

September 23, 1985

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-85-90

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: Duke Power Company  
McGuire Units 1 and 2  
Docket Nos. 50-369 and 50-370  
Cornelius, North Carolina

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

SUBJECT: FALSE BOMB THREAT

The Mecklenburg (N.C.) County Police notified authorities at McGuire at 7:38 p.m. (EDT) Friday, September 20, that they had received a telephone call eight minutes earlier saying that a bomb had been planted at McGuire.

In accordance with the plant emergency plan, Duke Power Company declared an unusual event at 7:50 p.m. A search, conducted in accordance with the bomb threat procedure, found no bomb. The search turned up a briefcase in a trash can inside the protected area about 100 feet from the Unit 1 turbine building. The police bomb squad responded and found that the briefcase was empty. Duke determined that a plant engineer earlier had discarded the briefcase as trash.

The unusual event was terminated at 1 a.m. September 21. Region II is following the continuing police investigation.

The State of North Carolina, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Information Assessment Team were informed.

Duke informed the NRC headquarters incident response center of this incident at 8:20 p.m. September 20. This information is current as of 8 a.m. today.

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DISTRIBUTION:

H. Street 11:10  
Chairman Palladino  
Comm. Roberts  
Comm. Asselstine  
Comm. Bernthal  
Comm. Zech  
SECY  
ACRS  
CA  
PDR

MNBB 11:11  
EDO  
PA  
MPA  
ELD  
Air Rights 11:18  
SP

Phillips 11:12  
NRR

E/W 11:13  
IE  
OIA  
AEOD

Willste 11:15  
NMSS  
RES

MAIL:  
ADM:DMB  
DOT: Trans Only  
Applicable State

INPO 11:16  
NSAC

Regions: RI 11:19, RII 11:21, RIV 11:23, RV 11:24  
Licensee: 11:33  
(Reactor Licensees)  
Applicable Resident Site 11:28

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