

May 30, 2000

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-00-024

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
Duke Power Co.	Notification of Unusual Event
Mc Guire 1	Alert
Cornelius, North Carolina	Site Area Emergency
Dockets: 50-369	General Emergency
	X Not Applicable

Subject: SPECIAL INSPECTION INITIATED TO REVIEW OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE ASSOCIATED WITH MCGUIRE UNIT 1 REACTOR TRIP

On May 25, 2000, at 8:46 p.m., McGuire Unit 1 tripped from 100 percent power when a vital inverter output switch failure led to a feedwater transient that caused a low-low steam generator water level. The plant and its safety equipment responded appropriately. (See Event Report Number 37032.)

Following repairs, Unit 1 was restarted on May 27, 2000. The unit is currently operating at 100 percent power.

NRC Region II initiated a Special Inspection at the site on May 30, 2000. This Inspection will address the NRC's questions pertaining to the licensee's operational performance before and after the reactor trip.

The state of North Carolina has been notified. This information is current as of 10:00 a.m. on May 30, 2000.

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