



Carolina Power & Light Company

Brunswick Steam Electric Plant
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Mr. James P. O'Reilly, Director
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region II, Suite 3100
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BRUNSWICK STEAM ELECTRIC PLANT, UNIT NO. 1
LICENSE NO. DPR-71
DOCKET NO. 50-325

CONFIRMATION FACSIMILE OF AN IMMEDIATELY REPORTABLE EVENT (1-81-46)

Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

This facsimile confirms the conversation between Mr. R. M. Poulk, Jr., Regulatory Specialist, and Mr. R. C. Butcher of your office at 1005 on March 15, 1981, concerning an immediately reportable event. This event was discussed with Mr. D. F. Johnson, Senior Brunswick Resident, at 1530 on March 14, 1981.

At 1030 on March 14, 1981, after starting the Unit No. 1 A Loop RHR System in the torus cooling mode, it was reported to the Control Room that a snubber on the steam condensing line to the A Loop RHR heat exchanger was broken. An investigation determined that snubber 1E11-47SS326 had a broken shaft. Discussions with Construction personnel in the area at the time the RHR System was started determined that an apparent water hammer event caused pipe motion and the snubber failure. Additional supports and snubbers on this line are currently being inspected to verify their operability. The broken snubber has been replaced with a functionally tested snubber and the line has been declared operational. Investigation into the cause of the apparent water hammer event is in progress at this time.

This event is being reported under Technical Specification 6.9.1.8i.

Very truly yours,

C. R. Dietz, General Manager
Brunswick Steam Electric Plant

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