

OCTOBER 24, 2005

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-05-008

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

Facility

FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY
ST. LUCIE NUCLEAR PLANT UNITS 1 AND 2
JENSEN BEACH, FLORIDA
DOCKETS/LICENSE: 50-335, 50-389

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

Subject: REGION II RESPONSE TO HURRICANE WILMA

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission Region II office activated its Incident Response Center at 7:00 p.m. (EDT) on October 23, 2005. Region II is in the Monitoring Mode in response to Hurricane Wilma as it nears the coast of Florida. NRC inspectors are currently at the nuclear plant site and are reviewing preparations for the impending severe weather.

The St. Lucie site declared a Notice of Unusual Event on October 23 at 05:00 a.m. (EDT) due to a Hurricane Warning being issued for portions of the state of Florida. Unit 1 is in a refueling outage (cold shutdown). Unit 2 is in mode 3, hot standby, and proceeding to mode 4 in anticipation of hurricane force winds onsite.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency Region IV has also activated their Regional Coordination Center to monitor the hurricane. The state of Florida has been notified.

The information presented herein was discussed with the licensee and is current as of 00:15 a.m. (EDT) October 24, 2005.

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