PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-04-009C

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.

Facilities

Florida Power and Light St. Lucie, Units 1 and 2 Jensen Beach, Florida

Dockets/Licenses: 05000335, DPR-67, 05000389

NPF-16

Progress Energy - Florida Power Corporation Crystal River Unit 3 Crystal River, Florida Docket/License: 05000302, DPR-72

Licensee Emergency Classification

Notification of Unusual Event

Alert

Site Area Emergency General Emergency

X Not Applicable

SUBJECT: TROPICAL STORM/HURRICANE JEANNE

The NRC Region II office entered the Monitoring Mode and activated its Incident Response Center (IRC) on September 25, 2004, in preparation for Hurricane Jeanne's impact on Region II nuclear plants. Region II staff members were also dispatched to the Florida Power and Light Company Emergency Operations Facility in Miami, FL, and the State Emergency Operations Center in Tallahassee, FL. The NRC determined that the IRC would secure from the Monitoring Mode for this storm and deactivate the IRC in Region II on September 27, 2004 as of 0400 a.m.

St. Lucie

Both units at St. Lucie remain in Mode 4 on shutdown cooling. The licensee exited the Notice of Unusual Event (NOUE) at 1412 (EDT) on September 26 due to the lifting of the hurricane warning and restoration of offsite power. The resident inspectors maintained continual coverage through the hurricane and continue to monitor licensee actions. Region II has coordinated with FEMA to commence assessment of the offsite infrastructure damage.

Crystal River

Crystal River is currently at 97% power and remained in Mode 1 throughout the storm. The licensee exited the Notice of Unusual Event (NOUE) at 0345 (EDT) on September 27 once the storms winds had subsided. The licensee stayed in a NOUE and maintained Technical Support Center (TSC) staffing as a precautionary measure although the hurricane warning had been lifted for the area earlier on September 26. The resident inspectors maintained coverage throughout the hurricane and continued to assess plant conditions until the lifting of the NOUE. Maximum sustained winds at the site were approximately 50 to 60 mph with gusts up to 70 mph.

This information presented herein has been discussed with the licensees, and is current as of 4:00 a.m., September 27, 2004.

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