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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-83-27

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 Units 1 and 2  
Docket No. 50-413 and 50-414  
Rock Hill, S. C.

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

SUBJECT: MEDIA INTEREST IN NEWS CONFERENCE

Two intervenor groups describing themselves as the Palmetto Alliance and the Carolina Environmental Study Group have called a news conference at Charlotte, North Carolina at 11:00 a.m. (EST) today. The purpose of the news conference, according to an advance statement, is to discuss "recently discovered" NRC documents showing licensee employee complaints of harassment, orders to falsify records and a "Duke whitewash" of a company task force investigation into the allegations.

An Atomic Safety & Licensing Board has conducted prehearing conferences on the licensee's application for an operating license at Catawba. The information to be discussed at the news conference is believed to be from documents the NRC provided the intervenors as a part of the hearing discovery process.

The information provided the intervenors contains documentation of a Region II assessment of the licensee's investigation. The information includes Region II's conclusion that the licensee task force investigation was thorough and that no major problems associated with welding have been identified at Catawba in association with the complaints.

Media interest has occurred and is expected to heighten. Neither the licensee nor the NRC plans to issue a news release. Both the licensee and the NRC have responded to media inquiries.

The State of North Carolina and the State of South Carolina have been informed.

This notification is for information purposes only.

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