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August 16, 1993

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-93-036

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

Caroline Power & Light Co.
Robinson 2
Hartsville, South Carolina
Dockets: 50-261

Licensee Emergency Classification

Notification of Unusual Event
X Alert
Site Area Emergency
General Emergency
Not Applicable

Subject: FIRE ON "A" EMERGENCY DIESEL GENERATOR EXHAUST MANIFOLD

On August 16, 1993, at approximately 3:09 p.m., a small fire occurred on the exhaust manifold of the "A" emergency diesel generator which was being run for routine surveillance testing. Auxiliary operators responded by extinguishing the small (one inch) flame with a portable fire extinguisher. Estimated fire duration was less than 30 seconds. In accordance with the licensee's emergency plan, an ALERT was declared at 3:19 p.m. for a fire on safety-related equipment. The licensee remained in an ALERT pending activation of the Technical Support Center. The emergency diesel generator is presently operating until completion of the test. The licensee is evaluating the exhaust manifold for any fire damage. The ALERT was terminated at 4:38 p.m.

The State of South Carolina was informed by the licensee.

The NRC received initial notification of this event by the licensee at 3:49 p.m. (EDT) on August 16, 1993. The NRC Senior Resident is enroute to the site.

This information is current as of 4:00 p.m. on August 16, 1993.

The licensee is issuing a press release.

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