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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II/79-4

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of an event of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information presented is as initially received without verification or evaluation and is basically all that is known by IE staff as of this date

FACILITY: Carolina Power and Light Company
H. B. Robinson, Unit No. 2
Docket No. 50-261
Hartsville, South Carolina

SUBJECT: REACTOR COOLANT PIPE LAGGING FIRE

At 8:00 a.m. on September 30, during power operation at 50 percent power, a fire detector alarmed in a Reactor Coolant Pump Bay. A containment entry revealed a lagging fire on the cold leg piping. The fire was extinguished and the unit shut down for cleanup of lubricating oil in the bay. The cause of the fire was a lubricating oil leak which was blown onto the lagging by the ventilation supply system. The bay was cleaned and the other two reactor coolant pump bays checked for similar problems. None were found. The unit was returned to service at 2:00 a.m. on October 1.

Media interest is not anticipated. Neither the NRC nor the licensee plans to issue a press release. The State of South Carolina has been informed.

Region II (Atlanta) received notification of this occurrence by telephone from licensee at 4:30 p.m. on September 30. This information is current as of 8:22 a.m. on October 1.

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