

October 5, 1995

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-95-054A

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

Southern Nuclear Operating Co.
Farley 1 2
Ashford, Alabama
Dockets: 50-348, 50-364

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

Subject: TERMINATION OF REGION II RESPONSE TO HURRICANE OPAL

Farley Nuclear Power Plant, Unit 2, as a precautionary measure, began to ramp down power at 5:00 p.m. CDT. The unit was stable at 35 percent power and holding at 6:30 p.m. CDT. The licensee notified the NRC at 6:50 p.m. CDT that Unit 2 would be shutting down, the unit was in mode 3 at 7:18 p.m. CDT.

Opal passed approximately 75 miles west of the plant between 8:00 and 9:00 p.m. CDT. Maximum wind gusts were 62 miles per hour. The plant did not experience any damage except for a roof removed from an old tin warehouse and the loss of a 44 KV overhead line to temporary trailers and a water treatment facility. All roads within the 10-mile EPZ were passable.

At 10:55 p.m. CDT, October 4, 1995, Farley Nuclear Power Plant downgraded their emergency status from a Notification of Unusual Event due to the relatively uneventful passing of Hurricane Opal.

The hurricane passed within approximately 75 miles east of Browns Ferry Nuclear Power Plant. Maximum winds recorded at the plant were within 25-35 miles per hour. No damage or other consequences were noted.

We were notified at 5:00 a.m. EDT, Opal had been downgraded to a tropical storm with maximum gusts of 65 miles per hour and sustained winds of 40 miles per hour.

Currently, the Tropical Storm is NNE of Chattanooga, Tennessee, having passed over Sequoyah Nuclear Power Plant. Maximum wind gusts were 42 miles per hour and no damage or other consequences were noted.

This information is current as of 9:00 a.m. EDT.

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