

August 9, 2004

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-III-04-009

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

Fermi Nuclear Power Station
Detroit Edison
Newport, MI
Docket: 50-341
License: NPF-43

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

SUBJECT: FERMI SHUTS DOWN TO REPAIR EMERGENCY DIESEL GENERATOR

DESCRIPTION:

Fermi Nuclear Power Station shut down on August 9, 2004, to repair a scavenging blower on emergency diesel generator 12. The plant will remain shut down until the causes and the extent of condition of the problem have been identified and necessary repairs are completed.

On August 2, plant staff removed emergency diesel generator 12 from service for scheduled maintenance. During post-maintenance testing on August 6, the scavenging blower failed, rendering the emergency diesel generator inoperable.

The plant was shut down because the licensee was unable to complete repairs before the 7-day Limiting Condition of Operation (LCO) expired on August 9.

The NRC resident inspectors are monitoring the licensee's assessment and repair plans.

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

The State of Michigan will be notified.

The licensee notified the NRC of this event at 10:15 p.m. EDT on August 8, 2004. This information is current as of 12 p.m. on August 9, 2004.

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