

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE

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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:

Westinghouse Electric Corporation
Columbia, SC

Dockets/License: 70-1151/SNM-1107

Licensee Emergency Classification:

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

SUBJECT: DECLARATION OF ALERT DUE TO LOSS OF OFFSITE WATER SUPPLY

At 2:45 p.m. (EDT) on May 15, 2008, the licensee declared an Alert because it requested offsite assistance in response to an onsite break in the city water service line [Event Number: 44216]. As a result of the loss of city water, which is used in plant operations, the licensee shut down the plant process equipment. The licensee requested and received support from local fire departments, who provided temporary water service to augment the site's stored water system.

The Licensee notified Richland County and State of South Carolina.

Repairs to the water supply system were completed and the licensee terminated the Alert at 5:45 p.m., EDT.

Region II received initial notification of this occurrence by telephone from the licensee and from an NRC inspector at the site. The inspector monitored the licensee's shutdown of process equipment and response to the event. This information presented herein has been discussed with the licensee and is current as of 10:00 a.m. EDT on May 16, 2008.

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