

July 18, 1997

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-97-039

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

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

Subject: RESPONSE TO HURRICANE DANNY

Hurricane Danny is relatively stationary at 29.6 latitude and 89.1 longitude (extreme Southeast Louisiana) as of 1:00 p.m. CDT, July 18, 1997, with maximum sustained winds at 75 mph. Farley Nuclear plant is located 265 miles Northeast of the hurricane. Hurricane force winds extended outward up to 25 miles.

The Region II State Liason Officer has been in contact with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the State of Alabama. The FEMA Regional Operations Center (ROC) was activated at 12:00 p.m. CDT, and will remain staffed until 9:00 p.m. CDT. The ROC will be fully staffed at 7:00 a.m. CDT on July 19, 1997. The State of Alabama has activated their Emergency Operations Center in Clanton, Alabama. Alabama officials are expecting heavy rains and flooding in the southwestern part of the state, based on National Weather Service forecasts.

The Farley Nuclear Plant staff are taking precautionary measures in preparation for high wind conditions. They have secured or stored loose items and have added additional fuel oil for the emergency diesel generators. They are continuing to monitor hurricane status.

NRC Region II personnel are closely monitoring the status of the hurricane and have made preparations to staff the Incident Response Center and dispatch support staff to the site if required. The three assigned resident inspectors are on site and are monitoring the licensee's preparations.

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