

## PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-80-63

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  
Brunswick Steam Electric Generating Plant  
Docket Nos. 50-325 and 50-324  
Southport, NC

SUBJECT: DAMAGED RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL SHIPPING CONTAINER

A radioactive material shipping container which contained contaminated, GE-owned ultrasonic testing equipment, used at the CP&L Brunswick site, was consigned by CP&L to Emery Air Freight Corporation for delivery to Peach Bottom, Pennsylvania.

The container was found to be damaged enroute at the Charlotte, NC airport freight terminal. The damage was reported as a one-half inch puncture on the side of the DOT Spec 7A type drum. CP&L dispatched specialists to Charlotte via charter aircraft to survey and repackage the shipment.

The outside of the container, labeled with a Radioactive Yellow II label, shows a maximum reaching of 1 mR/hr on contact. The safety significance appears low.

Media interest is not expected at this time. Neither the licensee nor the NRC plan to issue a press release at this time.

Region II (Atlanta) received notification of this occurrence by telephone from the resident inspector at 10:30 a.m. on April 16. At 1:15 p.m., the State of North Carolina notified Region II that State and CP&L personnel at the freight terminal had surveyed the container and no external contamination was found.

The State of North Carolina and the Department of Transportation have been notified.

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