

February 6, 1996

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-96-006

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 Region II staff in Atlanta, Georgia on this date.

Facility

Duke Power Co.  
Catawba 2  
York, South Carolina  
Dockets: 50-414

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

Subject: LOSS OF OFFSITE POWER

On February 6, 1996, at approximately 12:30 p.m., an unusual event was declared after Catawba Unit 2 tripped from 100 percent power following a loss of both incoming transformers. Emergency Diesel Generator (EDG) 2A started and loaded as required (EDG 2B was out of service for scheduled maintenance) and a low steam pressure safety injection subsequently followed initial plant cooldown.

Currently, Unit 2 is in Hot Shutdown; the safety injection has been terminated; decay heat is being controlled with auxiliary feedwater and steam generator power operated relief valves; EDG 2B has been returned to service with preparations for loading underway. The licensee continues to man its Technical Support Center and Operation Support Center to facilitate recovery activities.

The NRC resident inspectors were on site, responded to the trip, and continue to closely monitor the recovery activities. The Region II Incident Response Center entered monitoring mode at 2:30 p.m.

The States of North Carolina and South Carolina have been notified. A press release is not planned by the licensee, but they will respond to inquiries.

This information is current as of 3:20 p.m., on February 6, 1996.

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