

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-04-007

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

PROGRESS ENERGY
Brunswick Steam Electric Generating Plant
Southport, North Carolina 28461
Docket/License: 50-325/DPR-71

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

SUBJECT: REGION II RESPONSE TO HURRICANE CHARLEY

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission Region II office staffed its Incident Response Center at 5:00 a.m.(EDT) on August 14, 2004, in response to Hurricane Charley. Region II entered the Monitoring Mode at 1:30 p.m. in response to the storm as it traveled through North Carolina and in response to the Brunswick Notice of Unusual Event.

The Brunswick site declared a Notice of Unusual Event on August 14 at 1:08 p.m. (EDT) when it experienced a loss of power that resulted in a unit trip. NRC Resident Inspectors are currently at the nuclear plant site and are reviewing plant conditions. The site is currently not experiencing any high winds or rain. The emergency diesel generators are operating to provide essential power.

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

The State of North Carolina has been notified.

This information is current as of 2:00 p.m., August 14, 2004.

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