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## **NRC TO SEND SPECIAL INSPECTION TEAM TO BRUNSWICK NUCLEAR PLANT TO ASSESS AND INSPECT EMERGENCY DIESEL GENERATOR ISSUE**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is dispatching a Special Inspection Team to the Brunswick nuclear power plant, operated by Progress Energy near Southport on the southeastern coast of North Carolina. The team will inspect and assess circumstances associated with an August 19<sup>th</sup> failed test of one of the plant's four emergency diesel generators. Specifically, local control of the diesel generator, needed for alternate safe shutdown, was prevented when it was found that there was no electrical power to reset a relay.

Plant employees have preliminarily determined that the error was due to some modifications made in the middle of 2007, and that the change affected all four generators. The error has now been corrected in all of the generators.

The NRC's three-person Special Inspection Team is developing a sequence of events related to the issue; reviewing the company's actions following discovery of the conditions; evaluating the adequacy of the company's past modification testing process; and identifying any generic issues for Brunswick or other nuclear plants.

The special inspection is expected to begin Monday, Sept. 8, and take about a week. The NRC will issue a report within 45 days of the completion of the inspection.

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