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Note to Dave Lcw.

Enclosed is an announcement issued by Carolina Power and Light Company concerning the recent accident at the H. B. Robinson plant. It appears to me the Company moved rapidly and effectively to inform local media of the accident.

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HARTSVILLE, S. C. -- Seven men were injured Tuesday afternoon when a steam nozzle failed during testing of the secondary steam system in Carolina Power & Light Company's new generating unit at the Robinson Plant near Hartsville.

Five of the injured were admitted to Byerly Hospital for treatment for steam burns. All were reported to be in "satisfactory condition."

While this is a nuclear generating unit, no nuclear fuel has been placed in the reactor yet and no nuclear materials were involved in the accident. The failure in the steam system occurred outside of the containment structure. This part of the steam system is similar to the system for a conventional coal-fired generating plant.

Among those injured were Lonnie Mozingo, mechanic foreman for CP&L; Samuel Tuel and Festus Flowers, pipefitters for EBASCO; Patrick McCarthy and Robert Wright of Crosby Valve Company; George Traylor and Joseph J. Leblang of Westinghouse.

Hot functional testing of the new generating unit has been underway during the last week. It is scheduled to begin commercial operation late this year.