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SUBJECT: PNO-II-97-002:on 970122,maint technician discovered cut wire among wire bundle.Wire cut w/insulation stripped back & wire ends twisted together.Harris Security notified & determined tampering & vandalism could not be ruled out.

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January 23, 1997

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-97-002

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 in Atlanta, Georgia on this date.

Facility

Carolina Power & Light Co.
Harris 1
Raleigh, North Carolina
Dockets: 50-400

Licensee Emergency Classification

X Notification of Unusual Event
Alert
Site Area Emergency
General Emergency
Not Applicable —

Subject: SECURITY EVENT DUE TO POTENTIAL TAMPERING/VANDALISM OF
NON-SAFETY RELATED EQUIPMENT

On Wednesday, January 22, 1996, at approximately 1:25 p.m., while performing maintenance on the motor control center cabinet for the turbine building vent stack radiation monitor air sample pump, a maintenance technician discovered a cut wire among a wire bundle. The wire had been cut, with the insulation stripped back and the wire ends twisted together. The wire powered a relay that controls the low range gas flow control valve in the turbine building vent stack noble gas radiation monitor. The radiation monitor is not safety-related but is covered in the plant Technical Specifications. Harris Security was notified and determined that tampering and vandalism could not be ruled out.

At 2:00 p.m., a Security Alert was declared and immediate compensatory measures were taken. Due to the security alert, the licensee declared an Unusual Event at 3:05 p.m., and notified the NRC at 4:08 p.m. The security investigation determined that no unauthorized access or vital area penetration occurred. Further investigation which included a walk down of electrical panels determined that tampering was not involved and the security alert was terminated at 3:22 p.m. The Unusual Event was terminated at 4:10 p.m.

The resident inspectors are following the licensee's investigation of this event.

This information is current as of 9:30 a.m., on January 23, 1997. The IAT has been notified.

The State of North Carolina has been informed.

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