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October 5, 1990

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-90-59

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information is as initially received without verification or evaluation, and is basically all that is known by the Region II staff on this date.

FACILITY: Duke Power Company
Catawba Unit 1
Docket No. 50-413
Charlotte, NC 28242

Licensee Emergency Classification:
 Notification of Unusual Event
 Alert
 Site Area Emergency
 General Emergency
 Not Applicable

SUBJECT: CATAWBA UNIT 1 SHUTDOWN

At 9:30 a.m., (EDT) on October 5, 1990, Unit 1 began a controlled shutdown to Mode 3. During the night of October 4, 1990, while performing a safeguards test on containment isolation valve (BB60A) for 'C' steam generator blowdown, the valve stuck in the intermediate position, resulting in damage to the actuator.

The valve is located inside lower containment (a high radiation area), inside the crane wall and its associated containment penetration is isolated.

The unit should be shutdown by 7:00 p.m., October 5, 1990. The licensee expects to restart at approximately 11:00 p.m., on October 7, 1990.

Region II received initial notification of this event from the Senior Resident Inspector at 12:00 p.m., on October 5, 1990.

This information is current as of 2:30 p.m., October 5, 1990.

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