

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-03-19

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 Region II staff (Atlanta, Georgia) on this date.

Facility

Carolina Power and Light Company
Brunswick Steam Electric Generating Plant
Southport, North Carolina
Dockets/License: 50-325; 50-324
DPR-71; DPR-62

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

Subject: Region II Response to Hurricane Isabel

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission Region II office activated its Incident Response Center at 7:00 p.m. (EDT) on September 17, 2003. Region II is in the Monitoring Phase of Normal Mode for hurricanes for monitoring of Hurricane Isabel as it nears the coast of North Carolina and Virginia. NRC inspectors from the Region II office are currently at those nuclear plant sites that may be affected by the storm, and are reviewing preparations for the impending severe weather. The sites include Brunswick, Surry, Harris and North Anna nuclear plants. Region II is also monitoring the Global Nuclear Fuel plant in North Carolina and BWXT fuel facility in Virginia.

The Brunswick site declared a Notice of Unusual Event on September 16 at 10:40 p.m. (EDT) due to a hurricane Warning being issued for the coast of North Carolina. The site is currently not experiencing any high winds or rain. Unit 1 is operating at 94 percent power and Unit 2 is at 96 percent power.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency Region IV has also activated their Regional Operations Center to monitor the hurricane.

The states of North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia have been notified.

The information presented herein was discussed with the licensee and is current as of 9:00 p.m. (EDT) September 17, 2003.

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