

August 4, 2004

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-III-04-008

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 III staff on this date.

Facility

FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Co.
Davis-Besse
Oak Harbor OH
Docket No: 050-00346

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

SUBJECT: AUTOMATIC REACTOR SHUTDOWN

DESCRIPTION:

At 10:24 a.m. EDT on August 4, 2004, the reactor shut down automatically during a quarterly surveillance test on one of four reactor trip circuit breakers. All safety systems functioned as designed, and the plant staff responded appropriately.

The licensee is investigating the cause of the reactor shutdown.

The NRC resident inspectors were on site at the time of the reactor shutdown and are continuing to monitor the licensee's response to the event.

The State of Ohio and Ottawa County have been notified. Region III (Chicago) has been responding to news media inquiries. Two staff members of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works were touring the plant at the time of the reactor trip.

The information in this preliminary notification has been reviewed with licensee management.

Region III was notified of the reactor trip about 10:40 a.m EDT. This information is current as of 3 p.m. EDT on August 4, 2004.

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