

September 17, 2003

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SUBJECT: BRUNSWICK STEAM ELECTRIC PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2, PLANNED
CONTINGENCY DUE TO HURRICANE ISABEL

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The NRC staff agrees that the licensee's planned actions are prudent in light of Hurricane Isabel, and that the licensee's plans discussed during the conference call continue to meet the intent of ICM B.2.b. The NRC staff understands that the contingency plans proposed by the licensee will no longer be used once the severe weather condition has passed.

Sincerely,

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