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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

November 8, 1979

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-79-28

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 the staff as of this date.

Facility: South Carolina Electric and Gas Company
Carter, Unit 1
Box 60, SC-835
Columbia, South Carolina

Subject: OMISSION OF SAFETY CIRCUIT TEST

Westinghouse informed the licensee by letter on November 7, 1979, of an omission in their test program for vendor supplied safety equipment concerning the Safety Injection (SI) circuitry. Specifically, no Westinghouse test exists to test the operability of the slave relays to the reactor trip permissive (P4) supplying the SI pump and block circuitry during reactor operation.

Failure of slave relays could result in either blocking an automatic SI actuation or an attempt at blocking the SI reset function so that during SI, the plant could not shift to recirculation mode from the control room.

The plant is in preoperational testing, and is therefore not currently affected.

Region IV has been notified and shall followup in the vendor inspection program. Region II has notified NRC and other Regions and is developing further information concerning possible implications.

Media coverage is not expected. Neither the licensee nor the NRC plan press releases. The State of South Carolina has been informed.

Region III (Atlanta) received notification of this occurrence by telephone from the resident inspector at 9:30 a.m. on November 8, 1979.

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