
Hatch 1
Baxley, Georgia
Dockets: 50-321

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

Subject: PLANT SHUTDOWN DUE TO PRIMARY PRESSURE BOUNDARY LEAKAGE

On January 29, 1997, Plant Hatch Unit 1 declared a Notice of Unusual Event at 8:35 a.m., for reactor coolant pressure boundary leakage, as defined in Technical Specification 3.4.4. The licensee had commenced a reduction in power from 100% on January 28 to investigate a known drywell leakage problem, and made a drywell entry at 6:00 a.m. on January 29. A leak was identified on a cracked weld on a three-quarter inch vent line on the Shutdown Cooling suction piping in a section of piping which is normally not isolated from the reactor vessel. The licensee is proceeding to Mode 4 conditions in accordance with Technical Specification 3.4.4 and evaluating available options for repairs.

The NRC received initial notification of this event from the licensee on January 29, 1997.

There has been no media interest and the licensee does not plan to issue a press release.

The resident inspectors have been on site monitoring the licensee's actions.

The State of Georgia has been notified.

This information is current as of 1:00 p.m. on January 29, 1997.

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