

September 10, 1984

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-84-59

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 and Light Company
Brunswick Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. 50-325 and 50-324
Southport, North Carolina
Georgia Power Company
Hatch Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. 50-321 and 50-366
Baxley, Georgia

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

SUBJECT: ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO HURRICANE DIANA

With the National Weather Service's upgrading of the tropical storm "Diana" to a hurricane at 8:15 a.m. (EDT) today, Region II has taken the following additional actions:

Both Georgia Power Company and Carolina Power and Light Company were contacted concerning the implementation of their hurricane procedures at their Hatch and Brunswick facilities. They have initiated precautionary actions.

A Region II staff member has been dispatched to Brunswick, the higher risk facility, taking with him high-frequency radio equipment which will be installed in a prearranged and tested location to provide alternate communications at the site in case it is needed should the storm strike the North Carolina coast at or near the plant.

Region II continues to monitor the status of the hurricane. As of noon today, it was centered near latitude 30.8 north and longitude 79.8 west. This position is 85 miles east northeast of Jacksonville Beach, Florida, and 110 miles south southeast of Savannah, Georgia. The storm has resumed the expected northward course at about five miles an hour and is expected to continue moving north during the day. Highest winds remain near 80 miles an hour. There is a 31 percent probability that the hurricane will be within 65 miles of Charleston, South Carolina, by noon tomorrow.

Media coverage of the storm is continuing. Neither Carolina Power and Light nor Georgia Power plans a news release at present, but are prepared to respond to inquiries. Region II does not plan a news release.

The States of Georgia and North Carolina have been informed.

This information is current as of noon today.

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