

January 4, 1991

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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-91-01

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

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

SUBJECT: SHUTDOWN EXCEEDING 48-HOURS

At approximately 9:00 a.m. (EST) on January 4, 1991, Unit 1 commenced a shutdown from 100% power to investigate the cause of electrical ground conditions which have developed on the main generator. The licensee has been unable to identify the cause of these grounds with the unit at power and generator in operation. The unit is scheduled to be off line by 5:00 p.m., January 4 and will be down for a minimum of several days up to several weeks depending on the required repairs. Additional information should be available on January 7. Unit 2 is currently operating at approximately full power.

The licensee has not issued a press release. State and local authorities were not notified.

The NRC resident inspector was notified.

This information is current as of 9:00 a.m., on January 4, 1991.

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