

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

October 30, 1979

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-79-19

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
Harris, Units 1, 2, 3 and 4
Docket Nos. 50-400, 50-401, 50-402, and 50-403
Raleigh, North Carolina

SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF ACTION LETTER ON OMISSION OF REINFORCEMENT STEEL IN SAFETY RELATED STRUCTURES

On October 26 and again on October 29, Carolina Power and Light (CP&L) informed Region II (Atlanta) that quantities of reinforcement steel had been omitted during placements of Class I concrete in the Unit 1 containment shield wall and a Unit 2 Reactor Auxiliary Building shear wall.

On October 30, Region II issued a confirmation of action letter to CP&L which confirmed those actions that will be completed prior to placing additional Class I concrete. These actions will include investigation and evaluation of the circumstances surrounding incomplete installation of rebar and acceptance of this work by the quality control staff. The licensee will provide Region II with the results of their evaluation and a schedule for implementing proposed remedial actions and preventive measures to preclude recurrence. NRC concurrence will be obtained prior to resuming placement of Class I concrete. The Harris facility is in the early construction phase; Unit 1 is approximately 23% complete and Unit 2 is 3% complete.

Media interest has occurred and licensee representatives were interviewed by members of the news media on the morning of October 30. A press release has been issued by the licensee. NRC does not plan to issue a news release. The State of North Carolina has been informed.

Region II discussed these actions with the licensee by telephone on October 29 and 30.

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