

April 28, 1983

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-83-30

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: Carolina Power & Light Company
Robinson Unit 2
Docket No. 50-261
Hartsville, South Carolina

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

SUBJECT: SHUTDOWN IN EXCESS OF 48 HOURS

The plant began a controlled shutdown of five percent per hour at 9 a.m. (EDT) today because of a steam generator tube leak which has increased from 0.1-gallon per minute to 0.308-gallon per minute since April 27. The tube leak limit is 0.35-gallon per minute.

The licensee plans to keep the plant out of service for three weeks to repair the leak and to conduct eddy current testing required by the plant license. The outage for eddy current testing was required to begin by May 2.

Robinson entered a 24-hour limiting condition of operation at 9:15 a.m. on April 27 after one of four service water pumps was removed for routine preventive maintenance. When it was returned to service, however, the pump failed to operate properly. Because of the pump's inoperability, the licensee declared an unusual event as of 9:15 a.m. today. The pump is expected to be returned to service by noon today.

Media interest may occur. The licensee does not plan to issue a news release, but is prepared to respond to inquiries. The NRC does not plan a news release.

The State of South Carolina has been informed.

The resident inspector notified Region II (Atlanta) of this occurrence by telephone at 8:30 a.m. today.

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