

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

September 5, 1979

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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-79-387B

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

SUBJECT: HURRICANE DAVID

This supplements PNO 79-387A issued on September 4, 1979.

Hurricane David was reclassified to a tropical storm by the National Weather Service in Miami, Florida at 6:00 a.m. on September 5.

Region II inspectors were in the control rooms of the Carolina Power and Light Company's Robinson and Brunswick facilities during the approach of David. The inspectors monitored the licensee's operational status, backup emergency power status and hurricane alert procedures. The Robinson facility was placed in hot shutdown. Brunswick Unit 1 reduced power to 53%. Brunswick Unit 2 startup was delayed because of the storm. Brunswick Unit 1 was scheduled to be placed in the hot shutdown condition if winds of 60 mph were reached or expected. The facilities experienced heavy rains but winds were less than 50 mph. No problems were experienced at either site. Following reclassifying to a tropical storm, the licensee is preparing to resume normal operation of all three units.

Regional II (Atlanta) has continued to provide information to States in the path of the storm.

This information is current as of 8:00 a.m. on September 5.

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