

DATE: April 15, 1992

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-92-25

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: H.B. Robinson

Docket No. 50-261
Carolina Power and Light
Hartsville, SC

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

SUBJECT: DISCHARGE OF CARBON DIOXIDE ON-SITE

At today, the H. B. Robinson plant, located near Hartsville, SC declared an emergency. A fire suppression system containing carbon dioxide automatically discharged causing a depleted oxygen environment in a plant cable penetration room. No personnel or equipment were affected, but plant procedures require activation of the ALERT in the event of toxic gas in a plant vital area. The on-site fire brigade responded and began ventilating the affected area. The ALERT was terminated at 2:11 p.m. EDT when the atmosphere in the cable penetration room was confirmed to be acceptable. The plant has been shutdown since March 27 for a refueling outage.

The resident inspectors and their section chief were on-site and immediately responded to the control room. The Regional staff monitored the event from the Region II Incident Response Center. The Licensee and Region II notified the state and other Federal agencies.

The licensee does not plan to issue a press release.

The NRC received initial notification of this event by telephone call from the Resident Inspector at 1:00 p.m. (EDT) on April 15, 1992.

This information is current as of 2:45 p.m. on April 15, 1992.

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