

February 8, 1996

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

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

At 2:15 a.m., on February 8, 1996, Catawba Unit 2 exited the Unusual Event after establishing offsite power via the 2B main transformer.

Currently, Unit 2 is in cold shutdown. The Unit 2 emergency electrical busses are still being supplied via their respective Unit 1 electrical cross-connects, nonvital loads are being supplied by the 2B main transformer, and emergency diesel generators 2A and 2B are in standby. The licensee is now focusing attention on repairing the 2A main transformer.

The NRC response team is onsite to follow up this event. The RII Incident Response Center secured from monitoring mode at 8:00 a.m.

The States of South and North Carolina, as well as York, Mecklenburg, and Gaston counties, have been notified.

This information is current as of 8:00 a.m., on February 8, 1996.

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