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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

November 7, 1979

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-79-26

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: South Carolina Electric and Gas Company
Summer, Unit No. 1
Docket No. SD-395
Winnstoro, South Carolina

SUBJECT: ANTICIPATED MEDIA INTEREST IN NRC INVESTIGATION

On November 7 at 10:30 a.m., a member of the South Carolina legislature met with media representatives concerning construction practices at the Summer site. The issues discussed parallel those currently under investigation by Region II. Areas of indicated concern include undersize welds on socket welds on safety-related systems (Schedule 160 piping) and use of carbon steel brushes in weld preparation on safety-related stainless steel piping. Full range and depth of comments made to the media are unknown at this time. The Region II investigation onsite commenced October 29 and is continuing.

Media interest in the Columbia, South Carolina area is expected due to ongoing utility rate hike hearings involving licensees. The State of South Carolina has been notified. No decision has yet been reached by the licensee regarding a press release on this subject. Region II will respond to media inquiries with a statement that the investigation is ongoing.

Region II (Atlanta) received notification of this occurrence by telephone from a member of South Carolina Utility Reform Coalition at 11:30 a.m. on November 7, 1979.

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