

April 23, 2013

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE - PNO-II-13-005A

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 (Atlanta, Georgia) on this date.

Facility	Licensee Emergency Classification
Tennessee Valley Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Notification of Unusual Event
Watts Bar	<input type="checkbox"/> Alert
1260 Nuclear Plant Road	<input type="checkbox"/> Site Area Emergency
Spring City, TN 37381	<input type="checkbox"/> General Emergency
Docket/License No.: 50-390/NPF-90	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable

SUBJECT: UPDATE: NOTIFICATION OF UNUSUAL EVENT DUE TO SECURITY INCIDENT

This preliminary notification provides an update to Preliminary Notification PNO-II-13-005. On April 21, 2013, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) commenced a Special Inspection (SI) assessment of the circumstances surrounding the April 21, 2013, security incident involving gunfire exchange between a plant security officer and an outside unknown individual on Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) property near the Watts Bar nuclear power plant and the subsequent Notice of Unusual Event (NOUE).

The NRC staffed the incident response center for increased monitoring soon after being notified of the incident by TVA. The resident inspector responded to the site and monitored activities. TVA exited the NOUE after confirming that no security condition or threat existed that indicated degradation of safety of personnel or the plant. The NRC returned to normal mode after the criteria for exiting the monitoring mode were met.

TVA completed a survey of the nearby areas and did not identify any anomalies. They continue to maintain security above normal levels. Additionally, local law enforcement and the Federal Bureau of Investigation continue to assist in the investigation.

The SI will review TVA's response to the security incident. The NRC will issue a report 45 days after completion of the SI.

Unit 1 continues to operate at full power.

The state of Tennessee has been notified and news releases have been issued by the NRC and TVA. There has been some local media interest in the event.

Region II received initial notification of this occurrence by telephone call from the licensee at 2:30 a.m. EDT, April 21, 2013. The information presented herein is current as of 2:00 p.m. EDT, April 23, 2013.

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