

November 9, 2005

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-05-012

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

Licensee Emergency Classification

Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc.
Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant, Unit 2
Columbia, Alabama
Dockets/License: 50-364, NPF-8

X

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

Subject: Farley Nuclear Plant Unit 2 Loss of All Main Control Board Annunciator Power

Farley Unit 2 experienced a loss of all Main Control Board Annunciator power at 1:07 p.m. (CST) on November 8, 2005. At the time of the event, the unit was in a refueling outage and is currently defueled. The licensee declared an Alert at 1:19 p.m. (CST), on November 8, 2005.

At the time of the event, I&C personnel were conducting maintenance on a Main Control Board annunciator power supply. Although the exact cause of the loss of normal and back-up power supplies is unknown, the licensee is investigating a coordination problem that propagated back to the main and back-up power supply breakers.

The annunciator capability was restored at 1:21 p.m. (CST) and all annunciators were tested satisfactorily. Upon restoration of the annunciators, the NRC Resident Inspector walked down the control boards of both Units to verify that there were no abnormalities. The licensee terminated the Alert at 1:49 p.m. (CST).

The state of Alabama was informed by the licensee via their event notification system.

Region II received initial notification of this occurrence by telephone call from headquarters Operations Center at approximately 1:45 p.m., (CST) on November 8, 2005.

The information presented herein has been discussed with the licensee, and is current as of 4:30 p.m. (EST), on November 8, 2005.

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