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NRC CONTINUES TO MONITOR HURRICANE FLOYD

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff is continuing to monitor storm preparations at nuclear plants in the southeast as Hurricane Floyd moves north-northwest along the Atlantic coast.

NRC Region II staffed its Incident Response Center in Atlanta Tuesday and began monitoring the path of the storm and what nuclear plants might potentially be affected.

Early Wednesday morning, Florida Power & Light's St. Lucie nuclear plant on the east coast of Florida exited its Notification of Unusual Event, declared Monday due to a hurricane warning issued for the area, after the threat of the storm passed and the warning was lifted.

Carolina Power & Light's Brunswick nuclear plant, near Southport, NC, declared an Unusual Event late Tuesday evening when hurricane warnings were issued for that area. CP&L began shutting down both units at the Brunswick plant this morning because of projected wind speeds in excess of 73 miles per hour for that area when Hurricane Floyd arrives.

The safe operation of nuclear plants during any event, including hurricanes, remains the responsibility of the company licensed to operate the plant. The NRC's role is to monitor events for compliance with safety procedures and advise the operator if necessary.

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