

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION
January 19, 2011

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE

PNO-III-11-002

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. Some of the information may not yet be fully verified or evaluated by the Region III staff.

Facility

Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station
FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company
Oak Harbor, OH
50-346

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

SUBJECT: DAVIS-BESSE UNUSUAL EVENT DUE TO 480V CABLE FIRE

At 2:43 a.m. (EST) on January 19, 2011, the licensee declared an Unusual Event as a result of an exploding electrical power cable and fire. The electrical fire was in an area containing 480V power cables to support construction activities. The fire, which was outside plant buildings but inside the protected area, was first reported at 2:32 a.m. (EST) and was extinguished at 2:43 a.m. (EST) when power was removed and dry chemicals were applied. The Unusual Event was terminated at 3:58 a.m. (EST).

There was no impact on any plant equipment and the reactor remains at 100 percent power. The situation posed no threat to public health and safety.

NRC inspectors responded to the site during the Unusual Event and continue to monitor the licensee's assessment of what caused the fire and the ongoing follow-up to the event.

The State of Ohio has been informed by telephone.

Region III received initial notification of this occurrence by telephone notification to the Resident Inspectors from the licensee on January 19, 2011. The information presented herein has been discussed with the licensee, and is current as of 1:00 p.m. (EST).

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