

November 12, 1985

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-85-105A

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: Florida Power and Light Company
St. Lucie Unit 1
Docket No. 50-335
Fort Pierce, Florida

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

SUBJECT: UPPER GUIDE STRUCTURE LIFTING RIG FAILURE - UPDATE

This PN updates PNO-85-105, issued on November 6.

Florida Power and Light (FPL) succeeded in lifting the core internals upper guide structure free of the reactor vessel about 5 p.m. (EST) on Saturday, November 9. The structure was placed in its planned location in the refueling cavity.

No problems were encountered during the lifting operation, carried out with a specially designed and fabricated secondary lifting rig. After the upper internals were successfully removed, a preliminary inspection revealed some minor damage to the regular lifting rig, but no significant damage to either the upper guide structure or the core barrel.

FPL also terminated the notification of unusual event, which was declared on November 6 when one of three lifting rig attachments gave way, leaving the upper guide structure suspended in a tilted position with its bottom about two feet below the reactor vessel flange.

Region II is monitoring the review by FPL and Combustion Engineering, nuclear steam supply system vendor, of the circumstances of this occurrence.

Both FPL and NRC have responded to media inquiries.

The State of Florida has been informed.

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