

December 20, 1985

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-85-120

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
Vogtle Unit 1
Docket No. 50-424
Waynesboro, Georgia

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

SUBJECT: MEDIA INTEREST IN CONTAINMENT EVACUATION

The NRC Resident Inspector informed Region II today that area media interest has developed in two events which occurred on November 19 and December 17 when a concentrated hydrazine/ammonia mixture leaked from a steam generator vent valve, forcing evacuation of personnel in the containment area.

The plant is under construction, and the event posed no nuclear safety problem. However, several employees complained of chest pains after breathing the fumes, and one person was briefly hospitalized with breathing difficulties, treated and released following the November 19 event. No adverse effects on personnel were reported following the December 17 occurrence.

The licensee is responding to media inquiries.

The Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) has been notified.

This PN is being issued for information purposes only.

This information is current as of 11:00 a.m. (EST) on December 20.

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