

February 7, 1996

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

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

This is the second update to the February 6, 1996, Catawba Unit 2 reactor trip following a loss of the main transformer configuration.

Currently, Unit 2 is approximately 200 degrees F with Residual Heat Removal Train B being utilized for decay heat removal/cooldown. The Unit 2 emergency electrical busses are still being supplied via their respective Unit 1 electrical cross-connects, and emergency diesel generators 2A and 2B are in standby. Repairs to the 2B main transformer are essentially complete. The return of offsite power via the 2B transformer and exit from the unusual event, are pending the licensee's evaluation of vendor recommendations.

The NRC continues to monitor recovery actions closely. Additional NRC personnel have been dispatched to the site. Resident Inspectors continue to provide support onsite and the RII Incident Response Center remains staffed and in the monitoring mode.

The licensee issued a press release which stated that repairs necessary to bring the unit back into operation were being made, including filtered, monitored releases from the containment.

The States of South and North Carolina, as well as York, Mecklenburg, and Gaston counties, are being updated by the licensee on four-hour intervals on the progress of recovery actions.

This information is current as of 4:00 p.m., on February 7, 1996.

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