

July 22, 1988

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-88-43B

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: Carolina Power & Light Company
Brunswick Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. 50-325 and 50-324
Southport, North Carolina

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

SUBJECT: AUGMENTED INSPECTION TEAM AT BRUNSWICK DEPARTS

This is an update to PNO-II-88-43A, issued on July 20, 1988.

The Augmented Inspection Team that was dispatched to the Brunswick Nuclear Power Plant at 2:00 p.m. (EDT) on July 15, 1988, has departed the site today. The team has completed its onsite review of the events and associated licensee corrective actions for the equipment failures that were encountered during the recent shutdown of Unit 1. As part of its charter, the team also reviewed the DC motor problems that caused the Unit to be shutdown on July 14. A final update to this PN, addressing the team's findings, will be issued early next week.

Unit 1 achieved criticality at 5:40 p.m. (EDT) on July 21. The Unit is presently at 32% power with preparations underway to perform high pressure coolant injection (HPCI) system surveillance testing. CP&L plans to commence shutdown of Unit 2 around midnight (7/22) and be in hot shutdown by 8:00 a.m. (EDT) tomorrow in order to affect repairs on that Unit's F006 HPCI valve. The 24-hour onsite NRC coverage still remains in effect to monitor the ongoing plant evolutions.

Both the licensee and the NRC are prepared to respond to media inquiries.

This information is current as of 12:00 p.m. (EDT) on July 22, 1988.

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