

September 22, 2003

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-III-03-041

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 (Lisle, IL) staff on this date.

Facility

Point Beach
Nuclear Management Co.
Two Rivers, Wisconsin,
Docket No. 050-00266

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

SUBJECT: FIRE IN THE VICINITY OF THE POINT BEACH NUCLEAR PLANT

DESCRIPTION:

On September 18, 2003, a fire occurred in a barn in the vicinity of the plant. The barn was located around 3/4 of a mile south of the Owner Controlled Area of the plant. Between approximately 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., Point Beach allowed the local Two Creeks, Wisconsin Volunteer Fire Department to enter the Owner Controlled Area to refill tanker trucks from a warehouse fire hydrant station. The fire was extinguished around 8:00 p.m. and the plant's fire hydrant station was no longer needed.

The fire did not approach the Point Beach Site or affect any power lines leading to or from the site. Fire fighting assistance from the Point Beach Nuclear Plant fire brigade was not required. Point Beach security personnel monitored all fire department activities onsite throughout the refilling evolution.

The information in this preliminary notification has been reviewed with licensee management.

This preliminary notification is issued for information only and no further action by the staff is anticipated.

Point Beach Nuclear Plant received initial notification of this occurrence shortly after 2:00 p.m. CDT on September 18, 2003.

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