

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

July 19, 1979

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-79-266

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 on this date.

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FACILITY: Carolina Power and Light Company
Brunswick Unit No. 1
Docket No. 50-325
Southport, North Carolina

SUBJECT: REACTOR TRIP

The reactor tripped from 60 percent power while attempting to place recirculation pump 1B in service. The recirculation pump had been stopped at 11:30 p.m. on July 18 due to a failure of the motor generator set lubricating oil system. Following the resolution of the oil system problem, the recirculation pump was restarted. While opening the pump discharge valve, the average power range monitor spiked and a reactor trip occurred. An investigation by the licensee and the IE Resident Inspector is being conducted of procedural adequacy/adherence, operator training and the recirculation flow comparators. The unit is expected to be returned to service on July 20.

Media interest is not expected. Neither the licensee or the NRC plans to issue a news release. The State of North Carolina has been informed.

Region II (Atlanta) received notification of this occurrence by telephone from the IE Resident Inspector at 10:30 a.m. on July 19.

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