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Facility: Detroit Edison Company  
Fermi 2 Nuclear Power Station  
Newport, MI 48166

Docket No: 50-241

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

Subject: DAMAGE TO DIESEL GENERATOR DURING TESTING (THIRD UPDATE)

Diesel Generator #14 was nine hours into a scheduled 100-hour test run when it tripped on low lube oil pressure at 8:45 a.m. (CST), December 12, 1985. Both Diesel Generators #13 and #14 had recently experienced bearing problems and were in a test run following repairs. (See PNO-III-85-95, 95A, and 95B).

The licensee is investigating two possible causes for the latest problem: bearing failure and the erratic behavior of #14's service water pump. The licensee reported that at about 7 a.m., the service water pump tripped off for about 19 seconds and then came back on. It later tripped for about 4 minutes. Shortly after it came back on, the #14 diesel generator tripped.

Diesel Generator #13 testing is in progress while diesel generators #11 and #12 are being reassembled following inspection and repair.

Region III (Chicago) and the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation continue to monitor the diesel generator problems. The impact of this most recent problem on plant availability for restart is unknown at this time.

The State of Michigan will be notified.

Region III received this updated information at 9:45 a.m. (CST), December 12, 1985. This information is current as of 11:45 a.m., (CST), December 12, 1985.

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