

March 22, 2001

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-III-01-10010

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 III staff on this date.

Facility

Fermi 2
Detroit Edison Co.
Newport, MI
Docket: 50-341
License:

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

SUBJECT: ALERT DECLARED DUE TO SMALL FIRE ON AN EMERGENCY DIESEL
GENERATOR BEARING COVER

DESCRIPTION:

At 10:45 p.m. EST on March 21, 2001, the licensee declared an Alert under its emergency plan after discovering that paint on the outboard generator bearing cover of one of the emergency diesel generators had caught on fire. The fire was put out in less than one minute with a portable fire extinguisher. The fire occurred at 10:11 p.m. EST on March 21, 2001. The plant continued to operate at 100 percent power throughout the event. The Alert was terminated within a minute of its declaration. The station has four emergency diesel generators located in a separate building from the reactor building. The remaining three emergency diesel generators were fully functional.

The State of Michigan and the Province of Ontario have been notified. The information in this preliminary notification has been reviewed with licensee management.

The NRC Operations Center was notified of this event at 11:10 p.m. EST on March 21, 2001. This information is current as of 9:30 a.m. CST on March 22, 2001.

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